



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter for the residents of Port Colborne

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Ways to #PORTicipate in June:

Recreation & Parks Month Scavenger Hunt

June marks the beginning of Recreation & Parks Month. Niagara is home to many picturesque and unique outdoor and recreational areas, including many green spaces, sporting areas, and outdoor play parks. This scavenger hunt will take you on a tour through some of Port Colborne's parks and recreational spaces and invite you to explore the city and enjoy the lovely warm weather in a new way.

This scavenger hunt makes use of the What3Words app. What3Words is a public safety and navigation app that allows you to report your location down to 3 square metres using a unique set of 3 words.

How to PORTicipate in the Scavenger Hunt:

Each set of 3 words on your Passport is associated with a specific spot within one of Port Colborne's beautiful recreation spaces or parks. Simply type the three words for the mission you want to complete into the What3Words search bar, and it will navigate you to the location. At the site, take a photo of the poster with that location's set of words printed on it and DM it to @CityofPortColborne on Instagram or email your photos to communications@portcolborne.ca to complete the mission.



Visit all locations and submit your photos of the site markers to the City before 6 p.m. on June 30 and you will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to a local business of your choosing! For more details scan the QR code.

June is...

National Indigenous History Month

In June, we commemorate National Indigenous History Month. During this month, take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

Pride Month

On Monday, May 29 we will be raising the pride flag at City Hall along with Pride Niagara in recognition and celebration of the LGBTQ2+ community.

In September 2021, the city unveiled its rainbow crosswalk on the corner of West Street and Clarence Street to celebrate and support inclusivity of the LGBTQ2+ community.

Senior's Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario. It's a time when we recognize our amazing older Ontarians and the contributions they have made in communities across the province

Recreation and Parks Month

What better time than now to get active and take advantage of all the facilities, amenities, events, and programs here in Port Colborne.

Stay tuned to our page as we recognize these days throughout the month! We hope to see you out #PORTicipating!

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.



2023 Beach Season

Nickel Beach and Centennial Cedar Bay Beach are now open for the season. There's no shortage of exciting new enhancements planned for beachgoers at Nickel Beach this season, including new washroom facilities, parking and weekly programming.

We are also excited to welcome back Splashtown Niagara in 2023. Splashtown opens Friday, June 30.

Please visit, www.portcolborne.ca/nickelbeach for more information.



Sugarloaf Marina & Public Boat Launch

What is summer without time on the water in Port Colborne? Sugarloaf Marina is now in full swing, and seasonal spots are still available. Please call the marina at 905 835 6644, or email marina@portcolborne.ca for more information.

The public boat ramp opened in early April and is available to use seven days per week. Please visit Honk Mobile and search Port Colborne to see the boat ramp parking zone for daily or seasonal pass purchases.

Feel free to take a ride on the water and tie off in the canal to enjoy all that the downtown core has to offer. The municipal docks off of West St. are installed and available for use for the season.

We encourage everyone to be safe and responsible while out on the water. Have questions? Please reference the latest copy of transport Canada's safe boating guide at tc.canada.ca.



Water Wednesday

#WaterWednesday is a weekly feature to showcase water, wastewater and stormwater people, programs and projects in Port Colborne.

We share new info each week on our Facebook and Instagram channels to help you learn about all things water in Port Colborne! Follow us to learn more.



Community Grant Program

Applications for the second allocation of the City's grant program will be accepted until June 30.

The City of Port Colborne welcomes non-profit organizations serving the needs of Port Colborne residents to apply for a discretionary grant based on provisions included in the Grant Policy, which can be found on the city website.

Please visit the City's grants page for details, or call Gail Todd 905-835-2900 x301.

Vale Health & Wellness Centre

Arena programming is back up and running at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Roller skating is BACK! Bring your roller skates and PORTicipate every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday on Rink 1.

To view the programs we have to offer and the schedule, visit www.portcolborne.ca/arenaschedule.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 2 <small>*effective June 2023</small>							
Rates (Rinks 1&2) Pre-School - Free Students - \$4 Seniors - \$34 Adults - \$5 50+ PAYP - \$4	PARENTS & TOTS 9:30 - 10:50 a.m. 50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. SR & ADULT SKATE 1-2:20 p.m.	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:20 p.m.	PARENTS & TOTS 9:30 - 10:50 a.m. 50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	Ice Maintenance	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m. 50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 12-1:20 p.m. PUBLIC SKATING 7-8:20 p.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 12-1:20 p.m.
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 1 Floor <small>*effective May 13-Aug 16, 2023</small>							
			ROLLER SKATING 6-7:30 p.m.			ROLLER SKATING 1:30-3 p.m.	ROLLER SKATING 1:30-3 p.m.

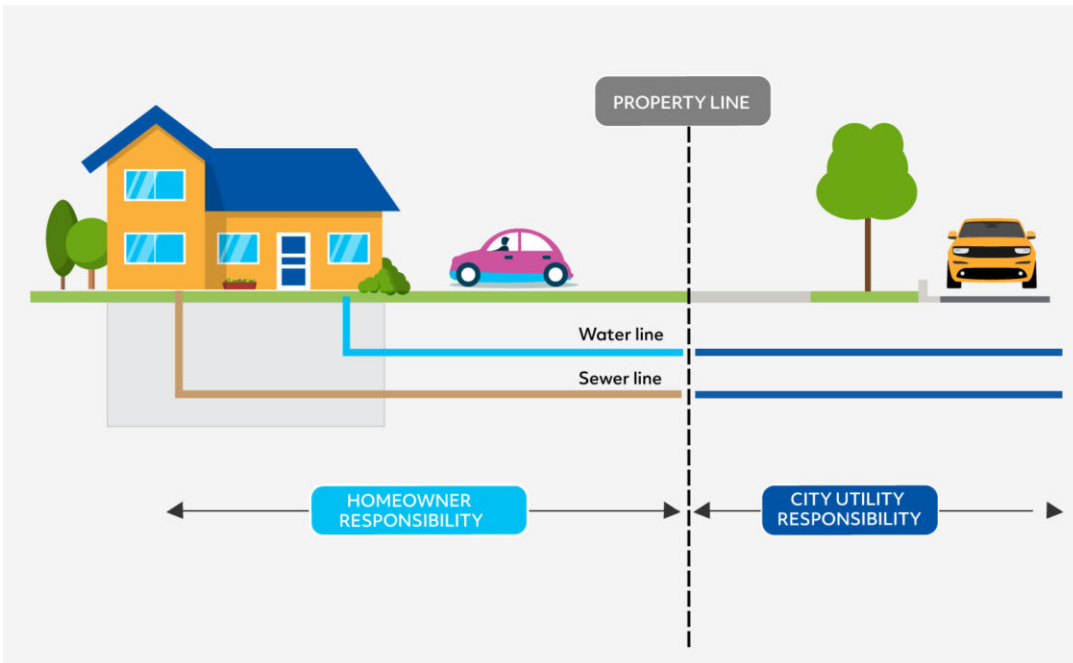
Program Cancellations

Updated program cancellations will be posted, or can be found at www.portcolborne.ca/programcancellations or scan the QR code!



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 is 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.



Baby Time

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Songs, stories, and rhymes with your little one. For ages 0 to 2. Pre-register. Free.

PD Day Activities

Fri. June 9 & 30, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Families are invited to drop by to try our Library of Things. We have Gravitrax, Electric Snap Circuits, a LiteBrite, and more! All ages. Drop-in. Free



Bullet Journaling

Mon., June 26, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Have you been looking for a creative way to stay organized? Try keeping a bullet journal. Learn how to create different to-do lists, reminders, and keep track of long-term and short-term goals. Pre-registration is required. COST: \$5 per person, journal is included. For ages 13 and older.

Birchway Niagara (Formerly Women's Place)

Tues. May 30, 12 – 2 p.m.

Fri. June 16, 10 – 12 p.m.

Drop by the library to talk with Birchway Niagara's Prevention and Public Education Manager. Information will be available on the services offered by Birchway including how to help someone who may be experiencing abuse. Learn about communication, boundaries, safety planning, and how to know if your relationship is healthy. Confidential meeting spaces available.



Service Canada Info Sessions

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

Tuesday, June 13, 2 – 4 p.m. - Canada Pension Disability

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.

Financial Planning for Seniors

Learn how to manage your finances in retirement from a Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant and protect yourself against fraud. Pre-registration is required. Free.

Fraud Protection for Seniors

June 21, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn how you can protect yourself against fraud.

Managing Finances in Retirement

June 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn how to better manage your finances and make your money stretch for you in your retirement.

Painting with Kyla: Set Sail

Thurs. June 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Paint a playful seascape full of sand dunes, long grasses, and sailboats drifting off to sea! Learn brushwork techniques, perspective, and how to incorporate lustrous gold paint to add shimmer to your scenery. Pre-registration is required. COST: \$15 per person.



NPCA NaturePlus Passes

There are 15 conservation areas within the Niagara Region, of them four require a NaturePlus Pass for entry: Ball's Falls, Binbrook, Chippawa Creek, and Long Beach. Check out a NaturePlus pass for a one-week loan with a Port Colborne Public Library Card. NaturePlus Passes allow daily admission for one vehicle and its occupants at gated NPCA conservation areas. The other conservation areas are always free.

Discover NPCA by visiting: www.npca.com/parks.

Art in the Atrium: June 2023

Welcome Port Colborne Art Students. We are proud to host your excellent sculptures, visual, and digital art. Congratulations on 100 years!



PORT COLBORNE
HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

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@PortColborneHistoricalMarineMuseum



@PortColborneMuseum

45th Anniversary of Arabella's Tea Room

May is Museum Month/Mai, Mois des Musées is an Ontario Museum Association program celebrated by Ontario's 700+ museums, galleries, and heritage sites. Museums make communities vibrant and vital places to live, work, visit, and invest. Celebrate by visiting your local museum.

Arabella's Pie Social & History Fair

Niagara Antique
Power Association
Heritage
Demonstrations
Children's Activities
Plant Sale
Tea Cup Sale
History Chasers
Exhibit with Jennie
Piano Performance
by Frank Krahn



**Pie &
Beverages**
served in Arabella's
Tea Room

Port Colborne Museum, 280 King Street
Sunday, May 28, 12pm - 4pm
Free Admission

Yippy Pie Ay!

There is no sweeter way to spend a spring day than attending Arabella's Pie Social and History Fair on the grounds of the Museum. Enjoy the 29th annual festival on Sunday, May 28 from 12 to 4 p.m.

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.

Music on the Lawn

The birds won't be the only ones singing at the Roselawn Centre this summer! We are excited to introduce a new free concert series featuring a variety of music groups. The first event will be The Nu-Tones on June 25 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



FREE ADMISSION

June 25 • 1 - 3 pm

ROSELAWN CENTRE

296 FIELDEN AVE, PORT COLBORNE

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

Sponsored by Friends of Roselawn Centre | Ontario

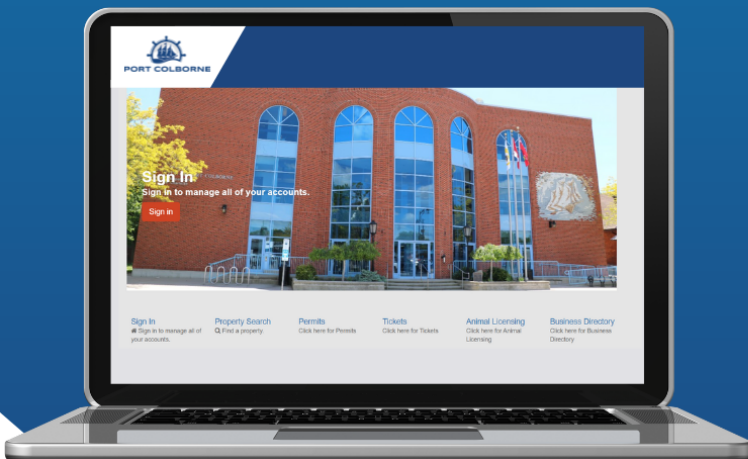
We are Open!

Visit the Museum at 280 King St. daily from 12 - 5 p.m. 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.



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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.



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).



REGISTER FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



UPDATE INFORMATION

Update mailing address and contact information.

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.

