

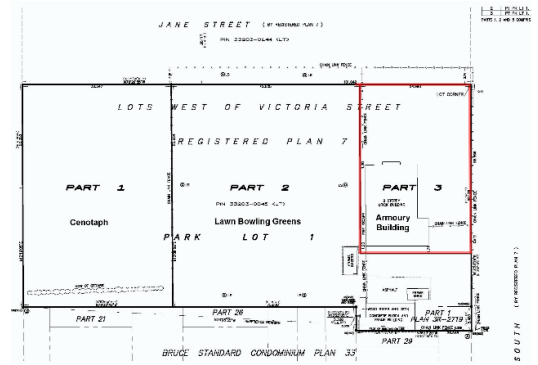


Brockton Buzz Newsletter – April 2022 Issue

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Notice of Land Disposition – Armoury Building (215 Jane Street, Walkerton)

On April 12, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider whether to declare the property legally described as PT 3 Plan 3R-10543 and deposited at the Bruce County Land Registry Office on January 5, 2022, known municipally as the “Armoury Building” located at 215 Jane St. Walkerton (the “Property”) as surplus to the needs of the Municipality, and at that meeting will also consider proposals to purchase the property. The 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting will be broadcast electronically and livestreamed to the Municipality of Brockton’s Agenda Management Software, eSCRIBE. The disposition of Property will occur at a future meeting.



Visit Brockton.ca/LandDisposition for more details. Please contact Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by email or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 for more information, or if you would like to submit a comment in relation to the disposal of the Property.

Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water will be flushing the Walkerton distribution system starting April 11th until approximately May 6th, 2022. 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.

2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting Municipal and School Board Elections this October by internet and telephone vote. The voting period will be open from 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2022 until 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022.



Are you thinking of running for Municipal Council? The nomination and registration period opens on May 2, 2022 and nomination papers can be filed until August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Wondering if you are on the Voters List, or verify that your information is correct? Visit Voterlookup.ca, a website owned by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) responsible for identifying eligible electors, to confirm that you are on the Preliminary List of Electors.

Stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Election on our website Brockton.ca/Election!

False Alarm By-Law

In 2020 and 2021, At Fault False Alarms were in the top ten Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) calls for service in the Municipality of Brockton. At Fault False Alarms are any alarm signal that is activated unnecessarily or improperly and results in a police response.

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton has passed False Alarm By-Law 2022-043 to help reduce At Fault False Alarms. The intent of this by-law is to reduce calls for service and reallocate police resources to higher priority matters in the Municipality. With reducing OPP calls for service, costs are also reduced in OPP providing police services to the Municipality.

The Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer oversees administration of the False Alarm By-Law. Upon notice of an At Fault False Alarm the first step of the Officer is providing the Alarm System Owner with education of the by-law.

If further At Fault False Alarms occur at the same premise the Municipality has established the following fees to offset Municipal costs for police services:

2022 Fees for At Fault False Alarms

- First occurrence-The Municipality will provide education to Alarm System owner and may impose a \$50.00 fee
- Second occurrence-\$100.00
- Third occurrence-\$200.00
- Fourth and subsequent At Fault False Alarm occurrences increase by \$100 per incident

Visit Brockton.ca to view the False Alarm By-law. For more details, please contact Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/ Chief Building Official by email or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 127.



Municipal Offices Closed for Easter

The Municipal Office, Recreation Administrative Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 and Monday, April 18, 2022 for the Easter Holiday. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Spring Landfill Hours

As of April 1st 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. Curbside collection is still encouraged. For more information please visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites.

Tax Installment Due Date – May 31, 2022

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 for more information.

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 [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).



Brockton Welcomes New Business Owners

Mayor Chris Peabody and Councillor Kym Hutcheon congratulated four Walkerton businesses that have opened, expanded, or transitioned to new ownership over the past few months. Check out Discounted Cannabis, a new business run by Chris King; Littles & Co., which has expanded from a home business launched by Laura Elliott and her mother, Carrie Girdler, to a large storefront at 1200 Yonge Street; Simply Deli-cious, now owned by culinary whiz Rachelle Ruetz; and Luxus Dekor, recently purchased by Jen Bird.



Discounted Cannabis - Mayor Chris Peabody, Chris King, Councillor Kym Hutcheon



Littles & Co - Mayor Chris Peabody, Laura Elliott, Carrie Girdler, Councillor Kym Hutcheon



Simply Deli-cious - Mayor Chris Peabody, Rachelle Ruetz, Councillor Kym Hutcheon



Luxus Dekor - Councillor Kym Hutcheon, Jen Bird, Mayor Chris Peabody



Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award Accepting Applications

The Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award is once again accepting applications from local students! The program launched last year, with Connor Maxwell of Durham, ON, receiving \$1,000 towards his studies in environmental engineering at the University of Guelph. Anyone in Bruce or Grey counties pursuing environmental studies or clean water management is encouraged to apply for this award. This year's deadline is May 14th. Apply online through [Community Foundation Grey Bruce's website](#). The legacy fund, managed by Community Foundation Grey Bruce, was launched on the 20th anniversary of the Walkerton e-coli tragedy. It currently has over \$19,000 invested in perpetuity in a pooled endowment fund to honour those who suffered during the tragedy, and to encourage local youth to pursue careers in the protection of water and the environment. If you'd like to make a donation, please visit [Community Foundation Grey Bruce's website](#).

Funding Available for Student Businesses

This year's Saugeen Student Start-up Program is up and running, giving local students in Grades 6-12 the chance to start their own businesses this summer! By submitting a simple business plan, students can receive up to \$450 to help cover their start-up costs. They will also get free online training and mentorship. The deadline to apply is May 6th, 2022. Successful applicants will be notified by May 27, 2022. The program has sparked more than 84 new businesses since it launched in 2019! If you know an enterprising young person in Brockton, please pass this on! Details and application forms are available on [Saugeen Connects' website](#). We are also looking for community sponsors. Please call 519-881-2223 ext 131 if you are interested in becoming involved.



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.

Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:






Spring Session now open, register today! We are offering several spring and summer programs including:

- Adult Fitness classes are occurring on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at varying locations.
- Kids Club Fitness on Thursdays at the Walkerton Community Centre
- STEM on Thursdays at the Walkerton Community Centre
- NEW Pickleball on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre
- Summer Camp and Swimming lesson registration will begin on April 27th

Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](#) or [PerfectMind](#) to learn more about the different program opportunities offered.

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Visit [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!

-  Facebook – [BrocktonON](#)
-  Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](#)
-  Twitter – [Mun_Brockton](#)
-  LinkedIn – [Municipality of Brockton](#)
-  YouTube – [Municipality of Brockton](#)



You can also subscribe to our electronic Business Newsletter!
[Brockton.ca/BusinessNewsletter](#)

Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Please remember to follow all public health measures if participating in community events to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Meadow Ridge Maple Celebrates Maple Weekend – April 2nd and 3rd, 2022**
Enjoy the experience of entering a modern timber frame sugarhouse situated in the center of an FSC certified woodlot. View Meadow Ridge Maple's reverse osmosis technology, vacuum pump, sap storage, and the actual maple syrup process from 'trees to table'. Sample warm fresh maple syrup near the heat of the evaporator and then venture outside for a tranquil self-guided walk-in-the-woods. COVID-19 policy: please bring a mask for the sugar house tours and at any time that social distancing is not possible. Other COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place according to our Grey Bruce Health Unit. **Maple Weekend will occur Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Meadow Ridge Maple's facilities are fully accessible and with wheelchair access. Golden, Amber and Dark maple syrup will be available for purchase. Note: this is both an educational and no cost fun event but you are in the woods. Wear your boots and dress warmly!





Community Events (Continued)

- **Walkerton and District Optimist Club Easter Hop-On-By – April 9, 2022**

The Walkerton District Optimist Club are hosting an Easter Hop-On-By at Sacred Heart Parish Parking Lot (220 Victoria Street South) in Walkerton on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Parking is available. Treat bags, prizes, hot dogs and drinks will be available with the Easter Bunny! Donations are accepted.



- **Elmwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022**

The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce and the Emke family are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. featuring crafts, snacks, activities, picture with the Easter Bunny and more!

- **Four Weddings and an Elvis Performance**

The County Towne Players are performing Four Weddings and an Elvis, a comedy by Nancy Frick, and directed by Janice Swanton at the Victoria Jubilee Hall in association with the Rotary Club of Walkerton. Doors will open approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each performance.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 2:00

p.m., Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20/per person and are available at the following locations (*2020 Tickets can be exchanged for new tickets): Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, Holst Office Supplies, Victoria Jubilee Hall, A Delicate Edge. For more information visit the [County Towne Players website](#).



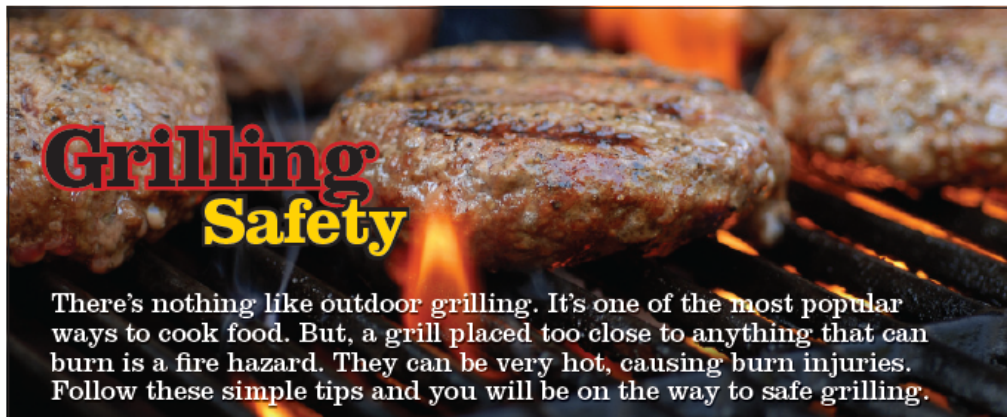
- **Chepstow Lions Community Yard Sale and Vendor Fair – May 21, 2022**

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a Community Yard Sale and Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Lions Park (444 Chepstow Road). Hot dogs, fries and refreshments available. To register text or call 905-376-2882.



Fire Department: Grilling Safety Tips

As we get into BBQ weather, the Fire Department shares tips on outdoor grilling safety to keep you safe!



SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

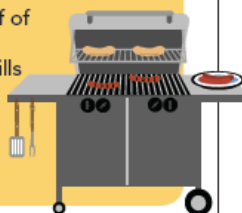
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Bicycle Safety Tips

With warmer weather returning to Southern Bruce County, you can expect to see area youth getting their bikes out. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering the following tips to help prevent serious crashes involving bicycle riders:

- Stay alert. Cyclists must follow the rules of the road and always watch out for vehicles; assume that drivers don't see you. Motorists need to recognize that bikes are smaller, lighter and more maneuverable. Slow down and give yourself time to react to a cyclist.
- Buckle the helmet. Riders under 18 years are required to wear a properly fit, CSA approved bike helmet. Safe Kids Canada estimates a bike helmet reduces the risk of serious head injury by 85%.
- Ride during daylight. Biking at night is not recommended. The safest way to get your bike home after dark is to walk it. If you have to bike at night, install a light, reflectors on the bike and wear reflective clothing.
- Ride with traffic. Cyclists should travel as far to the right as possible in the same direction as traffic. Always ride single file, use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns and don't carry passengers if you don't have extra seats.
- Regular maintenance. Monitor brakes, tire pressure, chain, gear selector, derailleur, seat height and handle bar height. Especially before the first ride after winter. A bike that's too big, too small or in bad repair isn't safe.
- Sound device. All bikes must have a sound signaling device like a horn or a bell for safety. Ride with both hands on the handlebars unless signaling a turn or a problem.

Riding a bike is a fun activity that gives you a chance to exercise and travel without polluting the environment. When riding on a hot day consider sunglasses, sunscreen and carry some water. When you feel thirsty, you've already lost too much water. Stay alert, stay safe and enjoy your bike ride.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Motorcycle Safety

At the end of an especially long winter, the warm weather is finally arriving and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) expects to see motorcycle enthusiasts taking advantage. All drivers must share the roadway and drive courteously to avoid potentially dangerous incidents. The following tips are offered to help avoid colliding with a motorcycle:

- Be sure that you are safe to proceed before doing so; check your mirrors and all around your car
- Over 1/3 of all crashes with motorcycles are intersection related. Slow down as you come to an intersection and look carefully for traffic, traffic control signals, cyclists, pedestrians.
- Be extra cautious when turning left in front of a motorcycle. It's difficult to judge their speed and the turn signal may unintentionally be on as some models don't shut off automatically.
- Watch for signs, such as shoulder checking or leaning, that indicate the rider is going to change lanes.
- A motorcycle is more difficult to see than other vehicles and its profile is smaller from most angles.
- Drivers can easily misjudge a motorcycle's speed or distance.
- Make sure you don't pull out in front of, or cut off, a motorcycle.
- Speed and other aggressive tactics such as tailgating can be more dangerous to the motorcyclist who has less protection on a smaller open vehicle.
- Give other drivers space to change lanes, avoid cutting them off, signal your turns and lane changes properly.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Crosswalk Safety

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks or crossovers. Don't cross in the middle of the block or between parked cars.
- Make sure drivers see you before you cross. If the driver is stopped, make eye contact before you step into the road.
- Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective wear, especially at dusk or when it's dark.
- At a traffic light:
 - Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop.
 - Begin to cross at the start of the green light or "Walk" signal, where provided.
 - Do not start to cross if you see a flashing "Do Not Walk" symbol or the light turns yellow. If you already started to cross, complete your crossing in safety.
 - Never cross on a red light.
 - Watch for traffic turning at intersections or turning into and leaving driveways.

Safety Tips for Drivers

Pay special attention to pedestrians as you drive. Here are some tips to follow:

- Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning.
- Watch for children. Drive slowly and cautiously through school zones, residential areas, or any other area where children could be walking or playing.
- Watch out for Community Safety Zone signs that indicate areas where public safety is a special concern, including the possibility of encountering pedestrians.
- Be patient, especially with seniors or pedestrians with disabilities who need more time to cross the road.
- Drive carefully near streetcar stops with islands or zones for passengers getting on and off. Pass them at reasonable speeds, and always be ready in case pedestrians make sudden or unexpected moves.





South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Crosswalk Safety (Continued)

Safety Tips for Parents

Show your children how to cross a road safely. Teach them to:

- Stay to the side of the road, walking as far away from traffic as they safely can
- Stop at the edge of the sidewalk, and look both ways before crossing the road
- Take extra care on roadways that have no curbs
- Watch out for blind corners (for example, a car coming out of an alley may not see a child pedestrian about to cross).

Penalties for drivers who endanger pedestrians

- Penalties for drivers who endanger pedestrians increased September 1, 2018. This includes higher fines and more demerit points for drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians at crossovers, school crossings and crosswalks with a school crossing guard present, as well as new penalties for drivers who are convicted of careless driving causing death or bodily harm.
- Failing to yield at a pedestrian crossing or school crossing carries a fine up to \$1,000 and 4 demerit points.
- Motorists face stiff fines and demerit points for crosswalk violations, but the consequences can be much worse if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle.