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Tax Installment Due Date – May 31, 2024

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](https://www.brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

Clean Farms Update: Agricultural Bale Wrap

At the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting, Brockton Council approved the continuation of the Clean Farms Agricultural Waste program and implemented a tipping fee of \$750/tonne for bale wrap. Only white bale wrap is accepted under this program. Bunker covers and silage bags will not be accepted.

Spring Landfill Hours

From April 1st to October 31st, the Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays and 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 Transfer Station 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. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://www.brockton.ca/LandfillSites) for more details.

Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bruce County 2024 Household Hazardous Waste events will be held on June 1, 2024 and September 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard, located at 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton. For more information, please visit Bruce County's Hazardous Waste webpage: www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste

Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water will continue to flush the Walkerton distribution system in May 2024. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in your area to discharge any discoloured water before use. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions please contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474.

Volunteer Recognition Award Nominations Open: Good Neighbour Award and Outstanding Youth Award

The Municipality of Brockton recognizes the dedication of our community's volunteers and are pleased to announce that nominations are open for the Good Neighbour Award and the new Outstanding Youth Award sponsored by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club. The Good Neighbour Award recognizes an individual who displays activities that embody a strong sense of values, promote the positive impact of good neighbourly deeds and contribute to the vitality and fabric of the community. The Outstanding Youth Award recognizes youth who give back to their community through volunteerism, demonstrate selflessness, and promote inclusivity and diversity by providing support to others to ensure belonging. Visit [Brockton.ca/VolunteerAward](https://www.brockton.ca/VolunteerAward) to view more information about the awards and submit your nomination forms. **Nominations are due May 27, 2024 at Noon.** The awards will be presented at the Municipality's Committee/Volunteer Recognition Event on June 13, 2024 at the Cargill Community Centre.



Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award Accepting Student Submissions

This year's Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award is inviting applications from local students pursuing careers in environmental science or clean water management. The successful applicant will receive \$1,500 towards their studies at a recognized college or university, or at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre this year. Students may apply online at www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/students/applications. The deadline is May 31, 2024. If you are interested in donating to the fund, please visit www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/donors/ or call 519-371-7203. Previous donors have included the Walkerton Rotary Club, the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Veolia Water Canada, the Municipality, and private individuals. The money is invested in perpetuity through Community Foundation Grey Bruce, a registered charity.

Applications Open for Brockton's Community Improvement Program Grants!

The Municipality of Brockton features several Community Improvement Program Grants that can assist businesses in improving their facades, adding signage or accessibility features, and more! The following six programs are being offered in 2024, on a first-come, first-served basis, through Brockton's Community Improvement Plan:

- Brockton Facade Improvement Program
- Brockton Signage Program
- Brockton Accessibility Improvement Program
- Brockton Environmental Stewardship and Energy Efficiency Program
- Brockton Farm Gate Program
- Brockton Vacant or Underused Property Conversion or Expansion Program

Visit [Brockton.ca/BusinessGrants](https://www.brockton.ca/BusinessGrants) to learn more about the program guidelines, eligibility, and the application forms.

Brockton Hires New Community Development Coordinator

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to announce the hiring of Christine Brandt as the incoming Community Development Coordinator for the Municipality of Brockton. As the Community Development Coordinator, Christine will be coordinating activities associated with Brockton's community and business development. Christine will provide strategic planning that supports economic development initiatives through marketing, communications, business and newcomer attraction and retention. The Municipality looks forward to welcoming Christine on May 21, 2024 through a part-time transition plan until she starts full-time in September 2024. Read the Press Release on our website for full details: <https://www.brockton.ca/en/news/press-release-brockton-hires-brandt-as-community-development-coordinator.aspx>





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Employment 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! Visit our Careers webpage for current opportunities: Brockton.ca/Jobs

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.



Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Updates:

Lobies Campground Reservations Now Open! Please visit Brockton.ca/LobiesReservation to reserve your camp site today!

Summer Camps 2024 – Now Open! Please visit Brockton.ca/SummerCamp for more information. The Waitlist Works! Camps include options for ages 4-5 and 6-12, as well as Sports Camps, Swim Camps (Swimming Lessons and Camp all in one), Travel Camp and more!

Swimming Lesson Registration – Now Open! Various dates and times available, including Private and Semi-Private options! Please visit Brockton.ca/Pool to register.

FREE Fitness Opportunities for Ages 55+, thanks to the Government of Canada’s New Horizon’s Seniors Grant (from May to June)! Please visit the Walkerton Community Centre (Recreation Office) at 290 Durham St. West, or call 519-881-0625 x 2 to register today!

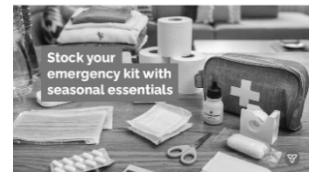
- Chair Yoga: The Bruce County Library, Walkerton Branch
- Gentle Yoga: Cargill Community Centre
- Gentle Fitness: Elmwood Community Centre

Daytime Zumba Gold Fitness: Wednesday’s 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre from May 22 to June 26. Join us for a low-impact, gentle but fun-filled Zumba Gold program that is sure to leave you energized! Visit Brockton.ca/Programs or call 519-881-0625 x 2 for more information.

Upcoming Events: Be sure to visit Brockton.ca/Events for details on all upcoming events in Brockton!


Emergency Preparedness Week


Emergency Preparedness Week is May 5-11, 2024! This year’s theme is “Plan for Every Season” focusing on the challenges facing residents on a seasonal basis and the opportunities we have to practice emergency preparedness throughout the year.



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Community Events

- **Cargill District Community Foundation Mother’s Day Brunch**

Bring your mother to brunch at the Cargill Community Centre on May 12, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children – Ages 4 and under are free.

- **Wing Night at Elmwood Community Centre**

The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Wing Night at the Elmwood Community Centre Pavilion on May 17, 2024 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- **Chepstow Community Yard Sale**

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a community yard sale on May 18, 2024 at the Lions’ Park pavilion. Contact the Chepstow Lions Club for more information.

- **Sing! Show Chorus Performances**

Sing! Show Chorus are performing at Victoria Jubilee Hall on May 23rd and 24th at 7:00 p.m., and May 25th and 26th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Victoria Jubilee Hall, A&R Music, Brown’s Pharmacy, Holst Office Pro, Beautiful Beginnings, any chorus member or through Ticketscene!

- **Join the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club!**

The Cargill Lawn Bowling Club starts in May on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre. Rain dates are on Tuesdays. A full membership is \$80 and a sub-membership is \$50. Contact Linda Folmer at 519-507-2377 or Michelle Napper at 519-366-2306 for more information. Come try a fun night of lawn bowling on May 27, 2024 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre and decide if you’d like to join the Club!.

- **Grey Bruce Children’s Water Festival**

The Grey Bruce Children’s Water Festival is taking place May 14-16, 2024 in Chesley. Registration information will be distributed through local school boards. The festival relies entirely on strong community support from organizations. The festival appreciates support through cash donations, products, in-kind services, or the dedication of volunteer time. Your support goes directly towards providing a unique educational experience for children focusing on water and the environment. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact the Grey Bruce Children’s Water Festival Coordinator by emailing gbcwaterfestival@gmail.com.



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South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Fraud Prevention Tips

- South Bruce OPP have received over 70 reports of frauds since January 1st 2024. An excess of \$260,000 has been lost in those report incidents.
- It's important to note that the majority of these occurrences were **preventable**.
- This year, most of the common frauds are related to the following:
 - Cryptocurrency investments
 - Romance / Grandparent scams
 - Marketplace / Buy & Sell group false posts
- Never provide gift card numbers over the phone or email, legitimate organizations or businesses will never ask for this.
- Be extremely cautious in cryptocurrency investments; they are generally unregulated – Do your research.
- If a deal on a social media marketplace seems too good to be true, it likely is. Do not send down payments to 'hold' an item.
- Scammers have the ability to clone phone numbers so that they appear to be a legitimate source on your caller display.
- The best way to protect yourself and your money is to **verify** – Never give personal information or banking details to unknown sources, regardless of how convincing or legitimate they may appear. Check with a family member, friend, banking institution, or the police if you are unsure.