



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – October 2020 Issue

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COVID-19 Updates

The Municipality of Brockton encourages residents to continue to follow public health guidelines by practicing physical distancing, wearing face coverings, sanitizing or washing hands, and following gathering restrictions throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. 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 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.



Job Opportunity: Director of Fire and Emergency Services

The Municipality of Brockton is looking for a progressive leader in the role Director of Fire and Emergency Services to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of our communities. The Director of Fire & Emergency Services is responsible for the overall leadership and operation of the Walkerton Fire Department and Elmwood Fire Department including fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous materials incidents, auto extrication incidents, rescue, all life and property saving functions. Visit Brockton.ca/CurrentOpportunities for a full job description. Applications are due **Monday, October 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.** and are to be submitted by email to Human Resources Generalist, [Julie Farrell](#) or by mail to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0.

Civil Marriage Officiant Opportunity

The Municipality of Brockton is currently accepting applications for independent contractors to act as Civil Marriage Officiants. A Civil Marriage Officiant is a Clerk Designate appointed by By-Law in order to solemnize the marriage of two people in Ontario in a civil wedding ceremony. They conduct marriages in a secular manner with no reference to religion. Visit Brockton.ca/CivilMarriages for a full position description. Applications are due **Friday, October 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** and are to be submitted by sealed envelope clearly marked as “Civil Marriage Officiant Application” and addressed to Clerk, Fiona Hamilton, Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0.

Municipal Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

The Municipal Office, Parks and Recreation Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 for Thanksgiving. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection for Walkerton, Lake Rosalind, and Marl Lakes will be on **Monday, October 19, 2020 and Monday, October 26, 2020**. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable kraft paper waste bags (plastic bags not accepted) and placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. for collection.



Fall/Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Greenock Landfill will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information please visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites.

McGivern Street Construction

McGivern Street in Walkerton will be under road construction from Yonge Street to the boundary of Brucelea Haven starting August 10, 2020 until October or Mid-November 2020. Construction will be completed in sections in order to allow access for residents, and visitors to Brucelea Haven and the South Bruce Grey Health Centre. The work being done includes updates to the road, sanitary sewer main, water main and the stormwater sewer infrastructure. McGivern Street will be open for local traffic and ambulance use only. A detour will be in place for all other traffic.

Tax Installment Due Date –November 30, 2020

Any payment received in our office after the due date will be considered late and any outstanding taxes will be subject to penalty and interest charges as per the Municipal Act, 2001. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institutions online banking system. Visit Brockton.ca/Taxes for more information.

Build Your Brockton Community Engagement Website

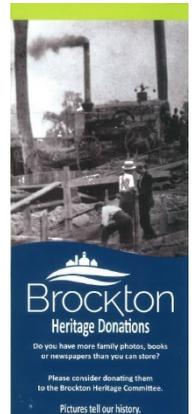
The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as ‘What do you like best about Brockton?’, the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and photo submissions! Register today and have your say!





Brockton Heritage Committee Donations

The Brockton Heritage Committee wishes to accept donations that are of historical importance to the Municipality of Brockton, or former Townships of Brant and Greenock, and the former Town of Walkerton. If you are interested in donating a historic artifact to the Brockton Heritage Committee please review the [Brockton Heritage Committee Donation Policy](#) and [Donation Brochure](#) on our website Brockton.ca/Heritage.



Fire Prevention Week: Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

Fire Prevention Week this year runs from October 4th – 10, 2020 and focuses on the importance of fire safety in the kitchen. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in Canada. Most home fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

“We know cooking fires can be prevented,” said Lorraine Carli, Vice-President of outreach and advocacy at National Fire Protection Association. “Staying in the kitchen while cooking, using a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes.”

The Municipality of Brockton encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme. A cooking fire can grow quickly, many homes in our area have been damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.”

Below are some safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you’re cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won’t be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or have consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you’re cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 1 metre around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Keep handles for pots and pans turned inward when on the stove.



South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Reporting Reminder

The South Bruce O.P.P. invites you to consider using Online Reporting - a secure, simple and convenient tool to report minor crimes. 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.

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 fact)

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. View more information in the [Online Reporting Video](#). Alternatively, for non-urgent matters please contact the O.P.P. non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122.





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Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Although the COVID-19 pandemic puts restrictions on our usual lifestyle, the community is offering some altered events this month:

- **Kinette Club of Walkerton Wing Night Fundraiser – Friday, October 2, 2020**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton are hosting a Drive-Thru Wing Night Fundraiser on Friday, October 2, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Agricultural Building. The event is cash only, and attendees are asked to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols by wearing masks. Signs directing traffic flow will also be posted and must be followed. Chicken wings, French fries, and deep fried pickle spears will be served. \$13.50/lb of chicken wings, \$6.50 for French fries, and \$5.00 for 4 pickles, or \$20.00 for a combo meal of 1 lb of wings, fries, and 2 pickle spears. Contact the Walkerton Kinettes for more information by [email](mailto:kinettes@walkerton.ca) or message their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/kinettes).

- **Elmwood Car Rally and Fall Tour – Sunday October 4, 2020**

The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce in support of community projects is hosting a Car Rally on Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of fun and see the fall leaves! To register call 519-363-2831. Teams will be organized and must be staggered to follow COVID-19 protocol.

- **Elmwood Wing Night – Friday, October 9, 2020**

Come out to Elmwood for take-out Chicken Wings and Fries at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Road 10) hosted by the Elmwood Chamber of Commerce! Cash, debit or credit accepted. Prices: Wings - \$1.00 each, Regular Fry - \$4.00, Family fry - \$8.00. Sauces served on the side: Honey Garlic, Sweet Chili, BBQ, and Sweet and Sour.

- **Cargill and District Community Fund Turkey Dinner – Sunday, October 25, 2020**

The Cargill and District Community Fund are hosting a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre. The dinner will be take-out only with pre-paid tickets only. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children 5-10 Years Old. Social distancing and masks are required. Meals will be delivered to your car. For tickets and e-transfer address contact: Marlene Zettler 519-881-2202 or Cyndy Abell 519-366-2317. Orders are to be in by October 20, 2020. All proceeds are donated to the Cargill and District Community Fund.