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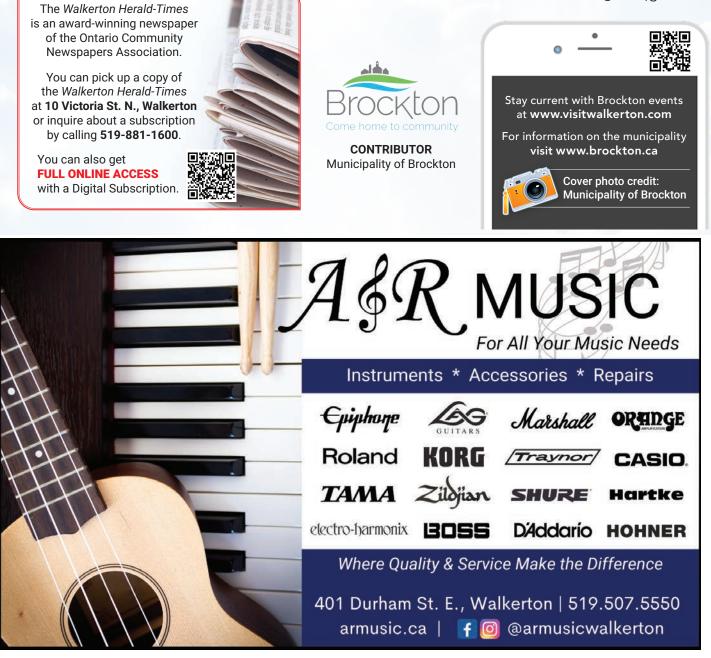


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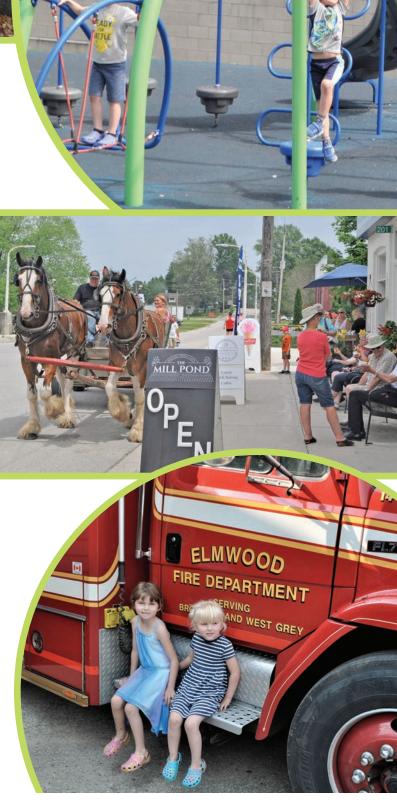
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Whether you are a long-time resident, newly arrived, or a visitor to our beautiful municipality you will certainly feel a part of Brockton.

"Come Home to Community" for events like Summer Streetfest and Hometown Christmas Market at our lovely Market Garden park (on Durham Street, Walkerton) in our vibrant downtown filled

WELCOME TO BROCKTON

with boutique shopping experiences. Enjoy our wide variety of restaurants and the numerous events co-ordinated by our active service clubs!

As you travel to our villages and hamlets, you will witness the strength of our rich agricultural industry on which our municipality was founded and continues to build into the future. Enjoy the warm hospitality of Wing Nights in our villages of Chepstow and Elmwood, Pickin' By the Pond at the beautiful Cargill Community Centre, Historic Cargill and Greenock Swamp Tours, Bingo in Elmwood, and the annual Dirt Pigs Ball Tournament Weekend throughout Brockton.

Immerse yourself in all we have to offer from our active Community Centre/ Arena, Soccer Park, Ball Diamonds, Tennis/Pickleball Courts, historic Victoria Jubilee Hall for concerts and entertainment, Pool and Splash Pad, community trails, camping at Lobies Park, water activities like fishing and kayaking/ canoeing/tubing, our Christmas Shop Walkerton and Win campaign, and so much more! Residents are proud of the renowned R.J. Creighton Birthing Centre at our fully serviced hospital the South Bruce Grey Health Centre, a Family Health Team, three schools, and our vibrant Brockton Child Care Centre.

Development opportunities abound in the fully-serviced East Ridge Business Park (more than 160 acres of serviced land) which is supported by many new residential builds throughout Brockton.

In 2024, join us at the Cargill Homecoming (Aug. 1-5), Elmwood Homecoming (Aug. 30- Sept. 1). Plans are underway to host the 2026 International Plowhing Match and Rural Expo.

Visit our website, www.Brockton.ca and follow us on social media to stay informed.

You are always welcome in Brockton – Come Home to Community!

Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody



Participating in the ribbon cutting were Trish Serratore, CFO; Councillor Kym Hutcheon, Mayor Chris Peabody, Dan Wong, Sonya Watson, CAO and Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator.

LAUNCHING NEW MARKET GARDEN PARK

Walkerton's new downtown park provides the perfect spot to celebrate the community's rich heritage. It commemorates the immigrant experience of the Wong family, and serves as lasting memorial to Brockton's Community Development Co-ordinator, Paulette Peirol, who unfortunately passed away earlier this year. The park she worked so hard to bring to life is a friendly, usable space, with a performance stage and places to sit and enjoy the sunshine.



Check out Brockton's new Tennis/Pickleball Courts Grab your racket and head to the new Tennis/Pickleball Courts at 1 James Street, Walkerton - The courts were recently rehabilitated with new fencing, lighting, and the addition of pickleball courts. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this project!



Brockton celebrates its 'good neighbours'

Brockton celebrates its "good neighbours" - the people who make the municipality a great place in which to live, work, play and invest. Maryanne Buehlow, shown with Mayor Chris Peabody and CAO Sonya Watson, accepts the annual "good neighbour" award at the Volunteer Recognition Event in 2023. She was among four very giving and neighbourly nominees.



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- **ONTARIO TOUR DATES**
- May 3.... Weds Theatre Dutton, Ontario May 4 ... RC Legion Delaware, Ontario
- May 17 . The Palace Theatre London, Ontario
- June 1 .. Opera House Gravenhurst, Ontario June 7 .. Gibson Centre Alliston, Ontario
- July 1 ... Canada Day Woodstock, Ontario
- July 5/6 Kincardine Scottish Festival, Ontario
- July 19 . Shipyards Collingwood, Ontario
- Aug. 11 Creemore Green Creemore, Ontario Aug. 18 Rotary Beach Band Shell Grand Bend, Ont.
- Aug 30 . Elmwood Homecoming, Ont.
- Sept. 7 . Western Fair London, Ont.
- Sept. 21 Forest Fall Fair Ont.
- Oct. 12 . Erin Fall Fair, Ont.
- Oct 18 .. RC Legion St. Marys, Ont. Nov. 1 .. Blyth Memorial Hall, Ont.
- Nov. 9 ... The Grand Theatre Fergus. Ont.
- Nov. 30.. RC Legion Shelbourne, Ont.

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WALKERTON AND AREA 2024 EVENTS

MAY 4	Fishing Derby Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
MAY 4	Moonlight Gala Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
MAY 5	Hike for Hospice Walkerton Agricultural Building - 206 Durham St. W.
MAY 12	Mother's Day Brunch Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
MAY 17	Wing Night Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
MAY 18	Community Yard Sale Chepstow Lion's Park – 464 Chepstow Road
MAY 18	Cargill Homecoming Gold Tournament/Dinner Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
MAY 25	Greenock Swamp Tour "Legends of the Great Swamp" Meet in Chepstow; advance tickets required
MAY 23-26	Sing! Show Chorus Performance Victoria Jubilee Hall – 111 Jackson St. S, Walkerton
MAY 27	8th Annual Car and Truck Show Walkerton Agricultural Building – 206 Durham St. W
JUNE 1	Springtime in the Gardens Outdoor Market Folmer Landscaping Botanical Gardens – 2668 Highway 9 W., Walkerton
JUNE 1	Fireman's Breakfast and Town Garage Sale Elmwood Fire Hall - 25 Dirstein St. S
JUNE 4-5	Hike for Hospice Garage Sale Walkerton Agricultural Building - 206 Durham St. W
JUNE 8	Touch a Truck and Firefighter's Breakfast Walkerton Fire Hall – 510 Napier St. E.
JUNE 12	Golf Tournament Walkerton Golf and Curling Club
JUNE 13	Brockton's Volunteer Recognition Event Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant
JUNE 15	Summer Reading Club Kick-off Event Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch – 253 Durham St. E
JUNE 16	Father's Day Brunch Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
JUNE 21	Longest Day of Play Centennial Park – 1 James St, Walkerton
JUNE 21	Golf Fore Hospice/BBQ Walkerton Golf and Curling Club

JUNE 21-23	Chepstow Funfest Weekend Chepstow Lion's Park – 464 Chepstow Road
JUNE 22	Kids Fly at SMA Saugeen Municipal Airport
JUNE 28	Wing Night Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
JUNE 30	Music in the Park Market Garden - Durham St, Walkerton
JULY 1	Canada Day Celebrations Lobies Park – 20 Hannah St, Walkerton
JULY 5-7	Pickin' by the Pond Country Music Festival Cargill Park – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
JULY 13	Dinner Over the Yokasippi River Concession Road 8 Bridge, Chepstow
JULY 13	Private Collectors Garage Tour (Classic cars) Various locations including Brockton, Chepstow, Greenock, Mildmay, Walkerton. Visit walkertonhospitalfoundation.com/garage-tour to learn more
JULY 19	Walkerton's Summer Streetfest Downtown Walkerton
JULY 26	Wing Night Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
JULY 27	Dinner on Durham Durham St, Walkerton
JULY 27	Greenock Swamp Tour "Bootlegging Lore of the Great Swamp" Meet in Chepstow; advance tickets required
JULY 28	Music in the Park Market Garden – Durham St, Walkerton
AUGUST	Optimist Sunflower Field Pick-your-own sunflowers and enjoy the trails Brant Drive-In – 1597 Highway 4, Walkerton
AUG 2-5	Cargill Homecoming Cargill
AUG 3-4	Holmdale Pro Rodeo Holmdale Farms Limited – 808 Concession 6 E, Elmwood
AUG 10	Elimination Draw/Dinner Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
AUG 15-18	Pigstock Baseball Tournament and Dance Walkerton Community Centre – 209 Durham St. W.
AUG 17	Greenock Swamp Tour "The Great Bank Heist" Meet in Chepstow; advance tickets required

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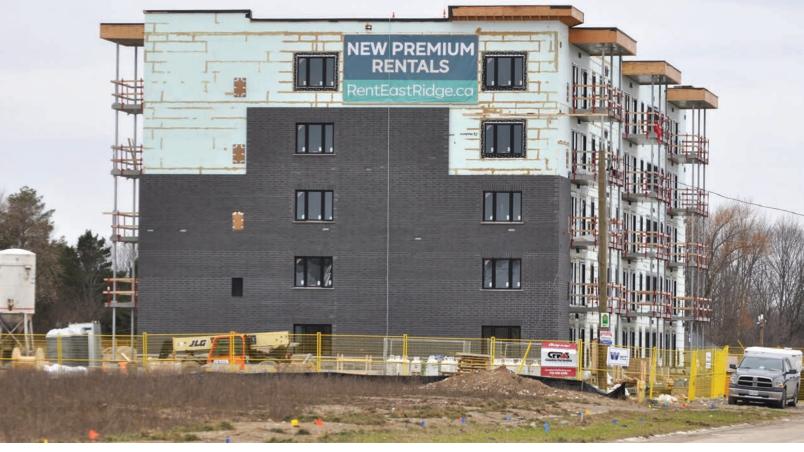
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AUG 26-27	Grey Bruce Holstein Show Walkerton Agricultural Building – 206 Durham St. W.
AUG 30 - SEPT 1	Elmwood Homecoming Elmwood
SEPT 20	Wing Night Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
SEPT 22	14th Annual Run4Health Walkerton Community Centre – 290 Durham St. W Register at run4health.ca
SEPT 22	Walk for Dog Guides Chepstow Lion's Park – 464 Chepstow Road
SEPT 28	Doors Open Brockton Walkerton and Area
SEPT 29	Community BBQ Chepstow Lion's Park – 464 Chepstow Road
SEPT 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Downtown Walkerton
OCT 11	Wing Night Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Rd 10
OCT 18-20	Little Royal Fair Walkerton Fair Grounds/Agricultural Building - 206 Durham St. W
OCT 26	"Fall into Christmas" Vendor's Market Walkerton Agricultural Building #3, 206 Durham St. W.

OCT 26	Halloween Bash Walkerton Legion – 505 Scott St
OCT 29	Bingo (Last week) Elmwood Community Centre – 38 Concession Road 10
NOV 8	Ladies Day Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
NOV 16-17	Holiday House Tour Walkerton and Area
NOV 21	Walkerton's Hometown Christmas Market Market Garden and Downtown Walkerton
NOV 21-24	Sing! Show Chorus Performance Victoria Jubilee Hall – 111 Jackson St. S, Walkerton
NOV 24	Christmas Tree Lighting Elmwood Lion's Park -25 Dirstein St. S
NOV 30	Santa Claus Parade Downtown Walkerton
DEC 1	Brunch with Santa - Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline
DEC 7	Breakfast with Santa Walkerton Legion – 505 Scott St.
DEC 8	Skate with Santa Walkerton Community Centre – 209 Durham St. W
DEC 20	Cargill Park Lighting Cargill Community Centre – 999 Greenock-Brant Townline

For more information and local activities, visit Brockton.ca/Events





EAST RIDGE OFFERS EXCITING BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

East Ridge Business Park, located in the north-east section of Walkerton began as a serviced business park but is quickly becoming the town's newest residential, commercial, retail and recreational growth area.

The business park is one of the fastest-growing in Bruce County, with the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, a restaurant, industrial suppliers, small manufacturers, service providers, professional offices and much more.

The business park is serviced, at the intersection of two

major roads – County Road 4 and County Road 19 – and within two hours of key international transportation arteries including Highway 401.

As the phased development of East Ridge continues, new industrial lots are being serviced, while residential development is taking place in the south-west area of East Ridge adjacent to existing homes. Residential development includes a variety of dwelling types, including apartment buildings now under construction, townhouses, and singlefamily homes. Plans are in the works for a residential care facility.

Also located in East Ridge is the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park, with a new building containing washrooms and equipment storage area, land donated for construction of Saugeen Hospice Inc., and trails that connect with Brockton's extensive system. Adjacent land has been set aside for a new municipal recreation facility.

For more information contact the Municipality of Brockton at 519-881-2223 or visit Brockton.ca.





SAUGEEN RIVER - 160 KILOMETERS OF SPECTACULAR!

With excellent fishing, clean water to swim in, and some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable whether you're in a canoe or kayak, standing on a bridge, camping, or enjoying a hike along one of the many riverside trails, the Saugeen River has everything.

From its origins in the Osprey wetland to where it flows into Lake Huron at Southampton, the Saugeen winds its way for 160 lovely kilometers across southern Ontario, flowing through Walkerton before it heads north and west to Paisley, where it's joined by the Teeswater River.

The Saugeen and its tributaries once served as the "highways" used by Indigenous peoples and European settlers. Later, the water powered the mills the ground wheat into flour, and processed logs into lumber for building – a visit to Cargill, where "history comes alive," offers a unique view into the logging industry. Structures such as the historic Paisley Mill celebrate the early industrial phase of the area – all centered on the river.

Today, the river is still the key unifying element for this part of Ontario. Most of the Saugeen is navigable by small craft such as canoes or kayaks, except during spring flooding; some people regard a canoe trip down the Saugeen

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regard a canoe trip down the Saugeen as an annual tradition. The peaceful, healthy waters and banks abound with wildlife – a sportsman's dream and a photographer's fantasy.

Sports fishermen travel considerable distances to try their luck at catching "the big one" in the Saugeen. The river's clean, cool waters support world-class fishing, with many well-marked access points at convenient locations. Check with the Ministry of Natural Resources (Ontario) for information on how to get your fishing licence, fishing seasons, rules on the size and number of fish you can catch and keep, how to return fish to the water, and even tips about eating local fish.

Convenient fish cleaning stations have been provided in Lobies Park and at the Durham Street bridge (behind the Tim Hortons), where anglers can safely recycle fishing line.

One of the best-kept secrets of the area is the location of a favourite river access point – Lobies Park. Two minutes from downtown shopping, the park's campground is popular



among visitors and locals alike, whether they're stopping for an hour or a few days. Rent a canoe or kayak, throw a line in the river from the small dock, and walk along the river using delightful, four-seasons trails, then stay for dinner at one of our many restaurants!

Don't forget your camera! Whether it's a selfie of you against a backdrop of morning mist rising from the water, or a group of children merrily tubing down the river, you won't be disappointed. There's something for everyone along the Saugeen River.

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For information about the Lobies Park campground, visit Brockton.ca or call 519-881-3425.

• Joy Source For Sports in Walkerton offers some sporting goods rentals such as canoes – call 519-881-2046.

• To contact Saugeen Riverbank Campground in Walkerton, call 519-881-0491.





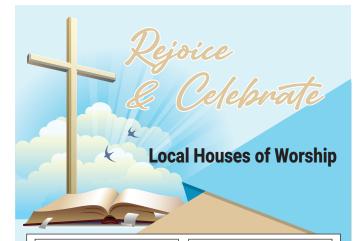




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Trinity United Church 611 Colborne St., Walkerton 519-881-0010 Email: tlcwalkerton@wightman.ca Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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	School		
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# **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

# RECREATIONAL **OPPORTUNITIES IN** BROCKTON

There are many activities for all ages in the community of Brockton!

Cool off this summer at the Walkerton Centennial Pool and Walkerton Kinsmen Splash Pad at 1 James Street. Centennial Pool is open from June through August, offering swimming lessons, aquatic courses, and pool rentals. The Splash Pad is open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk beginning in July.

Hop in the canoe or kayak and float down the Saugeen River. There are several launch access points along the Saugeen within Brockton. See the map on pages 12-13 or ask for a Paddling Brochure from the Brockton Visitor Information Centre located in Lobies Park.

Camp out this summer at Lobies Park Campground located at 20 Hannah Street, Walkerton, or the Saugeen Riverbank Campground located at 1343 Bruce Road 4, RR 2, Walkerton. Lobies Campground and Saugeen Riverbank Campground both offer overnight camping, a playground for children, and access to the Saugeen River and the Saugeen River Trail system.

Explore the Saugeen River Trail system year-round which weaves throughout Bruce County! Walk, hike, bike, ski, or snowshoe on the trail and check out the beautiful nature our county has to offer!

Brockton features many beautiful parks. Whether you're looking to spend the day with the kids, host a family event, or meet up with friends we have a park to suit your needs in the communities of Cargill, Chepstow, Elmwood, and Walkerton! Many of our parks feature picnic shelters, pavilions, and playgrounds. If you're looking to play baseball, we have ball diamonds in Walkerton, Cargill, Chepstow and Elmwood! The Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park at 50 East Ridge Road, Walkerton has soccer fields available to rent for practices. games, and tournaments. Continued on page 15





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Get in a round of golf at either of our two golf courses, Walkerton Golf and Curling Club located at 164 Bruce Road 2 and Whispering Hills Golf Club located at 1144 Bruce Road 4 West, Walkerton. The Golf and Curling Club is a nine-hole par 36 course measuring 3,100 yards and is designed and groomed to excite every level of golfer. Whispering Hills is an 18-hole, par 72 championship course measuring 6,210 yards from the blue tees and 5,095 from the gold tees. Practice your swing or play on a virtual course at The Birdie Barn located at 12 Wallace Street, Walkerton, featuring indoor golf course simulators, and lawn games!

Lace up your skates, or change your footwear for skiing or snowshoeing in the Winter! Brockton features public skating, figure skating, hockey, ice rentals, and an outdoor skating loop at the Walkerton Community Centre, 290 Durham Street West. You can also connect to the Saugeen River Trail which is groomed for



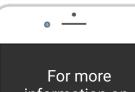


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snowshoeing or skiing in the winter. Remember you can also visit the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club in the Winter!

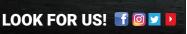


information on recreational activities in Brockton, visit **Brockton.ca** 

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# SUMMER SUNSHINE BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CARS

Forget the shade! Antique and classic cars always look better in the sun! There's something about the summer sunshine in Brockton that brings out antique and classic car enthusiasts – in droves!

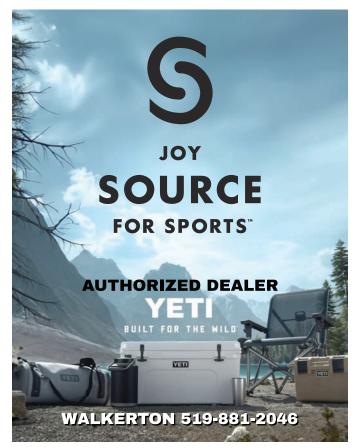
Whether it's a fundraiser for a community group or an annual event, there's nothing that appeals to car enthusiasts like getting together with other fans of cars and trucks that come from a time when vehicles looked and sounded like works of art – cars that are driven, not programmed, that are polished



like jewels and lovingly restored to catch the eye every time they take to the road.

There are a lot of collectors in the Brockton area, and many of them participate in The Private Collectors Garage Tour on July 13. It provides the opportunity to get a close-up view of some of the most exciting collections around.

However, the Private Collectors Garage Tour is only one of several such events in the area. The 8th annual Car and Truck Show is May 27 in Walkerton. The South Bruce Vintage Tractor Tour is June 16.



## **EXPLORE**



# GREENOCK SWAMP: TAKE A TRIP THROUGH TIME

Take a trip back into history by exploring the mysteries of the Greenock Swamp.

It's a different world out there – carnivorous plants, bottomless lakes and eerie green lights, where the wind rustling through the weathered cedars carries whispers of loggers' tales and a hint of moonshine.

The Greenock Swamp is the largest forested wetland in southern Ontario. It formed at the end of the last glaciation, beginning as a giant, water-filled bowl that gradually filled with organic sediment, leaving several small lakes and rivers. It's an environmental treasure, and a historian's dream.

Visitors will learn about the loggers and bootleggers who once called the swamp home, as well as lumber baron Henry Cargill, who founded the town that carries his name and built many churches, businesses, schools and private homes. Spend a night at the elegant and venerable Chepstow Inn, the oldest operating hotel in Bruce County and now a popular bed-andbreakfast, and stay to visit nearby Cargill, where history really does come alive. Cargill, with its murals and historic buildings, has the Bruce Couunty Book Store, cafe, Mill Pond Art Gallery, library, convenience store and community centre.

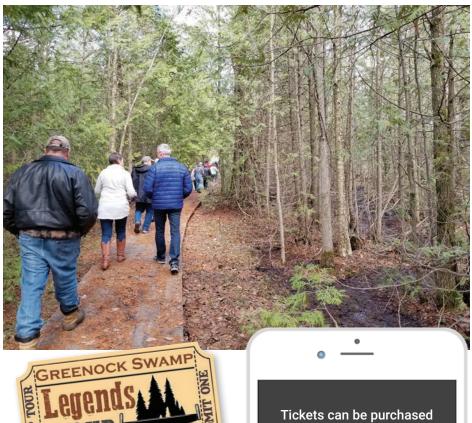
See some of the most unusual flora and fauna imaginable – carnivorous pitcher plants, ancient trees, and the many creatures that live in the swamp.

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## **EXPLORE**



# **GREENOCK** SWAMP: TAKE A TRIP THROUGH TIME

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There's a move afoot to have the swamp designated a "Wetland of Distinction" by the Society of Wetland Scientists.

This year, Cargill will host several events – Swamp Tours put on by the Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotional Association, Cargill Homecoming Golf Tournament (May 18), Pickin' by the Pond Country Music Festival (July 5-7), Dinner Over the Yokasippi River (July 13), Cargill Homecoming Aug. 2-5, and Holmdale Pro Rodeo (Aug. 3-4).



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## **CULTURAL PURSUITS**



# VICTORIA JUBILEE HALL: WALKERTON'S JEWEL SPARKLES WITH GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

Victoria Jubilee Hall has been described as a jewel in downtown Walkerton – and what a jewel it is!

The venerable building was constructed in 1897 as a multipurpose municipal structure, the centerpiece of a group of government buildings.

In its time, VJH has had a police and fire station, council chambers and at one point, a market.

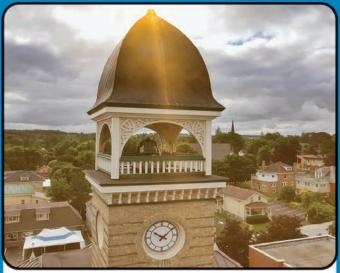
Today it is best known for

its opera hall, with beautifully-preserved woodwork and wonderful acoustics. After all, it was designed before modern sound equipment existed! However, time has not left the opera hall behind; because of community contributions, there's up-to-date lighting, comfortable seating and much more.

The building was never meant to be just a showpiece, but as

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# Victoria Jubilee Hall

Victoria Jubilee Hall has been a gathering place for performances and community events for more than 125 years. Join us to see and hear world-class performances in the 300 seat Opera Hall or book your next meeting in one of our business suites. Whatever the reason, you'll be at home inside this historic hall in the heart of Walkerton. It is a place where we celebrate the power of performing arts to bring people together and build community.

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a place to be used. Thanks to the foresight of community leaders more than a century ago, VJH still has a useful role in Brockton.

The building receives a lot of loving care from its owners, the dedicated volunteers of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, South Bruce-Grey Branch. Their efforts earned them the 2020 Ecclesiastical Insurance Cornerstone Award for Resilient Historic Places.

Recent work includes the replacement of the elegant outside stairway, as well as preservation and protection of the building's many windows to ensure both safety and historic appearance.

The tradition of great entertainment continues, with performances of the Sing! Show



Chorus under the inspired leadership of Byron Ballagh. The County Towne Players also call VJH home, and continue to fill every seat in the house.

The Jubilee Arts and Music Series has set a standard for bringing top entertainers to Walkerton – people who sell out in Toronto and New York.

For information, call 519-881-2826, or email vjh@wightman. ca.



## PIGSTOCK 2024: DIRT PIGS HOST BALL TOURNAMENT IN AUGUST

The story has it that someone watched a bit of horseplay among a few local ball players, and commented, "You are a bunch of dirt pigs!" The dirt washed off, but the name stuck.

Today, the Dirt Pigs host one of the best ball tournaments around, with over a hundred teams from all over the province participating. Mark Aug. 15-18 on your calendars, for a long weekend filled with great ball and plenty of fun.

Pigstock 2024 will feature – in addition to the tournament itself that utilizes every ball diamond in Brockton – dance, raffle, breakfasts, food booth, kids' programs and more.

The Dirt Pigs Foundation supports a wide range of charities, organizations and individuals. Recipients have included the Walkerton Fire Department, the South Bruce Grey Health Care (Walkerton), Children's Aid Society, bursaries at Sacred Heart High School and Walkerton District Community School, service clubs, and many sports teams. The Rob Bester Memorial Fund helps those in need in the community.

Not only have the Dirt Pigs donated well over \$300,000 over the years, they also draw a huge number of people to the area. Hotels and camp sites are booked well in advance for the annual tournament, restaurants are busy and out-of-town people visit local shops.

For more information about Pigstock 2024, visit www.dirtpigs. com.





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# LITTLE ROYAL: THE BEST FAIR AROUND!

The Walkerton Agricultural Society has many activities planned throughout the year leading up to the 2024 Little Royal Fair!

Partake in an assortment of fundraising events including the Car and Truck Show (May 27), and the Roast Beef Dinner in September. It all culminates in the Ambassador of the Fair Competition, and of course, the Little Royal Fair itself Oct. 18-20.

This fair is a can't-miss event that always draws a crowd, no matter the weather. As one of the final fairs of the season, it's considered a lead-up to the Royal Winter Fair.

The Little Royal is a delightful blend of old and new – the traditional horse shows and events, dog show, agricultural exhibits, baking and sewing competitions and the Field to Fork displays, interspersed with entertainment, midway, games, and fair food (worthy of coming back for seconds – or thirds!).

The 2023 fair drew one of the largest crowds ever. Stay tuned for 2024's fair to be even better!



# **CULTURAL PURSUITS**









The Walkerton Agricultural Society Walkerton's Little Royal Fair!

### 2024 Little Royal Fair October 18-20, 2024

Fair includes Midway, Field to Fork display, General exhibits, Kids entertainment, Horse shows, etc.

## Classic Car & Truck Show - May 27th

The Walkerton Agricultural Society host different annual dinners like the fish fry and roast beef dinners.

For Hall Bookings/Inquiries call 519-881-1251

For up-to-date information check out below

Website: www.walkertonagriculturalsociety.com **f** Facebook: Walkerton Agricultural Society © Instagram: @walkertonagsociety

# **EXPLORE**

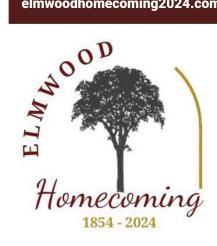
## COME HOME TO COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE CARGILL'S AND ELMWOOD'S HOMECOMINGS!

n Cargill "All Roads Lead Home" as we celebrate Cargill's 2024 Homecoming, Aug. 1-5. Bring your family and friends together for fun filled weekend at the Cargill Park! Enjoy breakfast, dinner, and refreshment tents, live music and dances, car shows, historical displays, and events for seniors, children, and every age in between! Nightly entertainment features Owen Riegling, The Doubts, Little Rock, and Pauly and the Greaseballs. Join us in Cargill "Where Friends and Family Meet." For more information visit cargillhomecoming2024.ca.

"Hometown Hospitality" is always foremost in the village of Elmwood where this summer you are invited to Homecoming Celebrations on Aug. 30, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Enjoy a car show, parade, kid zone activities, fishing derby, baseball and cornhole tournaments and more! Nightly dinners and dances feature Lulu's Roadhouse, the Mudmen, and After Midnight. Come join us for our 170th year homecoming "Cheers to More in '24." For more information visit elmwoodhomecoming2024.com.



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## **SAUGEEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: UP, UP AND AWAY!**



ocated in Brockton, between Walkerton and Hanover, is Saugeen Municipal Airport, a Transport Canada registered airport that serves as a base for flight training, sightseeing tours, air ambulance services, corporate jets and recreational pilots.

The 250-acre airport has two paved runways with full instrument-approach systems. It's the hub of a cluster of small businesses including the popular Landing Gear Diner restaurant. Hangars are provided for airport and private use, and there are meeting venues available for rental to hold public events and meetings.

The airport hosts a variety of activities annually including a day of free flights for kids, and fly-in breakfasts. As for special events, the famous Snowbirds have performed at SMA – twice!





## **SHOP LOCAL IN WALKERTON**

Whether you're looking for upscale women's fashions or home décor, unique gift items or beautiful lingerie, the finest cuts of local beef or hardware, you'll love shopping in Walkerton. Our business owners are as proud of the community as they are of what they sell.

Walkerton's downtown is known for being compact, beautiful, and as friendly a shopping district as you could hope for.

Shop owners work together to make sure customers find what they're looking for, and experience home-town hospitality at its finest.

Forget about malls and big box stores! What Walkerton offers is a downtown perfect for walking around in. Sit down on a bench at a street corner or in a shady little park, do a bit of window shopping, drop into one of our restaurants and coffee shops for refreshments or a meal, and take your time. You're always within short walking distance of the magnificent Victoria Jubilee Hall, with its charming gardens and gazebo, the scenic Saugeen River, and lovely hiking trails, parks and picnic spots. You'll find shopping in Walkerton is an experience you'll want to repeat, whether you're spending an hour here, a day, or several.

Be sure to take in the lovely Market Garden – a jewel of a park that celebrates the immigrant experience in small town Ontario.

Walkerton embraces diversity through dining! Where else but Walkerton could you dine on the finest cuts of Bruce County beef, butter chicken with an authentic flavour, delightful Italian dishes, or delectable sandwiches made just the way you want on fresh-baked bread.

When it comes to gifts, Walkerton offers a wonderful selection, from hand-made craft items to art, boxes of quality chocolates to floral arrangements, toys for the little ones to sporting goods.

There are even items and services with furry family members in mind – yes, Walkerton has a great selection of pet supplies and even a veterinary clinic located downtown.

One thing that Walkerton is known for is its assortment of health and beauty shops and services – spas, reflexology, chiropractors, vegan treats, cold-water therapy and much more.

If you like flowers, you'll love Walkerton – all of Brockton, in fact. We have garden supplies for do-it-yourselfers, florists, and pick-your-own places. The Walkerton Optimist Club seasonally features a beautiful field of brilliant yellow sunflowers free for picking.

Find flowers and farm-fresh produce from local producers,

Cormack's Corner Market and Voisin's Family Farm available seasonally in summer and fall.

You'll also find unexpected treats such as Walkerton's Summer Streetfest, being held this year on July 19, and all kinds of special events throughout the year. Check the events calendar in this booklet, or Municipal website Brockton.ca/Events.

Looking to support our local businesses while you're shopping? Purchase Brockton Dollars, our Municipal gift certificate program, which are available in denominations of \$10, \$25, or \$50! Brockton Dollars are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in our community. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts

purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees. Visit

Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars to see the list of participating businesses that accept Brockton Dollars.



You can purchase Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office (100 Scott Street, Walkerton) Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you're looking to place a bulk order, please email the municipality at info@brockton.ca to have your order prepared in advance.

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 contact Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.



