



PORT COLBORNE

CITY HALL NEWS

A newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

JULY 2021

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Port Colborne, along with the rest of Ontario, moved to Step 1 of the Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, June 11. 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 1 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 1, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>.

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 customerservice@portcolborne.ca. Looking for a particular staff member? Visit portcolborne.ca/contact.



Congratulations, Niagara!

More than 10% of residents have received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. We will communicate updates as the Provincial Government continues to make announcements regarding eligibility for second doses. Keep an eye on our website for more details: portcolborne.ca/COVID19.



Sip, Shop & Support Local

Whether it's sipping a beverage on a patio, or shopping at a local boutique, the City of Port Colborne is encouraging residents to support local as Niagara moves to Step 1 of the provincial Roadmap to Reopen. Step 1 focuses on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the transmission of COVID-19 is lower and permitting limited retail with restrictions.

This includes:

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people
- Outdoor dining with up to four people per table
- Non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity

By supporting a local business during the provincial three-step plan, you're supporting a community.



Hey Port Colborne, check this out ...

Household-only dining restriction now lifted in Niagara



niagararegion.ca/COVID19



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORT COLBORNE

Fun in the Sun at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park

Summer is here and what better way to enjoy the warmer weather than a little fun in the sun at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. New this year, check out the delicious food trucks. Big Momma's Fresh Cut Fries is serving up crispy fries and ooey gooey melt-in-your-mouth poutine. For a sweet treat, Heavenly Dreams Ice Cream has the perfect icy cold treats to please any taste buds. Swirl cone? Hot fudge sundae? You name it, they've got it!



Also new to the park this year, is the lovely addition of two giant Adirondack chairs located at the main entrance. The City's gardener, Dave Sabo handcrafted these chairs and they make the perfect lakeside relaxation spot. With playground equipment, repaved walking trails, and of course the Discovery Spray Pad, we hope to see you #PORTicipating this summer at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.



Say Cheese!! We want to see how you #PORTicipate this summer, just like one of our littlest residents, Lochlan, did at the Discovery Spray Pad. Make sure to tag us on social media and use #PORTicipate.



Outdoor Zumba Classes

Looking for a fun outdoor activity to #PORTicipate in? Outdoor Zumba classes are now running at Sugarloaf Marina Pavilion, Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required and participation is limited. Classes are \$5 and more information can be found at portcolborne.ca/activenet.



Zumba

Sugarloaf Marina Pavilion

Mondays & Wednesdays 7- 8 p.m.

#PORTicipate & PAY.P

schedule subject to change based on events/tournaments

Parking Restrictions along Lake Erie Shoreline

With beach season here, the City of Port Colborne would like to remind residents and visitors parking restrictions will be in effect along Lake Erie's shoreline. Last year proved to be a busy beach season for Port Colborne and in anticipation of increased traffic over the summer months, the City has made operational changes to prohibit parking on several roads leading to Lake Erie shoreline. This is to ensure the proper movement of traffic and safety of the public. For a complete list of roads and firelanes where parking is prohibited, please visit portcolborne.ca/parkingprohibition.

Water and Wastewater Bills

Port Colborne will be moving to a monthly water and wastewater bill cycle starting July 2021. This will be a phased approach, with the new water and wastewater bill schedule being staggered across the City. Port Colborne residents will be notified of this change with their next monthly bill. Information, including new billing cycles and when to expect your new monthly water bill will be outlined there. To learn more about water and wastewater, including monthly rates, please visit portcolborne.ca/waterbill.



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New Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday | 10 a.m. - 4 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 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.

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.

NEW E-Resources

Newspaper Source Plus: Stay up to date with over 1,200 newspapers, including local and international sources. Toronto Star, The Times (UK), Daily Mail, Hamilton Spectator and more.

Hoopla: Borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows on your computer, tablet, phone, and even on your TV! Coming in July.

Both are free with your Port Colborne Public Library card. Call 905-834-6512 for details.

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!

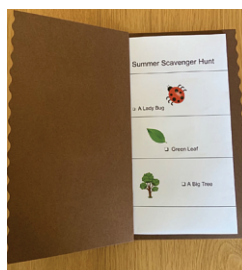
July 2 – Canada Day Flags (Ages 6 & up)

July 9 – Library Lion (All ages)

July 16 – Scavenger Hunt (All ages)

July 23 – Mini Magnets (All ages)

July 30 – Clifford the Big Red Dog (All ages)



Our Sister Library

This summer we have been paired up with the Palliser Library Elbow Branch in Elbow, Saskatchewan to be “sister libraries!” Submit your photo for the #OurSisterElbow photo contest or write a Pen Pal letter to a new friend in Elbow. See our summer newsletter or visit our website for more details.

Library of Things

Did you know we have a “Library of Things?” This includes our: seed library, board game collection and video games! Coming this summer: ukuleles, a guitar, bells & shakers, Code-a-Pillar, Duplo & LEGO kits, Magformers, Magic Kits and an astronomy kit! Call the library for more details: 905-834-6512.

Bringing the Stars to the Library

A FREE Virtual Zoom Program for Families

Saturday, July 24, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Learn more about backyard astronomy with your guide to the sky, Bill Burnyeat of Canadian Planetariums. Call to register: 905-834-6512.

FREE Tot to SK Club

June 15 - August 24 (For ages 3-5)

Activity kits to get your little one ready for school or just for fun! Complete the booklet by August 24 for a special prize. Call to register: 905-834-6512.

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

Saturdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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 the grounds at the Port Colborne Public Library and the Port Colborne Museum.

Summer Reading Clubs for Everyone

June 15 - August 24

Children (For ages 12 and under) Register for the TD Summer Reading Club. Read books and read prizes! Teens (For ages 13 – 18) get a BINGO and win a prize! Adults (For ages 19+) submit a review of a book you'd like to share with others for a chance to win a prize! Summer Reading Clubs are FREE with a valid Port Colborne Public Library Card. Call for more details: 905-834-6512.



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CALLING ALL ARTISTS! *(even aspiring ones)*



Join the **Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum** in celebrating the diversity of our city with our **flowerpot arts project**.

Paint a flowerpot with your interpretation of Port Colborne's diverse heritage, both past and present. The museum will display the painted pots on our grounds during the Civic Holiday weekend.

You don't need to be an artist to apply - anyone is welcome to sign up! Pots and paint will be provided.

Sign up and collect your materials by **July 10th**.

To sign up, contact us by phone:

905-834-7604 or email:

dario.smagata-bryan@portcolborne.ca

Niagara Region



Grow With Us!

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum is starting a heritage garden video series! Our staff and volunteers have worked diligently to prepare and develop the Museum's garden. Using heirloom seeds from the Port Colborne Public Library's Seed Library our garden is brimming with heritage plants. This is your opportunity to see firsthand a recreation of a Port Colborne Settlers' kitchen garden. Each week we will premiere a new video focusing on different elements of heritage gardening. These videos will be accessible on the Port Colborne Museum's YouTube channel and seeds are available from the Library. Learn how to grow and create your own heritage garden by watching our videos!



Photo: Isabella Favero Educational Programming Assistant and Meghan Chamberlain Eco-Tourism Officer tend to the garden.

Instagram Souvenirs

This month we will be featuring artifacts on our Instagram page that tie in with the Gift Shop. From antique dishes, to pencils and coins, you have the opportunity to purchase these items and enjoy them in your own home.



Avast ye hearties! Why not decorate your living quarters with some pirate figurines? Don't be a scallywag, get yours today! Price: \$1.00 - available for curbside pickup!

Thanks to the support of the Niagara Region through the Niagara Investment in Culture Grant the Museum is planning a new public art project to celebrate our city's diverse heritage – and you can participate! Local artists and community members will have the opportunity to paint a flowerpot showcasing what diversity means to them. The painted pots will be filled with beautiful flowers and displayed in a public exhibition at the Museum's Marine Park during the Civic Holiday weekend. Anyone is welcome to participate and all supplies will be provided free of charge! Those interested can call the museum at **905-834-7604** or email **dario.smagata-bryan@portcolborne.ca**. The deadline to sign up and collect your materials is July 10.



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After more than 20 years at the City of Port Colborne, Council and staff bid adieu to Tom Cartwright as he enters retirement. Hired as the Fire Chief in October 2001, Cartwright served the Port Colborne community for almost two decades as Fire Chief before accepting the role of Director, Community Safety and Enforcement in March 2021. In this new role, he's had the pleasure of overseeing both By-law Enforcement and Fire Services.

"On behalf of City Council and staff, thank you for your years of service at the City of Port Colborne, as both Fire Chief and Director, Community Safety and Enforcement. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety of this community was second to none. Wishing you all the best in this new chapter and enjoy your much-deserved retirement."

- Mayor Bill Steele

HAPPY RETIREMENT TOM CARTWRIGHT

