

## **City of Brockton, Massasoit Community College and NeighborWorks Southern Mass collaborate to provide *free* income tax preparation assistance to qualifying individuals and families.**

**January 17, 2014**

*Brockton, MA* - The City of Brockton, Massasoit Community College and NeighborWorks Southern Mass are joining forces to provide free income tax preparation assistance to local residents through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

The VITA program offers free tax preparation and electronic filing assistance for individuals and families who have an annual income of \$51,000 or less. Beginning February 3, 2014 and continuing through April 7, 2014, tax preparation assistance will be available on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Brockton Public Library's main branch, located at 304 Main Street in Brockton. Assistance will also be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays at the Massasoit Community College library located in the Student Center building from February 8 through April 5.

Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis and generally takes one hour. This service will not be offered on February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day and may be unavailable due to inclement weather.

"We would like to thank Mayor Carpenter, the City of Brockton and Massasoit Community College for making the continuation of this program possible," said Robert Corley, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Southern Mass.

For more information, or to confirm that the site is open in inclement weather, please contact Patty Lynch at Massasoit Community College at 508-588-9100, ext. 1018 or Joe Madaio at NeighborWorks Southern Mass at 508-587-0950, ext. 45.

*NeighborWorks Southern Mass (formerly known as Neighborhood Housing Services of the South Shore) was founded in 1981 as a public-private partnership created to revitalize low- and moderate-income neighborhoods in the City of Quincy. Since that time, NeighborWorks Southern Mass has expanded to provide services in 25 cities and towns across the South Shore. In addition to building and managing more than 170 units of affordable housing, the agency offers a wide range of affordable housing services, including foreclosure prevention counseling, home rehabilitation loans and grants, and first-time homebuyer workshops. For more information, visit [www.nwsoma.org](http://www.nwsoma.org).*

*Founded in 1966, in the heart of southeastern Massachusetts, Massasoit Community College is a public two-year college in the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Many departments carry additional accreditations. The College offers a full spectrum of associate's degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences as well as one year and short term certificates across a variety of occupations and interests. In addition the College offers corporate and job skills training courses.*