



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by staff for the residents of Port Colborne

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Request a Service

To request a non-emergency City service, complete our online form at www.portcolborne.ca/requestaservice or scan the QR code.



Last call! Ways to PORTicipate in May

This May, #TryTheY with a free seven-day trial!

Swim a length of the pool, lift some weights, or try a yoga class. At the end of your one-week trial, visit our membership desk and choose the membership package that best suits your needs. Offer valid for new members only. Expires May 31, 2022.

Send your friends and neighbours to <https://ymcaofniagara.org/join/>

The YMCA is also offering a personal training spring promotion that expires May 31, 2022. For more information and to start your fitness journey visit:

<https://ymcaofniagara.org/programs/health-fitness/personal-training/>



38th Annual Arabella's Pie Social & History Fair

Sunday, May 29 from 12 to 4 p.m.
Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum, 280 King Street

Enjoy a slice of homemade pie with a hot or cold beverage at Arabella's Tea Room before, or after, a walk through the museum grounds where traditional heritage is on display with live demonstrations, exhibits and entertainment. Pie and beverages are served in Arabella's Tea Room by reservation only. To make a reservation, call 905-834-7604 or email museum@portcolborne.ca.



June is...

Seniors Month

At their meeting on May 24, 2022, Council proclaimed June as Seniors Month. Mayor Steele will be raising the Age-Friendly Niagara and City of Port Colborne Flag for the month of June to recognize and honour the seniors in our community.



To learn more about the Port Colborne Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the theme for Seniors Month, and services available for seniors in Port Colborne, visit www.portcolborne.ca/seniors.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will also have a booth set up every Friday in June at the Port Colborne Farmers' Market. Be sure to stop by and say 'hi'!

Opening of Arabella's Tea Room – June 1, 2022

Arabella's Tea Room is re-opening its doors daily from June 1 to Sept. 30, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations are required by calling the Museum at 905-834-7604.



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. Let's all get out and PORTicipate in June!



PORTicipate Pass:

The Port Colborne resident PORTicipate Pass can now be used for additional incentives!

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre will be offering the following FREE programming for those residents and families that present their PORTicipate Pass:

- Public Skating on June 12 and 26 from 12 to 1:20 p.m.
- Stick & Puck on June 10 and 24 from 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.
- 50+ PAYP on June 8 and 22 from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m.
- Sr. & Adult Skate on June 8 and 22 from 12 to 12:50 p.m.
- Parents & Tots on June 8 and 22 from 1 to 2:20 p.m.

For the full arena programming schedule for the month of June, visit www.portcolborne.ca/arenaschedule.

The YMCA will also be offering the following FREE programming as part of the PORTicipate Pass initiative:

- Pickleball on June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. (13yrs+)
- Open Swim on June 11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. (All Ages)
- Outdoor Yoga Class on June 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park (13yrs+)
- Open Family Gym on June 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (All Ages)

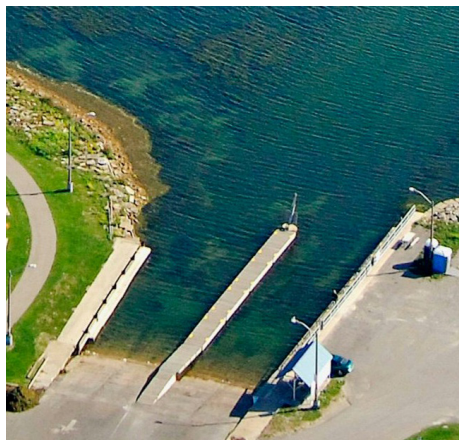
NOTE: All participants must show PORTicipate Pass and ID (for residents 16 yrs+) to access free programming. Parents can check-in with their pass to grant their children free access. Reminder: the PORTicipate Pass also grants Port Colborne residents FREE access to Port Colborne's two public beaches, Nickel Beach and Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach.

Still need a PORTicipate Pass? Visit www.portcolborne.ca/porticipatepass or call 905-835-2900.

Boating Season

Public boat ramp passes are available for purchase online at www.portcolborne.ca/sugarloafmarina.

Don Cherry's Sports Grill is also now open for the season for one of the best views in the city while you enjoy food and beverage!



Pride Month

On Monday, May 30 Mayor Steele will raise the 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.



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. To learn more and to access resources, visit <https://rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/>. On June 21 we also recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Clean Community Day - Saturday, June 11, 2022

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Engineering and Operations Centre north parking lot, 1 Killaly Street West

The Community Safety and Enforcement Department would like to help the community by providing FREE disposal service days! Drop off your refuse and debris in the bins provided during our upcoming Clean Community Days!

Step 1: Pick up the refuse, garbage, and debris around your house.

Step 2: Load it into a wheelbarrow, trunk, or trailer.

Step 3: Dispose of it at one of our Clean Community Days.

To learn more about the Clean Community Project, including a complete list of items you can and cannot bring to the Clean Community Days, visit www.portcolborne.ca/cleancommunityproject or scan the QR code.





Mountainview LemonAID Day – Sunday, June 12, 2022

On Sunday, June 12, Mountainview LemonAID Day will take place across Niagara, with a goal of creating summer smiles by sending children to camp this summer. All proceeds from donations will go directly towards FACS Niagara to send kids to summer camp.

Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services Volunteer Firefighter Recruits will be setting up a LemonAID stand on June 12, 2022, at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park from 12 to 6 p.m.



To learn more about Mountainview LemonAID Day, and to register or join a team, visit the FACS Niagara Foundation website <https://facsniagarafoundation.org/mountainviewlemonaidday/>. For any questions regarding the event, please contact FACS Niagara Foundation by email at foundation@facsniagara.on.ca or by phone at 905-937-7731.

Return of Friday Walking Tours

Looking for a fun and educational activity this summer? Every Friday the Museum and L.R. Wilson Archives will be leading tours of both the museum grounds and historical locations around our city. Explore the heritage village every Friday at 2 p.m. or discover the history of our town on walking tours of West St., Main St. Humberstone Village, and Tennessee Ave. Humberstone Club at 10 a.m. Call the museum at 905-834-7604 to book your tour and to learn more!

For a full schedule of tour times, visit www.portcolborne.ca/archiveswalkingtours.

Deadline for Grants for Non-Profits

The City of Port Colborne welcomes non-profit organizations and service clubs serving the needs of the residents of Port Colborne to apply for a discretionary grant based on the provisions included in the grant policy. The next round of applications are due by Thursday, June 30, 2022. To learn more about the grant, grant policy, or to download the application, visit www.portcolborne.ca/communitygrants.

Launch of STORYWALK®

June 21 – August 30, 2022.

A StoryWalk® is a fun, socially-distanced activity that places a children's book, page by page, along a path or in a park. This summer, families can read *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* by Indigenous author Danielle Daniel while enjoying the outdoors at the Port Colborne Public Library.

Launch of Summer Reading Clubs for Everyone

June 27 – August 20, 2022

- TD Summer Reading Club (Ages 12 and under)
- Teen Summer BINGO challenge (Ages 13 – 17). Pick up a BINGO card and log your reading throughout the summer. Once you get a BINGO, submit your BINGO card to the library.
- Recommended Reads (Ages 18+). Submit a review of a book you'd like to share with others.
- TD Summer Reading Club Colouring Contest. Pick up your colouring sheet from the library this summer and be sure to return your completed sheet.

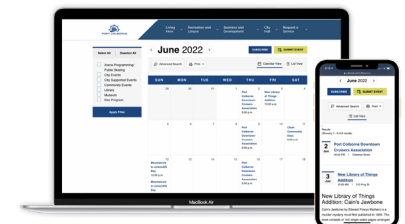
Summer Reading Clubs are FREE with a valid Port Colborne Public Library Card and all participants are entered for a chance to win a prize. Call the library at 905-834-6512 for more details.

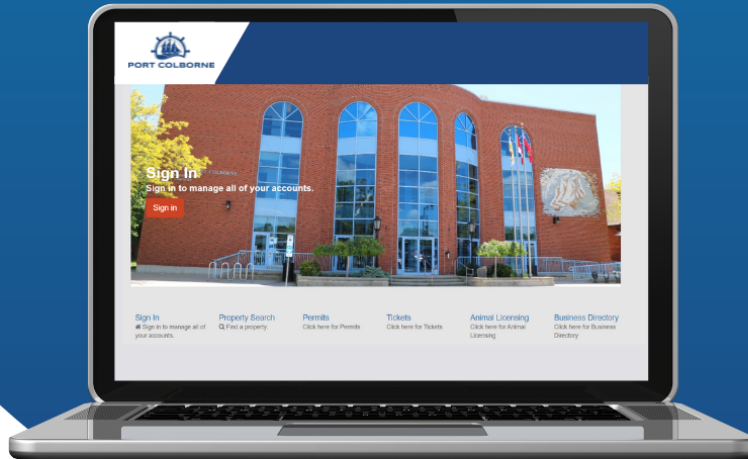
City hosted and/or supported events and Community events

- Community Living 60th Anniversary - June 4
- Port Colborne Downtown Cruise Nights - Thursday nights
- Grand Opening of Splashtown Niagara at Nickel Beach - June 18
- La Maison de la Culture Francophone du Niagara will be hosting a youth arts networking event at Roselawn - June 18
- Port Colborne District Conservation Club Kids Fishing Derby - June 19
- Friends of Roselawn Centre presents a Roselawn Exhibit featuring photographer Chris de Laat and artist Josh Vail - June 25
- Budweiser CanAm Walleye Challenge - June 24 & 25
- Port Colborne Optimist Club presents Canada Day Celebrations - July 1
- N22 Canada Summer Games Torch Relay - July 3

The event calendar also includes upcoming Take & Make's at the Public Library, including:

- Sponge Pirate Ships
- Itsy-Bitsy Spider
- Canada Day Magic Wands





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.



REGISTER FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



UPDATE INFORMATION

Update mailing address and contact 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).



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.

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.

