



**PORT COLBORNE**

# CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter for the residents of Port Colborne

**JULY 2023**

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## Ways to #PORTicipate in July:

### H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Canada Day Celebration

Join us at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park for the highly anticipated Canada Day festivities, organized by the Port Colborne Optimist Club. Be sure to come hungry as Backyard BBQ, Super Mario's Pizza, and Country Boys will be serving up food for purchase. Additionally, vendors will be selling popcorn and snow cones. Following opening remarks from the Mayor, Canada Day cupcakes will be provided free of charge. Live music and entertainment will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring local artists and acts including Mad Science, Magic by Gil, Ann Singer's Rising Stars, Niagara Regional Police Band, Highland Dancers, and the Small-Town Kings. Young attendees can look forward to interactive experiences such as birds of prey, alpacas, pony rides, and assorted games. A complete program and information can be found on at <https://pcoptimist.club/canada-day-2023/>.



### Fireworks on West Street

When the concert is finished, stick around, and watch our annual fireworks show right along the Canal. Scheduled for 10 p.m. (pending seaway traffic).

### Community Concert - July 1

On July 1 as part of our community concert series, we welcome Grace 2 – a Tragically Hip Tribute, with guests X Prime along West Street from 6-10 p.m. Enjoy the live music set against the waterfront in our vibrant and historic downtown area.

### Bands on the Beach - July 3

On Monday, July 3, bring your beach chairs and blankets down to Nickel Beach to enjoy the first in our new Bands at the Beach series. Kicking off with an unplugged performance by Street Pharmacy and featuring Exodus – Tribute to Bob Marley. The show begins at 4:30 and wraps up at 8 p.m. Bring your PORTicipate pass to park for free at Nickel Beach.

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## BANDS AT THE BEACH

Join us on the beach for a community concert with Street Pharmacy and Exodus – Tribute to Bob Marley

**JULY 3** 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Street Pharmacy, unplugged  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Exodus – Tribute to Bob Marley

#MUSICMONDAY

**STREET PHARMACY**  
Unplugged

**LAZO**

### Community Concert - July 15

Join the City of Port Colborne at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, July 15 from 12-6 p.m. for a FREE community concert featuring Mystic Highway: Tribute to CCR and John Fogerty with guest Avenue Inn.

## SATURDAY JULY 15

# MYSTIC HIGHWAY

A TRIBUTE TO CCR/JOHN FOGERTY

WITH GUESTS  
**AVENUE INN**

**H.H. KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK 12 P.M - 6 P.M.**



# Canal Days 2023

On June 21 at a much anticipated and lively media launch, Mayor Bill Steele announced the lineup for the 2023 Canal Days Concert Series. 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.

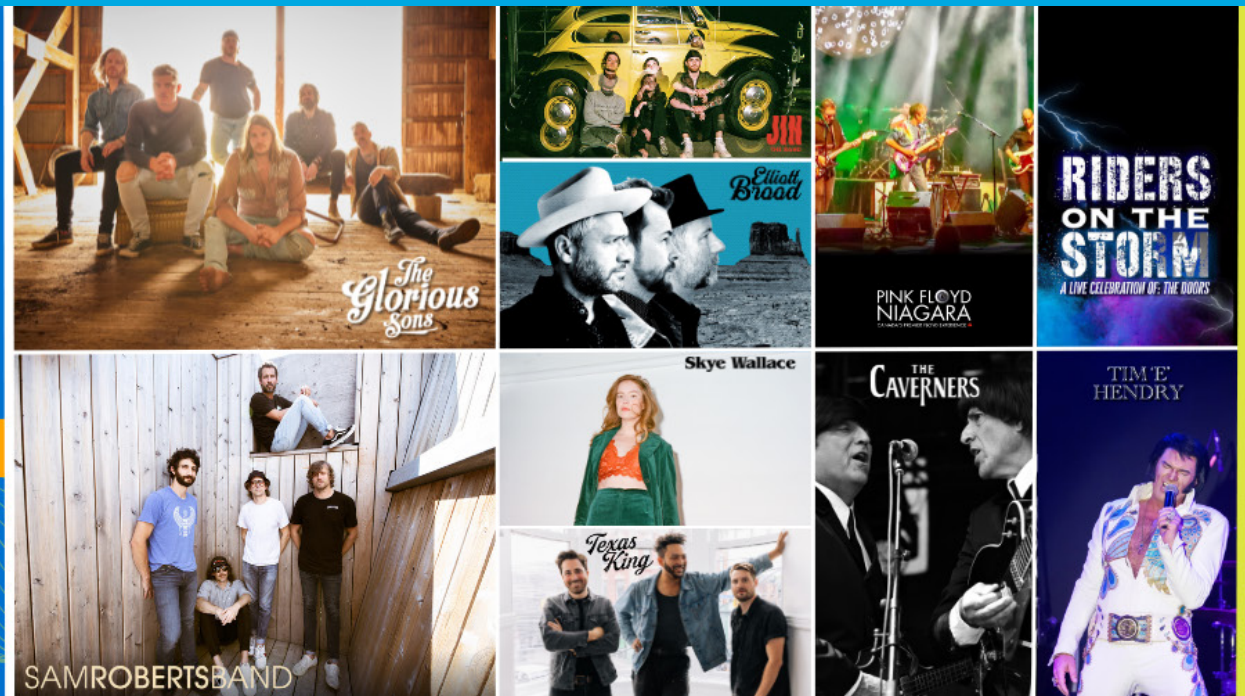
Monday, August 7, 2023 – The gates at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park will open at 11 a.m. as we welcome The Caverners, Canada's Premier Tribute to the Beatles and Tim E. Hendry and the Yes Men: King of The World, World Champion Elvis Tribute, presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

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

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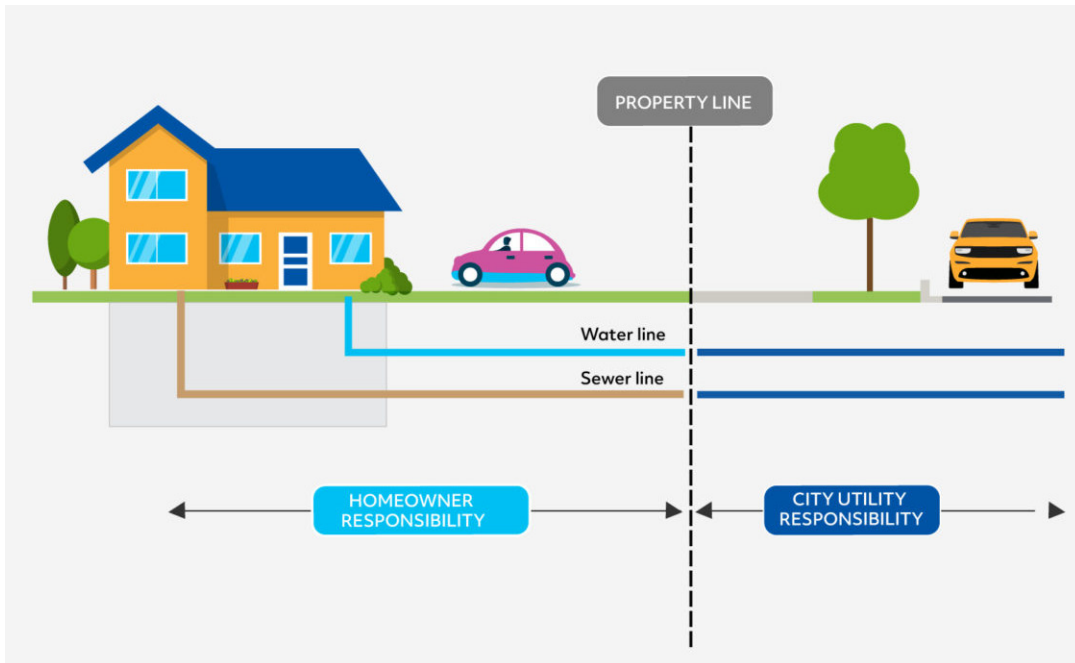

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**CanalDays.ca**

## 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](http://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.



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## Holiday Hours

The library will be closed: Saturday, July 1 (Canada Day).

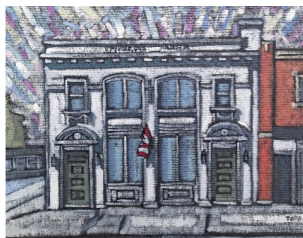
## Summer Activities

July 3 – September 1

Pick up a summer activity flyer and find out what is happening at your library. This summer, we will have: TD Summer Reading Clubs, scavenger hunts, a community art project, a bilingual StoryWalk, art programs, take & make craft kits, green screen photography, Music Makerspace, and more.

## Art in the Atrium: July 2023

O Canada! Paintings by Douglas Todd. A full-time archaeologist and former reporter-photographer at the Thorold News and Port Colborne Leader, Douglas' spare time is spent fishing, caregiving, cooking, and painting Canadian places, spaces, and people. He will have about 30 new works in oil on exhibit in The Atrium Gallery for the month of July. Find him on Facebook at Douglas Todd Art.



## Service Canada Info Sessions

Meet with a Service Canada representative to learn more about the following topics:

Tuesday, July 11, 2 - 4 p.m. - Programs and Services for Youth

Tuesday, August 8, 2 - 4 p.m. - Employment Insurance

Please pre-register. Free.

## Painting with Kyla: Surf's Up!

Thurs. July 20, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

In this acrylic painting workshop, learn visual perspective in a fun and colourful way! On an 11 x 14" canvas, paint surfboards lined up against a beach boardwalk leading to a sunlit beach. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the library for more information. 905-834-6512. COST: \$15 per person.



## Day-use Parks Passes

This summer, you can borrow an Ontario Parks Day-Pass or a Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority NaturePLUS Pass. Free with your Port Colborne Library Card.



## Documentary Films

Monday, July 31, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening and discussion of two documentaries: Aurora: Fire in the Sky & Power Surge. Pre-register. Free.

## Community Connect

Drop by the library to ask questions and learn more with the following community partners:

## PC Works Job Help

Tuesdays, July 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2023, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## Niagara Region Public Health Nurses

Friday, July 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

## Birchway Niagara (Formerly Women's Place)

Monday, July 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monday, August 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.



**Birchway**  
NIAGARA





**PORT COLBORNE**  
HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

# MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

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



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@PortColborneHistoricalMarineMuseum



@PortColborneMuseum

## We are Open

Visit the Museum at 280 King St. daily from 12 - 5 pm. Enjoy our newest exhibits 'Old School: Port High's 100th Anniversary' and 'British Home Children: Local Stories' or take a stroll through the beautiful heritage village! Free admission and fun for all ages.

Want a private tour?

Call 905-834-7604 or email Sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca to book now.

## 45th Canal Days at the Port Colborne Museum

We are excited to be welcoming back HMS Psyche: Canadian Maritime Heritage Society, with an expanded display and re-enactment of the life of 19th-century sailors on the Great Lakes, which includes their life-size replica boat and cannon shooting demonstrations. We are also happy to announce the return of Medieval re-enactors Blackthorn Productions this year. Join us for musical performances by fan favourites Kindred and Barley Brae from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Also returning are family-friendly activities such as heritage displays, kiddie train rides, face painting, dress up, heritage games with prizes, the giant sandbox, and tasty treats for all.

... and pick up the perfect shirt for summer!

Celebrate the 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival with the official new t-shirt. Pick one up at the Museum for \$30 in sizes XS-3XL or youth sizes XS-XL for \$25 or grab one at the market on July 21 and July 28.



## 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

### Did you know?

We can provide tours for a group of 5 or more people at a time which works for your schedule. Contact us for more information.

Fun, entertaining,  
and informative

Learn more about  
local history

By Donation  
Suggested \$5  
minimum per  
person

Advance  
Registration Only

Spaces are  
Limited

TO REGISTER OR  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:

archives@portcolborne.ca

or

905-834-7604





## 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 2. Visit 296 Fielden Ave., Wednesdays-Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. FREE Admission.

## Music on the Lawn – Next Show Second Hand News

Part of our 2023 concert series featuring a variety of music groups. The second installment will be Second Hand News on July 16 from 1-3 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy great live music in the shady gardens. This is a family-friendly event.



**Arabella's 45th Anniversary – Closed Canada Day Weekend**  
Canada's oldest volunteer-run tea room celebrates its 45th Anniversary on July 1. To honour this occasion our dedicated volunteers will have an opportunity to be the ones served at a special party in their honour on July 2. Therefore, Arabella's Tea Room will be CLOSED Canada Day weekend and re-open for biscuits on July 3.



## Summer Workshops Series

Experience the captivating world of art and culture with the return of the Department of Museum & Cultures' summer workshop series. This year join us for Plein Air Painting, Vintage Imprints, and Suncatcher Crafting! Workshops will be held at both the Roselawn Centre and Museum Grounds, offering morning and afternoon sessions. Spaces are limited and a fee of \$10 per person will be charged for each workshop. Sign up by calling 905-834-7604 or emailing [museum@portcolborne.ca](mailto:museum@portcolborne.ca).



## About Us

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## Workshops

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- Vintage Imprints
- Suncatcher Crafting

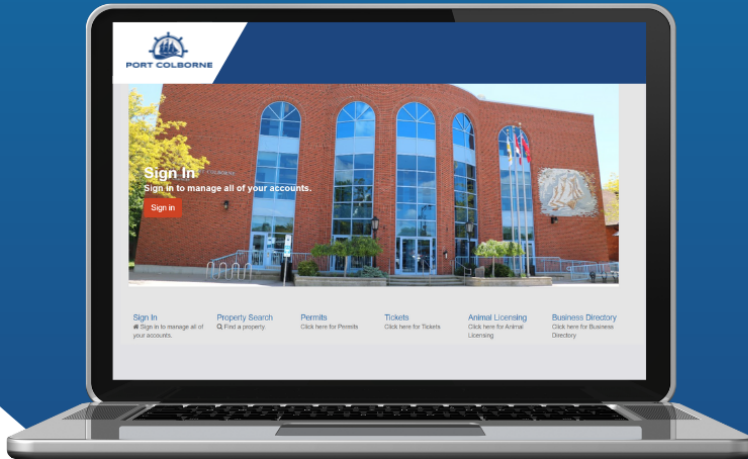
## Join the History Chasers:

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](mailto:Sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca) or call 905-834-7604 to join now.



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# 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.



### 24-HOUR ACCESS

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 PRE-AUTHORIZED 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.

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



### 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).

To get started creating your account, or for more information, including 'how to' videos, visit our website [www.portcolborne.ca/virtualcityhall](http://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](mailto:customerservice@portcolborne.ca).

