

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter for the residents of Port Colborne

AUGUST 2023



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Ways to #PORTicipate in July:

Downtown Cruise Nights

The Downtown Cruise Nights are back and will continue to run every Thursday until August 24. Come visit the weekly car shows in our downtown core. Each night has a different theme.

Visit @CruisersPC on Facebook for more information.



Council Meeting Live Stream

Did you know that council meetings are now live streamed on our Facebook page as weell as YoutTube now?

Our next council meeting is August 15, at 6:30 p.m.

We hope you can tune in!





New Community Logo

The City of Port Colborne is proud to announce the launch of its new community logo, a symbol designed to capture the essence of our vibrant city and honor its rich marine heritage. Intended to foster a sense of belonging and unity, the logo will be available for members of our community to wear proudly on hats, t-shirts, sweaters and more. Residents and visitors are invited to display their Port Colborne pride by wearing the new logo around town and beyond.

For a limited time, the City will be offering t-shirts, sweaters, and hats for sale with the new community logo displayed proudly on the front. The merchandise will be available for purchase at various City events, the weekly Port Colborne Farmers' Market, City Hall and more.

During Canal Days, the new community logo merchandise will be featured at "The Pilot House", the City's booth on West Street, located at the base of Charlotte Street.

Canal Days 2023

This year's festival features four full days of entertainment and tons of opportunities for residents and visitors to #PORTicipate. The main stage for the 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival is once again located in the beautiful H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, with top-notch entertainment throughout the festival.

Friday, August 4, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome The Glorious Sons with Elliot Brood and JIN, presented by media partner 97.7 HTZ-FM.

Saturday, August 5, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome Sam Roberts Band with Skye Wallace and Texas King, presented by media partners 97.7 HTZ-FM and Move 105.7.

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome Pink Floyd Niagara, Canada's Premier Floyd Experience and Riders On The Storm: A Live Celebration of The Doors, presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

Monday, August 7, 2023 – The gates at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park will open at 11 a.m. as we welcome The Caverners, Canada's Premier Tribute to the Beatles and Tim E. Hendry and the Yes Men: King of The World, World Champion Elvis Tribute, presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

CANAL DAYS FESTIVAL LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES H.H. KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK

AUGUST 4 5 6 7









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MAIN STAGE





CANAL DAYS (P)ARKING

FREE PARKING DURING THE FESTIVAL IS AVAILABLE AT:

- The Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street, with shuttle service
- West Side Plaza Parking Lot, 53 West Side Road, with shuttle service
- Market Square, 59 Charlotte Street, with shuttle service at Charlotte and King Street

For more information about the shuttle schedule and route, visit www.canaldays.ca.

LOOKING TO PARK WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE? **WE HAVE OPTIONS:**

- 1. Port Colborne residents have access to free street parking when a PORTicipate Pass is displayed in their windshield. Non-residents or those without a pass can park in designated streets in Zone A, B or C and "pay as you park" using Honk Mobile. (\$20/day)
 - No app is required. A QR code corresponding to the zone you're in will be displayed on signage. Pay as you park!
- 2. Park after 5:30 p.m. Friday to Sunday at the H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park boat launch ramp parking

Reserve your spot in advance.

USING HONK MOBILE

- Signs will be displayed throughout the festival with QR codes.
- Open the camera on your phone and point at the QR code provided on the sign.
- Tap the link to pay the associated fee (\$20/day)

NEED A PORTICIPATE PASS?

• Issued to Port Colborne residents only, visit www.portcolborne.ca/porticipatepass/ to register for your PORTicipate Pass online.

PARKING ISSUES?

- Email customerservice@portcolborne.ca or call 905-835-2900.
- Parking is at your own risk.
- By-law enforcement will be monitoring the festival grounds and the City, you may be subject to a parking violation fine and/or a tow.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

- Accessible parking is available at:
- City Hall on a first-come, first-served basis
- Market Square, 59 Charlotte Street on a first-come first-served basis
- H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, to access the Canal Days Concert Series

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CANAL DAYS

PARKING MAP



Purchase a HONK Mobile Day Pass (\$20 pay as you park)

No parking

Free parking; time limits

Pedestrians only

Motorized vehicles, bicycles, rollerblades skateboards etc. are not permitted.









Road Closure





FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

MARKET SOUARE

7 am - 12 pm Port Colborne Farmers' Market

Festival grounds licensed for alcohol, 19+. Take your drink 'to go' if you purchase it from a participating establishment. Presented by the Downtown Port Colborne BIA.

Retail vendors, food vendors, exhibits

City of Port Colborne's Pilot House, Touch-a-Truck,

Rec Zone in partnership with the Port Colborne YMCA Artisan Zone, presented by the Downtown Port Colborne BIA

LABATT PATIO ON WEST

4 pm - 11 pm

Live and local entertainment, presented by Giant FM and Country 89. Sponsored by Labatt.

MARINE ATTRACTIONS ON WEST

12 pm (approx.)

E.M. Cotter Fireboat arrives U.S. Brig Niagara arrives Lettie G. Howard arrives

6:30 pm

Sunset cruise on the Empire Sandy Tickets required: canaldays.ca Bags subject to check.

HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum open Edwardian Tea at Arabella's Tea Room

MIDWAY CARNIVAL

Midway rides and amusements.

H.H. KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK

4 pm

Sugarloaf Marina boat launch ramp closes

Gates open for the Canal Days Concert Series at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Gravely, Jin, Elliot Brood and The Glorious Sons, presented by 97.7 HTZ-FM

Playground and Discovery Spray Pad closes

SUGARLOAF MARINA

10 am - 4 pm

Lighthouse Tours. Presented by Friends of Port Colborne Lighthouses.

WELCOME TO CANAL DAYS! 💥

There's something for everyone!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

VALE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

Craft show, presented by the Port Colborne 10 am - 5 pm Optimist Club (free admission)

WEST STREET

10 am - 10 pm Festival grounds licensed for alcohol, 19+. Take your drink 'to go' if you purchase it from a participating establishment. Presented by the Downtown Port Colborne BIA.

Retail vendors, food vendors, exhibits City of Port Colborne's Pilot House, Touch-a-Truck, Lost & Found Rec Zone in partnership with the Port Colborne

Artisan Zone, presented by the Downtown Port Colborne BIA

Deck tours on the E.M. Cotter Fireboat, U.S.

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MARINE ATTRACTIONS ON WEST

Brig Niagara, Lettie G. Howard (time subject to Empire Sandy morning cruise 10:30 am Empire Sandy afternoon cruise

1:45 pm 6:30 pm

Empire Sandy dinner cruise Tickets required: canaldays.ca

MIDWAY CARNIVAL

10 am

Midway rides and amusements Located on Princess Street

KIDS ZONE

11 am - 6 pm

Featuring inflatables, activities, pony rides, face painting, and train rides across the bridge.

ROSELAWN CENTRE

AUG. 4-7, 2023/

11 am - 5 pm Discovery of the Titanic Exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, Free admission

HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

Historical demonstrations, ship and cannon shooting, medieval reenactors, heritage printing press, model boats, vintage fire

Family friendly games and activities, face painting, food and more. Free admission, sponsored by Lower Lakes Towing LTD.

12 pm - 4 pm Edwardian Tea at Arabella's Tea Room

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Lighthouse Tours. Presented by Friends of Port Colborne Lighthouses.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

VALE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

29th Annual Canal Days Car Show, presented by Sewell's NAPA.

Craft show, presented by the Port Colborne 10 am - 5 pm Optimist Club (free admission)

LABATT PATIO ON WEST

12 pm - 11 pm Live and local entertainment, presented by Giant FM and Country 89. Sponsored by Labatt

MIDWAY CARNIVAL

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KIDS ZONE

11 am - 6 pm

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10 pm^(approx.)

10 am

1:45 pm

5:30 pm

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12 pm - 7 pm Retail vendors, food vendors, exhibits

Boat Parade of Lights

MARINE ATTRACTIONS ON WEST

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Canal Days Fireworks over the

Deck tours on the E.M. Cotter

Empire Sandy morning cruise

Empire Sandy afternoon cruise

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Colborne Lighthouses

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SUGARLOAF MARINA

10 am - 4 pm

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G. Howard (time subject to change)

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Rec Zone in partnership with the Port Colborne YMCA

Lost & Found Artisan Zone, presented by the Downtown Port Colborne BIA Rec Zone in partnership with the Port Colborne YMCA

Colborne BIA.

LABATT PATIO ON WEST

10 am

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MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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Retail vendors, food vendors, exhibits

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U.S. Brig Niagara & Lettie G. Howard depart from West St

Empire Sandy afternoon cruise Tickets required: canaldays.ca Bags subject to check.

MIDWAY CARNIVAL

Midway rides and amusements, Located on Princess Street

HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

12 pm - 5 pm Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum open

2 pm - 4 pm Edwardian Tea at Arabella's Tea Room

ROSELAWN CENTRE

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PortColbornePublicLibrary

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed: Monday, August 7, 2023 (Civic Holiday).

LET'S TALK ABOUT...Renting in Niagara: Housing Supports and Tenant Rights

Wed. Aug. 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

Venue: L.R. Wilson Archives, 286 King Street, Port Colborne Free. Call 905-834-6512 to save your spot.

- 1. Learn about housing programs in Niagara and how to access them.
- 2. Know your rights as a tenant.

Topics will include: maintenance and repair issues, common grounds for eviction, the process and amount of notice required, and when a landlord is permitted to enter a tenant's unit.

The sessions are offered in partnership with the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network, the Niagara Community Legal Clinic and local libraries.

LET'S TALK ABOUT... Birchway Niagara Services (Formerly Women's Place)

Wed. Aug.23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Venue: L.R. Wilson Archives, 286 King Street, Port Colborne

Free. Call 905-834-6512 to save your spot.

Come out and join Birchway Niagara's Prevention and Public Education Manager, Alicia MacMillan, as she talks about the agency's recent rebrand. Alicia will also share information on healthy relationships and Birchway Niagara's Services.

Adult Painting with Kyla: Flamingo **Paradise**

Thurs. August 17, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m. In this acrylic painting workshop, learn how to paint two fantastic flamingos in their natural setting. You will learn brushwork techniques, shading and blending methods, as well as proportion. Cost: \$15. Pre-register.



Summer Activities (*Pre-register)

*Tues. Aug 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:15 – 11 a.m. – Baby Time. Tues. Aug. 1, 2 – 4 p.m. – Sidewalk Chalk. Drop-in.

*Wed. Aug. 2, 9 & 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Tween BINGO.

*Wed. Aug. 2, 1 -2 & 2:30 – 3:30 – I Love Summer Wooden Sign.

*Thurs. Aug. 3, 5 – 6 p.m. – Painted Tote Bags for Teens. Fri. Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Library of Things. Drop-in.

Fri. Aug. 4, 2 – 3:30 p.m.– EarlyON Pop-Up @ Library. Drop-in.

Sat. Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Story Time with Shelly. Drop-in.

*Sat. Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2 – 4 p.m. – Intro to Music.

*Wed. Aug 9, 1 – 2 p.m. & 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Intergalactic.

*Thurs. Aug. 10 & 17, 10:15 – 11 a.m. – Summer Tot Time. Fri. Aug 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Library Pop-Up @ Bell St. Fire Station. Drop-in.

*Mon. Aug. 14, 10 – 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Galaxy Hoops.

*Mon. Aug. 14 & 21, 2 - 3 p.m. - BINGO for Kids.

*Tues. Aug 15, 2 – 4 p.m. – Bilingual Films.

Mon. Aug 20, 2 – 3 p.m. – Green Screen Photography. Dropin.

*Wed. Aug 23, 10 – 5 p.m. – Ontario Planetariums @ Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

Fri. Aug 25, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Library Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market. Drop-in.

Ontario Planetarium @Vale Health and Wellness Centre

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration Opens: Monday, July 31, 2023

Our end-of-summer party is going to be out of this world! Celebrate your summer reading with an immersive experience with Ontario Planetariums at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Learn about stars, constellations, and the galaxy from an astronomy expert inside a 360-degree dome theatre. Be sure to reserve your timeslot for this very special show. For families. Free. Pre-registation is required.



MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

280 King Street, Port Colborne, ON | 905-834-7604 | portcolborne.ca/museum | museum@portcolborne.ca







Music on the Lawn: Toronto All-Star Big Band

We are excited to introduce a new free concert series featuring a variety of music groups. The third and last installment will be the Toronto All-Star Big Band on August 27 from 1-3 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy great live music in the shady gardens! This is a family-friendly event.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN



Bring a chair! Enjoy great live music in the shady gardens!





Museum & Grounds Tours

Visit the Museum at 280 King St. and enjoy a private tour of our newest exhibits 'Old School: Port High's 100th Anniversary' and 'British Home Children: Local Stories' as well as an exploration of our heritage village and marine park. Want a private tour? Call 905-834-7604 or email Sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca to book now.



Roselawn Presents: Discovery of the Titanic

This summer dive to the depths of the sea and rediscover the Titanic in this exhibition. You will see numerous photographs of the Titanic, taken when the wreck was first discovered, and learn about Great Lakes shipwrecks from this same era. This exhibit was donated by the Royal Ontario Museum. Opens July 15 until August 27. Visit 296 Fielden Ave., Wednesdays-Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. FREE Admission.



MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

Urban History Walking Tours

Looking for a fun and educational activity this summer? Lace up your walking shoes and discover the history of our town on an Urban History Walking Tour.

Provided by the L.R. Wilson Heritage Archives, the tours explore historic locations around the city and provide an insight into how Port Colborne has grown.

Pre-registration is required - Call 905-834-7604 or email archives@portcolborne.ca to book now.

L.R. WILSON HERITAGE ARCHIVES

URBAN HISTORY WALKING TOURS

Fridays 10 am

June 2	West St. History Walking Tour
June 16	Main St. Humberstone Village History Walking Tour
June 23	Tennessee Ave. Humberstone Club Walking Tour
July 7	West St. History Walking Tour
July 14	Main St. Humberstone Village History Walking Tour
July 28	Tennessee Ave. Humberstone Club Walking Tour
Aug 11	West St. History Walking Tour
Aug 18	Main St. Humberstone Village History Walking Tour
Aug 25	Tennessee Ave. Humberstone Club Walking Tour

Fire Station Pop Up

On August 11, the Museum and Port Colborne Public Library will be having a programming pop-up at the Bell St. Fire Station. Visit from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to see what fun programs and activities both sites can offer to the public.



Plus... A Special Presentation from Kayla Martin

On July 29, deep water diver Kayla Martin will be offering a special presentation about her experiences exploring the underwater remains of shipwrecks in the St. Lawrence River, Steamship Waome in Lake Muskoka, and a special first look at photos from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's expedition to the Oliver Mowat in Picton, Ontario. The event runs from 2-4 p.m. at the Roselawn Centre. Call 905-835-2900x561 or email Fallon.Gervais@portcolborne.ca to RSVP.





Join the History Chasers

Go back in time with the History Chasers. Sign up for our free monthly letter series and follow the story of William Turner, a British Home Child in 1912 Port Colborne. Email Sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca or call 905-834-7604 to join now.

Centennial Art Show

Calling all past and present blue bears! This fall, in honour of the 100th anniversary of Port Colborne High School, we will be having a Centennial Art Show at the Roselawn Centre from September 23 to October 23.

Are you an artist? Submit a photo of your work to be a part of this juried exhibition to museum@portcolborne.ca and call 905-834-7604 for more information. Deadline for submissions is September 6.

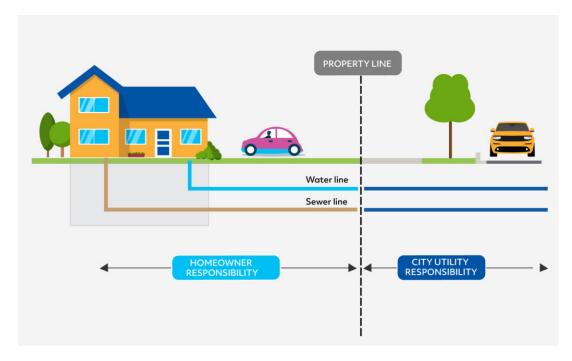




WATER/WASTEWATER

Water Service and Sewer Lateral Replacement Grants and Loan Program:

As part of the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget, City Council approved a grant and loan program to assist residents with the cost to replace their water line and/or sewer line. As shown in the picture below, the City is responsible for the water and sewer lines extending from the watermain or sewermain in the road to your property line; however, property owners are responsible for the water and sewer lines that run from your property line to your home.



Why replace a water or sewer line?

While the private water and sewer lines are the responsibility of the property owner, when any of the issues listed below become known on the section which is owned and maintained by the City, the City or one of their approved contractors, will repair or replace the City's side of the line(s).

There are many different reasons a property owner may need to replace their water or sewer line:

- When a water or sewer line is found to be damaged, leaking, deteriorating, or undersized
- If the water line is constructed with lead pipe

All residential property owners who receive a water/wastewater bill are eligible to apply for and receive the following grant(s) and/or loans:

Replacement Grants:

Water Line	\$1,000
Sewer Line	\$1,000

Replacement Loans:

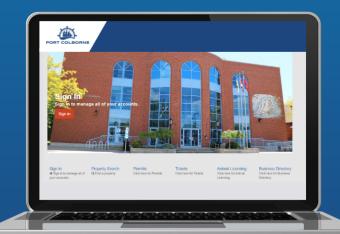
Water Line	\$2,500
Sewer Line	\$2,500

If you are interested in learning more about the program and the eligibility requirements, please visit www.portcolborne.ca/watergrantsandloanprogram, scan the QR code, or request a hard copy information and application package by calling our Customer Service Representatives at 905-835-2900 or by visiting City Hall.





VIRTUAL CITY HALL



CITY HALL IS NOW AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY!

You can manage property taxes, water and wastewater bills online with the City's launch of Virtual City Hall.



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Create a secure and confidential online account, that can be logged into 24 hours a day/seven days a week, to manage property tax bills, water and wastewater bills, in addition to account receivable invoices in real time.



REGISTER FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



UPDATE INFORMATION

Update mailing address and contact information.



GO PAPERLESS

Sign-up for paperless billing. Anyone who activates paperless billing will receive a one-time credit up to \$25 (\$10 for property taxes and \$15 for water/wastewater). The incentive has been extended until Dec. 23, 2023. Also, if you set up pre-authorized payments for your property and water/wastewater accounts you can also receive an additional one-time credit up to \$25.



ACCESS PROPERTY INFORMATION

Access property information that is provided to the City by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), including searching for properties to view assessments and tax information.



NEW PAYMENT METHOD

Use a credit card to make full or partial payments directly to property and utility accounts (a convenience fee will be charged for any online payments made with a credit card through the third-party merchant Paymentus).

Note: When creating your account, please use the name exactly how it appears on your bill.

To get started creating your account, or for more information, including 'how to' videos, visit our website www.portcolborne.ca/virtualcityhall or scan the QR code. Require assistance? The City's customer service representatives are available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. either by phone at 905-835-2900 or by emailing customerservice@portcolborne.ca.

