



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

APRIL 2021

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REOPENING PORT COLBORNE

Effective March 1, Port Colborne along with the Niagara region, moved to Red-Control under the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework. As Niagara begins to reopen we will work with Niagara Region Public Health to communicate new reopening updates as they become available.

**Niagara Enters
Control**
Level Classification
Effective Monday, Mar. 1, 2021



Coming Soon! Digital COVID-19 Screening

In an effort to simplify the COVID screening process for all employees, visitors and contractors who visit City facilities or worksites, the City will be implementing a new COVID-19 Digital Self-Screen. More information will become available soon.

Vaccinations

As of March 22, individuals 75 years of age or older, or an individual trusted to make an appointment on their behalf, can book a vaccine appointment. The City is working closely with Niagara Region Public Health to open the Vale Health & Wellness Centre as a vaccination clinic on April 7, 2021. Until the vaccination clinic opens in Port Colborne, residents are still able to access vaccination clinics in other municipalities.

Have a Question? We're Here to Help!

The City of Port Colborne is committed to ensuring the health and safety of residents and staff, while continuing to provide customer service to the community. 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. Looking for a particular staff member? Visit www.portcolborne.ca/contact. For more information and updates about the City's response to COVID-19, visit www.portcolborne.ca/covid19.

Resilient Port Colborne

Patios can open as early as April 1, 2021!

With warmer weather in the forecast, this is the perfect time to announce that local restaurants in Port Colborne can have their pop-up patios open as early as April 1. With many great restaurants and boutique shops, we encourage you to continue to support local.

Reminder: Face Covering By-Law

As Niagara residents begin to receive the COVID-19 vaccines, just a friendly reminder the face covering by-law is still in effect. This by-law requires residents to wear mandatory face coverings in enclosed public places, and on Regional and municipal transit to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Free
Public
Transit**
To get to your COVID-19 shot

Niagara transit operators are pleased to be providing free transit fare to residents to and from their COVID-19 vaccination appointments. This offer is to support the health and safety of the community by providing Niagara residents with access to life saving COVID-19 vaccinations at the location they are booked to receive it. Visit www.portcolborne.ca/covid19 for more information.

niagararegion.ca/COVID19

Stay healthy & safe while you #PORTicipate



Stay home
if you
are sick



Maintain
two metres
physical
separation



Wash or
sanitize
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frequently



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

Join the YMCA Online & Stay Fit!

When you join your local Port Colborne YMCA, you join more than a gym. You join a community deeply committed to helping build healthy children, adults, and families. As a member, you will feel good about the YMCA's work in your community while improving your own health and at the same time having your children stay active and social with their friends.

Kid Fit is Back Virtually!

With some warmer, sunnier weather on the way, get your kids outside to soak up some rays while practicing your dribbling skills with Sam.

Online Group Fitness Package with Free Trial!

Now offering 40+ live online classes per week, led by YMCA-certified instructors including familiar faces like Sally Jane, Chico, Brandon and Ro-z. Try a FREE online fitness class!

Now Offering Online Personal Training!

Meet with a certified YMCA Personal Trainer virtually and plan a tailored workout routine to help you stay physically active and healthy while at home! No matter your age, fitness level, or lifestyle, the key to the success of Online Personal Training is accountability. Your Trainer will supervise you virtually to ensure that you complete your workout safely and effectively. The YMCA's training sessions are offered in three different packages depending on your needs.

To learn more, visit the YMCA's website
www.ymcaofniagara.org



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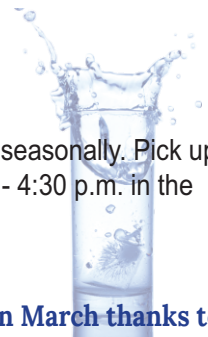
Upcoming Tax Due Date

Second interim installment due April 30, 2021.

Payments can be made through online banking, City Hall night slot or by mail.

Private Well Water Testing Free Water Kits Now Available at City Hall

Water from wells, cisterns or other sources should be tested seasonally. Pick up bottles and drop off samples Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the front foyer of City Hall.



Thank you!

More than 60,000 masks were handed out to residents in March thanks to Fire & Emergency Services!

During the month of March, the City promoted mask giveaways and asked residents to consider donating non-perishable food items to Port Cares, however it was not a requirement. More than four bins of food was donated and approximately \$850 was collected that will go towards the Port Cares school lunch program. Thank you Port Colborne for your generosity!

Photo:
Fire Chief Scott Lawson,
Port Cares Executive Director
Christine Clark Lafleur,
and Port Cares Site
Supervisor Amanda Upper.



Virtual Easter Challenge Join us in PORTicipate in the City of Port Colborne's Virtual Easter Challenge

From April 1 to April 5, residents can join in the fun and participate in online activities that can be done at home and outside in a safe and socially distant manner. All activities will be worth various points and if you collect enough points you will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card to a local Port Colborne establishment of your choice. This virtual challenge will be facilitated through an app called GooseChase App and can be downloaded from the IOS or Android app store for free. More information can be found at www.portcolborne.ca/easterchallenge.





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Temporary Hours

Monday - Saturday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library staff are onsite to answer your phone calls and to schedule curbside pickup.

Please note the following:

- The book drop is open 24/7 to return your books and library materials. All returns will be quarantined for 96 hours.
- All fines will be waived on items due during the closure
- If you don't have a library card, visit our website to register online
- There are currently no in-person programs or meetings
- If you need help, please call or email us and we will respond to your questions as soon as possible. Stay safe! We will see you soon.

Curbside pickup is available Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information visit, www.portcolbornelibrary.org.

Computer Services & Printing

WiFi is available 24/7. Need something printed? We can help! Contact us at: library@portcolborne.ca or 905-834-6512 for curbside pickup.

E-Resources

Did you know you can access free ebooks, audiobooks, online courses, digital magazines and videos through your Port Colborne Public Library? All you need is a library card.

Income Tax Clinic

For assistance registering for an income tax clinic, please contact the library by phone: 905-834-6512 or email: library@portcolborne.ca

April Break Crafts

Registration begins Thursday, March 25

Enjoy April Break with these fun craft kits! Call the library to reserve: 905-834-6512. Available while supplies last! \$1/craft. Limit of two crafts per child. Please have exact change ready at pickup.

Ages 8 and younger

Pop Up Rainbow
Felt Bugs Duotangs
Corduroy Bear



For Ages 9 to 18

Clay Figurines
Wreck This Book
Macramé Rainbows



Take & Make Family Crafts

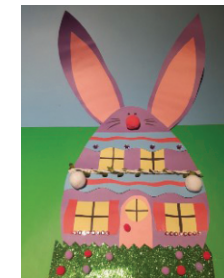
Every week your family can order a kit to make an amazing craft. Call to book your kit: 905-834-6512. Available while supplies last! \$1/craft. Please have exact change ready at pickup.

April 1 – Easter Egg Houses (Ages 4 – 8)

April 16 – Candy Striped Friendship Bracelets (Ages 9 and older)

April 23 – Octopus Paper Craft (Ages 4 – 8)

April 30 – Monarch Butterfly Gardens (All ages)



April Break: Virtual Fun for All Ages

3-2-1 Weather Launch: Atmosphere Traveller with David T. Chapman starting Monday, April 12

Observe and investigate the fascinating science behind the weather. Become your family's weather forecaster by learning to read weather patterns just from looking at the sky outside your window. Our travel guide, weather expert David T. Chapman, takes us on a journey literally from the ground up. Free. Visit: www.portcolbornelibrary.org.

Crayola® Imagine Arts Academy™: Coiled Turtles

Tuesday, April 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Register for the program, pick up your art supply kit prior to the event, and then join us for a live, online tutorial. Registration starts March 25. Visit our website for more details www.portcolbornelibrary.org or call: 905-834-6512. Free.

A Very Special Interactive Online Magic Show with Chris Pilsworth, Amazement Expert!

Thursday, April 15, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Your family won't want to miss this amazing interactive show! Registration starts March 25. Kits for the show will need to be picked up prior to the event. Visit our website for more details portcolbornelibrary.org or call: 905-834-6512. Free.



PORT COLBORNE
- HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM -

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April Break: Cure Your Cabin Fever!

Join us in April for our, "Cabin Fever Tour." Guests will start their tour in the Heritage Village where they will discover how the settlers of Port Colborne spent their days in their own cabins. The tour continues into the Williams' House to see the "A Village by the Canal" exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of Port Colborne becoming a village. Tours are \$5/ person and are 45 minutes in duration. We will be following provincial guidelines and space is limited. For more information or to book, please contact the Museum at (905) 834-7604 or abbey.stansfield@portcolborne.ca.



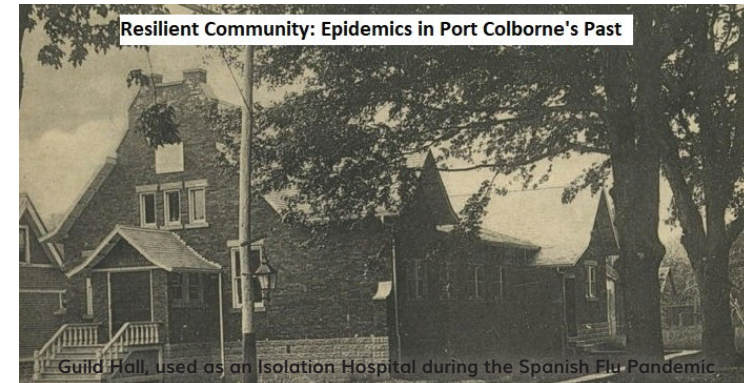
Photo: Cabin Fever Loghouse



Photo: Cabin Fever Schoolhouse

Archives Speakers' Series

The Archivist has just completed the research for the next online Speakers' Series. On April 8, at 7 p.m. Michelle Vosburgh will present her research on past epidemics and pandemics in "Resilient Community: Epidemics in Port Colborne's Past." Sign up with Eventbrite on the Archives Facebook page or by visiting www.portcolborne.ca/speakersseries.



Resilient Community: Epidemics in Port Colborne's Past

Guild Hall, used as an Isolation Hospital during the Spanish Flu Pandemic.

The Value of One, The Power of Many

National Volunteer Week: April 18 - 24, 2021

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021, *The Value of One, The Power of Many*, reflects on the awe-inspiring acts of kindness by millions of individuals AND the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose. This past year, we have seen people supporting family, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society. We recognize the value of the caring and compassion that each one has shown another, and we recognize the power of people, organizations, and sectors working together.

Dear Port Colborne Community,

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum will be recognizing some of our dedicated crew during National Volunteer Week. We thank all the volunteers for helping to preserve history and serve the community. We are so grateful.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Powell Baswick
Director/Museum Curator



Photo: Museum Board Members

Don't Forget!

We're Full Steam Ahead!

Thanks to a sponsorship from Bell Marine, all residents of Port Colborne and Wainfleet who wish to become Museum Members can do so for free in 2021. Bell Marine, the oldest chandler on the Great Lakes, has contributed the cost of membership free so that citizens join historical and marine museum at no personal cost. Membership includes: an individual or family membership card, advanced notice of activities through newsletters, and 10% off on Museum gift shop and Archives publications. For more information give us a call at **905-834-7604**.

B.A.S.S.

You can now book a safe service at the Museum. Give us a call today to book a private tour, or to visit our gift shop. More information can be found on our website.





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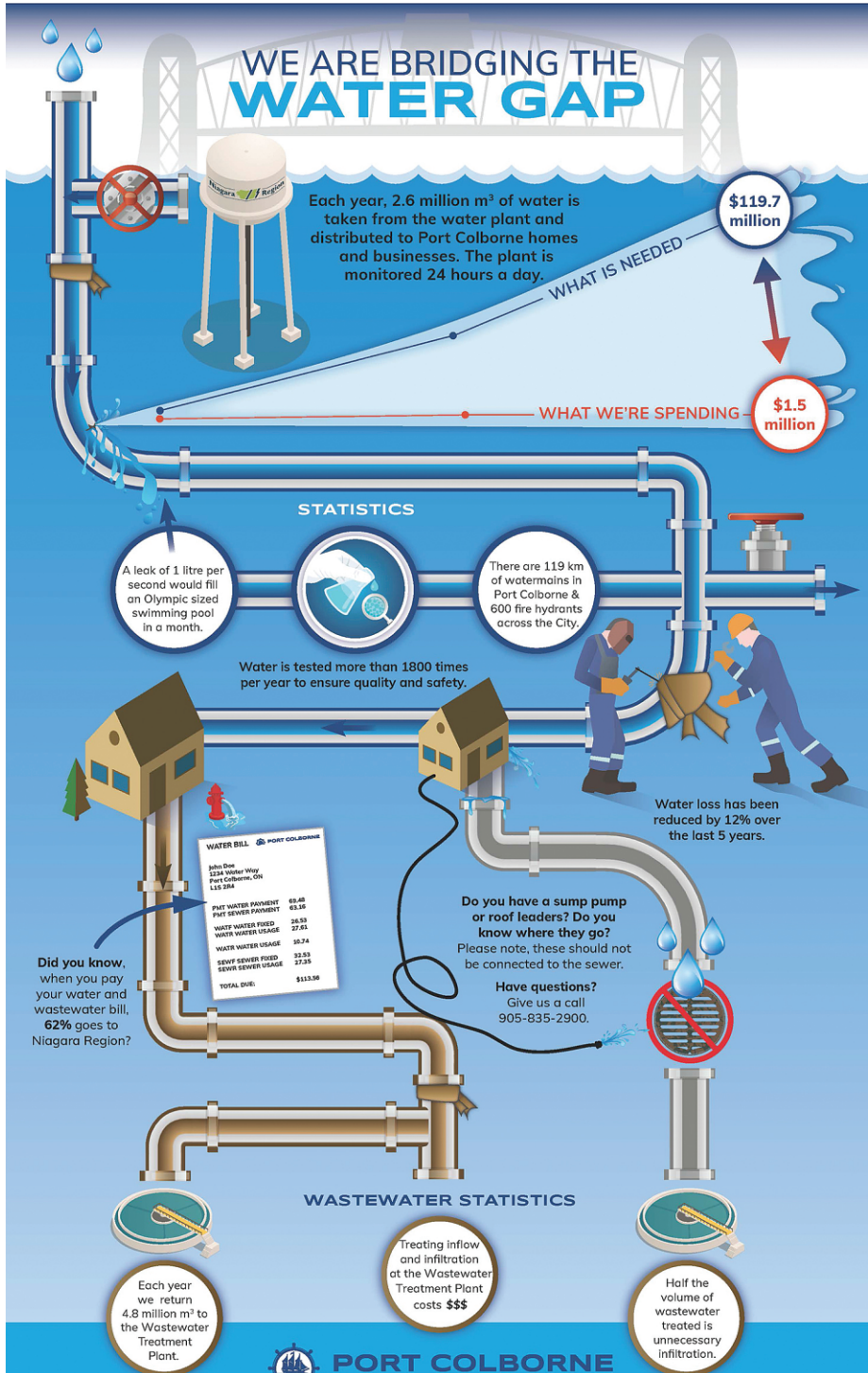
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WATER!



Drinking Water

The Regional Municipality of Niagara draws water from the Welland Canal and treats it to make it safe to drink. Then the water is sent to the Fielden Avenue Reservoir, or the Barrick Road Water Tower, and then to the City-owned water distribution system and to our homes and businesses. The City of Port Colborne takes pride in ensuring that its residents are provided with clean and safe water, free of any pollutants that could jeopardize their health. Certified operators collect water samples throughout the distribution system each week. Samples are analyzed for free chlorine levels and microbiological parameters. Additional chemical tests are performed as required. Standards for drinking water are set and legally enforced by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The City of Port Colborne's drinking water consistently meets all Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Wastewater

Wastewater is collected from Port Colborne homes and businesses by the City's wastewater collection system, which is made up of approximately 90 km of sewer mains. Wastewater is then emptied into one of the Region's 17 sewage pumping stations and then pumped to the Region's Seaway Wastewater Treatment Plant. There it is treated and then discharged back into the Welland Canal.

Storm Water

Stormwater is the water from rain or melting snow that is not absorbed into the ground. In urban areas (in the city), stormwater goes into storm sewers (the grated drains found on streets), which empty directly into streams, the Canal or Lake Erie. Managing stormwater and drainage is key to preserving the health of our water.

Water - Wastewater Billing

How the City pays for its water and wastewater services is determined annually by the rate budget. The rate budget covers day to day operations of water and wastewater services. These services are included in your water bill.