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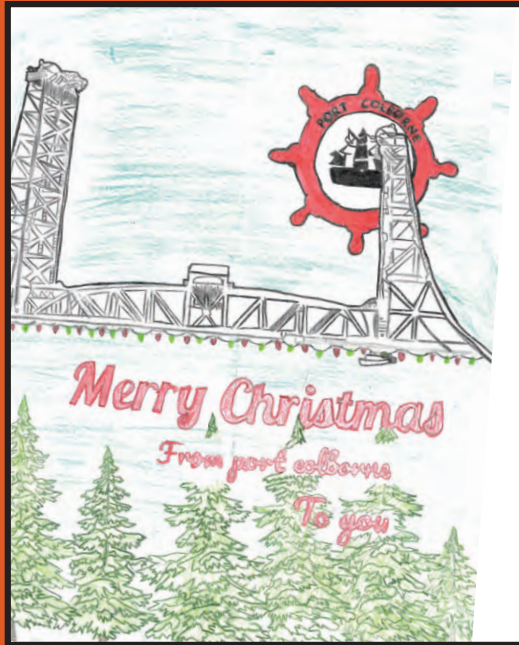
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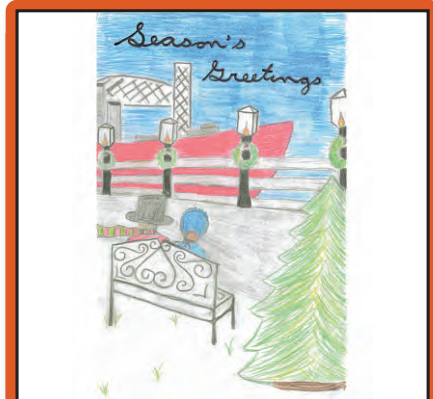
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Oakwood Public School**



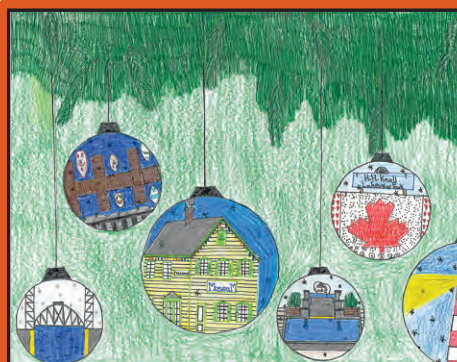
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St. Therese Catholic School**



**Mercedes Allen, Grade 7
St. Patrick Catholic School**



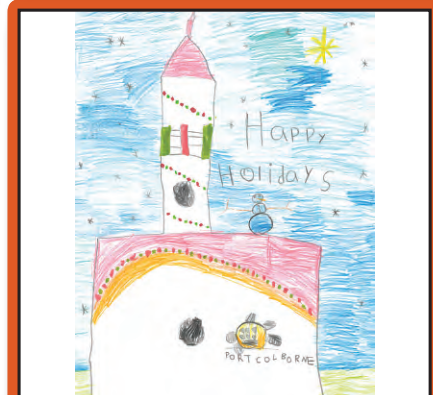
**Ksenia Rungi-Ruston, Grade 7
Ecole Saint-Joseph**



**Ryleigh Huneault, Grade 7
St. Patrick Catholic School**

**On behalf of members of Port Colborne City Council
and City staff, may we extend best wishes and a very
Merry Christmas during the upcoming holiday season.**

Mayor William C. Steele



**Kaelyn Laramée, Grade 2
Oakwood Public School**



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FARMER'S MARKET

OPEN every Friday in the winter in Market Square from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Be sure to visit them Dec. 20, 27, 2019 and Jan. 3, 2020.



Holiday Closures & Im**PORT**ant Dates



Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting Schedule:

There are no more regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole/Council meetings in December. The first regular scheduled Committee of the Whole and Council meetings of the New Year will take place on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne. To view the 2020 Council Calendar, download Meeting Minutes and Agendas, or to livestream meetings, visit http://portcolborne.ca/page/minutes_and_agendas.

Municipal Offices Holiday Closures:

City of Port Colborne operations, with the exception of the Operations Centre, Vale Health & Wellness Centre, Fire & Emergency Services, and the Library, will close for the holiday season Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 at 12 p.m. and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020.

The Operations Centre, 1 Killaly Street West, will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020. In the event of an emergency, such as watermain breaks or winter control maintenance, emergency crews are on call for 24 hour service. Call 905-835-5079.

The Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth St., Holiday Hours of Operation are as follows:

Tuesday Dec. 24, 2019 | 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 | Closed
 Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 | 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 | 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. (approx.) following the New Year's Eve Family Celebration from 2 - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 | 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum, 280 King St., will close Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 for the season and will re-open May 1, 2020.

The L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives Research Room will close for the season on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019.

The Research Room will be open by appointment during the winter beginning Jan. 6, 2020. To make an appointment, call 905-834-7604 or email archives@portcolborne.ca.

The Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King St., will be CLOSED Dec. 24, 25, 26, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020.

They will be OPEN Dec. 27, 28, 29, 2019 and Jan. 2, 2020. On Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 they will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also visit your Library when they 'Pop Up' for FREE from 2 - 4:30 p.m. at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre for the New Year's Eve Family Celebration.



Holiday Break Programs & Events - How will you #PORTicipate?

Monday, Dec. 30, 2019

Library BINGO

10 - 11 a.m. | Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street
All ages. Non-readers are welcome with a reading caregiver. FREE.
Drop-in.

FREE Holiday Skate, sponsored by Tim Horton's

1:30 - 3 p.m. | Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019

New Year's Eve Family Celebration

2 - 6 p.m. | Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street
Enjoy the final countdown to the New Year. Enjoy skating, refreshments, mad scientist, fireworks, and more. For more information:

Visit: www.portcolborne.ca/page/New_Years_Eve;

Email: eventservices@portcolborne.ca;

Call: 905-835-2900 ext. 566.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

FREE Holiday Skate, sponsored by Tim Horton's

1:30 - 3 p.m. | Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

Thursday, Jan 2, 2020

Story Time with Shelly

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street
Meet in the Children's Room for a fun, family story time. All ages. FREE.
Drop-in.

Dungeons & Dragons: Festival

3 - 4:30 pm. | Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street.
It's time for Candlekeep's yearly winter festival, but something's afoot in the coming night. Will you attend? Beginner friendly. Ages: 13 - 18.
FREE. Pre-register.

For more information, or to pre-register for programming at the Port Colborne Public Library, call 905-834-6512, or email library@portcolborne.ca

For more information about the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, or to view the Pay As You Play Calendar, call 905-835-2900 ext. 542, email vhwcboxoffice@portcolborne.ca. or visit <http://portcolborne.ca/page/arenas>.



Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

Roll the Dice

1 - 2:30 p.m. | Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street.
Sew your own dice bag to carry your own dice set, roll a few practice games and take home your new dice set, dice bag, and some dice game rules. Ages: 8 - 14. Fee: \$3. Pre-register.

FREE Holiday Skate, sponsored by Tim Horton's

1:30 - 3 p.m. | Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street

"Deck" the Halls

3 - 4:30 p.m. | Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street
Sew your own playing card case to keep your own deck of cards handy, play a few hands and take home your new deck of cards, carrying case, and some quick card game rules. Ages: 13 - 17.
Fee: \$4. Pre-register.

2020
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Family Celebration



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For all employment opportunities, visit:
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Welland Transit Holiday Service Schedule

WELLAND TRANSIT, WELLTRANS, TRANSCAB:

Welland Transit will provide regular service on all operating days except; Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec., 31 until 7:30 p.m. (last departures from Terminal at 7 p.m.)

No service on Wednesday, Dec. 25, Thursday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

PORT COLBORNE COMMUNITY & LINK:

Port Colborne Community bus will provide regular service on all operating days except: No service will be provided on Wednesday, Dec. 25,

Thursday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

Port Colborne Link will provide regular service on all operating days except; Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31.

The last Welland departure will be at 6 p.m. (6:30 p.m. from Port Colborne).

No service will be provided on Wednesday, Dec. 25, Thursday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

For more information, please visit www.niagararegion.ca/transit.

NIAGARA REGION TRANSIT SERVICE:

Niagara Region Transit will provide regular service on all operating days except; Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31 - last Welland departure will be 6 p.m. - arrival in next municipality at 7 p.m.

No service on Wednesday, Dec. 25, Thursday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

To view all transit information and schedules for Port Colborne, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/Port_Colborne_Transit.

2020 Summer Students

Calling all students! If you are looking for summer employment, consider joining our team!

The City of Port Colborne will be hiring students to work in the following areas:

- Parks
- Visitor Centre
- Sugarloaf Marina
- Roads
- Nickel Beach

If you meet all of the following requirements, please complete the attached application and submit your resume to careers@portcolborne.ca to be considered for employment.

Requirements:

- Must have a valid Class G or G2 Ontario Driver's License, proof upon request.
- Must be available for full-time work from approximately May 4, 2020 until Labour Day 2020.
- Must be a full-time student enrolled for September 2020 (Fall Term).
- Must be available to work flexible hours – days, afternoons, weekends, statutory holidays and special events.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or can be printed by visiting http://portcolborne.ca/page/employment_opportunities. Completed applications must be returned by 4 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2020, to:

City of Port Colborne, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 3C8

Email: careers@portcolborne.ca

Fax: 905-835-2969





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Are you #PortColborneProud?

Photo contest in search of what's beautiful, creative, innovative, and authentic about the city

Until Jan. 31, 2020, the City of Port Colborne is in search of photos from residents and visitors that capture what's beautiful, creative, innovative, and authentic about the city.

How to enter? It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Snap It. Residents and visitors are encouraged to snap photos depicting what makes Port Colborne beautiful, creative, innovative, and authentic to them. Entries are based on two themes: heritage, arts and culture, and/or, outdoor adventure.

2. Submit It. Photo entries (a maximum of two per entrant) can be uploaded electronically as a .jpeg or .png, or entrants can provide a downloadable link from photo sharing sites such as WeTransfer, Dropbox, or GoogleDrive. Submission forms are available at www.portcolborne.ca/page/PortColborneProud.

3. Entered to win it. Once entries are submitted by the Jan. 31, 2020 deadlines, finalist photos will be chosen by a panel of judges which will then open to a public vote for first place and runner up. Prizes totaling \$1,650 will be awarded. Finalists photos will also be on display on the City of Port Colborne website and in an exhibition at the Port Colborne Public Library and select locations throughout the city.

As entries are only being accepted electronically, the Port Colborne Public Library has partnered on this campaign to offer interested amateur photographers assistance with uploading their submissions using their computer lab. PORTicipants are also encouraged to share their entries on social media using the hashtag #PortColborneProud and mentioning the City of Port Colborne and Port Colborne Public



Library on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter.

"More than an opportunity to refresh our current inventory of images, this photo contest will provide our residents and visitors the ability to show us how they see Port Colborne, and it is their vision that will help us develop future marketing campaigns for the city," commented Julian Douglas-Kameka, economic development officer.

To be eligible to submit a photo(s), entrants must be amateur photographers, at least 19 years of age, and residents and visitors of Port Colborne who are residents of Canada (with the exception of Quebec).

For more information about the #PortColborneProud photo contest, and to read the terms and conditions, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/PortColborneProud.





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SnowPORTant Information

A Guide to Winter Control Services in the City of Port Colborne

Winter Control Service Levels

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.

What is a Primary Road?

For the purposes of winter control, a Primary Road is an arterial road upon which higher volume of traffic travels on and provides access to most residential secondary roads.

What is a Secondary Road?

A Secondary Road is any other road not designated as a Primary Road and not a Laneway. These roads carry a low volume of traffic in both urban and rural areas of the City.

What is a Laneway?

A Laneway is a designated municipal rear laneway.

Road Class		Primary Road	Secondary Road	Laneway
Start Winter Control Operations	Snow Depth	8 cm (3 in.)	8 cm (3 in.)	10 cm (4 in.)
Clear Within	Time Frame	12 hours	16 hours	24 hours
Treat Icy Roadways	Time Frame	8 hours	12 hours	16 hours

Know your neighbourhood.

The City clears snow and ice from municipal roads only. Roads owned by the Regional Municipality of Niagara or the Ministry Transportation are cleared by their crews and/or contractors.

Frigid Facts:

- The City of Port Colborne has 279 km of road way (110 km urban and 169 km rural), or 520 lane km.
- For the purpose of snow plowing, the municipality is divided into eight plowing routes with a snow clearing vehicle assigned to each route.
- The total lane km for each route varies from 33 km to 97 km.
- Each plow route takes approximately six to eight hours to complete, depending on weather, traffic available staff, equipment, and the number of vehicles parked on the road ways. For each plow route, the primary roads must be completed before the secondary routes.

CLEAR A SPACE!

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. Towing will occur between one hour to 24 hours after the notice, depending on the severity of the storm and interference with snow removal. With your help, winter maintenance crews can plow snow faster and more efficiently, and reduce the chances of your car getting stuck in a snowdrift. What to do when don't have a driveway or more cars than off-street parking spaces? Move your vehicle to an alternate location until the streets have been cleared so they do not interfere with plowing.

Note: If you have a utility or mailbox, a catch basin or fire hydrant in front of your property, clear a space around it. Accidents and emergencies happen, let's work together to avoid them!



Driveway Snow Clearing – When shoveling your driveway it is suggested you pile the snow on the right side of your driveway when facing the road, if possible. This helps reduce the amount of snow created by the snow plow at the end of your driveway. Snow plows have no place to push the snow except to the curb or shoulder of the road. Sometimes this happens just after you have finished shoveling. City staff appreciate that this can be frustrating, however; we ask your cooperation in clearing the snow without placing it on the roadway. It is illegal to push snow from your property onto the street (Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, section 181). If you hire a private

contractor to clear your driveway, make sure the contractor does not push snow into the travelled portion of the roadway or fill in the sidewalks.

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. This allows the safe passage of all pedestrians. If you are renting a property, please make necessary arrangements with your Landlord regarding snow removal. Those who do not comply may face fines or have the snow and ice removed at the owner's expense.

To view our Most Frequently Requested By-Law, visit: http://portcolborne.ca/page/Most_Frequently_Requested_Bylaw As always you may call the By-law Department at 905-835-2900 ext. 207 to ask questions or discuss an issue.

To register a complaint, email

bylawenforcement@portcolborne.ca

with the address of the complaint area and type of complaint. Generalized complaints, including reference to an entire block, cannot be filed.

Consider being a Snow Buddy!

After a snow event, a neighbor might need your help! Snow Buddies is a local organization that is always looking to place volunteers with those who need winter help. Volunteer by calling 905-682-3800 ext. 35.

72 Hours. Is your Family Prepared?

Log on to www.getprepared.ca to make sure you have the tools needed to keep yourself, your loved ones, and your property safe during a winter emergency.

PORTicipate & Tune In

The City of Port Colborne notifies local media about municipal closures and road safety information. Be sure to like us on Facebook and Instagram, follow us on Twitter, and sign up for the news channel on our website by visiting http://portcolborne.ca/page/City_Hall_News to stay up-to-date on all winter control services provided by the City, and more!

For information about Winter Control Activities during a snow event, visit: http://portcolborne.ca/page/winter_control_activities