



OFF-CAMPUS LIVING NEWSLETTER

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR GUIDE

Brock's Good Neighbour Guide provides useful information for student tenants, residents, and property owners to support positive neighbourhood relations. The Guide provides helpful information about parties amidst a pandemic, tips on how to be a good neighbour, useful contacts and resources, and getting involved in your local community. [Click here to read the Good Neighbour Guide.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling is collected each week and there is no limit to how many bags you can put out! You can put out one bag of garbage every other week, if you have more, you can purchase garbage tags! Dumping garbage is a crime and carries a fine of up to \$750. You could receive a reward of \$200 for reporting illegal dumping! Check out www.niagararegion.ca/waste for more information.

GETTING TO KNOW THE NIAGARA REGION

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LIVING IN NIAGARA 2020

The Living in Niagara Report provides a snapshot of quality of life in the Niagara Region. [Click here](#) to read the report!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Brock University acknowledges the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Agreement.

Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and Acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.
Want to learn more? Visit native-land.ca

Brock is located in St. Catharines, Ontario. We are based in the Niagara Region, one hour outside of the Greater Toronto Area, and only 20 minutes from Niagara Falls and the United States border. While you can visit the big cities around us, you don't need to go far to find something to do close to campus. The Niagara Region is home to many wineries, National Historic Sites (some dating back to the War of 1812), amazing beaches, and nature trails and paths to explore.

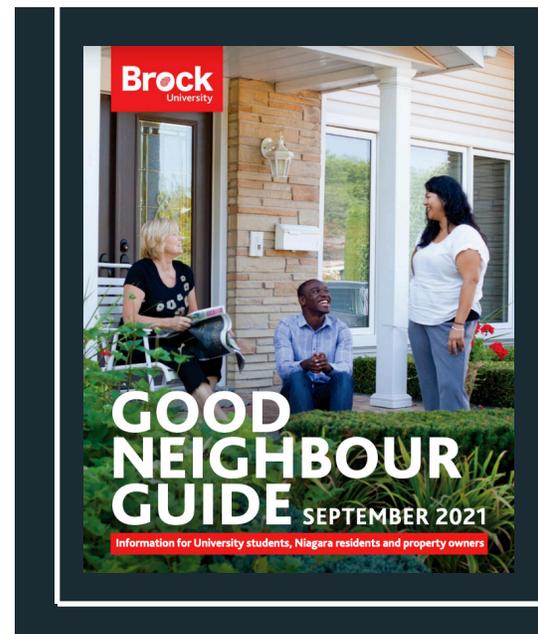
Brock is situated on top of the Niagara Escarpment and is the only Canadian University located within a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Downtown St. Catharines is a 10-minute bus ride from our main campus and is home to many restaurants, the Performing Arts Centre, our Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, and the Meridian Centre.

Our vibrant cultural and arts community continue to host events and festivals throughout the year that are adapted to current public health guidelines. Be sure to check them out.

WELCOME TO NIAGARA!

If you are new to the Niagara Region – this Getting to know the Niagara Region resource is for you! Learn more about public transit, grocery stores, upcoming events and so much more. While you can visit the big cities around us, you don't need to go far to find something to do close to campus! The Niagara Region is home to many National Historic Sites (some dating back to the War of 1812), amazing beaches, and nature trails and paths to explore. The resource also provides information on things that you must see, must eat, and must do while living in Niagara! [Click here to access the resource.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP for these upcoming events!

[Off-Campus Living – General Information Session](#)
[Housing and Daycare for International Students and Families](#)
[Brock Leads: Conflict Management](#)

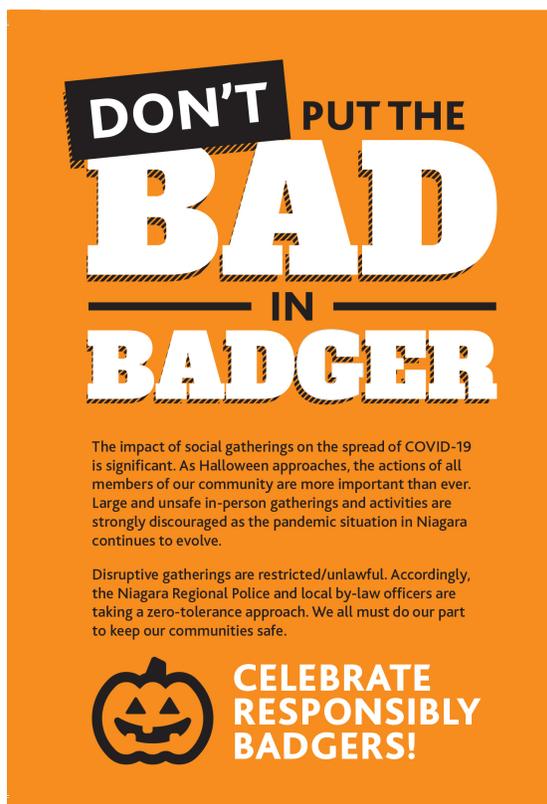
HALLOWEEN : SAFE PARTYING

Don't trick or treat yourself into a positive Covid test this Halloween!

If you are choosing to participate in any gatherings – here are a few tips to keep you safe.

- **Public Health Guidelines:** Follow current public health guidelines for gathering limits and social distancing
- **Good Ventilation:** Keep windows open where possible
- **Ensure Safe Choices:** Plan your night, consider what you are consuming and be mindful of mixing substances
- **Safe Costumes:** Make sure any mask you wear allows you to see, breathe and hear clearly. If you are dressing up in a costume, be aware that some costumes are hurtful to others. Costumes should not become opportunities to turn a person's identity into a stereotyped image. If you want to learn more about cultural appropriation through costumes on Halloween, you can attend our Brock Cares workshop on Thursday at 6pm, [here](#).

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The impact of social gatherings on the spread of COVID-19 is significant. As Halloween approaches, the actions of all members of our community are more important than ever. Large and unsafe in-person gatherings and activities are strongly discouraged as the pandemic situation in Niagara continues to evolve.

Disruptive gatherings are restricted/unlawful. Accordingly, the Niagara Regional Police and local by-law officers are taking a zero-tolerance approach. We all must do our part to keep our communities safe.

 **CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY BADGERS!**

Please be respectful to your neighbours, and educate yourself and others on the consequences of your actions.

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT...	IT COULD COST YOU...
Hosting, organizing a party/gathering/event contrary to current COVID-19 guidelines*	\$10,000 to \$100,000 (Reopening Ontario Act)
Attending a party/gathering/event*	\$750 to \$100,000 (Reopening Ontario Act)
Trespassing and other property offences	\$50.00 to \$10,000 and possible arrest (Trespass to Property Act)
Liquor Offences	\$50.00 to \$100,000 and possibly arrest (Liquor Licence Act)
Impaired Driving and other driving offences	Various Outcomes including arrest & incarceration (Highway Traffic Act)
Creating excessive noise (eg. Music, shouting) especially between 11pm and 7am	Up to \$300 (Local By-law)
Loitering in a public place	\$250 (Local By-law)
Urinating, defecating, spitting, or vomiting in public	Up to \$300 (Local By-law)
Causing a Disturbance or other Criminal Offences	Various Outcomes including arrest & incarceration (Criminal Code of Canada)

*This file was printed on October 22, 2021. With Covid-19, anything can happen. Visit your local and provincial websites to find the latest public health measures, advice, and restrictions in your area as we continue to respond to COVID-19. This is not a legal document and is intended to inform Brock University Students (Niagara, Ontario) of potential consequences for breaking various laws. Offences listed are just an outline from various pieces of legislation including the Criminal Code of Canada, Reopening Ontario Act, Trespass to Property Act, Liquor Licence Act, Highway Traffic Act and local municipal by-laws. Please refer to the city you reside in for full descriptions of the by-laws or visit e-laws for full description of provincial offences.

Stay home, stay safe, save lives.



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Trick or Eat

Halloween at the Ice Dogs Game

Be spooky, Not racist

Ghouls just wanna have fun – Music Trivia