



**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. In response to evolving data around the Delta variant and based on the recent experiences of other jurisdictions, the government, in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, is pausing the exit from the Roadmap to Reopen. Health experts will continue to monitor the data to determine when it is safe to exit the Roadmap and lift the majority of public health and workplace safety measures currently in place. More information can be found online: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>.

### COVID-19 Vaccines

Looking to get vaccinated but don't have an appointment? No problem. Niagara Region Public Health has vaccine clinics running daily across the region. No appointment necessary and no health card needed. For more information visit [niagararegion.ca/covid19](http://niagararegion.ca/covid19).

### 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](mailto:customerservice@portcolborne.ca). Looking for a particular staff member? Visit [portcolborne.ca/contact](http://portcolborne.ca/contact). For more information and updates about the City's response to COVID-19, visit [portcolborne.ca/covid19](http://portcolborne.ca/covid19).

### Reconnect to Rediscover Niagara

**Niagara municipalities are teaming up to invite residents to get out and rediscover their region.**

With COVID-19 restrictions slowly lifting, recreation and leisure teams from the City of St. Catharines, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Welland, Pelham, West Lincoln, Lincoln, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Grimsby and the Niagara Parks Commission, are joining together to host Reconnect to Rediscover Niagara from noon, Aug. 27 to midnight, Sept. 6. The online scavenger hunt, hosted on the GooseChase app, invites Niagara residents from across the region to reconnect with their neighbouring municipalities and rediscover the rich natural landscapes and history they offer. Using the app, participants will be invited to snap photos or videos as they explore locations and attractions across Niagara to complete missions. Each mission completed will net points, with participants able to track their progress against others. To enter download the free GooseChase app via the Apple Apps Store or Google Play Store and search for the game code XD4MKQ to find Reconnect to Rediscover Niagara.

**WALK-INS  
WELCOME**

**AGES 12+**  
AND THOSE TURNING 12 THIS YEAR

**FIRST AND SECOND DOSE**

[niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine](http://niagararegion.ca/covid-vaccine)

STICK IT TO COVID

### We Want to Hear From You!

#### Lockview Park Redevelopment Online Survey

The City of Port Colborne is seeking resident input on the redevelopment of Lockview Park. Residents are invited to participate in an online survey that asks them to choose the concept they like best. The survey is available until August 31 and can be found at [portcolborne.ca/lockviewpark](http://portcolborne.ca/lockviewpark). City staff will review the poll's results and finalize a concept plan before going to Council for their approval in early fall.

### Slow Down Signs Available at City Hall

The City is proud to partner with CAA Niagara to offer "Slow Down" lawn signs to Port Colborne residents with the intent of confronting speeding on residential streets, as well as promoting safe and responsible driving practices. This initiative is supported by the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) and six of the region's municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, the City of Niagara Falls, the City of Port Colborne, the City of St. Catharines, the City of Thorold and the Township of Wainfleet.

**Available for pick up at City Hall starting now.**

**RECONNECT  
TO REDISCOVER  
Niagara**

Rediscover our Niagara and reconnect to the landscape with a virtual scavenger hunt.

**AUG. 27 TO SEPT. 6**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

### WIN the Ultimate Port Colborne Staycation

Are you ready for the ultimate staycation in Port Colborne? To engage residents and encourage visitors to explore Port Colborne, the City has launched the Ultimate Staycation social media contest for the month of August.

The Ultimate Port Colborne Staycation 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

Until Aug. 31, find photo frames set up around Port Colborne at various popular destinations. Snap a photo at one of these photo frames, post it to either Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using [#PortColborneStaycation](https://twitter.com/PortColborneStaycation) and you're entered to win! If you discover multiple spots in Port Colborne, snap a photo and tag us to be entered more than once. For complete contest rules and regulations, visit [portcolborne.ca/staycation](https://portcolborne.ca/staycation).

### Moonlight Flicks at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Grab a blanket, some popcorn, your family, and friends and join the City

of Port Colborne for a movie in the park. The City is excited to announce the return of Moonlight Flicks to H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park this August and September. The screen will be set up in the middle of the park's field for Port Colborne residents to enjoy. To ensure social distancing measures are followed, the City is asking



that participants to bring their own chairs and blankets. The Moonlight Flicks will begin at dusk, approximately 8 p.m., on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 26 – Back to the Future (PG-13)
- Tuesday, September 14 – The Croods (PG)
- Thursday, September 16 – ET (PG-13)

This is a free event, however, everyone in attendance is being asked to please bring a canned good that will be donated to Port Cares. The City of Port Colborne in partnership with PGG Media Group is excited to welcome the community back to take in the Moonlight Flicks under the stars at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park this August and September!



### Just a Reminder: Only Rain in the Drain!

A catch basin, or storm drain, collects rainwater and runoff which then empties directly into Lake Erie or the Welland Canal. Never dump old paint, motor oil, or antifreeze down a storm drain. Anything that is dumped into these drains goes directly into the nearest body of water and could harm the natural environment. On behalf of the Port Colborne Public Works team, thank you for helping to protect local waters by keeping harmful materials out of our storm drains.

### Thanks for Being SUPER!

Thank you to everyone who came to the FREE Comic Book Day at the Library on Aug. 14! It was great to see so many community members dressed up as their favourite superheroes! Thank you for being SUPER and thank you to Sketchbook Comics & Games for the donation of the comic books.





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• PUBLIC LIBRARY •

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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](http://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 the library a call at 905-834-6512.

## 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!

- **Sept. 3** – Puffy Paper Bear Friends (All ages). Create your very own paper teddy bear friends. The toughest part will be deciding which one to keep and which one to share with your best friend! Cost: \$1
- **Sept. 10** – Textured Hot Air Balloon Craft (All ages). Create a magical hot air balloon! Use a variety of quirky and colourful craft supplies to embellish your balloon! Cost: \$1
- **Sept. 17** – Clay Monsters (Ages 10+). Build your very own clay monster to go on the end of your pencil or pen. Give them as many arms, legs, eyes, and horns as you want! Cost: \$1
- **Sept. 24** – It's In the Cards Journal (Ages 16 – Adult). Create your own hand sewn, one of a kind journal. You will craft the covers, and hand sew signatures and the text block together. Cost: \$3



## Back by Popular Demand Virtual Programs for Families

### 3-2-1 Weather Launch: Atmosphere Traveller with David T. Chapman

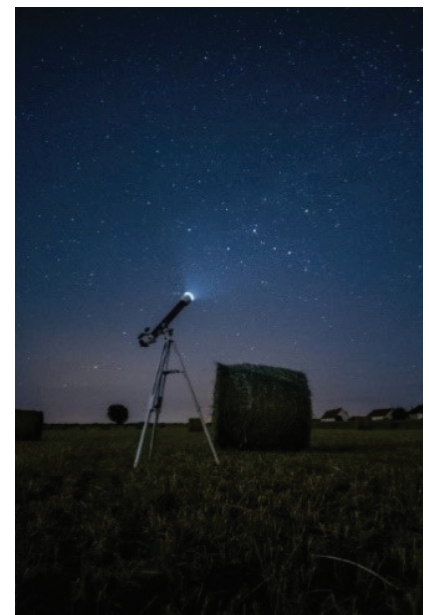
Available September 1 – November 30.

During this all ages free virtual program, participants can 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. Visit the Library's website for more information.



### Bringing the Stars to the Library

Available now! Everyone has wanted to know more about the sky at some point. This is your chance to become a backyard astronomer and enjoy the sights above yourself. Learn more about backyard astronomy with your guide to the sky, Bill Burnyeat of Canadian Planetariums. This is a free program and more details can be found on the Library's website.





**PORT COLBORNE**  
- HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM -

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## Coming Soon

### Virtual History School-Based Project

The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum is creating a new virtual based engagement opportunity for school-aged students. This project aims to get students to learn about, interact with, and create a deeper connection to living history items. Students will experience the virtual grounds tour through Microsoft Teams. We encourage teachers, early childhood educators, and any interested participant to sign up! Students will learn about and engage with living history items and with provided Museum activity kits, will participate in hands-on learning like the multi-discipline science and history experiment; using homemade ink! Following this experience, each student will receive a Port Colborne Museum History Passport Activity Booklet. This will give students a chance to continue their learning in a fun and engaging way. This booklet includes various activities for school-aged children and serves as an amazing family experience. More information to come!



## Exploring Flora in the Fall!

This coming September, the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum will be offering a new interactive QR code feature on its grounds. Staff and volunteers have worked hard to identify, research, and photograph the natural flora found on Arabella's Cultural Block. The gathered information will be accessible through QR code plaques placed around the grounds for all visitors to enjoy! Through this platform, we hope to offer a safe and educational experience while also encouraging environmental awareness.

## Now Available: Online Digital Exhibit

### Enjoy the new online Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum digital exhibit from the comfort of your own home!

This new exhibit will highlight the work of Edward and Albert Graf, a father-son team of weavers who lived and worked in Gasline between 1845 and 1920. OurOntario, is a website designed to help digitize museum collections across Ontario, and will be hosting this online exhibit. Included in this exhibit is the Graf jacquard coverlets, wool blankets, rag carpets, and a number of photographs of the Graf family. This exhibit is part of a larger ongoing series of projects to digitize the museum experience in the wake of COVID-19. However, the value of the online exhibit goes beyond the pandemic. With the goal of making the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum's collection available to the community, this digital exhibit is only the first step. By putting the Graf collection online, it will be more accessible to researchers and anyone looking to explore the interesting history of settler textiles produced locally. Check out the Museum's website for more information!

## Behind the Scenes

A busy aspect of museum work happens behind the scenes dealing with the collection. Storing and ensuring artifacts are safe, is a year-round task. Environments must be monitored to ensure proper exposure to humidity, light, heat, and more. The museum team is busy working away to protect the items in the collection for centuries to come. Over the last year, in-person visits have slowed due to the pandemic which has allowed museum staff more time to organize the collections and conduct background research. Our new Registrar, Amanda Emery, is continuing this work with her first official donation. This black and white photograph of Smith's Store and Post Office in Sherkston brings to life a long history of rural stores. This store and post office was owned in the early 1900s by G.W. Smith and was a busy place in Sherkston. The 8 p.m. mail train would arrive with plenty of people waiting around to collect their mail. Local stores and post offices were places to socialize and share news during the time. G.W. Smith also expanded to delivering his groceries, something we came to appreciate in the past year!



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