



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – April 2020 Issue

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COVID-19 Updates

The Municipality of Brockton encourages residents to stay safe at home, self-isolate and practice physical distancing throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. A **Special COVID-19 Issue of the Brockton Buzz** was mailed to all Brockton households in March 2020. The Municipality continues to provide updates to both residents and businesses on our response to COVID-19 on our **COVID-19 Updates page** and **Business Recovery and Support page** on our website.

If you see someone having an agricultural or recreational fire while the Municipality of Brockton is still under the Burn Ban, please call our By-Law Enforcement Officer at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141.

If you have questions regarding whether your business is classified as an essential service call 1-888-444-3659. If you have concerns related to a non-essential business in operation call the non-emergency O.P.P. number at 1-888-310-1122.

If you have concerns related to gatherings that are occurring and not complying with Provincial orders, call the non-emergency O.P.P. number at 1-888-310-1122.

Brockton Connecting Community Challenge

Brockton is a community known for coming together in a time of need. Though we are unable to be together physically, let's connect to show our support and gratitude for one another and our front line workers! The Municipality of Brockton encourages all of our citizens to connect through community this Easter Weekend. Brockton has provided 3 challenges:

1. Many neighbourhoods are making joyous noise to share appreciation and support for everyone working on the front lines providing essential services for our health and safety and well-being.
On Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. let's unite our Municipality by making noise on our front porch, and property! Sign up for our **Facebook Event** to show your support!
2. Reach out through a phone call, or on social media to three friends or family to check in and share your gratitude!
3. Let's continue to enhance our community spirit through displaying a ribbon, bow, or posting the "In It Together" logo on your door or window. Have a look through your treasures at home and see how creative you can be to recycle materials to display your support at home. Create your own pinwheel, or a new inspiration for you and your community!



Upload your photos, and videos on our **Facebook Event**, or on our **COVID-19 Community Spirit Photos project** on our Community Engagement Website, **Build Your Brockton** to showcase your community spirit!

Hashtag or link the community services or members that you appreciate or any other business or citizen working the frontline in our community that you want to salute! Community spirit will unite us together while we face this time of uncertainty. #InItTogether!

Spring Landfill Hours

As of April 1, 2020 the Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Greenock Landfill is closed to all residents until further notice due to COVID-19 precautions.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Motorists are restricted from parking on any streets in the Municipality of Brockton between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 through to April 30. This allows snow plow drivers to better access the roadways.

Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as 'COVID-19 Brockton Community Spirit Photos', 'What do you like best about Brockton?', the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and photo submissions! More projects will be added as they become available. We are excited to offer this service to our residents and continue to look for improved communication methods to receive input from members of our community!





Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Congratulations to the March CDCF Cash Calendar Winners!

March 5	Janet Blakely	March 19	Kris and Heather Love
March 7	Janice Davey	March 21	Sue Cook
March 12	Sheila Brick	March 26	Paul and Connie Fischer
March 14	Colleen Hundt	March 28	Kim Becker
March 17	Steven Travale		

Brockton Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to remain active while staying at home, and practicing physical distancing.

Smoke Alarms Even More Important Than Ever!

With the measures currently being taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 people are hopefully spending more time at home with their families. Please use the below tips to ensure maximum safety for you and your family while at home.

- 1) You must have working smoke alarms on every floor and outside all sleeping areas in your home. You must have a carbon monoxide alarm outside all sleeping areas if you have an attached garage or burn any type of fuel to heat your home. The purpose of these alarms is to wake you in an emergency.
- 2) Test your alarms! An alarm cannot wake you or your family during an emergency if it is not working properly.
- 3) Check your alarm! Alarms expire after time because the sensors within them get obstructed from contaminants like dust or dirt. Check the manufactured date or replace by date on the back of your alarms to ensure they are less than 10 years old.
- 4) Practice your escape plan! With the kids being home from school now is the perfect time to ensure that everyone knows what the alarms in your home sound like and what to do when they hear them. Ensure they leave the home when they hear the alarm and that everyone in the family knows the location of the assigned meeting place. Make sure that your plan includes family members who will need assistance to get out of the home in an emergency.
- 5) Ensure you are using fire safe cooking practices by staying in the kitchen and staying focused on the task at hand. Unattended cooking remains the number one cause of home fires in Ontario.

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South Bruce O.P.P. – Online Reporting

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) invites you to consider using Online Reporting - a secure, simple and convenient tool to report less serious crimes from the comfort of your home. An increased use of the Online Reporting system will allow our frontline officers to focus their efforts on urgent calls and crime prevention strategies within our communities.

Crimes that are eligible for Online Reporting are occurrences that include:

- Theft Under \$5000;
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5000;
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5000;
- Theft from Vehicle;
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5000;
- Stolen License Plates; and
- Driving Complaints (after the occurrence)

Online Reporting is a user friendly process that can be completed from any mobile device, laptop, tablet or computer with internet access. To access the system, a user can go to opp.ca/reporting, choose their location and click on Start a Report. This will take the user to a secure link where they will be given precise instructions on how to fill out the report.





South Bruce O.P.P. – Wild Animals

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) occasionally receives calls to help with wild animals. Unless there are public safety concerns, there are other agencies that can assist you.

The following tips from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) are being offered to guide you through an encounter with a wild animal:

- Keep your distance
- Don't remove an animal from its natural habitat
- Contact a Wildlife Rehabilitator or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry if you want to arrange some help for a wild animal
- If you find a young animal that seems abandoned – keep dogs and/or cats away and keep quiet. An adult won't return if other animals are present, or its too noisy
- If you find a sick animal and feel there is a health risk, contact your local Public Health Unit
- If you have concerns about abuse, you can contact the Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre at 1-833-9-ANIMAL
- If the animal is a public safety issue, contact your local police department

Anyone interested in more information can check online at: www.ontario.ca/page/rescue-sick-injured-or-abandoned-wild-animal.

South Bruce O.P.P. – Safeguarding

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering some tips from the Safeguard Ontario Property Security Program for owner of businesses that are currently closed. The following steps will help to make your property less attractive to thieves:

- Remove all valuables from storefront displays to help mitigate smash-and-grab tactics.
- Remove all valuables such as cash from the till and leave it open, placing the cash tray in plain view on the counter to signal there's no money in the till.
- Consider installing an alarm monitoring system. If one is already present, ensure the contact list is up-to-date.
- Clearly post signage on the door or window to indicate that the premises are monitored by an alarm company; that no money is kept on the premises and contact information for the police and the business owner in case a member of the public sees damage to the property or suspicious activity.
- If the premises are closed for an extended period of time, clean all glass surfaces and create a tracking log of when cleaning was completed. This may assist investigators with suspect fingerprints if there is a break-in.
- Consider installing a surveillance camera system that can be monitored online by owner or management.
- Consider using a laminate on all windows and glass doors to prevent the glass from being broken from blunt force. Although damage to glass will occur in a break-in attempt, it will greatly discourage or prevent entry.
- Install latch guards on doors to protect against prying. This should include secondary doors such as employee and loading entrances.
- Keep some lighting on inside for surveillance opportunities during the evening.
- Ensure all doors are properly secured and regularly check all exterior lighting is functioning.
- Remove material around the exterior of the property that may be used to gain entry into the premises, such as bricks, metal poles and construction materials.

Remember that theft is a crime of opportunity that you can help to control.

Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

- Laid off due to COVID-19? Waiting for government funding to start? Not enough money to pay bills and put food on the table this week? The Walkerton and District Food Bank can help - Text or phone Dianne at 519-901-4557 or leave a message at 519-881-0168.

