



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by staff for the residents of Port Colborne

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Port Colborne Remembers:

Port Colborne will be remembering with two Remembrance Day ceremonies on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022:

- Join the city and Port Colborne Branch 56 of the Royal Canadian Legion in H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park at the City of Port Colborne Cenotaph for WWI, WWII, Korea, and Afghanistan at 10:30 a.m. The Legion is also extending an open invitation afterwards for a light lunch at 12 p.m. at their branch on 67 Clarence Street. The ceremony will be recorded and aired on the city's YouTube channel, social media sites, and website later in the day. In the event of inclement weather in the forecast, the ceremony will occur upstairs of the Port Colborne Branch 56 of the Royal Canadian Legion, 67 Clarence Street.
- Join the city and St. John's Lutheran Church at the Township of Humberstone Cenotaph for WWI, WWII and Korea in Cedar Bay Centennial Park at 11 a.m. for a Remembrance Day ceremony.

In partnership with Jim Tummillio Masonry Inc, city staff had the Township of Humberstone Cenotaph flagpole refurbished in advance of the Nov. 11 ceremony.



This time of the year when our gardens begin to fade there is always one flower that continues to bloom in our hearts: the Poppy. With its fine stem and delicate petals, the Poppy remains an enduring symbol of strength and remembrance. Residents are encouraged to support the Poppy campaign. Every year, from the last Friday of October to Nov. 11, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. Donations collected during the Poppy campaign, beginning Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, are held in trust at the branch level to directly support Veterans and their families within their community and to help ensure Canadians never forget.



Port Colborne's Historical & Marine Museum will once again install a display of handmade Poppies along the property's perimeter. To honour the Poppy, the Museum Gift Shop has also selected many commemorative items including lapel pins, bracelets, birdfeeders, toques, and totes.

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Nov. 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. the L.R. Wilson Archives Speaker Series presents, HMCS Humberstone and HMCS Port Colborne: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy. The presentation will share the history of these Second World War Royal Canadian Navy vessels, named for our local communities, and highlights some of the artifacts in the Museum's collection. For more information, including to pre-register, call 905-834-7604 or email archives@portcolborne.



The Port Colborne Public Library is hosting a painting class Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., featuring the Poppy, titled "where the Poppies grow". In this acrylic painting workshop, an idyllic autumn sky lies behind a field full of vibrant red poppies. While creating an Autumn landscape, participants will gain an understanding of how brushwork and use of colour can create texture, movement, and contrast. The fee for the class is \$15 and pre-registration is required by calling the library at 905-834-6512. Starting Nov. 1, 2022, visit the library to pick up free Veterans' Affairs educational bookmarks and newsletters. Patrons may also select from a display of adult fiction books called "A November to Remember" with books inspired by the World Wars, love stories, and the resiliency of the human spirit.



A reminder that municipal administrative offices, including the Roselawn Centre and Port Colborne Public Library, will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 to observe Remembrance Day. The Vale Health & Wellness Centre and Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum will remain open operating regular business hours. Administrative offices will re-open Monday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Residents requiring our Public Works department can call 905-835-2900 and press '9' to reach the after-hours dispatch. Alternatively, if it is not a public works emergency, residents can submit a service request using our online form at www.portcolborne.ca/requestaservice.

Did you know? We have an Event Calendar on our website! Be sure to visit and subscribe to make sure your calendar is up to date with all the fall/winter fun, including upcoming events like:

Christmas in Port Colborne:

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 - Lighted Santa Claus Parade

The City of Port Colborne is excited to bring back our traditional lighted Santa Claus Parade this year in Downtown Port Colborne. Save the date for Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, starting at 6:30pm. For more information, visit our website at www.portcolborne.ca/events.

If you are interested in registering a float for the parade, please email eventservices@portcolborne.ca or call 905-835-2900 x566.



Museum Exhibit: Keep Me Warm at Night

Century-old coverlets, quilts, and rugs warm the gallery in this winter display. Come explore Port Colborne's rich heritage of local weaving, the skills and traditions of textile arts. Enjoy this cozy exhibit at the Museum opening Nov. 15, just in time for the holiday season.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 - 46th Annual Grand Old Christmas Festival 12 - 4 p.m.

We are excited to be returning to our in-person Grand Old Christmas Festival for its 46th year on Dec. 4 from 12 - 4 p.m. We will have all the favourites to ring in some holiday cheer – roasted chestnuts, hot apple cider, Christmas pudding, photos with Santa, horse drawn carriage rides, and lots of other festive activities through out the historic village for the whole family to enjoy.



Dec. 5-10, 2022 - Arabella's Tea Room and Christmas Pudding & Sauce | 2 - 4 p.m.



Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 - Christmas Makers' Market at the Roselawn Centre

The Friends of Roselawn are pleased to announce the Christmas Makers' Market will return this year to the Roselawn Centre on Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free admission and will feature 20 local artisan crafters.



To stay up to date on all Christmas activities, visit www.portcolborne.ca/christmas or scan the QR code.



Ways to PORTicipate:

French Fries, Nachos, and Protein Shakes? Your participation is encouraged in helping us select a new food and beverage vendor for the Vale Health & Wellness Centre!

Did you know that the Vale Health & Wellness Centre (VHWC) has been open for almost 10 years!? In advance of this milestone, we are excited to announce that we will be looking for a new food and beverage vendor for the main level (first floor). But, before we begin our search for vendors, we want to hear from you! Let us know what food and beverages you would like available during your visit at the VHWC by completing our short online survey at www.portcolborne.ca/VHWCFoodSurvey.

Hard copies can be made available at the first floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street or at the VHWC Box Office, 550 Elizabeth Street.

The survey will be available until Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022.

Vale Health & Wellness Centre

The Fall & Winter ice programs are back up and running at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. To view the programs we have to offer and the schedule please visit www.portcolborne.ca/arenaschedule.

FREE Swim Instructor & Lifeguard Training with the Port Colborne YMCA

We are hiring swimmers (ages 16 years and up) and are providing FREE Swim Instructor and Lifeguard training at the YMCA of Niagara.

To apply today, #jumpinwithus
<https://ymcaofniagara.org/careers/work-for-us/#apply>



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 1 <small>*effective September 2022 – April 2023</small>							
Rates (Rinks 1&2) Pre-School - Free Students - \$3 Seniors - \$4 Adults - \$4 +PAYP - \$3 Open PAYP - \$5	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m. OPEN PAYP 12-1:20 p.m.	Ice Maintenance STICK & PUCK 3:30-4:50 p.m.	OPEN PAYP 11-11:50 a.m. SR & ADULT SKATE 12-1:20 p.m.	PARENTS & TOTS 10-11:50 a.m.	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.		
Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Rink 2 <small>*effective September 2022 – April 2023</small>							
*Stick & Puck - \$5 for adult & child; \$3 each additional child (10 years & under must be accompanied by an adult)	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:20 p.m.	Ice Maintenance	50+ PAYP 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. PARENTS & TOTS 1-2:20 p.m.	STICK & PUCK 3:30-4:50 p.m.	SR & ADULT SKATE 9:30-10:50 a.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 7-8:20 p.m.	PUBLIC SKATING 12-1:50 p.m.
Program Cancellations Updated program cancellations will be posted, or can be found at www.portcolborne.ca/programcancellations or scan the QR code!							





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HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM

MORE THAN A MUSEUM...

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2022 School Programs:

Classes are back in session and the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum is offering a variety of educational school programs! To learn more call our Public Programmer Sloane McDowell at 905-834-7604 or email sloane.mcdowell@portcolborne.ca.



Speaker Series:

The L.R. Wilson Heritage Archive's Speaker Series returned to great reviews this fall! The last two scheduled talks are 'HMCS Humberstone and HMC Port Colborne: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy' on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and 'Editorial Cartooning in Niagara: 175 Years of Observing History' presented by Arden Phair on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. For more information and to pre-register your spot call 905-834-7604.

November 3

HMCS Humberstone and HMCS Port Colborne: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy

November 24

EDITORIAL CARTOONING IN NIAGARA:
175 Years of Observing History
By Arden Phair, St. Catharines Historian



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Want to stay up-to-date with the latest events at your Port Colborne Public Library?
Subscribe to our Off the Shelf Newsletter at www.portcolborne.ca/subscribe !

Hours of Service:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The library will be closed:

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 (Remembrance Day)

Employment Opportunities and Job Training with PC Works

Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2022, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn more about computer and academic upgrading, employment opportunities and job training within the Niagara Region and talk to a team member from PC Works who will be available on Tuesday mornings for two hours. They will be available to answer any questions and offer guidance to help get you moving towards your desired path! All services provided by PC Works are FREE!



Speak with Niagara Region Public Health Nurse

Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2022, 1 - 2 p.m.

A Niagara Region Public Health Nurse from the Family Health division is on-site Wednesday mornings to answer questions you might have about different topics such as your pregnancy, adjusting to parenthood, your well being as a parent, parenting tips, your child's growth and development and more! They can also link you to services and programs available in the Niagara Region. No registration required. FREE.



I Read Canadian

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022

I Read Canadian Day is a nationwide day that celebrates Canadian books. You can participate by reading or listening to a Canadian book for 15 minutes or more on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022.

For more information, visit www.ireadcanadian.ca/day and sign up for free to participate. Share your experience by using the hashtag #IReadCanadian.



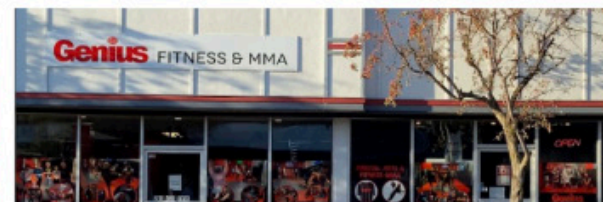
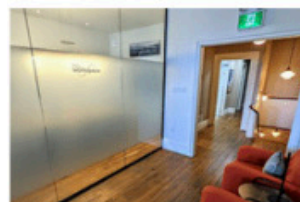
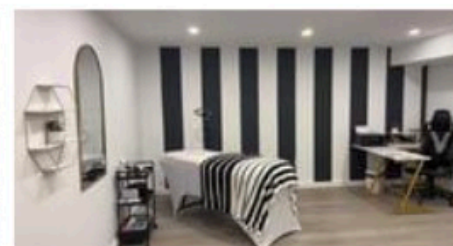
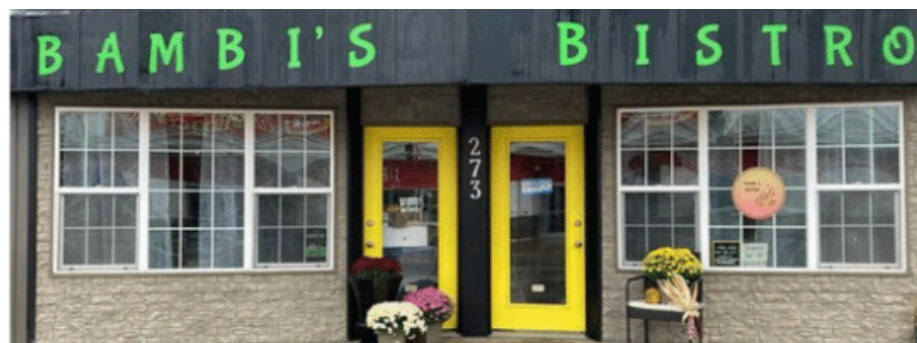
Support Local:

The City of Port Colborne is proud to share the small business success that has taken place throughout our community in 2022. Our city continues to change and grow, and with the help of our Economic Development and Tourism Services Division we continue to provide ongoing resources to small businesses to aid in their success. If you are a small business owner, please take a few moments to add yourself to the city's Business Directory. If you're a resident be sure to check out our Business Directory for a list of local businesses to support www.portcolborne.ca/businessdirectory.

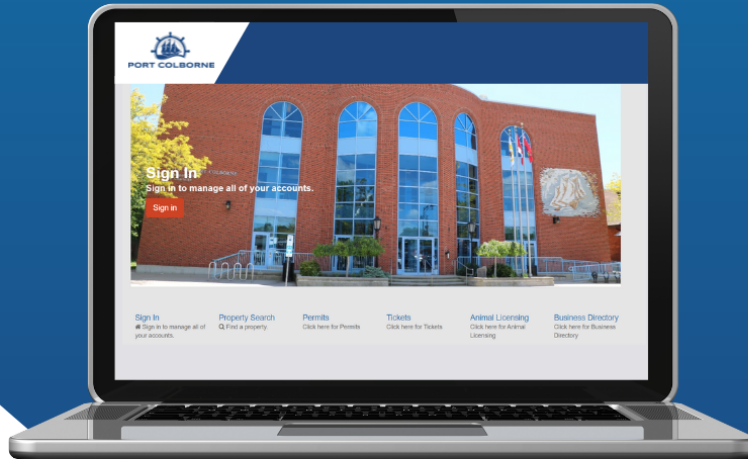
Congratulations to the following businesses and thank you for choosing Port Colborne!

Opened in 2022:

Citrus Seventeen @ 17 Clarence Street
The Art Guild @ 72 Charlotte Street
Meraki Beauty Academy @ 196 West Street
All 1n Beauty Co. @ 15 Clarence Street
West Hair Co. @ 265 King Street Unit 3
X-Fitness @ 427 Steele Street
Rock Bottom Tattoos @ 237 Main Street West
The Cheers Store @ 10 Clarence Street
Bambi's Bistro @ 273 Main Street West
West Street Workspace @ 230 West Street
Aborigin Handcrafts @ 239 Main Street West
Carlie Smith - Royal LePage Realty @ 80 Fraser Street
Beyond the Batter @ 22 Clarence Street
Marshville Chocolate @ 158 West Street
Oak Tree Yoga & Wellness @ 240 West Street
Bakery Collective @ 120 Main Street West
Out of the Box Bakery @ 27 Main Street West
Arabella Greenwich Herbary & Emporium @ 211 King Street
NEW OWNERS: Portside Petals and Gifts @ 12 Clarence Street
NEW LOCATION: The Lock Wood Fired Pizza @ 182 West Street
NEW LOCATION: SupplemaX @ 427 Steele Street
EXPANDED: Genius Fitness & MMA @ 13 Clarence Street
SEASONAL: Splashtown Niagara Seasonal @ Nickel Beach
SEASONAL: Complete Hockey Factory @ 111 Clarence Street



For more information contact the Economic Development Division at edo@portcolborne.ca or 905-835-2900.



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, 2022. 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.



Grant Applications Being Accepted:

The City of Port Colborne's community grant program is now accepting the first-round of applications from non-profit organizations until Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023.

Non-profit organizations, charitable organizations, and service clubs serving the needs of the residents of Port Colborne are welcome to apply for a discretionary grant based on the provisions included in the city's grant policy.

Organizations can only apply once per fiscal year, with the first round of applications due Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023. The deadline to apply for the second round of grants is Friday, June 30, 2023.

The grant policy committee was established in December 2015 when council passed by-law 6317/143/15. The committee oversees the distribution of grants to non-profit organizations. The funds are from the interest earned annually from the sale of the city's shares in Port Colborne Hydro.

The grant policy and application can be found on the city's grant policy committee webpage at www.portcolborne.ca/communitygrant.

For more information about the application process and/or grant policy committee, contact Gail Todd, executive assistant to the Mayor and CAO, at 905-835-2900 x301 or email mayoradmin@portcolborne.ca.





ENSURING LIFE SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION, INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.

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 Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services

Fall Fire Safe Reminders from Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services:

Clocks fall back on Nov. 6. Don't forget when you change your clocks to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, too!

**CHANGE
YOUR
CLOCKS**



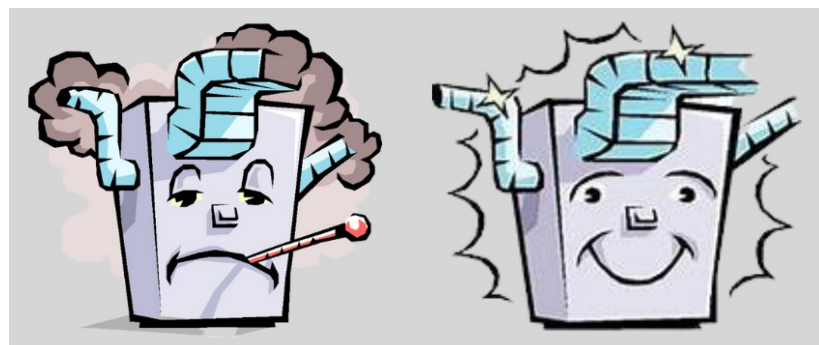
**CHANGE
YOUR
BATTERIES**

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly
- Change regular batteries twice a year
- Do you have an alarm with a 10 year lithium battery? No need to change battery if within 10 years - still test alarm!

Need assistance? Give us a call!
905-834-4512
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Don't let your dryer start a fire ... Clean your dryer vent ductwork every year.

Before your furnace gets sick schedule your yearly cleaning and inspection by a qualified professional. Did you know? Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February



For more fire tips, follow Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Service on Facebook.

