



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – March 2022 Issue

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### COVID- 19 Updates



The Municipal Office is open but appointments for service are strongly encouraged. Residents are encouraged to pay bills online, by Pre-Authorized Payment, or use the Drop-Off Box, which is checked regularly by staff. Staff can be contacted by email or phone 519-881-2223 to limit visits to the Municipal Office.

The Walkerton Community Centre, Cargill Community Centre, and Elmwood Community Centre are open to the public. As of March 1st, vaccination verification is no longer required to enter these facilities, and capacity restrictions have been lifted. Individuals entering the facilities are still required to wear a face covering until further notice. Staff encourage passive self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms.

Keep updated on the Municipality's response to the pandemic on our [COVID-19 Updates page](#).

The Municipality of Brockton thanks our community for their compliance with Provincial Guidelines which allow our community to move forward.

### What you can do to help:

- Get **vaccinated** as soon as eligible and possible
- Wear a face covering (upgrade from a cloth mask)
- Stay home if you are sick; and stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Maintain physical distancing as much as possible
- Complete a daily COVID screening of symptoms
- Wash hands frequently

### Notice of Land Disposition – Armoury Building (215 Jane Street, Walkerton)

The Municipality of Brockton intends to dispose of the real property legally described as PT 3 Plan 3R-10543 and deposited at the Bruce County Land Registry Office on January 5, 2022, known municipally as the “Armoury Building” located at 215 Jane St. Walkerton (the “Property”).

On April 12, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider whether to declare the property surplus to the needs of the Municipality, and at that meeting will also consider proposals to purchase the property. The 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting will be broadcast electronically and livestreamed to the Municipality of Brockton's Agenda Management Software, eSCRIBE. The disposition of Property will occur at a future meeting.



Visit our [Notices – Disposition of Land webpage](#) for more details. Please contact Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](#) or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 for more information, or if you would like to submit a comment in relation to the disposal of the Property.

### Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2022 and May 31, 2022

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 the online banking system of your financial institution. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](http://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### New Residents Guide Available

The Municipality has published a new guide for all Brockton residents, with valuable information about local services, from garbage and recycling to child care, recreation programs, planning, permits, volunteer opportunities and more! Our “Welcome to Brockton” guide includes maps of local amenities, plus quick links to essential services, social media and newsletters, all in a handy booklet. Pick up a copy at the Municipal Office at 100 Scott St., or view the [Residents Guide Online](#). Please share with any friends, family or colleagues interested in exploring Brockton and “coming home to community.”



### Brockton Dollars

Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees, while also supporting local businesses. They can be purchased from the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or ordered in bulk through email. Businesses may redeem Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).





### Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill is 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 is open on 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. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Residents are reminded to wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing when attending the Landfills. A limit of 10 vehicles at a time remains in effect for the Brant and Greenock Landfills. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites) for more details.

### Winter Parking Restrictions

In accordance with Section 8 of the Municipality of Brockton's Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052, no person shall park on any highway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. inclusive during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April.

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:

A March Break Camp will be held March 14-18, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (for ages 5 to 12) at the Walkerton Community Centre. The camp features various activities including crafts, sports, songs, and games. Each day features a fun theme with skating and outdoor play included. Please bring lunch, snacks, drinks, outdoor clothing, skates, and a helmet. The camp costs \$185.00. [Register for the March Break Camp on PerfectMind.](#)

Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](https://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms) or [PerfectMind](#) to learn more about the different program opportunities offered.

The Lobies Park Skating Oval has closed for the season due to deteriorating ice conditions and safety concerns. We thank everyone for their support of the oval and invite residents to participate in public skating at the Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham Street West) from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.




### Cooking Fire Safety

View the information sheet on cooking fire safety at the end of the March Brockton Buzz for tips on how you can keep you and your family safe in the kitchen.

### Subscribe to Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](https://Brockton.ca/Subscribe) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. You can also [subscribe](#) to our [Brockton Business Newsletter](#) which features bi-monthly updates from the Municipality of Brockton and our partners in community and economic development.

We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

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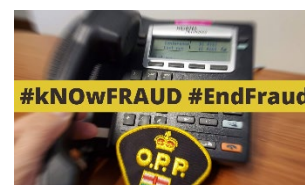
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### South Bruce O.P.P. – March is Fraud Prevention Month (Continued)

Every year, the South Bruce OPP takes part in this national initiative to help raise awareness about cons and scams that are taking so much money, and to help promote fraud prevention. Fraud is any false, deceptive or misleading act. Attempts are made daily by telephone, email, text message, social media, fax and going door to door. The con artists use mass marketing to reach their potential targets. It's up to each of us to recognize these unsolicited contacts for what they are and IGNORE them. They have very good computer skills, so don't respond to the phone calls or online messages that you may receive. **DO NOT respond or otherwise engage these con artists.** It's difficult for investigators to track down the scammers and even harder to get your money back.



#### The Numbers:

- The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre reported that 67,533 Canadian victims lost \$380 million dollars to fraud in 2021
- Online investment fraud losses of \$163 million dollars in 2021 is a 394 % increase over the \$33 million dollars lost in 2020
- In the first month of 2022, 3,634 Canadian victims have lost \$34 million dollars to fraud
- Between January 1, 2022 and February 23, 2022, the South Bruce OPP received 20 reports of Fraud:
  - More than \$1,200 was sent to purchase goods online that were never received
  - Nearly \$1,000 was sent as a refund for an "overpayment" refund, but the "overpayment" funds were no good





### South Bruce O.P.P. – March is Fraud Prevention Month (Continued)

- More than \$40,000 was lost in trades with an online investment broker
- \$600 was lost to the Romance Scam
- There are also good news stories during this time frame:
  - A scammer attempted to have Apple gift cards purchased to fix “computer issues”. The scam was identified and ignored.
  - A Money 4 bail scam was thwarted when South Bruce OPP intervened and prevented the \$10,000 “payment” from going to a con artist

#### Resources:

- The OPP’s website, [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca), contains a number of useful tips and links
- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website at <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/>
- Competition Bureau of Canada website at [www.competitionbureau.gc.ca](http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca)
- Retail Council of Canada website at: <https://www.retailcouncil.org/fraud-prevention-month/>

#### Points To Remember:

- Tech-savvy scammers use technology to create very convincing schemes designed to trick you into sending them money.
- Con artists will typically use the name of an established company or government agency, to gain your trust, so that you will send money or personal information to them.
- Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn’t ask for it.
- Don’t respond to phone numbers or web link addresses provided by a con artist. Look up contact information for the actual business, or branch of the government, to verify who you’re dealing with
- Fraud is a multi-billion-dollar international enterprise that will only end when the scammers stop making money.

We can beat the cons and scams working together; the OPP asks you to Recognize, Reject and Report Fraud.

### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Please remember to follow all public health measures if participating in community events to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **St. Paul’s United Church Community Clothes Closet**

St. Paul’s United Church have reopened their Community Clothes Closet March 3, 2022. The church provides clean, gently-worn clothing for ladies and men at no cost (limited infant and children’s items). The Clothes Closet is open for browsing the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. COVID-19 protocols are in place and masks are required. St. Paul’s looks forward to welcoming you.

- **Chepstow Lions Club Drive-Thru Wing Night – March 4, 2022**

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a Drive-Thru Wing Night on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. pickup at the Chepstow Community Hall. Arrive no more than 30 minutes before your pickup time. Pre-order only - Text 519-889-2344. 15 wings = \$20, 12 wings and fries = \$20. Limited wings to be sold.



- **Cargill Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner – March 13, 2022**

The Cargill and District Community Foundation are hosting a drive through spaghetti supper (including Caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert) and on Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Pick up at the Cargill Community Centre Entrance. Pre-orders only - Must be in by March 11th: Call Marlene at 519-881-2202 or Cyndy at 519-366-2317. E-Transfer available. Adults \$20, Children 5-10 years \$10, Children under 5 years are free. Proceeds will be donated to community betterment.



- **Meadow Ridge Maple Celebrates Maple Weekend – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Enjoy the experience of entering a modern timber frame sugarhouse situated in the center of an FSC certified woodlot. View Meadow Ridge Maple’s reverse osmosis technology, vacuum pump, sap storage, and the actual maple syrup process from ‘trees to table’. Sample warm fresh maple syrup near the heat of the evaporator and then venture outside for a tranquil self-guided walk-in-the-woods. COVID-19 policy: please bring a mask for the sugar house tours and at any time that social distancing is not possible. Other COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place according to our Grey Bruce Health Unit. **Maple Weekend will occur Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Meadow Ridge Maple’s facilities are fully accessible and with wheelchair access. Golden, Amber and Dark maple syrup will be available for purchase. Note: this is both an educational and no cost fun event but you are in the woods. Wear your boots and dress warmly!





# Only **YOU** can prevent cooking fires

## COOKING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF HOME FIRES

### WHAT'S THE RISK?

Cooking fires account for **22%** of all home fires.

Cooking **left unattended** is the cause of **52%** of all cooking fires.

**Stovetop fires account for 71%** of all cooking fires.

The average dollar loss per cooking fire is over **\$27,000**.

**Cooking is the #2 cause of fatal fires in the home.**

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014.  
Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

### How do I prevent a cooking fire?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep anything that burns — cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders — a safe distance from the stove.
- ❖ Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. Wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking.

### FIRE INJURIES and DEATHS

- ❖ 32% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires.
- ❖ 14% of all cooking fires result in an injury or death.
- ❖ 11% of all home fire fatalities are caused by cooking