



MEDIA RELEASE

19th Annual SportsFest Returns to Port Colborne *February 9-11, 2018*

Port Colborne, ON – January 25, 2018 - The 19th Annual SportsFest returns to Port Colborne February 9 -11, 2018. The Festival of Sports is a city-wide family-friendly community event providing activities for all ages and interests. Proceeds from various events are donated to local charities, including Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Program, Bless the City, and Port Cares.

“Our goal for SportsFest has always been to provide the community a mid-winter opportunity to get out, PORTicipate, and enjoy all that Port Colborne has to offer”, said Gina Tartaglia, Event Coordinator. “We wouldn’t be able to host this event without the support of community groups and local businesses, offering sports tournaments, free family fun, and activities for music lovers and foodies too.”

An exciting addition for 2018, Canada’s National Sledge Hockey Team will be taking on Team USA on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in an exhibition game to prepare of the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang. Admission to the game is free and everyone is encouraged to come out, watch and cheer on Team Canada! Team Canada will be in Port Colborne for a week, starting Monday, February 5, 2018 for its training camp.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Team Canada to Port Colborne”, commented Mayor John Maloney. “It was February 2013, five years ago, that we opened the doors to the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, and Team Canada’s arrival is another example of the caliber of sport we are able to host and accommodate.”

The full schedule of SportsFest activities is listed below, including returning favourites and new additions:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018
Mayors’ Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street For more information, call Bryan: 905-835-2901 ext. 535 Email: bryantheal@portcolborne.ca
Music Trivia – Name that Tune Canalside, 232 West Street 8:00 p.m. start \$10.00/person – Max. 6 people/team RSVP Required. Greg: 905-834-6090 Email: greg@canalside.ca
Port Colborne YMCA Youth Action (FREE) Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ages 9-14 Sport games, swimming & gym activities.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

19th Annual Snow Golf Tournament

Whisky Run Golf Course, 631 Lorraine Road

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$30.00/person – Two person teams.

Format: Two person scramble for 9 holes of Snow Golf & 18 holes of Disc Golf.

For more information, call Luke: 905-835-6864

Email: luke@whiskyrun.com

Volleyball Tournament

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\$200.00/team

For more information, call Peter: 905-714-6383

Email: pleavere@sympatico.ca

Please bring a non-perishable food item.

Zuvic Memorial Sno-Pitch Tournament

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$250.00/team

For more information, call William: 905-932-7663

Email: wmurray7@sympatico.ca

Proceeds to Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Program.

Port Colborne YMCA Activities (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Family Bounce & Gym Activities

All ages (children must be accompanied by an adult 16+).

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Open Swim

All ages (swim admissions criteria applies).

Outdoor Ball Hockey (FREE)

Market Square, 66 Charlotte Street

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drop-in. No pre-registration required.

Join the City of Port Colborne & Ball Hockey International (BHI) for Ball Hockey games and activities, such as: shooting tunnel, radar gun, drills & skills activities and pick-up games. Hot Chocolate will also be available for families to enjoy & warm up!

For more information, call Blair: 905-835-2901 ext. 538

Email: blairholinaty@portcolborne.ca

Welland Raiders Minor Lacrosse

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

YMCA Gymnasium

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ages 4-12

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play lacrosse? Now you can come out and learn some lacrosse moves & rules, while having fun meeting new lacrosse players! Please provide your own helmet & gloves, if possible.

For more information, call Andrea: 905-329-3774

Email: raidersregistrar@gmail.com

Team Canada v Team U.S.A**Sledge Hockey Exhibition Game**

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street – Rink 1

Free Admittance.

3:00 p.m. – Puck Drops

Cheer on Team Canada as they take on Team U.S.A in an exhibition game in preparation for the Paralympics.

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Mayors' Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Soup Cook Off

Canalside, 232 West Street

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

\$10.00/Sampling

Do you have a soup that everyone loves? Why not enter in our annual Soup Cook off? And, if you love soup, come on out and try all the soups entered and vote for the soup you loved the best!

For more information, call Greg: 905-834-6090

Email: greg@canalside.ca

Proceeds to Bless this City.

Family Skate (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street – Rink 2

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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All ages (swim admissions criteria applies).

Mayors' Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament-FINALS

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For more information about each event, and to view the Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament Schedule, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/Sportsfest

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