



**PORT COLBORNE**

# CITYHALLNEWS

A newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

NOVEMBER 2021

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## COVID-19 UPDATES

The health and welfare of our staff, residents and visitors is a top priority for the City of Port Colborne as we continue to navigate the changing impact of COVID-19. As this is an evolving situation, we continue to remind everyone the importance of using credible sources to stay informed. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>.

### Proof of Vaccine

The City of Port Colborne is committed to ensuring the health and safety of residents and staff. Effective Sept. 22 the following City facilities require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status, along with photo ID, to gain access.

#### Vale Health & Wellness Centre:

- Any adult (18+) accessing the facility for any purpose, including parents or guardians of youth participating in an organized sport, walkers and the general public
- Youth (12+) that are spectating and not actively participating
- COVID-19 screening will also be in effect for all individuals entering the building

Youth under 18 years of age actively participating in an organized sport, including training, practices, games and competitions, patrons with a medical exemption, and workers or volunteers (including coaches and officials) are not required to provide proof of vaccination at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre. Individuals can provide proof of vaccination by downloading or printing their vaccine receipt from the provincial booking portal <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. Those with medical exemptions must provide proof as identified by the Province in order to access facilities. For more information, visit

[portcolborne.ca/covid19](http://portcolborne.ca/covid19).



### Looking to get vaccinated?

There are lots of opportunities to get your 1st or 2nd dose of the vaccine across Niagara, including at Niagara Region Public Health vaccine clinics. For a list of upcoming vaccine clinic dates and locations, visit: [niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine](http://niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine).

### Business Support

Guidance is available to support businesses and organizations in implementing proof of vaccination requirements, which came into effect on September 22. For more information, visit [portcolborne.ca/covid19](http://portcolborne.ca/covid19). Please remember to be kind as local businesses implement this new provincial legislation.

**Effective October 25, 12:01 a.m.**

Lifting capacity limits in select settings where proof of vaccination is required:



Restaurants and bars



Sports and recreational facilities



Casinos and bingo halls



Meeting and event spaces

### The YMCA is OPEN for Recreation!

The Port Colborne YMCA, located in the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street, wants to inform the community that they ...

- Are open for business.
- Have new flexible memberships and lower fees.
- Are accepting registrations for our child & youth programs and for our popular swim lessons.
- Have launched a new registration system that you can access online.

To learn more, visit <https://ymcaofniagara.org/>, call 905-835-9622, or email [customerservice@niagara.ymca.ca](mailto:customerservice@niagara.ymca.ca).



**Photo:** the new CEO of the YMCA of Niagara Steven Chuang, the Senior GM of Health, Fitness & Aquatics, Kim Bentley-MacDonald and the GM of the YMCA of Port Colborne, Sharon Schilz welcomed the Mayor Bill Steele and City staff to discuss the current partnership and future programming of the YMCA of Niagara for the City of Port Colborne.

### Have a question? We're here to help!

Although the physical doors to City Hall and City facilities remain closed, or are offering limited services, staff are continuing to offer customer service support for residents, businesses, and visitors by phone, email, website, and social media channels. To reach our customer service representatives, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call **905-835-2900** or email [customerservice@portcolborne.ca](mailto:customerservice@portcolborne.ca). Looking for a particular staff member? Visit [portcolborne.ca/contact](http://portcolborne.ca/contact). For more information and updates about the City's response to COVID-19, visit [portcolborne.ca/covid19](http://portcolborne.ca/covid19).





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

### Remembrance Day

Starting Friday, Oct. 29, 2021, the Port Colborne Legion will be selling poppies at various locations across the city, including storefronts, grocery stores and schools. At their meeting on Oct. 25, Council declared Oct. 29 - Nov. 11 as Poppy Week.



On Nov. 11, 2021, at 10:45 a.m. the Port Colborne

Legion will be hosting their Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. For those unable to attend, a live stream of the service will be available on the City's YouTube channel. To watch the service, visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofportcolborne>.

### Christmas in Port Colborne

#### Port Colborne Reverse Lighted Santa Claus Parade

This year the City of Port Colborne will be celebrating Christmas a little differently with a Reverse Lighted Santa Claus Parade!



**When:** Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

The parade route will be designed to allow vehicles to drive through the parade route and view the stationary brightly lit floats throughout the park. Be sure to visit our website as more information will be released soon!

Email [eventservices@portcolborne.ca](mailto:eventservices@portcolborne.ca) if you are interested in PORTicipating in our Reverse Lighted Santa Claus Parade.

#### Downtown BIA Business Lighting Contest

In partnership with the Port Colborne Downtown BIA, we're inviting businesses and storefronts across Port Colborne to decorate their storefronts and help us light up Port Colborne this Christmas season. All businesses who decorate will be entered into a light display contest with the winner being chosen by the community. **Christmas lights and decorations must be installed by Thursday, Dec. 9, with voting taking place Dec. 10-18. To enter the contest or for more information contact [eventservices@portcolborne.ca](mailto:eventservices@portcolborne.ca)**

#### Home for the Holiday's Decorating Contest

Calling all Clark Griswold's of Port Colborne! We are looking for the best holiday decorations in town! Port Colborne residents are invited to PORTicipate in their very own home decorating contest. With multiple categories, including best lawn display, house lights, balcony and door display, we want to see your holiday spirit. **Entries must be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 9, with voting taking place Dec. 10-18. To enter the contest, or for more information, email [eventservices@portcolborne.ca](mailto:eventservices@portcolborne.ca)**

#### Downtown BIA Christmas Market

On Nov. 26 and 27, the Downtown BIA is preparing to host two Christmas markets featuring various retail and artisan vendors. This is a great opportunity to look for unique gifts for friends and loved ones this holiday season. The location and times for these events will be determined soon, stay tuned to the City of Port Colborne website for the information. **If you are interested in being a vendor, email [downtownportcolborne@gmail.com](mailto:downtownportcolborne@gmail.com).**

#### Virtual Tugboat Santa

Santa's arrival in Port Colborne will be captured virtually this holiday season. Both Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be in Port Colborne this year and visiting some of our friendly downtown merchants. Join us on Dec. 4 and view our virtual recap of Santa's visit to Port Colborne!





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## Library Services

Curbside, in-person browsing, and 60-minute public computer sessions will continue, with the following hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Proof of vaccination is not required to access curbside pickup, in-person browsing, or to use public computers.** Entry will be by capacity and masks are required. All visitors to the library will be actively screened prior to entry into the building in accordance with municipal requirements.

There is no in-person programming at this time.

## \*NEW\*

Want to stay up-to-date with the latest events at your Port Colborne Public Library? Subscribe to our monthly newsletter digital newsletter online! Visit [portcolborne.ca/subscribe](http://portcolborne.ca/subscribe).

## Book Sale

Books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and more! Prices start at 50¢. Find a treasure, buy a gift, and support your library. For more information, give us a call at 905-834-6512

## BIG LIBRARY READ: Five Total Strangers by Natalie D. Richards

**Available Nov. 1 – 15, 2021**

Join the world's largest online book club! Big Library Read is a reading program through your library that connects readers around the world with the same e-book at the same time without any wait lists or holds.

### HOW TO #PORTicipate

- 1) Borrow the e-book with no wait list from Libby, by Overdrive.
- 2) Read & enjoy the book!
- 3) Check out the discussion board at [www.biglibraryread.com](http://www.biglibraryread.com)
- 4) If you need help, please give us a call! 905-834-6512.

## FREE Take and Makes

Jellyfish Friendship Bracelets

(Ages 6+)

**Available starting Monday, November 1.**

Learn how to make your own jellyfish friendship bracelets with this kit! All the supplies you will need are included. No registration required. Available while supplies last.



### S.T.E.A.M. Activity Kits Outer Space Adventure (Ages 7 - 12)

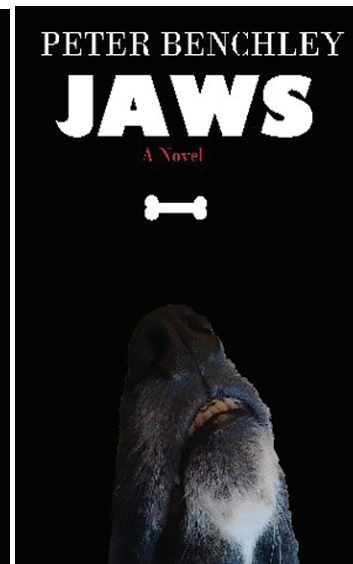
Available starting Monday, November 15. Learn more about outer space while participating in three fun S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) projects! Kits are available while supplies last. No registration required.



## REMINDER: Book Cover Contest Until December 18, 2021

Do you love books? Are you up for a creative challenge? This is the contest for you! We are asking our Port Colborne community to submit a photograph of a recreated book cover. Use props, costumes, drawings, etc., to recreate your favourite book cover. Submit your photograph to: [library@portcolborne.ca](mailto:library@portcolborne.ca). Submissions will be shared on our website and social media accounts. The winner will be contacted in late December. Check out these two examples for inspiration! We can't wait to see your submission!

For full contest rules, please visit [www.portcolbornelibrary.org](http://www.portcolbornelibrary.org).



## Virtual Local Author Talk: Jolie P. Hoang Book Launch November 30, 2021 7 - 8 p.m.

(Presented by Pelham Public Library) Free. Registration required. Join us virtually as we help launch local author Jolie P. Hoang's second book, *Three Funerals for My Father*. Listed by CBC Books as one of the must-read books for Fall 2021. In 1983, Jolie P. Hoang escaped Vietnam on a perilous journey with her five siblings and settled in Canada in 1984. This experience led her to write her first award-winning book, *Anchorless*. You won't want to miss this chance to virtually meet this author and find out more about her life story and new book. Call 905-834-6512 to register.





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## WHAT'S IN THE WORKS WITH PUBLIC WORKS?

### Paving the way to Recreation

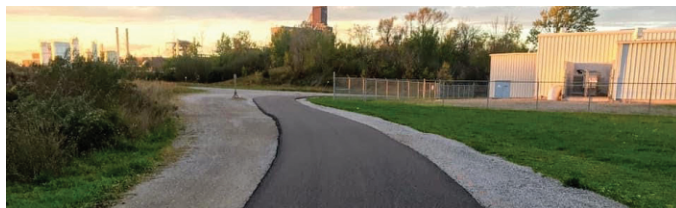
**Did you know?** For the past few months we've been working to renew asphalt across the city within our parks and trails. Sunset Park, H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, and Kinnear Park all have renewed asphalt trails for walking, biking, and rolling.



**Photo:** Lochlan was ready to enjoy his first ride on the new trail in Sunset Park!

### Multi-Use Trail Update

Over 2km of the Multi-Use Trail has new asphalt laid and is ready for use!



### H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park named best Park/Playground

Thank you to Bell Media for hosting the Best of Niagara awards, and to the residents of Niagara for PORTicipating and voting H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park as your favourite! With a beautiful scenic backdrop of the marina, a Discovery Spray Pad, accessible playground equipment, and recently updated walking trails, it's no wonder it is a favourite Niagara park!

**Photo (from left to right):** Bryan (Parks Crew), Mike (Parks Foreman), Scott (Parks Crew), Mayor Bill Steele, Matt (Parks Crew), Steve Shypowskyj (Manager, Roads and Park Operations), and Greg (Parks Crew).



### Fall Street Sweeping

The City's annual fall street sweeping is currently underway!

Here are a few ways you can **#PORTicipate** and help out our Public Works staff:

- Minimize street parking, where possible.
- Do not sweep your leaves, sticks, or any driveway and sidewalk debris onto the road.
- Do not sweep the gutter or edge of road material into a pile.
- Remove hockey and basketball nets from the edge of the road.

**Photo credit (left)** to Jeff Balin, avid cyclist and user of the Multi-Use Trail. Way to **#PORTicipate**, Jeff!



### Fall Storms - Keeping Catch Basins & Culverts Clear

Historically, October and November bring more extreme weather events, largely due to higher volumes of rain. With leaves falling and debris on the ground, catch basins and culverts tend to become congested with leaves, sticks and other foreign objects from trees bushes and shrubs.

Residents are being asked to keep their culvert and catch basins free of debris to minimize the potential of flooding.

Also, during high volume rain events, residents are encouraged to limit water usage at home to reduce the possibility of sewer backups and the chances of surcharging the storm and sewer systems.

As a safety measure, residents are encouraged to avoid any creeks, ditches or streams with high water levels or fast moving water.





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## WHAT'S IN THE WORKS WITH PUBLIC WORKS?

The City of Port Colborne's Public Works team is committed to making Port Colborne a vibrant place to live and play. If you can walk on it, drive on it, drink it, flush it, bike on it, skate on it, play on it and work on it, more than likely it was the City's Public Works team that was taking care of it! Check out some of the great projects and initiatives happening in your community thanks to Public Works.

### Upcoming Improvements to your Neighbourhoods

#### Erie Street Watermain Replacement

We have retained Associated Engineering to provide a design and tendering of 755 metres of cast iron watermain from Killaly Street West to Neff Street. The design is in the 90% phase and after a few final touches this project will be going out for construction. Due to unique circumstances in Port Colborne, including shallow bedrock, watermain isolation and randomness of existing storm infrastructure, the consultant and City staff decided it would best to install the watermain in a new alignment.

Construction is expected to start in early 2022 with completion mid-late spring of 2022.

#### Chippawa/Dolphin/Berkley Intersection Improvements

As a result of internal and external consultation, Public Works staff will be moving forward with procuring the reconstruction of the Chippawa/Dolphin/Berkley intersection. This project will also address the speeding concerns along Chippawa Road. Various measures have been employed in attempt to address these issues such as installation of speed radars and mitigation markers. In efforts to help lower traffic and truck volume along Chippawa Road, additional local traffic only and no truck signage has been installed.

#### Speed Radar Signs

Public Works has acquired three pairs of speed radar signs that will be set up temporarily at various locations. Their first locations are on Clarence Street, Bell Street, and Chippawa Road. The devices



log data such as number of cars exceeding the speed limit, times of day when majority of speeding occurs, and days of the week when speeding is most prevalent. This data will help us determine whether a problem exists and will also assist the police in planning the most efficient use of their resources when enforcing traffic laws.

#### Street Light Repairs

City Council has recently approved budget to repair several street light locations which have been off for extended periods because they require more work to repair than typical outages. The locations include lights on West Street, Main Street West, and several on Clarence Street. The repairs will be completed throughout the next year.

#### Road Resurfacing

Rankin Construction is currently in the city completing the 2021 road resurfacing list. In total, we have 16 roads receiving new asphalt. To view the 2021 road resurfacing list, visit <https://portcolborne.ca/en/living-here/roads.aspx>.

#### Friendship Trail Standards

Public Works staff are currently conducting internal and external consultation to create and implement standards for the Friendship Trail, including trail crossings. These efforts are to upgrade and unify the trail's current standards.



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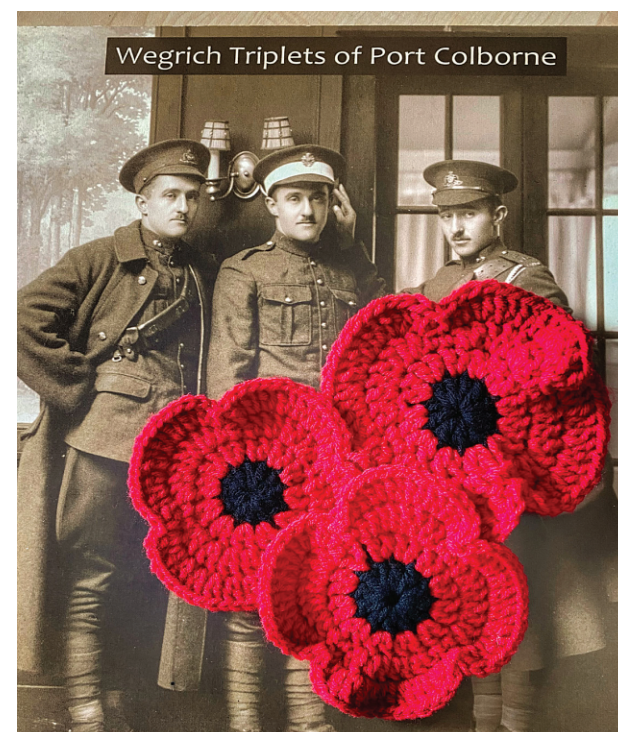
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## We Remember

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the remembrance Poppy in Canada. In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance. To honour this milestone and to commemorate those who protected our freedom, the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum will have a Poppy installation on the museum grounds from November 4 - 11, 2021. The museum worked in partnership with the Niagara Falls Museum's Poppy project to bring 2021 hand knit poppies to Port Colborne for this unique display. We are grateful to our neighbouring Museum and the volunteers who contributed to this project.

## Archives Program on Remembrance Day

Join us on November 11, 2021, at 7 p.m. for a virtual presentation: HMCS Port Colborne and HMCS Humberstone: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy. In honour of Remembrance Day, we will look at the history and careers of these two ships, and showcase some of the related artifacts in our collection. **Sign at up for this on Eventbrite:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hmcs-port-colborne-hmcs-humberstone-tickets-193986878977>



Wegrich Triplets of Port Colborne



## Museum Heritage Passport

Looking for a fun activity to do as a family? We're excited to announce our Museum Heritage Passport. Available at both the Museum and Library, our Heritage Passport is filled with activities and a scavenger hunt that will provide time travelling fun around the museum grounds. The passports are FREE and once complete you will be eligible for our new History Chasers Club badge! For more information, call the museum at 905-834-7604 or email Education Programmer, Abbey Stansfield, at [abbey.stansfield@portcolborne.ca](mailto:abbey.stansfield@portcolborne.ca).

## Book a tour with us!

Port Colborne High School Co-Op student, Rylee Clow, is now working at the Museum as a Collections Assistant. Here Rylee stands next to the Crownmiller & White Brewery artifacts now on display in the Williams' Home. The Museum is open daily from 12 - 4 p.m. with free admission.

To book a tour:

Call 905-834-7604 or

Email [museum@portcolborne.ca](mailto:museum@portcolborne.ca)

