



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – October 2025 Issue

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Municipal Office Open During Canada Post Strike

The Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton remains open for service during the Canada Post strike. Residents who do not feel comfortable visiting the Municipal Office during the Canada Post strike can contact staff by email or phone, drop-off documentation and/or payments to our Municipal Office Drop-Off box which is checked regularly by staff. While you are visiting the Municipal Office, we ask that you respect the rights of Post Office workers who are conducting their strike at the Walkerton Post Office. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Municipal Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

The Municipal Office, Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Administrative Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre are closed on Monday, October 13, 2025 in recognition of Thanksgiving Day. Our offices reopen on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Staff and Council wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Utility (Water) Bill Due Date – October 31, 2025

Utility (Water) Bills are available to pick up at the Municipal Office during the Canada Post strike. The utility (water) bill due date of October 31, 2025 remains in effect - Please note that the Canada Post strike will not be accepted as a reason for missed payments. Residents can pay bills by debit, cheque or cash at the Municipal Office, drop off payments to the Municipal Office Drop Box, or sign up for online payments through their banking institution. Visit our [Pay a Utility Bill webpage](#) for further instructions on our online payment services.

Tax Installment Due Date – November 28, 2025

The property tax due date of November 28, 2025 remains in effect. 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. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institution's online banking system. The Canada Post strike will not be accepted as a reason for missed payments. Residents can pay bills by debit, cheque or cash at the Municipal Office, drop off payments to the Municipal Office Drop Box, or sign up for online payments through their banking institution. Visit our [Paying Property Taxes webpage](#) for further instructions on our online payment services.

Leaf Collection



Leaf Collection for Walkerton, Lake Rosalind, and Marl Lakes is scheduled for October 20, October 27, and November 10, 2025. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper waste bags (plastic bags not accepted) and placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. for collection. A friendly reminder that no garden clippings, compost, or small branches will be picked up.

Housing Needs Assessment Study

Brockton has initiated a Housing Needs Assessment to examine types of development that will be the most beneficial for the community. The Housing Needs Study will help to gather critical housing data to guide decisions on the type and location of housing to build, as well as the infrastructure needed to support community growth. Visit Brockton.ca/HousingNeeds to take part! Feedback is due October 30, 2025. Whether you're a renter, homeowner, service provider, or simply care about housing in our area, your opinion will contribute to creating effective, inclusive housing solutions for the future.



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.

Hometown Christmas Market

Save the Date - Walkerton's Hometown Christmas Market is back on Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.! Participate in this magical evening of holiday cheer, local shopping, and community spirit! Visit Brockton.ca/ChristmasMarket for full details.



Dog Licencing Reminder

If you have had any changes to your dog licencing account (example: owning a new dog, loss of a dog, or change in address) please inform our Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer by [email](#) or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 141. Dog Tag Invoices will be sent out in January. Due to the Canada Post strike, we encourage residents to consider signing up for online billing services by the end of the year - Staff are monitoring the postal strike and will later determine how invoices will be sent to residents. Please contact the Municipal Office if you are interested in signing up for online billing.



Career Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing the very best services in a municipal environment and are looking for a place to challenge yourself and grow, we want you on our team! The Municipality is currently hiring for a Seasonal/Part-Time Food Booth Attendant, and Early Childhood Education Teacher (8 Month Contract), a Supply/Casual Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre, and multiple Heavy Equipment Operator positions (full-time, winter seasonal, and weekend-only roles). Visit Brockton.ca/Jobs for more details on our career opportunities, including how to apply.

Brockton Dollars



Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. 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. Visit Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars to learn more. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).

Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

Fall Recreation and Fitness Programs - Find programs like Tai Chi, Zumba, Gentle Fitness, Chair Yoga, Spin, Total Body Fitness, and more at Brockton.ca/Programs

Fall PD Day Camps - Need child care this school year? Fall PD Day Camps are now available at Brockton.ca/Camps – Register early as spots fill fast!

Public Skating is now open at the Walkerton Community Centre - Visit Brockton.ca/Skating for schedules and updates.

Sponsorship Opportunities - Support your community! [Email the Community Services Department](#) to learn about sponsorship options in Brockton. Come Home to Community!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), for all future updates!



Battery Fire Safety Reminder



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Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2025 events are featured on Brockton's free Community Calendar! Your event must be organized by a non-profit, or community organization and be held within Brockton.

The steps to adding your event are simple:

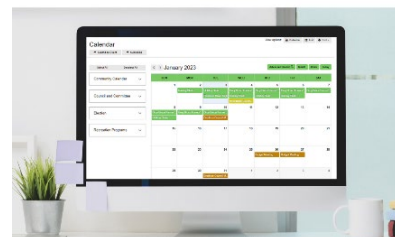
-  Visit events.brockton.ca and click on **Submit an Event**.
-  Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
-  Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

Each event is reviewed and approved before being added to the calendar, so it won't appear right away. Once your event is on the calendar, we may help spread the word through the Brockton Buzz newsletter, and social media. If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing Website Support.



Do you have an **upcoming event** in Brockton that you want to share?

Add your event to our website's **Community Calendar**!



Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Visit Brockton.ca/Events to learn more about events happening in our community!

- **Walk for Wenjack and Screening of The Secret Path**

The Municipality of Brockton and Bruce County are hosting a Walk for Wenjack on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Riverbend Park (199 Jackson Street North, Walkerton). Light refreshments will be provided. Donations to the Nawash Food Bank will be accepted onsite.

Following the walk, a screening of The Secret Path will be shown at 3:00 p.m. in the Walkerton Branch of the Bruce County Public Library. The Secret Path is a poignant animated film based on the album by Gord Downie and the graphic novel by Jeff Lemire about Chanie Wenjack's story and the legacy of residential schools in Canada.



- **Walkerton Little Royal Fair**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society is hosting the Annual Little Royal Fair on October 17-19, 2025 at the Agricultural Buildings in Walkerton (206 Durham St.). This year's theme is Aprons & Overalls, and a weekend full of fun and entertainment is planned for the whole family!



- Thursday, October 16th 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Friday, October 17th 8:00 - 11:30 am - Exhibitors Drop off entries for Judging in Buildings #2 and #3.
- Beginning Friday evening and continuing all weekend long is our General Exhibits, Midway, Field to Fork Display, Photo Booth, Kid's Scavenger Hunt and our Food Booth.
- Returning this year, we have Mojo the Magic Show and Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull, Pet Show, Saddle Horse Show, Heavy and Light Horse Show and the Ontario 4 Horse Hitch Draft Classic Series.
- *New* this year- Classic Championship Wrestling, 519 Braids, Circus Lumberjack and Magic Mel Show.
- *Please note that there is a change in our Horse Show Schedules this year- Saddle Horse Show is now Saturday, October 18th and the Heavy and Light Horse Show and Ontario 4-Horse Hitch Draft Classic Series is now on Sunday, October 19th.

For up to date information on our Little Royal Fair Weekend Events, please follow the Walkerton Agricultural Society on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or visit the [Walkerton Agricultural Society's website](#), or call 519-881-1251

Fair Books are available at various locations around Walkerton and on the Agricultural Society's website.

- **Elmwood Cornhole Tournament**

The Elmwood Community Service Association are hosting a Cornhole Tournament on October 25, 2025 at Noon at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Rd 10). Registration is open! Please register through the [Elmwood Community Service Association's website](#).



- **Walkerton Kinette Club Fairytale Feast**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton are hosting Fairytale Feast on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre. This year's theme is Snow White and Friends! New this year - Fairytale Feast characters are being brought to you by Studio 410! Don't miss out on your chance to get up close and personal with the incredibly talented cast from this local performing arts studio. Guaranteed to be a magical and unforgettable afternoon! Enjoy a kid-friendly buffet provided by Harley's Pub & Perk, and get your photo taken with Jennifer Jacquot Photography's 360 Camera! Tickets are \$35/per person, and free for children under 2 years. Purchase your tickets through [EventBrite's website](#).



- **Elmwood Halloween Trail**

The Elmwood Community Service Association are hosting their Halloween Trail on October 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Rd 10). Bring the kids out to explore the spooky basement of the hall. Stop along the way for treats and other exciting finds.

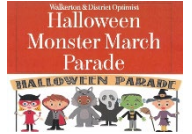




Community Events (Continued)

- **Walkerton and District Optimist Club Halloween Walk**

The Walkerton and District Optimist Club are hosting a Halloween Monster March Parade on Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please gather at Riverbend Park (199 Jackson St. N. Walkerton) and the parade route will travel up Jackson St. turning left onto Durham St. to the Market Garden park (312 Durham St., Walkerton). Join the Optimist Club at the Market Garden for a treat bag, photo opportunities, games, best decorated wagon contest.



- **St. Joseph's C.W.L. Fowl Supper**

The St. Joseph's C.W.L. are hosting a Fowl Supper on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at the Cargill Park (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill) from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25/Adults, \$15/Teens and Kids, Free/Children Aged 5 and Under. Tickets are available at the door. Call Michelle Pletch at 519-881-7702 for more information.

- **Walkerton Curling Club - Learn to Curl Program**

Learn to Curl! This program is offered at the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club and is open to children and adults wishing to learn how to curl. It takes place on Sundays (1:30 to 3:00pm) beginning on November 9th and includes 5 sessions. Equipment is provided or you can bring your own. You just need a pair of clean, indoor running shoes. The cost is \$ 78.00 per person. Register at the Pro Shop at the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club or call 519-881-0709. Curling is a great way to stay active during the winter months and socialize with other members of our community.

When the Lights Go Out: Are You Ready for a Prolonged Power Outage?

We've all experienced a power outage. A flicker, a blackout, a few hours without electricity. Most times, it's a minor inconvenience. But what happens when the outage lasts longer than expected?

High winds, freezing rain, flooding or even spikes in electricity demand can cause power outages.

As Bruce County heads into colder months, it's important to remember that extreme weather can make a prolonged outage especially challenging. Being prepared to support yourself and your family for at least 72 hours without access to basic services is essential for your safety and wellbeing.

You might lose access to everyday basics during a major power outage:

- Clean water
- Electricity
- Heating or cooling
- Cell service and internet
- Timely updates from authorities

Services you depend on may also be unavailable:

- Grocery stores
- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Banks and ATMs

With seasonal changes on the horizon in Bruce County, now is the time to build or update your emergency kit. A well-stocked kit should include essentials:

- Non-perishable food and water for each family member (including pets)
- Cash (in case debit/credit machines are down)
- Extra medication
- A full gas tank and spare fuel
- A battery-powered radio to stay informed

"We often take electricity for granted, but outages can happen. Having an emergency plan and kit helps ensure your family's safety and peace of mind," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator.

The goal is to stay safe at home and avoid relying on emergency services so they can focus on critical needs across the community.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit [Bruce County's Get Prepared webpage](#).