



## MAYOR SULLIVAN'S CHAMPIONS UPDATE

March/April 2025



### From the Desk of Mayor Sullivan

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Hello Fellow Brocktonians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The past two months have been full of exciting moments here in Brockton. We proudly celebrated Women's History Month by recognizing the incredible women—past and present—who have made a lasting impact on our City. We honored two young heroes from the Hancock School whose quick thinking helped ensure the recovery of an injured student. Eighteen brave Brocktonians who lost their lives in the Vietnam War were commemorated. We welcomed the South Coast Rail Line to Brockton, which connects our community with New Bedford and Fall River.

Looking ahead, the revival season of our beloved Brockton Rox is about to begin. The Brockton High School Drama Club is preparing to bring *Bye Bye Birdie* to the stage for their spring musical. And believe it or not, graduation season is just around the corner.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Mayor Sullivan's Champions Update. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor. If I can be of service, please call my office at 508-580-7123.

Very truly yours,  
Robert Sullivan, Esq.  
Mayor

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## Mayor's 2025 Summer Concert Series

The Mayor's Summer Concert Series is returning to the Patio at Heights Crossing on July 9th. The eight-concert series will feature old favorites like the Smackdabs, the Mutha Funk, and the J. Street Blues Band, and new performers like the Westwood Swing Band and Montello North. More details coming soon!

## Mayor Releases the 50th "Our Brockton" Video



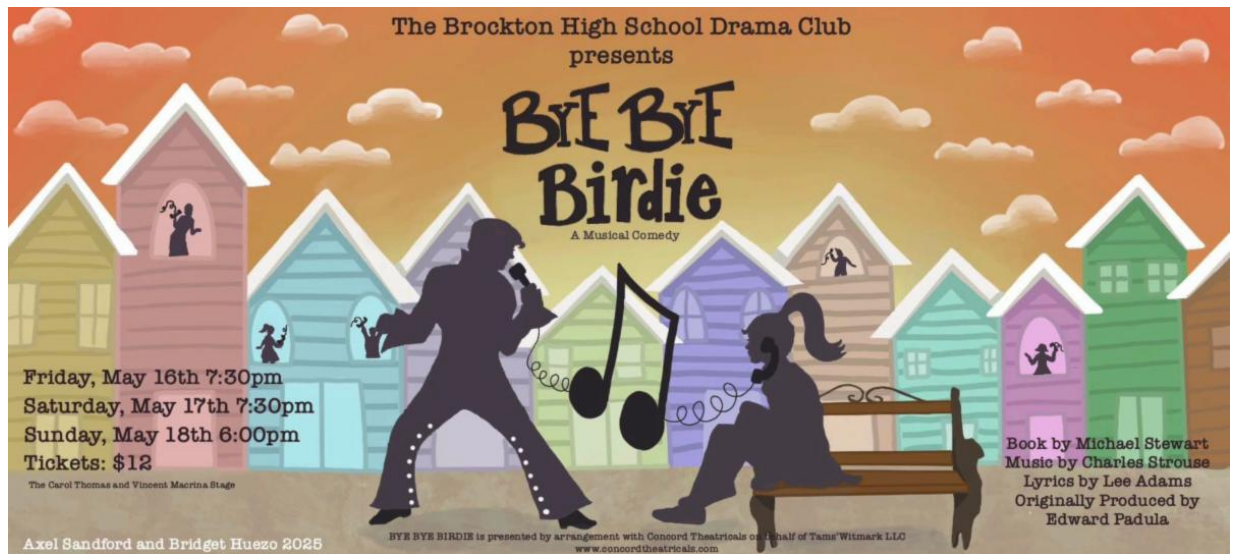
Mayor Sullivan interviews the four department heads who will be moving their teams into the new Public Safety Building very soon: Fire Chief Brian Nardelli, Police Chief Brenda Perez, IT Director Ted Medeiros, and Brockton Emergency Management Agency Director Stephan Hooke.

[View the video!](#)



[Get your tickets!](#)

## Brockton High School Spring Musical is *Bye Bye Birdie*!



Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12.00  
 Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th at 7:30 pm  
 Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 pm  
 Brockton High School Fine Arts Building, 470 Forest Avenue

## The City of Brockton Celebrates Women's History Month

On March 5th, Mayor Sullivan read an official Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming March, 2025 as Brockton Women's Month. This event was organized by the Brockton Women's Commission. [View the video here.](#)

Can you identify all of these pioneering Brocktonians? Answers at the end of the newsletter.



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH March



### Women Who Made An Impact



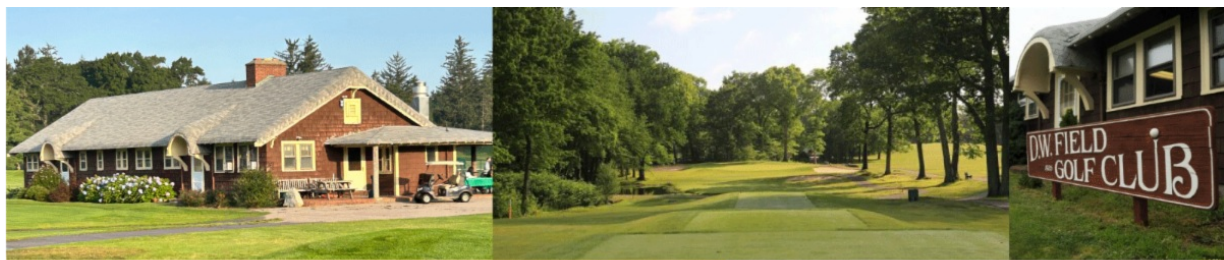
## Mayor Sullivan Addresses the Metro South Chamber of Commerce "Brockton: Where Progress Meets Possibility"



On April 10th, Mayor Sullivan delivered an address, "Brockton: Where Progress Meets Possibility," to the Metro South Chamber of Commerce at the Shaw's Center. The address focused on the business and construction boom currently taking place in Brockton. The event was co-sponsored by the [Brockton Rox](#) new ownership group.

[Click here to view Mayor Sullivan's slides.](#)

[Click to View the Video](#)



## D.W. FIELD GOLF COURSE 2025 SEASON IN FULL SWING!

[Click here to reserve your tee time](#)



## Recent Flag-raising Ceremonies



March 18th: [Ireland](#)



March 25th: [Greece](#)



March 26th: [Bangladesh](#)



April 18th: [Angola](#)

The City of Brockton's greatest strength is our diversity. Mayor Sullivan's flag-raising ceremonies celebrate our diversity by honoring the many cultures that make up the vibrant fabric of the City.

The flag-raising ceremonies are free and open to the public at City Hall, 45 School Street.

### Coming up:

May 19th: Haiti

Watch [the City's Facebook page](#) and [events page](#) for announcements.

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## Brockton Honors 18 Brocktonians Killed In Vietnam



[Click to View the Video](#)

On March 29th, in honor of Vietnam Veterans' Day, Mayor Robert Sullivan hosted a moving ceremony honoring the 18 Brocktonians killed in the Vietnam War. The event was held at the War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street.

Family members, area veterans, VFW post 1046 members, elected officials, and members of the community gathered to pay respects to the 18 Brocktonians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War. Many of these young men graduated from Brockton High School. At least one graduated from Cardinal Spellman. All of

them were members of our community for too short a period of time and we continue to grieve them along with their family members and friends.

Mayor Sullivan would like to extend his gratitude to all who participated in the planning and execution of this memorable event: Mr. Dennis Hursey, Brockton High School Class of 1965 who spearheaded this event in honor of several of his classmates who were killed; City Council President Jeff Thompson, City Councilor Moises Rodrigues, Police Chief Brenda Perez who read the names of the veterans; Chartwell's Catering for their delicious breakfast pastries; the Brockton Veterans' Services Department; the Building Department; the Mayor's Office; the Brockton High School Junior ROTC; the Brockton Police Honor Guard; Firefighter Peter Reardon, bagpiper; Firefighters Charles Hayward and Johnathan Colon; VFW Post 1046; the Trustees of the War Memorial Building; and the City's IT Department. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Marcia Walkama and her students at the Downey School for their beautiful and thoughtful display.

The ceremony was a beautiful way to honor these 18 young men who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.

[View the event's slideshow](#)

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## Hancock School Students Honored As Heroes



On March 20th, Mayor Robert Sullivan, Chief of Staff Sydné Marrow, Brockton Superintendent of Schools Dr. Priya Tahiliani, Fire Chief Brian Nardelli, and members of the Brockton Fire Department gathered at Hancock School with Principal Stephen Shaw-Lyon to officially commend two young heroes.

Students, Jayline Mendes and Ann-Loika Louis-Jeune, displayed exceptional bravery and quick thinking when they administered first aid to a second-grade student who had fallen and sustained an injury on the school bus. Their calm and swift actions prevented the situation from worsening, and the second grader fully recovered.

The City could not be more proud of these two young Champions and we thank them for their quick and effective actions.

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## Recycle Like a Champion

**Spring Cleaning**





To make your spring cleaning eco-friendly and maximize recycling, sort items into piles for donation, recycling, and trash. Clean and dry recyclables, including paper and cardboard, to ensure they are properly processed. Consider upcycling or repurposing items instead of discarding them.

[For the City of Brockton's recycling guidelines, click here.](#)

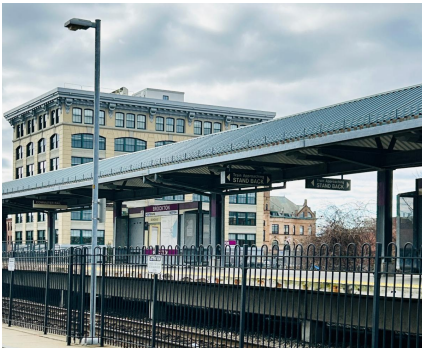
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**The keys to recycling like a champion:** NO food, NO liquids, NO straws, NO plastic cups, NO plastic film, NO plastic dishware, NO prescription bottles in the recycling bin. Compost all food when possible.

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[Download the Recycle Coach app for personalized recycling support](#)

Learn how to make better disposal decisions, find your local waste and recycling info, and see your pick-up calendar. All at your fingertips.



## South Coast Rail Comes To Brockton

On March 24th, Mayor Sullivan was proud to attend the official grand opening of the South Coast commuter rail hosted by Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. The new rail line provides commuter access to the Cities of Fall River and New Bedford. This long-awaited expansion will increase daily service runs through the City of Brockton.

[Click for more information on the South Coast line.](#)

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## Join the Brockton Council On Aging Walking Group

Get your steps in and enjoy some great company every Friday morning at 9:00 am at the Westgate Mall. The BCOA Walking Group is full of energy, laughter, and camaraderie—and you are welcome to join! Westgate Mall is a popular spot for morning walkers, so even if you are not a BCOA member, be a part of the fun and get moving with the Brockton community.

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# Find a needle?

## Don't pick it up!

# Call the hotline 508-583-2323



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## Serve the Community by Joining a Board or Commission

The City is currently seeking dedicated individuals to secure open positions on Brockton's various Boards and Commissions. The boards and commissions have a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of our City. Their duties include advising stakeholders, sharing specialized expertise, establishing policies, making recommendations for projects, and identifying areas for improvement. While some positions may benefit from your specific expertise or experience, many just require an interest in serving our Community. Your unique perspective may be exactly what we need to assist in influencing the future of Brockton.

### The following boards and commissions have openings:

- Beautification Committee
- [Board of Health](#)
- [Cemetery Board of Trustees](#) \*High need\* find out more below
- [Commission on Human Rights](#)
- [Conservation Commission](#)
- [Council on Aging](#)
- [License Commission](#)
- [Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Retirement Board](#)
- [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)

For more information on the requirements and application process, contact Sydné Marrow in the Mayor's Office at [smarrow@cobma.us](mailto:smarrow@cobma.us).

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## Preserve the Past and Honor the Future: Join Brockton's Cemetery Board of Trustees

Join us in stewarding Brockton's sacred and historic burial grounds.

Are you passionate about preserving heritage and providing a lasting legacy? Do you value the importance of maintaining a serene and respectful final resting place for your loved ones? If so, we invite you to consider a role that is both meaningful and impactful.

### The City of Brockton is Seeking:

- Dedicated individuals with a deep respect for tradition and community.
- Visionaries who can contribute to the future of the City's 10 cherished and historic cemeteries.
- Team players who are eager to work collaboratively on projects and policies that will impact generations of Brocktonians.

### As a Trustee, You Will:

- Guide and govern: working in collaboration with the Superintendent of Cemeteries, you will help shape policies and oversee the management of our cemeteries' operations.
- Honor Brockton's history: play a vital role in preserving the historical and cultural significance of these sacred spaces.
- Enhance services: contribute to the development of programs and services that benefit families and honor their loved ones.

### Why Join Us?

- Be a guardian of heritage: ensure that our cemeteries remain serene spaces of peace and dignity.
- Make a difference: your decisions will have a lasting impact on the Brockton community and future generations.
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals: work alongside a committed board and staff who share your dedication.

*Apply today and make a lasting impact!* Contact Sydné Marrow for more information: [smarrow@cobma.us](mailto:smarrow@cobma.us)

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## Women's History Month Honorees Answer Key

1. Brockton Women's Commission
2. Cultural Changemaker Susan Kovner Powell
3. Brockton Boxer McKenzie Quinn
4. Firefighter Carol Dawkins
5. Mayor Linda Balzotti
6. Massachusetts State Representative Sylvia Donaldson
7. Director of Social Services Jazmine Bradsher

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