

# Trending Developments



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## Fall River City Pier Development Plans Moving Forward

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Funding for Phase 1 of the overall infrastructure necessary to accommodate the proposed development of the City Pier for a 125 slip private marina, marine service center and ancillary restaurant use has been secured. Phase 1 includes construction of sheet piling, tie-backs, pile capping, and annulus in and around the northern seawall perimeter of the City Pier.

The estimated cost for Phase 1 of the development

is \$4,028,000. Multiple funding sources are being utilized to bring Phase 1 of the project to fruition. The Massachusetts Seaport Council is providing \$1 million, Massworks is providing a \$1.6 million grant, and the City is receiving a \$650,000 MassDevelopment Brownfields grant. The Fall River Redevelopment Authority will also be contributing \$778,000 in the form of a cash match.

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## 935 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit [froed.org](http://froed.org) then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **935** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.



*Above: The Fall River City Pier*



## City Pier Improvements

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A project timeline has already been established for phase one with the bid advertising happening in January 2017. Subsequently the bid opening will take place in February 2017 with the contract awarded and construction mobilization happening in March 2017. In April 2017 coated steel sheet piling, steel wale and tie rods will be purchased. Project demolition and debris removal will take place in May 2017 with installation of SSP, tie rods, concrete cap, annulus fill, CSO extension, check valve and fabric filter happening June—September 2017 including backfilling and grading. The contract expiration date for the project is October 2017.



*Above: Aerial view of the Fall River waterfront including the Fall River City Pier.*

Fall River Office of Economic Development's Executive Vice President Kenneth Fiola, Jr. is pleased to see Phase 1 of the City Pier project moving forward noting, "after years of trying to secure funding I am pleased that the Phase 1 component will be soon underway. This phase will help stabilize the pier itself and provide the foundation for the next phases of work. I would like to thank Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, Representative Fiola and our state delegation for working with us to secure the necessary funding to move this project forward."

## Free Workshop Series

*"How to Start or Grow a Business in Fall River"*



The Fall River Office of Economic Development will be hosting a free workshop series entitled "How to Start or Grow a Business in Fall River." There will be a total of 6 workshops that focus on various aspects of starting or growing a business.

All workshops are free to participants and will take place from 4:00—6:30 p.m. at the Cherry & Webb Building located at 139 South Main Street, Fall River, MA.

Space is limited for each workshop, so pre-registration is required and can be done at [www.msbdc.org](http://www.msbdc.org) or at 508-673-9783.

The complete list of dates and topics for upcoming workshops is as follows:

- February 1, 2017: Introductory Session
- March 8, 2017: The "Real Scoop" on Business Financing
- March 29, 2017: Creating a Plan for Success
- April 12, 2017: Everyone is in Sales
- May 24, 2017: Developing an Awesome Marketing Plan to Position Your Business for Growth
- June 28, 2017: How to Deliver Fanatical Customer Service

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## Fall River by the Numbers...

### Fall River City Pier Project Timeline

Date	Activity/Event	Cost/Funding
<b>January 2002</b>	Chapter 21E Phase I Investigation	
<b>May 2002</b>	Metcalf & Eddy Target Brownfield Assessment Report	\$250,000
<b>July 2002</b>	Metcalf & Eddy Target Supplemental Brownfield Assessment Report	\$250,000
<b>January 2003</b>	Metcalf & Eddy Second Supplemental Target Brownfield Assessment Report	\$75,000
<b>June 2004</b>	Pine and Swallow Associates Limited Subsurface Investigation	\$300,000
<b>September 2004</b>	Pine and Swallow Associates Additional Limited Subsurface Investigation	\$50,000
<b>January 2006</b>	ESS Group Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment Report and Phase III Remedial Action Plan	\$20,000
<b>January 2007</b>	ESS Group Phase III Remedial Action Plan and Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan	\$11,800
<b>July 2011</b>	BETA Group Submitted "Risk Based Cleanup Plan"	\$234,000
<b>October 2011</b>	USEPA Issues "Risk Based Approval" based on site use as a 125-slip Marina, not required disturbance of deep subsoils	
<b>October 2011</b>	TMC Environmental begins remediation of site	\$1,300,000
<b>June 2012</b>	TMC Environmental completes remediation of site	
<b>June 2013</b>	PARE completes Marina Study and preliminary design	
<b>December 2013</b>	PARE submits MEPA ENF for full marina development	
<b>May 2014</b>	Mass Historic Commission Review Completed	
<b>June 2014</b>	ESS Group submits supplementary ENF Filing	
<b>June 2014</b>	MEPA Certificate issued	
<b>April 2015</b>	ESS submits NOI, Ch. 91 and 401 Water Quality permit filing for Phase 1 Bulkheading and Capping work	
<b>May 2015</b>	ESS files USACE MA General Permit Preconstruction Notification for Phase 1 work	
<b>June 2015</b>	Order of Conditions Issued	
<b>November 2015</b>	Chapter 91 License Issued	
<b>February 2016</b>	Survey Completed	
<b>March 2016</b>	401 Water Quality Certification Issued	
<b>June 2016</b>	Project Permitting Completed	
<b>August 2016</b>	Project Design/Engineering Completed	\$257,860
<b>August 2016</b>	MassWorks Grant Request	
<b>November 2016</b>	MassWorks Grant Approved	\$1,600,000
<b>November 2016</b>	Seaport Council Grant Request/Approval	\$1,000,000

Keeping Fall River working in Fall River.

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## Free Workshop Series “How to Start or Grow a Business in Fall River”

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The Fall River Office of Economic Development’s Technical Assistance Specialist Michael Motta encourages all interested individuals to participate in the free workshop sessions noting, “The workshops are designed to assist new and existing business owners alike. We plan to cover a range of topics, which will be extremely beneficial in creating greater efficiency within your business and implementing strategies to increase sales. Whether you have specific goals in mind or are looking for strategies to make your business better, I encourage you to join us.”

The Introductory Session on February 1, 2017 will assist participants in the fundamentals of starting a business:

**“How to Start a New Business in Fall River”**  
So you want to be an entrepreneur, your own boss, a multimillionaire! Starting a business is a major undertaking, if you want to do it right, and maximize the likelihood of success. Join us for a fast paced, dynamic workshop which will take you from 1) feasibility analysis to 2) licensing and permitting, to 3) an overview of business planning to 4) financing criteria. This free workshop is for anyone who is in the process of or thinking about starting a small business in Fall River.

Register for the Introductory Session by January 26, 2017 at [www.msbdc.org](http://www.msbdc.org).

## Fall River’s Finest: John J. Doran

John J. Doran was born in Charlestown, MA in 1864, but his family moved to Fall River, MA when he was very young. His father worked in Naval shipyards, which spurred Doran’s calling to the sea.

In 1884 Doran enlisted as a sailor and was steadily promoted during his career. In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, three warships were sent to dispatch sailors to destroy an underwater cable back to Spain. Doran was the coxswain on the SS Marblehead and was one of six men wounded by heavy gunfire from Spaniards who were protecting the cable. His hip was shattered, but he hid his injury and continued to work at successfully cutting both cables. As a result Doran was given the rank of master-at-arms, the highest rank an enlisted man could achieve at that time. For his bravery, Doran was bestowed the Medal of Honor. In addition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the

Department of the Navy named a destroyer, the USS Doran in his honor and memory.

Doran died in 1904 and is buried beside his father in St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Fall River.

Twenty years after his passing, the Fall River community honored Doran’s service to his country by naming a school in his memory and honor. The John J. Doran School has served students of Fall River for nearly ninety years.



(Profile from “Cream of the Crop—Fall River’s Best and Brightest” & ppetri.com)



### Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

*Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.*

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