



PORT COLBORNE

# CITYHALLNEWS

A newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

FEBRUARY 2020

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

### Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
Call Bryan: 905-835-2900 ext. 535.  
Email: bryantheal@portcolborne.ca  
*Proceeds from the event will go to the City's Active Camps program.*

### Progressive Euchre Night

Port Colborne Legion Branch 56, 67 Clarence St.  
**7 p.m. start.** \$10/person.  
For more information and for tickets,  
Call Ginger Barrick: 905-835-2205.  
Email: barrickbg@hotmail.com  
**NOTE:** The chairlift is out of service.  
*Please bring a non-perishable food item.*

### Music Trivia – Name that Tune

Canalside, 232 West St.  
**8 p.m. start.** \$10/person –  
Max. six people per team. RSVP Required.  
Call Greg: 905-834-6090.  
Email: greg@canalside.ca  
*Proceeds from the event will go to Port Cares.*

### Port Colborne YMCA Youth 10 years old+ (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
**6 - 9 p.m. Swim and Open Gym**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

### 21st Annual Snow Golf Tournament

Whisky Run Golf Club, 631 Lorraine Road  
**11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
\$35/person – Two person teams.  
Format: two-person scramble for 11 holes of snow golf.  
For more information, visit [www.whiskyrun.com](http://www.whiskyrun.com), or call Jessica at 905-835-6864.  
Email: jessica@whiskyrun.com  
*Proceeds from the event will go towards their Junior Golf Program.*

### Volleyball Tournament (Indoors) – Mens/Womens

**8 a.m. – 6 p.m.** \$200/team.  
For more information, call Peter: 905-380-3207  
Email: pleavere@sympatico.ca  
*Please bring a non-perishable food item.*

### Zuvic Memorial Sno-Pitch Tournament

**8 a.m. – 6 p.m.** \$250/team.  
Call William: 905-932-7663.  
Email: wmurray7@sympatico.ca  
*Proceeds from this event will go to the Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Program.*

### Port Colborne Active Camps Ball Hockey Extravaganza

Vale Health & Wellness Centre  
**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Drop in. No pre-registration required. All ages welcome! Come out to PORTicipate in this free event, hosted by Port Colborne Active Camps. Enjoy activities such as ball hockey skills & drills and full game play. Feel free to stop by and warm up with some complimentary hot chocolate too. Game on!  
Call Blair: 905-835-2900 ext. 538.  
Email: blairholinaty@portcolborne.ca

### Port Colborne YMCA Activities (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
**1-3 p.m. Family Bounce & Gym Activities**  
All ages (children must be accompanied by an adult 16+).  
**1-4 p.m. – Open Swim (All ages)**  
Participants 16+ must bring ID.

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Email: bryantheal@portcolborne.ca  
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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

### Volleyball Tournament (Indoors) – Co-ed

**8 a.m. – 6 p.m.** \$200/team.  
For more information, call Peter: 905-380-3207  
Email: pleavere@sympatico.ca  
*Please bring a non-perishable food item.*

### Polar Plunge in Support of Special Olympics

H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park Boat Launch 260 Sugarloaf St.  
**Registration: 1 p.m. – Plunge: 3 p.m.**  
Plungers either pay the registration fee or fundraise the minimum requirement to be able to take part in the Plunge. Plungers can earn incentives based on how much money they raise in donations.  
For more information, visit [www.polarplunge.ca/plunges/portcolborne](http://www.polarplunge.ca/plunges/portcolborne) or call Luke 905-835-2900 ext. 566.  
Email: eventservices@portcolborne.ca  
*Proceeds from the event will be donated to Special Olympics.*

### Soup Cook Off

Canalside, 232 West St.  
**12 – 4 p.m.** \$10/person or FREE if you enter a soup in the cook off.  
Do you have a soup that everyone loves? Why not enter in our annual Soup Cook Off! And, if you love soup, come out and try all of 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 from the event will go to Port Cares.*

### Family Skate (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
**12:30 – 2 p.m.** Rink 2  
*Sponsored by Vance Badaway, M.P. Niagara Centre*

### Port Colborne YMCA Activities (FREE)

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
**10:15 – 11:15 a.m. – YOGA**  
(Ages 13+) Participants must bring ID  
**1-3 p.m. Family Bounce & Gym Activities**  
All ages (children must be accompanied by an adult 16+).  
**1-4 p.m. – Open Swim (All ages)**  
Participants 16+ must bring ID.

### Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament – FINALS

Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St.  
**9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Call Bryan: 905-835-2900 ext. 535.  
Email: bryantheal@portcolborne.ca  
*Proceeds from the event will go to the City's Active Camp program.*

**SportsFest**  
Festival of Sports Port Colborne, ON

Sponsored by the City of Port Colborne in association with:



Headquarters at  
202 Main St. West,  
Port Colborne





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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For all employment opportunities, visit [www.portcolborne.ca/page/employment\\_opportunities](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/employment_opportunities)

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## CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The City of Port Colborne is looking to gather feedback to continually improve our customer service delivery.

**CALL** the City recently?

**EMAIL** a staff member?

**VISIT** one of our facilities: City Hall, Roselawn, Fire Hall, Museum, Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Engineering & Operations, or Port Colborne Public Library?

**CHAT** with us on social media?

Every time you call us, email, visit one of our facilities, or chat with us on social media, we want to hear from you!

Your feedback is important for helping us improve your city.

The information you provide in our Customer Satisfaction Survey will help the City modernize our service delivery and improve our front line service to you, our residents and visitors.

To complete the survey, visit [www.portcolborne.ca/page/customer\\_service](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/customer_service)

## TAXES - INTERIM DUE DATES: Feb. 28 & April 30, 2020

**How are interim taxes calculated?** Your Present Year Assessment X 1/2 of Last Year's Tax Rate.

**Did you know?** The Interim Bill cannot amount to more than 1/2 of the previous year's Final Adjusted Taxes. However, the Interim Bill does not represent half of the current year's taxes.

**Know your Payment Options:** taxes are payable with roll number at any financial institution, City Hall or by cheque. We also offer e-billing and pre-authorized payment plans, either on the due date, or, on a 12 month plan! For more details, or to register for a payment plan, click here: <http://portcolborne.ca/page/taxes>



## SnowPORTant Information

The City of Port Colborne maintains all roads based on a priority system. Roads are classified into Primary Roads, Secondary Roads and Laneways. Our main objective during a snow event is to keep Primary Roads clear for emergency services and to maintain safe, passable school bus routes. Only after these roads are deemed clear, are plowing and sanding operations commenced on Secondary Roads. Laneways are cleared when Primary and Secondary Roads are completed. It is the City's goal to plow all Primary and Secondary Roads in less than 24 hours from the end of a snowfall.

**Winter Parking** – Parked cars make plowing difficult and sometimes impossible. If you park on the road during a snowfall, you could be towed! If your vehicle is parked illegally, you will be issued a \$75 ticket along with a purple tow notice.

**Sidewalk Snow Removal** - In Port Colborne, every Owner or Occupant of a building is responsible for clearing the sidewalks of all snow and ice abutting their property within 24 hours of the completion of a snow event.

**For information about Winter Control Activities during a snow event, visit:** [http://portcolborne.ca/page/winter\\_control\\_activities](http://portcolborne.ca/page/winter_control_activities)

The City of Port Colborne is also reminding residents to take steps to prevent drinking water pipes in their property from freezing. Consider the following suggestions:

- Open kitchen, bathroom and laundry cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- Disconnect, drain, and shut off any outdoor hoses and faucets.
- Insulate pipes most prone to freezing, especially near outside walls and in crawl spaces, attic and garage, with a pipe sleeve.
- If your pipes are prone to freezing, consider contacting a plumber for advice on how best to protect your home.
- Leave a tap open enough for a pencil-thin stream of flowing water, so there is some movement of water in pipes that might be vulnerable to freezing.





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**FARMER'S MARKET**  
OPEN every Friday in the winter in  
Market Square from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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## Upcoming Events & Important Dates... with your Port Colborne Public Library!

310 King St., Port Colborne | [www.portcolbornelibrary.org](http://www.portcolbornelibrary.org) | 905-834-6512 | [library@portcolborne.ca](mailto:library@portcolborne.ca)



## Volunteer!

The 2020 volunteer application is now available! Register to volunteer for any of our 2020 events, including:

Easter Eggstravaganza (April 11, 2020),  
Canal Days (July 31 - Aug. 3, 2020),  
Santa Claus Parade (Dec. 5, 2020),  
and New Year's Eve Family Celebration  
(Dec. 31, 2020).

Application available at  
[www.portcolborne.ca/page/volunteer\\_signup](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/volunteer_signup),  
or pick up at City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street.  
Questions about volunteering?  
Call 905-835-2900 ext.566 or email  
[volunteers@portcolborne.ca](mailto:volunteers@portcolborne.ca).

**SATURDAYS, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday Story Time with Shelly.** Meet us in the Children's Room for a fun, family story time. All ages. FREE. Drop-in.

**Wed. Feb. 5, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Documentary Film Programme.** The Way West—Approach of Civilization (1865-1869) (1995, 90 mins.) and A Park For All Seasons—Banff National Park (2013, 25 mins.)  
Free admission and refreshments.

**Mon. Feb 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Therapy Tails.** Make a new friend and read a tale or two to a Therapy Tails dog. All ages. FREE. Drop-in.

**Mon. Feb 10, 2020. March Break Registration Opens!**

**Fri. Feb. 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. PD DAY CRAFT: Valentine's Day Gumball Machine.** Create your own decorative gumball machine. Includes a sweet treat! Ages 6+. Cost: \$5. Pre-register.

**Sat. Feb. 15, 2019, 9 - 5 p.m. Family Day Weekend Activities.**  
Drop by throughout the day and enjoy fun activities. FREE. Drop-in.

**Wed. Feb 19, 10 - 5 p.m. "I READ CANADIAN" DAY.** Join us for the first-annual, national day of celebration of Canadian books for young people. We're challenge you to read at least 15 minutes of a Canadian book of your choice! Check out a book by a Canadian (author, illustrator or publisher) on Feb. 19th to receive a ballot for a chance to win a prize package! Ages 0-17. FREE. Drop-in.

**Thurs. Feb 20, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snacks & Stories at Vale Health & Wellness Centre.** Theme: Pete the Cat Story Time. Join us at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre on the third Thursday of each month for stories, crafts, and a snack. Sponsored by Carlie Smith, Realtor. FREE. Drop-in.

**THURSDAYS, Feb 20 & 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tot Time.** Stories, crafts and circle-time. Ages 2-5 accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Cost: \$1 per class. Pre-register.

**Mon. Feb. 24, 6 - 7 p.m. Seed Bombs.** Make exploding seed bombs that are both fun to throw and an easy way to grow native wildflowers. Ages 12+. Cost: \$2. Pre-register.

**Wed. Feb. 26, 2019, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Renting In Niagara: Housing Supports and Tenant Rights.** Presented by the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network. Offered in partnership with the Niagara Community Legal Clinic and your local libraries. Learn about housing programs in Niagara and how to access them. Know your rights as a tenant. FREE. Tickets available at the library.

**February 24 - February 29. Freedom to Read Week.** An annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Celebrate your freedom to read by enjoying a frequently challenged or banned book!

**Sat. Feb. 29, 2019, 9 - 4 p.m. Music Makerspace.** Register your family and friends for a 30-minute time slot to play our instruments. We have a guitar, electronic drums, digital piano, ukuleles, and bells and shakers! FREE. Pre-register.

