



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Port Colborne, along with the rest of Ontario, moved to Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, July 16. The Roadmap to Reopen is a three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures. The province will remain in Step 3 for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. For more information, including what's open during Step 3 can be found online:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>.

City Facility Updates

As the City of Port Colborne adjusts to Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen, the following City services and facilities have changed:

Vale Health & Wellness Centre



- The walking track and rink 1 reopened and resumed programming to the public on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Those accessing the walking track will be required to wear a mask. Parents and guardians will be required to wear masks while in the arena.
- Sledge hockey will resume play. The Brock Niagara Penguins will play their 2021/22 season at the VHWC and will host the Sledge Team Ontario camp this September.
- Outdoor sports, including minor baseball, minor soccer, co-ed, and men's slo-pitch have resumed.
- Outdoor recreational programs will continue to run, including the YMCA summer day camps.

Sugarloaf Marina

- Social picnic docks and fish cleaning stations are open.
- Electric BBQs are now available on picnic docks. Individuals are asked to please sanitize hands before and after each use.
- Dock buggies and carts are available. Individuals are asked to use at own risk and to sanitize hands before and after each use.
- Ice is now available in the Office and at the Marine Supply Store.
- Water, pop, juice, and bait worms are now available at the Marine Office.
- Showers and washroom stalls are now available.



COVID-19 Vaccines

Looking to get vaccinated but don't have an Ontario health card? No problem! You can still get vaccinated. Visit Niagara Region Public Health's website for more information and learn how you can #StickItToCOVID. niagararegion.ca/covid19

Don't have an Ontario health card?

You can still get the COVID-19 vaccine.

#VaccinateNiagara

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. Looking for a particular staff member? Visit portcolborne.ca/contact. For more information and updates about the City's response to COVID-19, visit portcolborne.ca/covid19.

We Want to Hear From You!

Lockview Park Redevelopment Virtual Open House

The City of Port Colborne is seeking resident input on the redevelopment of Lockview Park. Residents are invited to participate in a virtual open house, where they can ask questions and hear updates. The next virtual open house will be held on **Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.** If residents are interested in participating at the virtual public open house, they are asked to email lockviewpark@portcolborne.ca or visit portcolborne.ca/lockviewpark for more information.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

Get Moving this Summer with Your Local YMCA

Looking for some fun, exciting outdoor programming to keep you and your family healthy and active this summer? Your local YMCA is offering fun for the entire family! Check out some of their programs below.

Stretch and Relax With Outdoor Kid Fit Yoga

With a focus on strength, endurance and flexibility, this program enhances physical literacy; increasing body awareness, balance, coordination, and concentration. Incorporating music and stories sparks imagination. YMCA Kid Fit Yoga for 3 to 5 years and 6 to 12 years helps increase self-awareness, body control, and boost self-esteem.



Outdoor Group Fitness Classes For all in Niagara!

This summer, outdoor group fitness classes will be available at four YMCA of Niagara locations – Niagara West, Port Colborne, Welland and St. Catharines – weather permitting. Participants can register for outdoor classes on the YMCA's website.

New Summer Virtual Classes for \$10

With the purchase of an outdoor fitness class session, we offer a variety of live online classes per week to keep you active at home for only \$10 more! These are led by our YMCA-certified instructors.



New Kid Fit Train Session Outdoors For The Win!

Kid Fit Train will be focusing on specific sport skills appropriate for 10 to 15 years. This 45-minute program will lead participants through cardio activities, strength training and stretching in an interactive setting. It will also provide athletic training to improve sport performance.

For more information visit www.ymcaofniagara.org.

Port Colborne Rocks

Scattered throughout the beautiful city of Port Colborne are small acts of kindness that are left to help lift the spirits of those who find them. Have you ever stumbled upon a hand painted rock with an inspirational message?



The main goal of Port Colborne Rocks is to promote random acts of kindness to unsuspecting recipients by sharing inspirational messages on rocks. Port Colborne Rocks wants you to **#PORTicipate** and add your inspirational creations to their Kindness Rock Garden, which is located along the Port Colborne Promenade. For more information and how you can get involved, visit [Port Colborne Rocks Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PortColborneRocks) page.

Upcoming Municipal Drain Maintenance

Starting this Fall, the Public Works team will be completing routine maintenance on the following municipal drains:

- Bears Municipal Drain
- Marsh Municipal Drain
- Henry Municipal Drain
- Ramey Municipal Drain
- Beaver Dam Municipal Drain – between Snider Road Allowance and Killaly Street

This work will take place between September 2021 to approximately March 2022. For more information and to learn more about municipal drains in Port Colborne, please visit portcolborne.ca/municipaldrains.



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Library Services

Curbside and in-person browsing 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.

Public computers will be available for 60-minute sessions during the following hours:

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

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.

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**.

SATURDAY STORYWALK

The Thing That Lou Couldn't Do by Ashley Spires

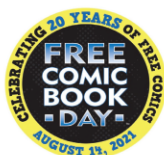
Saturdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Families can enjoy reading *The Thing That Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spires page-by-page while strolling through your Port Colborne Public Library and the Port Colborne Museum grounds. This activity is free of charge.

FREE Comic Book Day

Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Drop by the library to pick up your free comic book! Spin the prize wheel to win an extra prize! Feeling SUPER? Dress up like your favourite Superhero or wear a cape, and get your photo taken with a local superhero! Thanks to our friends at Sketchbook Comics & Games for the comics. All ages welcome to this event. Available while supplies last.



FREE 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!

Aug. 6 – 3-D Sea Turtle (All ages)

Aug. 13 – Pet Rocks (All ages)

Aug. 20 – Popsicle Picture Frames (All ages)

Aug. 27 – Rock Pendant Necklaces (Ages 6 and up)



Mad Science Spectacular

Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Limited spaces available. Reserve your spot online today: www.portcolbornelibrary.org. This VIRTUAL show includes a hands-on experience. To participate in that portion you will need: a plastic water bottle with the bottom cut off, a clean sock or wash cloth, an elastic band big enough to hold the sock/washcloth over the bottom of the bottle, large bowl, dish soap, water and towels for mess management!

Learn at Home Activity Booklets

Looking for activities to get your child ready for school? Thanks to the Port Colborne Optimists Club, we have free Nelson activity kits to boost math, science and literacy skills! Available for Pre-K to Grade 4. Call the library to reserve your kit. Available while supplies last.



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Toe Tapping Music

In celebration of Port Colborne's marine heritage, the Museum partnered with musicians to share original songs to showcase the community's connection to the water. Musicians stepped up and created musical pieces about the Welland Canal, East Street, Wainfleet and local descendants. To enjoy these sea shanties by My Friend Christopher, Attic Daddy, Mary Lou Minor Trio, Kindred, Ian Bell, and Whistler's Meadow, please visit the Museum's YouTube channel starting Saturday, July 31.

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
sails into the waters of Sea Shanties
in celebration of our Marine Heritage

Join past Canal Days musicians with some toe-tapping tunes
which capture the sense of unity and friendship of Sea Shanties.
The songs will be launched on the Port Colborne
Historical & Marine Museum YouTube channel on Saturday July 31.

Featuring

Christopher Eckart, Attic Daddy, Mary Lou Minor Trio, Kindred,
Ian Bell, Whistler's Meadow



Free Memberships - Let Us Do the Work

Looking for a free Museum membership, but don't want the hassle of all the paperwork? No problem! Just give our friendly Museum staff a call at **905-834-7604**. Thanks to Bell Marine, memberships for 2021 are free! Membership perks include 10% off at the Museum Gift Shop, advance notice of events and exhibits, and access to the monthly Museum Musings Newsletter.

A Thriving Garden

The Museum's Sherk heritage kitchen garden is thriving, and residents and visitors are invited to come see it in person, or watch it grow through the Museum's online video series. Every week the Museum posts a video to its YouTube channel featuring the changing heritage garden and provides interpretations of period artifacts. A new video focusing on different elements of heritage gardening premieres each week. The garden was supplied with heirloom seeds from the Port Colborne Public Library's Seed Library and these seeds are available to residents if they wish to plant a future garden.



Photo: Meghan Chamberlain, Echo Tourism Officer in the "Sherk Log House" garden

Virtual Village Tours

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum is hosting Virtual Village Tours of its heritage buildings and grounds each week. Tickets are free through Eventbrite and this interactive tour allows for real time questions and answers every Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m. If visitors prefer a self guided in-person tour of the indoor exhibit, tours can be prebooked by calling **905-834-7604**. The Museum staff are here to assist with its Book a Safe Service (BASS) initiative.





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Here's your chance to win

THE ULTIMATE STAYCATION

This is the year for road trips, backyard adventures and summer staycations. With beautiful beaches; a vibrant waterfront community with boutiques, restaurants, and cafes and multiple hiking trails and parks for nature enthusiasts, exploration is endless in Port Colborne.

Now's your chance to win the Ultimate Staycation social media contest! For the month of August, find a Port Colborne photo at one of several sites across the city, snap a photo and upload it to social using **#PortColborneStaycation**.

The prize package includes:

- Two cruiser bikes with baskets
- \$250 in gift cards to local Port Colborne dining establishments
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- A private 'Behind the Scenes' tour of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
- A Port Colborne Public Library package

The contest runs August 1 to August 31, 2021. Interested in #PORTicipating, but don't use social media? No problem!

Participants can submit photos by emailing entries to **communicationsofficer@portcolborne.ca**.

Let's see how you #PORTicipate this summer for your chance to win the ultimate Port Colborne staycation!

For complete contest rules visit **portcolborne.ca/staycation**



Snap a photo at one of these photo frames located across the city, post it to either Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using #PortColborneStaycation and you're entered to win! If you discover multiple photo frames in Port Colborne, keep snapping photos and tag us to be entered more than once.

