



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – August 2025 Issue

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Chief Fire Official Issues Partial Open-Air Burn Ban

On August 11, 2025 the Chief Fire Official for the Municipality of Brockton issued a partial ban on open air fires (agricultural, brush, and derelict buildings) until further notice due to recent extreme temperatures and a lack of rainfall. Agricultural, brush, and derelict building burn permits are suspended until further notice.

Recreational fires (for cooking and warmth) are still permitted to continue, in compliance with Brockton's [Open Air Burn By-Law 2017-034](#). Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining public safety.



High Water Consumption Notice

Due to increased water usage, the Municipality of Brockton is reminding residents of By-Law 2005-23, Being a By-Law to Restrict the Use of Municipal Water Supply By Limiting The Times Permitted to Water Gardens or Lawns.

Watering Schedule:

- **Even-numbered civic addresses:** Permitted to water on even-numbered calendar days between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Odd-numbered civic addresses:** Permitted to water on odd-numbered calendar days between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Automatic watering systems:** May operate any day, but only between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Residents are also asked to be mindful of their overall daily water consumption to help conserve water supply and reduce the strain on the municipal system.

2026 Budget Feedback

Share your input on the 2026 Budget! The Municipality is seeking feedback from both service groups/organizations and residents to help prepare the 2026 Budget.



Service groups/organizations that would like to make a budget request from the Municipality of Brockton can submit a budget request by completing a [Budget Request Form](#) by **September 10, 2025**.

Residents are invited to complete our [Community Budget Engagement Survey](#), sharing your priorities for the 2026 Budget. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. Information collected from the budget survey will help to pinpoint how well Municipal services are understood and valued, and which services are important for residents. **The budget survey will close on September 10, 2025.**

Visit Brockton.ca/MayorsBudget to learn more about the 2026 Budget process.

Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection – September 20, 2025

Bruce County has released their [2025 Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule](#). Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any of the locations to drop off household hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste will be collected in Brockton on September 20, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard – 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton.

Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2025 and November 28, 2025

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. Visit Brockton.ca/Taxes for more information.

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 multiple Heavy Equipment Operator positions (full-time, winter seasonal, and weekend-only roles), a Supply/Casual Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre, and Recreational Instructors. Visit Brockton.ca/Jobs for current career opportunities.



Allenford student awarded 2025 Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award



This year's winner of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award is Chloe Rands of Allenford, who is currently studying Environmental Technology at Centennial College in Toronto. Rands offered her heartfelt thanks to the awards committee at a recent presentation at the Heritage Water Garden in Walkerton, saying the \$1,500 award will help offset the cost of her education pathway. Rands' program balances theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience in biology, chemistry and civil engineering. Her goal after graduation is to join a government agency, non-profit or consulting firm focused on sustainable development. Down the road she would like to contribute to international water projects in developing nations.

The award is offered through an education endowment administered by the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. The Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Fund was created in 2020 to honour those affected by the E. coli outbreak in 2000 and to celebrate bright, enterprising students in Grey and Bruce counties entering the field of environmental studies or clean water management. [Read the full Press Release on our website.](#)

Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

Movie in the Park – Saturday, August 23 at Dusk - Join us for a family-friendly outdoor movie at the **Downtown Market Garden** (beside Walker's Landing – 312 Durham St.), in partnership with the Bruce County Library (Walkerton Branch). Bring your chairs and enjoy the show!

Centennial Park Pool is Open Until August 28 - Visit Brockton.ca/Pool for the full schedule of public swims, lane swims, aquafit, and more. Don't miss our **new diving board**!

Music in the Park – Saturday, August 30 - Celebrate **International Music on the Porch Day** with an Open Mic Afternoon! Interested in performing? [Email the Community Services Department](#) or call 519-881-0625 x2. Dash's Dawgs will be serving hot dogs, and the Walkerton Kinsmen will run a licensed beverage area. Thanks to **The Dirt Pigs** for sponsoring Music in the Park!

Pooch Plunge – Wednesday, September 3 - Enjoy a fun evening with your pup! Includes a BBQ with Dash's Dawgs, music, prizes, Sparky, and more. A portion of proceeds supports the **St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program**. **Pre-registration is required**—call St. John Ambulance at 519-364-7004 to reserve your spot.

Fall Recreation & Fitness Programs - Find programs like 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 Returns in September - 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!





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](#).

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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.

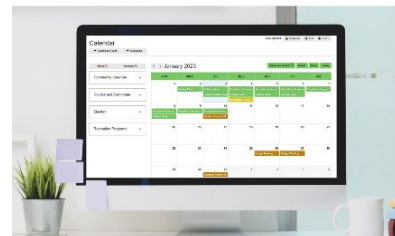
The steps to adding your event are simple:

-  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!

- **Bruce County Public Library – Walkerton and Cargill Branches**

Visit the Walkerton and Cargill Branches to get creative! Cricuts are always available to use in Walkerton, and in Cargill for August – bring your own supplies or purchase for a small fee. 3D printing is free in Walkerton, and available through to September.



- **Pigstock – Baseball Tournament and Dance**

The Dirt Pigs Foundation are proud to host their annual Slo-Pitch baseball tournament August 14-17, 2025! Pigstock features baseball, refreshments, dance on Saturday, August 17th from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. featuring live music, breakfasts, and Family Fun Day on Sunday including children's programs! Visit dirtpigs.com to learn more. The Walkerton Curling Club Fundraising Committee are sponsoring breakfast on Saturday, August 16th and Sunday, August 17th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Walkerton Arena Floor! Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$15/per person, \$10 for children under age 10, free for children under age 3. All proceeds go to ice plant repairs.



- **Pedal for Saugeen Hospice**

Pedal for Saugeen Hospice on August 24, 2025, a meaningful and energizing bike ride in support of the future Saugeen Hospice, coming to Walkerton. This event brings together the thrill of cycling with the heartfelt mission of funding a vital hospice facility for our community. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or a casual rider, all ages and skill levels are welcome. Choose between a 16km or 40km route, featuring a mix of scenic gravel and paved roads that wind through the picturesque Bruce Grey County. The ride begins at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park Pavilion, right beside the future site of the hospice (50 Eastridge Road, Walkerton). Learn how to register, fundraise and donate at on Race Roster's website.



- **Home & Community Support Services (HCSS) Grey-Bruce Seeking Volunteers for Meals on Wheels**

HCSS Grey-Bruce is currently seeking Meals on Wheels volunteers in the Walkerton area. This is a rewarding way to support seniors and adults with disabilities by delivering hot, nutritious meals over the lunch hour. Mileage reimbursement is available! Flexible weekday opportunities Serve your local community Interested? Email volunteer@hcssgreybruce.com or call 519-372-2091 ext. 6 Visit hcssgreybruce.com to learn more.

Got Time Over Lunch?

Make a difference in your community—one meal at a time!



We're looking for *volunteers* to deliver hot meals to seniors and adults with disabilities in **Walkerton**.

LUNCHTIME HOURS • MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Email volunteer@hcssgreybruce.com or Call 519-372-2091 Ext. 6





Bruce County Reminds Residents: "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!"

With summer in full swing and Bruce County buzzing with outdoor fun, we encourage everyone to stay alert to changing weather conditions. Thunderstorm season is here. Don't let a summer storm catch you off guard.

Lightning strikes remain a leading cause of weather-related deaths in Canada, with outdoor recreation enthusiasts and workers at highest risk. Most strikes occur in open areas or under trees.

Key Safety Tips:

- The safest place to be during a thunderstorm is inside.
- Get inside immediately when you hear thunder. Lightning is within striking distance.
- Stay away from windows and seek interior rooms or basements during storms.
- Don't run water. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid small shelters like picnic pavilions. You need to be in a fully enclosed space, like a building or a vehicle.
- If caught outside, crouch low with feet together in a low-lying area (don't lie down).

"We want everyone to enjoy Bruce County's outdoor experiences safely," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator. "Stay informed by monitoring weather alerts and take shelter when storms are in the forecast."

Most thunderstorms last under an hour, but proper precautions during that time can save lives.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared.

