



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter –March 2024 Issue

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### Tax Installment Due Dates – March 29, 2024 and 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://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### Possible Camera Installation at Walkerton Community Centre/Arena to Broadcast Hockey Games

The Provincial Junior Hockey League (PJHL) is potentially considering installing cameras inside the Walkerton Community Centre to be installed in the rafters of the arena to display footage of Walkerton Capitals Jr. C Hockey Team games. The camera would be focused on players on the ice, however there is a possibility that spectators would be recorded and appear on the broadcast through [PJHLTV.ca](https://PJHLTV.ca). Comments or concerns related to installation of cameras for this purpose can be [emailed](mailto:) to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for consideration.

### Early Investment in Education and Skills Grant

The Municipality of Brockton is once again offering the Early Investment in Education and Skills Grant aimed at supporting youth, continuing skills development, workplace training, youth enrichment and more. Brockton residents, businesses and schools are encouraged to apply before funding runs out.



Looking to upgrade your skills or participate in training? The Early Investment in Education and Skills funding program will pay for up to half the registration fees. Funding for this grant is offered by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

For more information and to apply for funding, visit [Brockton.ca/EIES](https://Brockton.ca/EIES)

### Load Restriction

During the Spring thaw (typically from March 1 to April 30) the Municipality enforces a reduced load season to protect roads from damage caused by heavy vehicles. Some Municipal Roads may become too soft and unstable to withstand the weight of a fully loaded truck, regardless of the axles. In an effort to reduce damage to the roads, the Municipality restricts vehicles to half loads (5 tonnes per axle) on all roads within the Municipality.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

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. For more information, please visit [www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)

### Sanitary Sewer Reminder

Residents connected to the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System in Walkerton, please be cautious of the items you put down your sink or toilet. Do not put down the drain or flush any of the following items: food chunks, grease, cooking oil, hazardous chemicals, metal, glass, cloths, rags, napkins, any feminine hygiene products, paper towels, wipes, hair clippings or clumps, sand, or cat litter. Flushing these products can result in costly sewer backups and higher sewer treatment and maintenance costs.

### 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. 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. Any vehicles in violation may be ticketed and towed at owner's expense. A reminder that it is illegal to deposit snow on sidewalks or roads.

### 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 contact Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.





### Brockton's Community Engagement Website



The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](http://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as our Development Charges Study, Water/Wastewater Master Plan, Budget Consultation 2024, Tennis Court Rehabilitation, and more!

### Brockton Parks and Recreation

**Lobies Campground Reservations** opened March 1<sup>st</sup>! Visit [Brockton.ca/LobiesReservation](http://Brockton.ca/LobiesReservation) to reserve your camp site today!



**March Break March 11 – 15:** Free Public Skating daily over March Break from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thank you to all of our Sponsors, listed on [Brockton.ca/Skating](http://Brockton.ca/Skating). Shiny programs and ticket-ice over March Break - Stay tuned to Brockton's Social Media for updates!

**Summer Camps 2024 – Registration opening March 20, 7:00 a.m.!** Please visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](http://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp) for more information. 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 opening April 10<sup>th</sup>!** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Pool](http://Brockton.ca/Pool) to register.






**Recreation Programs:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](http://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms) for full details on exciting programs and opportunities within Brockton! Opportunities for Youth and Children include:

- **Yoga:** Pilates Yoga, Chair Yoga, and Restorative Yoga for all levels of experience.
- **Adult Fitness:** Spin, Total Body Sculpt, Kickboxing, Indoor Pickleball, The Indoor Walking Program
- **Youth Development:** Stemotics, Babysitting Courses
- **Youth Fitness:** Drop-in Dodgeball and Gym (Wednesday's), Drop-in Basketball (Thursday's)

### Subscribe to Brockton News/Alerts, Follow Our Social Media, and Download our App

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](http://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! You can also download the Municipal App "Municipality of Brockton" created by Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

-  Facebook – [BrocktonON](#)
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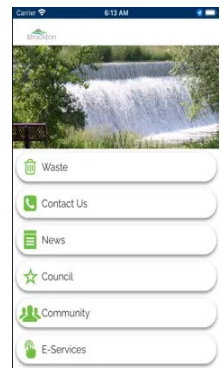
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### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2024 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:

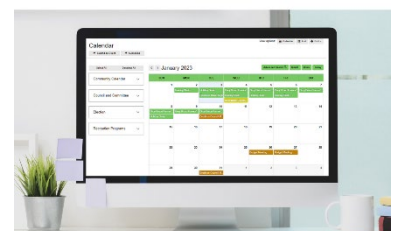
-  Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](http://calendar.brockton.ca) and click on [Submit an Event](#).
-  Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
-  Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

It's that simple! 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.



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

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



If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).



### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

- Walkerton Legion St. Patrick's Party**

The Royal Canadian Branch 102 (Walkerton Legion) are hosting a St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at 505 Scott Street South, Walkerton. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. The party features the After Midnight classic rock band. Tickets are \$10.00 each – Advance tickets are available at the Legion.



- Walkerton and District Optimist Club Easter Colouring Contest**

Submit your Easter colouring poster to the [Walkerton and District Optimist Club Facebook page](#) by March 22, 2024 at Noon! The winner will be contacted March 23, 2024 by phone.

*Walkerton & District Optimist Club Easter Colouring Contest*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- Mudmen in Concert at Victoria Jubilee Hall**

Mudmen are a blast of Celtic energy known to be characters both on and off the stage. With 25 years together, Mudmen have 11 studio albums and over 3,000 shows to date internationally. Mudmen are returning to Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street South, Walkerton) on Friday, March 22, 2024 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. For more information on Mudmen visit [www.mudmen.ca](http://www.mudmen.ca) Tickets can be purchased at [ticketscene.ca](http://ticketscene.ca), Holst Office Supplies, Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, or at Victoria Jubilee Hall - Call 519-881-2826 or email [vjh@wightman.ca](mailto:vjh@wightman.ca)

- Annual Elmwood Easter Egg Hunt**

Get your photo taken with the Easter bunny on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and participate in the Egg Hunt at 10:30 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre pavilion (38 Concession Road 10). The event will feature snacks, games, crafts and more! Sponsored by the Emke Family and the Elmwood Chamber of Commerce.



### South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – - Project Safe Trade

Online classified and auction sites are often used as tools to sell stolen property to unknowing victims and can present a safety threat. In order to increase public safety and reduce crime, the Ontario Provincial Police invites members of the public to use their OPP detachment parking lot to facilitate property transactions arranged online.

The South Bruce O.P.P. have launched a Project Safe Trade "Community Safe Zone" at the Walkerton Detachment (25 Bruce Road 19, Walkerton) and invite the community to use these two (2) reserved parking spots for online transactions.

Learn more by visiting the [OPP's Project Safe Trade webpage](#).





## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - March is Fraud Prevention Month

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.

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 Canadian victims lost \$554 million dollars to fraud in 2023

In the first two months of 2024, residents of Southern Bruce County have reported losses of over \$103,000 dollars to fraud.

Between December 11, 2023, and December 29, 2023, the South Bruce OPP received 5 reports of Fraud with losses totaling nearly \$500,000:

- Online purchases made through a fraudulent website - \$97 USD
- Two incidents of E-transfer made to help a "grandchild" - \$3,000 each time
- Crypto exchange through a fraudulent site - \$140,000 USD
- Crypto investing through a fraudulent online broker - \$338,00
- These are significant amounts of money, BUT we estimate approximately 5 – 10% of scams are reported. So, these reported amounts could be 5 – 10% of the actual dollar losses

### 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, Report Fraud.

**March is Fraud Prevention Month, but the cons and scams are attempted every day.**