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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Announced on May 13, the Stay-at-Home order has been extended until June 2, 2021. Everyone is to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

Vaccinations

Niagara Region Public Health is making huge strides in vaccinating Niagara residents. NOW, anyone age 12+ can book an appointment at a Niagara COVID-19 vaccination clinic! Book at <http://Ontario.ca/BookVaccine> or call **1-833-943-3900** (available in 300+ languages). Please be patient as wait times are likely.

#StickItToCOVID!



Individuals aged 12+ can now book their COVID-19 vaccinations



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 portcolborne.ca/contact.

Update: Public Boat Ramp and Marina

As the City of Port Colborne continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and begins to initiate the safe reopening of various outdoor facilities, as per Government of Ontario guidelines, the public boat ramp and marina reopened last week. The public boat ramp will be available for seasonal boat ramp pass holders and daily passes can be purchased directly at the boat ramp. City staff ask that boaters be courteous to each other, follow social distancing practices, and only boat with individuals from the same household. More information regarding operational changes and frequently asked questions can be found portcolborne.ca/publicboatramp.

#PORTicipate Pass



With the 2021 beach season fast approaching, the City of Port Colborne is excited to launch the #PORTicipate Pass, allowing residents to access both Nickel and Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach for FREE this summer. Now's your chance to get exclusive access to the beach on both weekdays and weekends, just by showing your pass. #PORTicipate Passes are non-transferable and can only be used by the person who registers for it. Residents can register for this FREE beach pass online: portcolborne.ca/porticipatepass or by calling **905-835-2900**.



Community Grant Program

The City of Port Colborne is now accepting the second-round of applications from non-profit organizations until June 30, 2021. The annual grant program is one of the many ways the City looks to give back to the community. For more information about the application process and/or the grant policy committee, visit portcolborne.ca/communitygrant, call **905-835-2900 ext. 301** or email mayoradmin@portcolborne.ca.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

Your Local YMCA

Join the YMCA Online & Stay Fit during the Pandemic

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.

Virtual Fitness Classes with Free Trial!

We are offering residents a free trial virtual fitness class! If happy, please sign up for our monthly schedule of virtual fitness classes at a reduced rate of \$35 + HST per month by contacting customerservice@niagara.ymca.ca.

Virtual
Fitness Classes

**TRY YOUR
FIRST ONE FREE**

Get started today!



Online Personal Training to stay motivated!

Your YMCA certified Personal Trainer will supervise you virtually to ensure that you complete your workout safely and effectively. Sessions are offered in three different packages depending on your needs.

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.

To learn more and become a member or to donate, visit the YMCA's website at

www.ymcaofniagara.org.

Stay Connected

Want to stay up-to-date on community news and imPORTant information? Join our email list! Visit portcolborne.ca/subscribe for more information and sign up today.

The Farmers' Market is Open

Experience genuine local produce at the Port Colborne Farmers' Market every **Friday, 8 a.m. to noon**, from now until October. It's a sure sign of Spring when the Port Colborne Farmers' Market is open for the season, delighting residents and visitors with just-picked produce, farm specialties like baked goods, maple syrup, honey, VQA wines, plus friendly, knowledgeable advice on how to prepare, store and enjoy products. For more information check out the Farmers' Market Facebook page: [@portcolbornefarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/portcolbornefarmersmarket).



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. Two virtual public open houses will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The public open houses will be streamed live on the City's YouTube channel. 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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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 24 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. Place your order for library materials by phone 905-834-6512, by email at library@portcolborne.ca or online at www.portcolbornelibrary.org. Staff will contact you when your items are ready.

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.

Summer Reading BINGO for Teens

June 15 - August 24

Get a BINGO and win a prize! FREE for ages 13 and older with a valid Port Colborne Library card. Call us to register for your BINGO card at 905-834-6512 or pick up your ballot during our curbside hours.



TD Summer Reading Program

June 15 - August 24

Log your summer reading and win prizes! FREE for all ages with a valid Port Colborne Library card. Call us to register for your TD Summer Reading Club kit: 905-834-6512.

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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!

June 4 – Sunny Sailboat Painting (All Ages)

June 11 – Fish Tail Macramé (All ages)

June 18 – Father's Day Cards (All ages)

June 25 – Rainbow Fish Windsock (All ages)



STORYWALK: The Thing That Lou Couldn't Do By Ashley Spires

Coming soon

A StoryWalk® is a fun, socially-distanced activity that places a children's book, page by page, along a path or in a park. Families can enjoy reading a book while strolling through their community. Watch our social media accounts this month for details on how to participate in this fun.

Upcoming Online Programs

This summer we are excited to offer a variety of online programs in partnership with our friends at local Niagara libraries. Programs will include speaker series, author talks, instructional courses, clubs, contests, and much, much more! Check our newsletter and website to find out more!

Ukulele Fun!

Mondays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10 a.m.
(Presented by Grimsby Public Library)

Did you know Port Colborne Public Library has ukuleles you can borrow? Get started playing ukulele with this 4-part series. Learn a few chords and easy songs to get you started. Great for kids ages 9+, teens, and adults! Call us to register: 905-834-6512.



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- HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM -

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Little Country Museum "Nigh Agora"

Finding a new home at the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum

If you never had the chance to visit the little museum in a barn on Pinecrest Road, you will have another chance at the Port Colborne Museum. Mildred Nigh's collection of handcrafted tools, utensils, baskets, boxes, postcards and more, was donated to the Museum last summer. It has been cataloged, numbered and photographed, and is ready to be displayed in the Carriage House on the grounds of the Museum. The beautiful crafted artifacts were discovered by Harold and Mildred Nigh when they purchased the farm from Olive Knisley in 1972. Most of the artifacts were things left behind by generations of the Knisley family; some items dating from the early 1800s. One of the many interesting artifacts is a J. Van Norman stove manufactured at Normandale (Long Point) around 1840.

Mildred Nigh kept the heritage of the century farm and its people alive, by preserving their treasures. She created the private museum in 1989 after her husband Harold passed away. Upon Mildred's passing the Nigh family felt that the collection should be preserved and shared. They generously donated the entire contents of the Nigh Agora Museum to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.

The Board and staff are thrilled be able to share Mildred Nigh's legacy to rural heritage by installing the contents of her country museum into the Carriage House on the Museum's ground. "Heirlooms from the Farm" exhibit will open this summer.



Photo: Nigh-Knisley Farm House

Familiar Face In a New Role



The Museum is pleased to announce that Amanda Emery has joined the Museum team as the permanent part-time Registrar on May 17. Amanda brings with her a wide range of skills, as well as her a creative and positive energy. Amanda has gained collection management expertise over the years in her roles as a student at the Port Colborne Museum and Archives, as well as her more senior roles at Niagara Museums, most recently as Interim Assistant Curator of the Welland Museum. Amanda will also keep her position as Administrative Assistant and liaise with the Museum Auxiliary members.

"I'm very excited to jump into projects at the Museum as Registrar. With summer students beginning soon, I can't wait to give them the experience I enjoyed so much as a student!"

~ Amanda Emery

Port Colborne Tapestry Project

The Port Colborne Museum Auxiliary would like to recognize and thank the City of Port Colborne for providing a grant opportunity to execute a new project that will bring members of the community together. The Port Colborne Tapestry Project will launch on May 30, which would have been the date of the 37th Annual Arabella's Pie Social and History Fair. The Tapestry Project is an art project that will provide embroidery kits to members of the Museum Auxiliary, volunteers and members of the community. These kits will contain all materials needed to complete a 10 inch panel with a heritage image on it, representing our community and past through inspiration derived from the Village Of Port Colborne Exhibit. Once the embroidery is complete, an installation of the words will be displayed and kept for future generations to learn about team work and togetherness during difficult times. If you would like to be added to our list as a participant, or have questions about the project, you can reach out to the Museum at 905-834-7604 or museum@portcolborne.ca.

