Experience Port Colborne – Experience what you expect life to offer on Niagara’s South Coast.
Welcome to Port Colborne

On behalf of members of City Council and all the citizens of the City of Port Colborne, welcome to Niagara’s South Coast.

Located on the south shore of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara’s Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre, white sand beaches, culinary favourites, the community’s world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, recreation and unique shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara experience.

The City of Port Colborne combines quality of life with investment opportunities where water meets road, rail and air, enabling investment to reach its business targets. The City of Port Colborne is where business and lifestyle are a perfect match.

Mayor Vance Badawey
Port Colborne is a city of 19,000 residents located on the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, where the Welland Canal connects to Lake Erie.

Following the completion of the canal in 1833, this small settlement on Gravelly Bay became an important port-of-entry in 1834.

At this time, the community was named Port Colborne, in honour of Upper Canada’s then Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Colborne, who was instrumental in securing funding for the canal project.

First Nations people, pre-dating European settlement by thousands of years, had long inhabited this shoreline edged by a mature Carolinian forest and covered by a cranberry marsh farther inland. Following the close of the American Revolution, United Empire Loyalists were beginning to settle within the boundaries of Sugarloaf (later Humberstone) Township, so named because of the distinctively shaped lakeside hill that wistfully reminded the early settlers of a tasty loaf eaten in their former home of Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, a short distance inland, another small settlement called Stonebridge (later to be called Petersburg and then Humberstone Village) was beginning to rise from the now partially drained marsh.

Ever since the first vessel emerged from the Welland Canal at Port Colborne in 1833, the presence of the canal, that effectively bisects the city, has been the major determining factor in the city’s pattern of growth.

By 1870, the population of Port Colborne had grown to 1,030, which prompted the community to become an incorporated village.

By the 1880s, Port Colborne had become an important summer tourist resort as side-wheeling steamers, steam engine locomotives, and high-wheeled bicycles brought hundreds of tourists on a daily basis to lakeside amenities such as Lake View Grove.

In 1889, the Humberstone Club, composed of wealthy summer residents from the southern states chose Port Colborne as their destination of escape from the summer heat.

The architecture of Tennessee Avenue today gives us a glimpse into its southern roots. As the 20th century progressed, improvements to the harbour and the enlargements of the Welland Canal facilitated industrial development.

Larger conglomerates increasingly displaced smaller 19th century commercial and manufacturing works. Flour milling began in Port Colborne with Christian Zavit’s small gristmill near Sugarloaf Hill in 1792. By the middle of the 20th Century the flour milling industry in Port Colborne...
grew to be among the largest in the world. In 1918, the International Nickel Company (now Vale) built a nickel refinery in Port Colborne. This began a series of heavy industries establishing a presence in Port Colborne. In 1918, Port Colborne officially became a town with a population of 2,837. In the succeeding decades of steady growth, the Village of Humberstone and the Town of Port Colborne continued to grow towards one another geographically; this resulted with their amalgamation in 1952.

In 1966, Port Colborne officially became a city. As the industrial base began to decline during the last decades of the 20th century, Port Colborne once again began to look towards the potential of tourism and began promoting its cultural and recreational facilities and the lure of the Welland Canal.

Today, Port Colborne is a small multi-faceted city, which combines a large service sector with its business, industry, culture, recreation, and tourism industries to maintain its unique character into the 21st century.
DOWNTOWN PORT COLBORNE

Follow the Canal to Downtown Port Colborne and experience a perfect blend of past and present, as well as many opportunities to shop, dine and explore.

Downtown Port Colborne is located adjacent to the Welland Canal near the Clarence St. lift bridge (Bridge 21). Part way between Main St. West and Lake Erie, the downtown is central to the community and a hub of activities in Port Colborne. Downtown Port Colborne includes some of the most unique and delightful boutiques and galleries in the Niagara area, alongside an eclectic mix of international style pubs and restaurants. During the Civic Holiday weekend in August, Downtown serves as the focal point for Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival and provides an excellent opportunity to view ships passing through the Welland Canal, and under the Clarence Street lift bridge, as they carry cargo destined for ports throughout the world.

The history of Downtown Port Colborne is celebrated with a number of successful initiatives including the Port Promenade along the Welland Canal at Historic West Street and the more recent Coal Hatch Murals which beautify the downtown and demonstrate the community’s pride and heritage. For more information on Downtown Port Colborne, its merchants, activities and events, please visit www.DowntownPortColborne.com

CLARENCE STREET BRIDGE

The Clarence Street Bridge is one of the few remaining lift bridges operating on the Welland Canal; the structure uses simple electric motors and counterweights activated by remote control to raise the deck above passing ships. Next to the bridge are the walls of the old guard locks from the second and third Welland Canals, as well as the abutments of a swing bridge that once connected the east and west sides of Port Colborne.

LOCK 8 GATEWAY PARK

As a regulating, or guard gate, Lock 8 raises or lowers ships one to four feet, depending on Lake Erie water levels. At 1,380 feet, it is one of the longest canal locks in the world. The jack-knife bridges at both ends rise as ships pass through the lock. Lock 8 Gateway Park has an elevated viewing platform, flower gardens, fountains, picnic pavilion, and washrooms. Canal information, ship schedules, and destinations are available at the Port Colborne Visitors Information Centre located across from the park at the corner of Main Street West and Mellonby Avenue. The first Welland Canal operated between 1829 and 1844 (in Port Colborne from 1833), the second between 1845 and 1886, and the third between 1887 and 1932. The present-day Canal opened in 1932. The Canal is 43 km long (26 miles or 24 nautical miles) and contains eight locks. The total lift is 326.5 feet. Each lock can hold 94.5 million litres of water. Locks 4, 5 and 6 in Thorold are known as the Twin Flight Locks. They raise or lower ships up or down the Niagara Escarpment (140 feet). It is the only place on the Canal where there is two-way vessel traffic. It takes eight to ten hours for a vessel to pass through the Canal. On average, it takes 33 minutes for a vessel to enter, raise or lower, and depart a lock (ten to twelve minutes actual raising or lowering time).
Port Colborne, a very progressive and community oriented city is now officially the gateway to Fair Trade in Ontario!

Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers - especially in the South.

For more information about Fair Trade and Port Colborne’s Fair Trade Partners, please visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/fair_trade_town

PORT COLBORNE IS A SAFE COMMUNITY!

In 2009, the City of Port Colborne became Canada’s 56th designated “Safe Community” under the umbrella of Safe Communities Canada. This designation came after a year-long candidacy period during which time we established a Leadership Table, held a Priority Setting Exercise, and formed committees to address our top three injury priorities – vehicle, intentional harm, and falls.

The mandate of Safe Communities Port Colborne is to work collectively across all sectors to make Port Colborne a safe place in which to live, learn, work, and play. We are striving to create a culture of health and safety for our community through engagement, partnerships, and collaboration. Rather than duplicate already existing injury prevention programs and resources, we are seeking to complement and champion current initiatives and fill gaps as required.
GETTING HERE

DRIVING TO PORT COLBORNE
Port Colborne is an hour from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), 30 minutes from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, and only 20 minutes from the Peace Bridge crossing between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York. Hwy. 3, a provincial highway linking Niagara with the agricultural communities of Southwestern Ontario and the Windsor-Detroit border crossing, bisects the community. Visitors driving from Toronto via QEW can reach Port Colborne by taking Hwy. 406 South to Hwy. 140. Regional Road 20 links Niagara Falls with Hwy. 406 and Hwy. 140.

NAVIGATING TO PORT COLBORNE
Port Colborne is located at 42° 53’N 79° 14’W. Large pleasure craft may use the Welland Canal connecting Lake Ontario with Lake Erie. The canal is open to navigation from March to December. When approaching the harbour from the lake or canal, use VHF ch#68 for navigational and docking assistance.
For additional boating information, contact any of the following: Sugarloaf Marina: 905-835-6644 St. Lawrence Seaway Authority: 905-835-5441 Environment Canada marine weather information: 416-661-0104

CYCLING TO PORT COLBORNE
Port Colborne is located at the intersection of the Friendship Trail, the Welland Canals Recreational Trail, and a spur of the Trans Canada Trail. This point also serves as the southwest corner of the Greater Niagara Circle Route. Cyclist friendly Port Colborne is a major destination for both recreational and experienced cyclists alike. For more information, call 1-888-PORT-FUN, or visit any of the following helpful websites: www.portcolborne.ca; www.biketrain.ca; www.niagararegion.ca/exploring/cycle

FLYING TO PORT COLBORNE
Port Colborne is within 130 km (80 miles) of three international airports and four regional airports. Toronto Pearson International Airport, John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, and Buffalo Niagara International Airport are all major hubs for regional and international air traffic. Serving the regional market, the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Niagara Falls International Airport, Niagara District Airport, and the Welland/Niagara Central Airport offer varying levels service from scheduled flights to charter services.
PORT COLBORNE TRANSIT

Port Colborne’s transit service is comprised of a local community bus which operates within Port Colborne from 8 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday and a link service to Welland which provides three trips per weekday between the two communities. The two routes within Port Colborne service all major residential areas within the urban area, and include stops at shopping centres, downtown, the public library, and recreation destinations. The link service to Welland includes stops at shopping centres, Niagara College, and the Welland Bus Terminal, where regional transit to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls can be accessed starting in 2012.
The City of Port Colborne offers a wide range of services to residents and visitors to the community. The City maintains a large marina, several public beaches, a wide variety of parks, two arenas, a pool, and dozens of kilometres of paved recreational trails.

PORT COLBORNE CITY HALL:
66 Charlotte St. • 905-835-2900
www.portcolborne.ca

PORT COLBORNE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION:
296 Fielden Ave. • 905-834-1668
www.portcolborne.ca

PORT COLBORNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & MARKETING DEPARTMENT:
296 Fielden Ave. • 905-834-1668
www.portcolborne.ca

PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY:
310 King St. • 905-834-6512
www.portcolbornelibrary.org

PORT COLBORNE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE:
76 Main St. W. • 905-834-5722
www.portcolborne.ca

PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL AND MARINE MUSEUM:
280 King St. • 905-834-7604
www.portcolborne.com/page/museum

CENTENNIAL POOL:
124 Janet St. • 905-835-2691
www.portcolborne.ca/page/pool

SUGARLOAF HARBOUR MARINA:
3 Marina Rd. • 905-835-6644
www.portcolborne.ca/page/marina

Within Port Colborne there are a number of services for helping individuals start or grow a business, find a job, receive assistance, and participate in community activities. Services from senior levels of government are available in nearby communities.

PORT CARES:
92 Charlotte St. • 905-834-3629
www.portcares.on.ca

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE:
92 Charlotte St. • 905-834-9071

SOUTH NIAGARA COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
198 Welland St. • 905-834-2173
www.southniagaracfdc.com

REGION OF NIAGARA SOCIAL SERVICES:
92 Charlotte St. • 905-834-3629
www.niagararegion.ca/social-services

PORT COLBORNE – WAINFLEET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:
76 Main St. W. • 905-834-9765
www.pcwchamber.com

COMMUNITY LIVING PORT COLBORNE-WAINFLEET:
100 McRae Ave. • 905-835-8941
www.portcolbornecommunityliving.com

CANADA POST PORT COLBORNE OFFICE:
184 Elm St. • 905-834-3331
PORT COLBORNE has been quite successful in attracting new doctors and medical services. There are clinic and outreach services available throughout the community and several doctors are currently accepting new patients.

MAPLEVIEW MEDICAL CLINIC: 340 Elgin St. • 905-835-9817

MARKET PLACE MEDICAL CLINIC: 218 Catharine St. • 905-835-1197

BRIDGES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE: 508 Steele St. • 289-479-5017

DR. AMANDA BELL, 97 Charlotte St. • 905-834-4546

DR. JAMES DEWAR, 97 Charlotte St. • 905-834-4546

DR. ENRIQUE GOMEZ, 301 Mitchell St. • 905-835-1189

DR. JASON KING, 97 Charlotte St. • 905-834-4546

DR. CHRISTIAN PROULX, 250 Killaly St. W. • 905-834-2388

DR. JEFF REMINGTON, 340 Elgin St. • 905-835-9817

DR. DEREK RIVERS, 340 Elgin St. • 905-835-9817

DR. GEORGE RUNGI, 218 Catharine St. • 905-835-1197

DR. JASON ST-HILAIRE, 508 Steele St. • Unit 3, 289-479-5017

DR. CHARLENE WAYDA, 340 Elgin St. • 905-835-9817

DR. JOHN WEST, 340 Elgin St. • 905-835-9817

DR. JEFFREY WHITEHALL, 218 Catharine St. • 905-835-0525

DR. DEBORAH WILKES-WHITEHALL, 97 Charlotte St. • 905-834-4546

DR. HAIBO XU, 260 Sugarloaf St. • 905-774-7541

MEDICAL LABORATORIES

LIFELABS MEDICAL LABORATORY SERVICES: 222-A Catharine St. • 1-877-849-3637

Port Colborne has an active medical community and our family physicians are involved in a wide range of clinical activities including office practices, emergency medicine, GP, anaesthesia, office procedures, counselling, addictions/methadone clinic, eating disorders treatment and birth control clinics. Many of our physicians have been active in teaching medical students, clinical clerks and residents for years, including appointments to the faculty of medicine at McMaster University.

Port Colborne is also active in the Rural Ontario Medical Program in teaching students and hosting an annual Rural Medical Week to showcase our opportunities for medical students. We are also involved in teaching through the Niagara Campus of the DeGroote Medical School at McMaster University.
RESIDENT’S INFORMATION

BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS

Each of the major chartered banks in Canada have branches in Port Colborne offering full services of personal and commercial banking. Two credit unions also serve the Port Colborne area, including one offering bilingual service.

**Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC):**
56 Clarence St. • 905-834-3671

**Bank of Montreal (BMO):**
124 Clarence St. • 905-835-2232

**Royal Bank of Canada (RBC):**
59 Clarence St. • 905-835-1153

**TD CANADA TRUST:**
136 Clarence St. • 905-835-2437

**SCOTIABANK:**
105 Clarence St. • 905-834-7700

**MERIDIAN CREDIT UNION:**
43 Clarence St. • 905-834-6764

**DESJARDINS CAISSE POPULAIRE:**
287 Killaly St. E., 905-834-4811

**UTILITIES**

A full range of utilities are available in Port Colborne including high-speed internet, cellular phone service, and digital television. Throughout the City, Canadian Niagara Power provides electrical service and Enbridge provides natural gas distribution. Properties in the urban have access to municipal water and wastewater servicing provided by the City of Port Colborne.

**CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER:**
380 Elm St., 905-835-0051 • www.cnpower.com

**ENBRIDGE:**
1–877–362–7434 • www.enbridge.com

**BELL CANADA:**
1-866-878-5998 • www.bell.ca

**COGECO (CABLE TV):**
1-800-267-9000 • www.cogeco.ca

**LAST MILE WIRELESS INTERNET:**
905-994-8225 • www.lastmilenet.ca

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WIRELESS:**
905-680-8255 • www.neighbourhoodwireless.ca

**CITY OF PORT COLBORNE (WATER/WASTEWATER):**
905-835-2900 (billing), 905-835-5079 (connection/disconnection service)

**REALTORS**

If you are looking for a residence or commercial properties, Port Colborne is home to three real estate agencies with offices in the community.

**RE/MAX:**
503 Elm St. • 905-834-7777

**A. G. ROBINS:**
905-834-6017

**ROYAL LEPAGE:**
368 King St. • 905-834-9000

**SCHOOLS**

Port Colborne has elementary schools from three school boards, English public, English Catholic, and French Catholic, and English public and Catholic high schools. In neighbouring Welland, there are French Public schools. Below is information on each of the schools located in Port Colborne.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
(District School Board of Niagara: 905-641-1550)

**DEWITT CARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL (JK-8):**
435 Fares Street • 905-834-7440

**MCKAY PUBLIC SCHOOL (JK-8):**
320 Fielden Avenue • 905-834-4753

**OAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL (JK-8):**
255 Omer Avenue • 905-834-9732

**STEELE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL (JK-8):**
214 Steele Street • 905-834-4333

**PORT COLBORNE HIGH SCHOOL (9-12):**
211 Elgin St. • 905-835-1186

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**
(Niagara Catholic District School Board: 905-735-0240)

**ST. JOHN BOSCO (JK-8):**
191 Highland Ave. • 905-835-1930

**ST. THERESE (JK-8):**
530 Killaly St. E. • 905-835-8082

**ST. PATRICK (JK-8):**
266 Rosemount Ave. • 905-835-1091

**LAKE SHORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (9-12):**
150 Janet St. • 905-835-2451

**FRENCH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
(Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud)

**SAINT-JOSEPH (JK-8):**
210 Elizabeth St., Port Colborne • 905-835-8331
A French Catholic secondary school is located in the adjacent city of Welland. French Public elementary and secondary schools operated by Conseil de district du Centre Sud-Ouest are also located in Welland. Also in Niagara are Brock University and Niagara College, which offer academic and technical programs, as well as continuing/adult education and language courses. Collège Boréal, a francophone community college offers services in Niagara as well.

**CHURCHES**

Port Colborne has various denominations of churches and religious services. Nearby communities offer a wide selection of churches, temples, and mosques for the spiritual well-being of Niagara.

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH:**
123 King St. • 905-834-6426

**ST. PETER’S LUTHERAN CHURCH:**
200 Erie St. • 905-834-3231

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH:**
30 Delhi St. • 905-834-4533

**ST. JAMES AND ST. BRENDAN ANGLICAN CHURCH:**
55 Charlotte St. • 905-834-3184

**PORT COLBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH:**
84 Ridgewood Ave. • 905-835-5668

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:**
176 Elm St. • 905-834-4288

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH:**
688 Elm St. • 905-835-8111

**PORT OF GRACE:**
25 Charlotte St. • 905-329-8685

**ST-JEAN-DE-BRÉBEUF CHURCH:**
300 Killaly St. • 905-835-0202

**CHURCH OF CHRIST:**
700 Steele St. • 905-834-5775

**CHRISTIAN LIFE ASSEMBLY:**
484 Barrick Rd. • 905-834-4313

**PORTAL VILLAGE BIBLE CHAPEL:**
309 Elgin St. • 905-835-5656

**BETHEL UNITED CHURCH:**
1742 Third Concession • 905-835-0374

**GRACE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH:**
895 Empire Rd. • 905-894-3462

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH:**
3421 Highway 3 E. • 905-835-2511

**SHERKSTON UNITED CHURCH:**
5244 Highway 3 E. • 905-894-0392

**SHERKSTON BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH:**
5348 Sherkston Rd. • 905-894-0673

**ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH:**
375 Main St. W. • 905-835-5418

**JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL:**
46 West Side Rd. • 905-834-5866

**BETHEL OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**
209 Main St. W. • 905-834-8142

**ST. TERESA’S CHURCH:**
379 Fares St. • 905-834-4645

**PORT COLBORNE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH:**
10641 Highway 3 W. • 905-835-2361
Located downtown at 280 King St., the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum & Heritage Village features a century of heritage buildings, historic gardens, pathways, covered pavilion, and a tea room. The 1861 Georgian-Revival style Williams Home serves as the main exhibit gallery, interpreting the history of Port Colborne and the Welland Canal through a variety of ever-changing exhibits. The Heritage Village includes a log schoolhouse, the Sherk-Troup log home, FW Woods & Sons Blacksmith Shop, a carriage house, and Arabella’s Tea Room. The wheelhouse from the Yvon Dupre tugboat, a lifeboat from the SS Hochelaga and the Marine Exhibit Lighthouse form a small marine park within the Museum’s Heritage Village.

Canada’s Century Car, the 1901 Neff Steam Buggy, built by Benton Neff in the Neff Foundry in Humberstone, now part of Port Colborne, is on exhibit in the Museum’s Heritage Resource Centre. From May to December, see the new replica of the Neff Steam Buggy in the Carriage House and on display at special events.

Arabella’s Tea Room serves afternoon tea with hot homemade tea biscuits in a 1915 Edwardian Cottage. Open daily from 2 to 4pm, June to September. Christmas pudding is served during the first week of December. The Museum is host of many events, including Arabella’s Pie Social, History Fair & Antique Road Show, Canal Days at the Museum, and the Grand Old Christmas Festival.

The L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives is a research facility open to all genealogists and researchers of the documentary history of Port Colborne, Humberstone, and the Welland Canal.

Open weekdays 1 to 5pm, Saturdays by appointment from May to December 905-834-7604
ROSELAWN CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
296 Fielden Ave. at Carter St.
The magnificent 1860s Victorian building is home to the Showboat Festival Theatre. The intimate 220-seat theatre with ‘in-the-round’ seating presents a truly unique theatrical experience. Celebrating its 25th summer season, there are four fabulous productions running from June to September. As well as being home to the Showboat Festival Theatre, Roselawn is a community centre which is host of internationally acclaimed musicians, the Food and Wine Series, and the Canadian Author Series. The Roselawn Centre caters for groups of 30-80 for weddings, special occasions, family events and business seminars. Roselawn is easily accessed from any point in the Niagara Peninsula. The Theatre, Administrative Office and Box Office are located at the Roselawn Centre, in the heart of Port Colborne. 905-834-7572 • www.portcolborne.ca

SHOWBOAT FESTIVAL THEATRE
296 Fielden Ave. at Carter St.
Showboat Festival Theatre celebrated its 25th summer season of professional entertainment in 2011! One of only two theatres in Canada that features a true in-the-round setup, Showboat offers you something very different from other Ontario summer theatres: a 360° perspective on the shows that you love. Showboat has put together a program that offers a season of laughter, music and mystery, sure to tickle your funny bone, get your toes tapping and perhaps bring a tear to your eye, all presented in the beautiful and intimate theatre in the historic Roselawn Centre. Showboat Festival Theatre is located at 296 Fielden Ave. 905-834-0833/1-888-870-8181 www.showboattheatre.ca

ART GALLERIES & CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Arts Place Gallery
714 King St.
A collective that opened in March 1992 as a window to the studios of 15 member area artists. The gallery provides ongoing exhibitions, workshops, fine arts and crafts, features paintings, sculpture, glass, ceramics, jewellery and woodturning, and welcomes community participation. 905-834-9060, www.artsplacegallery.com

Mark Ricker Studio & Gallery
216 West St.
This studio and gallery sells prints by wildlife and nature artist Mark Ricker, and other local artists. Also located at this site is a custom framing workshop. 905-834-8428, www.markricker.com

O’s by the Water
1 Clarence St.
Peggy O’Hara is no ordinary curator. The shelves, walls and windowsills of her light infused gallery are filled with objects that she loves and each has a history she’s pleased to share. It’s an eclectic gallery dedicated to showcasing the work of the area’s fine artists and artisans. 905-834-8161

Stonehouse Gallery
44 King St.
Featuring local artists works including nature inspired Encaustic Gem Paintings, Acrylics, Mixed Media & Jewelry in Precious Metals, Beads & Crystals. 905-834-9784

Coal Hatch Murals
Local artists in Port Colborne have started to paint the coal hatches in the downtown area. Coal hatch art helps beautify the downtown for both local resident pedestrians and out-of-town shoppers. It demonstrates pride in our heritage and our community. The coal hatch painting project embodies the true spirit of public art since the colourfully painted coal hatches can be enjoyed by all ages and by all who visit downtown Port Colborne. www.downtownportcolborne.com
ARTS & CULTURE

Port Colborne Operatic Society
Since 1945, Port Colborne’s own operatic society has presented outstanding productions of critically acclaimed Broadway shows. Performances run from mid-February through early March in the Lakeshore Catholic High School Auditorium.
www.portcolborneoperaticsociety.com

Whispering Pines Art Studio & Gallery
5488 Sherkston Rd
Art studio, art lessons for ages 4 to 104; oils; water colour; sketching.
The largest art supply store in the area.
905-894-2217

Summer Concerts in the Park
A summer tradition—performances by the Port Colborne Concert Band. Thursday nights from July to August at the Mark Fairchild Memorial Bandstand in HH Knoll-Lakeview Park.
www.portcolborne.ca

Port Colborne Public Library
310 King St.
A welcoming destination for visitors! Enjoy free internet access; browse the on-going used book sale, or read newspapers and magazines in our sunny lounge. View exhibits by local artists in the Library’s Atrium. Open Monday to Saturday, year round.
905-834-6512,
www.portcolborne.ca

HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE TOURS

Tennessee Avenue
Originally established in 1889 as the Humberstone Club or “Solid Comfort,” the lakefront homes of Tennessee Avenue are reminiscent of the American South. In 1903, Mrs. Varina Davis, wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, wrote A Legend, The Grasshopper War while visiting friends with summer residences on Tennessee Avenue (copies of A Legend, The Grasshopper War are viewable at the Port Colborne Public Library). The gated entrance to Tennessee Ave. is located off Sugarloaf St., slightly west of the intersection of Sugarloaf St. and Steele St.

The Incredible Shrinking Mill
The “Incredible Shrinking Mill” is a strange phenomenon produced by interplay of light, shoreline, water, and trees. The closer you get the smaller it appears. Take Cement Plant Rd., located at the western edge of Port Colborne, from Hwy. 3 south to Lakeshore Rd., turn left (east), and look straight ahead, towards Gravelly Bay. The mill looks almost close enough to touch, but as you approach the water, the mill appears to shrink.

Self-Guided Tours
A self guided walking or driving tour of heritage buildings and the Welland Canal is available in brochure format. The brochure is available at the Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre and City Hall.
Shopping in Port Colborne reflects the entrepreneurial spirit of its merchants. There are five distinct shopping areas in Port Colborne – three plazas and two historic commercial districts - where you will find a selection of antiques & collectables stores, galleries, nurseries, gift shops, clothing, and fashion stores, not to mention everyday essentials such as groceries and other convenience products.

DOWNTOWN PORT COLBORNE

A food, shopping and event destination on the waterfront! The heart of the city of Port Colborne includes a walkable historic shopping district. Looking for that special something? Take a stroll down Historic West Street and enjoy a diverse selection of charming boutiques. More shops and services are within walking distance in the blocks adjacent to Historic West Street. This area also boasts a fine selection of restaurants and pubs serving a variety of foods. The Welland Canal, to the east of the Downtown, reminds shoppers of the importance, past and present, of the marine industry to Port Colborne, and underscores the nautical theme of many of Downtown’s shops and restaurants. Parking is available along all streets in Downtown; in addition, there are three municipal lots along Catharine Street, including free parking in Market Square across from City Hall.
Main Street, between West Side Road and Hwy. 140, is the recently designated Gateway District. This shopping district was the heart of the old Humberstone Village that merged with Port Colborne in 1952. Along Main St. West you will find fine shops and restaurants housed in preserved, heritage buildings in a quaint village setting. Everything from antiques and gifts to clothing can be found in the shops of the Gateway District. Parking is available behind most businesses, and in municipal lots at Main & Mellanby and at King & Main. The Gateway District is also home to Port Colborne’s Visitor Information Centre, located in the historic Humberstone Hall.

West Side Plaza, located at 45 West Side Rd. at the intersection of Main Street West, houses a number of retail options including a supermarket, office supply store, as well as two department stores and a pet food store.

Port Colborne Mall features a department store, grocery store, major hardware and automotive store, and specialty services, all at 287 West Side Rd., south of Northland Avenue.

Portal Village Plaza, located at 482 Steele St. at the intersection of Steele Street and Killaly Street West, includes a number of retail and service companies and caters to visitors as well as residents in nearby developments such as Portal Village.

BEER AND LIQUOR SALES:

**THE BEER STORE:**
420 Catharine St. • 905-834-3425

**LCBO:**
144 Clarence St. • 905-834-4643

DRUG STORES

**BOGGIO’S IDA:**
200 Catharine St., 905-834-3514

**MATHESON’S DRUG STORE:**
77 Clarence St. 905-835-0000

**PORT MEDICAL PHARMACY:**
254 Killaly St. W., 905-834-7678

**SHOPPERS DRUG MART:**
111 Clarence St. 905-834-4046

GROCERY STORES

**BODNER’S MARKET:**
439 Hwy. 3 East, 905-835-1554

**FOOD BASICS:**
124 Clarence St. 905-834-8800

**HUSNIK’S GROCERY STORE:**
178 Fraser St., 905-834-7774

**NO FRILLS:**
53 West Side Rd., 905-834-5577

**SOBEYS:**
287 West Side Rd., 905-834-0220
The Niagara Region has long been known for the quality of its tender fruits and vegetables and here in Port Colborne, the market provides a connection to our community, the seasons and our farmers as well as providing excellent health and environmental benefits. With over 60 vendors from throughout the region providing fresh-from-the-farm, ripe off the trees, local produce, meats, honey, baked goods and a variety of colourful flowers and bedding plants – shopping at the Port Colborne Farmers’ Market brings out inspiration, imagination and creativity in everyone!

We invite you to come meet our vendors every Friday morning from 6am to 1pm at the Market Square across from City Hall. Come learn about our local products, meet the individuals who provide them and leave with a few tips or even a recipe or two!

For more info, please contact: Diane Deschamps, Market Clerk Tel: 905-835-2900, Ext 124

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Whether you join us for a day, a weekend, or a week, Port Colborne offers a variety of places to rest your head for the evening. Enjoy the convenience of a modern hotel, the charming character of an inn or bed and breakfast, or camp in the rugged outdoors. You will always be able to find the perfect retreat to suit your needs in Port Colborne!

**HOTELS AND INNS**

**CANADA’S BEST VALUE INN**
26 units with cable TV, fridges, outdoor pool; CAA/AAA discount offered.
10134 Hwy. 3 West • 905-835-5202
www.portmotel.ca

**CANALSIDE STUDIO SUITE**
The accommodation suite features a queen size bed, a pull out double sofa-bed, a fridge, stove and fireplace. Air conditioning, wireless Internet and LCD TV.
232 West St. • 905-834-6090
www.canalside.ca

**CAPRI MOTEL**
10 units with double beds, cable TV, phone, a/c, fridges and microwaves in all units.
629 Main St. West • 905-835-5474

**GOOD NIGHT MOTEL**
23 units with cable TV, kitchenettes, Jacuzzi, outdoor heated pool.
664 Main St. West • 905-835-1818
goodnightmotel@hotmail.com

**SEAWAY MOTEL**
17 units with outdoor pool, cable TV, fridges, BBQ, family suites, smoke free rooms
650 Main St. West • 905-834-9854

**SHERKSTON MOTEL**
6 units with satellite TV, queen-sized beds, fridges, microwaves, BBQ and patio, full kitchen access.
Highway #3 East, Sherkston • 905-894-5454

**WAINFLEET MOTEL**
18 units with double & single rooms, TV, a/c; four efficiencies, outdoor pool; restaurant & grill
41985 Hwy. 3 West, Chamber’s Corners, Wainfleet • 905-899-2792
wainfleetmotel@on.aibn.com
**BED & BREAKFASTS**

**GRACE’S VICTORIAN BED & BREAKFAST**
Four breathtaking rooms, within walking distance to the Welland Canal, Market Square, downtown shopping, museum, and theatre. Homemade breakfast, television, and air conditioning, all to ensure your visit with us is pleasurable.

77 Kent St. • 905-835-8037
info@gracesvictorianbandb.com
www.gracesvictorianbandb.com

**KENT HOUSE**
Early 1900s architecture; central air; full breakfast served; library, lounge with cable/satellite TV; front veranda, gazebo, and English garden; smoke free; two rooms.

115 Kent St. • 905-834-1206
www.kenthousebandb.com

**KENTFIELD GUEST SUITES**
Within earshot of the ship’s horns, Kentfield was built in 1912 as a summer home by shipping entrepreneur Scott Misener (Misener Steamships), and stands today as one of Port’s stateliest old homes. Enjoy the privacy and convenience of a beautifully appointed one-bedroom guest apartment (private kitchen, living room, bedroom, and bath). Luxurious pillow top bed with exquisite linens, air conditioning, LCD TV, DVD, stereo, access to men’s and ladies cruiser bikes, picnic basket and self catered breakfast. Just blocks from the Welland Canal, HH Knoll-Lakeview Park and the marinas.

206 Kent St. • 905-835-8411
Kentfield@distributel.net
www.kentfieldguestsuites.net

**LAKE BREEZE**
Join your hosts Gloria and John Simon who will make sure your stay is a memorable experience. Lake Breeze is beautifully decorated with all the comforts and conveniences of home including wireless internet, ensuite, phones, and TVs. To accommodate our guests’ allergies our home is smoke free and pet free.

Steele St. at Clarence St. West.
234 Steele St. • 905-834-1233
1-877-834-1233 www.lakebreezeniagara.com

**TALWOOD MANOR BED AND BREAKFAST**
A Century home beautifully maintained with period furniture, style and elegance offering all those extras in a traditional B&B. Guest rooms are large with ensuite, private and shared baths. Each has its own theme, with quiet remote controlled A/C! Some contain TVs. Breakfast served in traditional dining room set to impress. Guests sunbathe in the garden; relax on the screened veranda at night.

Off-street parking and wireless internet available.
303 Fielden Ave. • 905-834-6049
www.bbcanada.com/talwoodmanorbb

**RESORTS & CAMPGROUNDS**

**LONG BEACH CONSERVATION AREA**
200 serviced sites with sand beach, swimming, courts, and other activities
Lakeshore Rd., Wainfleet • 905-899-3462
Long Beach Resort
32 well equipped rentals on a beautiful sand beach
31 Lakeshore Rd. 22L West, Wainfleet
905-899-3308.

**PLEASANT BEACH CAMPGROUND**
Fifty seasonal sites, ten pull-through trailer sites, tent camping; one minute from beach; fully serviced sites; playground, volleyball, and basketball courts
Pleasant Beach Rd. off Hwy. 3 East.
905-894-4249

**SHERKSTON SHORES RESORT**
If you are looking for the cottage lifestyle and all the amenities a resort has to offer, home-ownership at Sherkston Shores is the perfect choice. Whether vacationing in a Summer Home, pulling in with your RV, or enjoying the beach for the day, Sherkston has something for everyone! Come for a day, stay for a week, enjoy for a lifetime! Admission charge.
End of Empire Rd. off Hwy. 3 East
1-877-482-3224 • www.sherkston.com

**STONE’S THROW COTTAGES**
Morgan’s Point, North Shore of Lake Erie
905-984-1316
info@stonesthrowcottages.ca
www.stonesthrowcottages.ca
HH KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK
Port Colborne’s waterfront park overlooking Sugarloaf Marina and Gravelly Bay. Outdoor picnic pavilion, bandstand, rose garden, children’s playground, splash pad, and washrooms. Beginning of the Welland Canals Recreational Trail and site of numerous community events including; Flavours of Niagara International Food and Wine Festival, Canal Days Kite Festival, Car Show, Tuesday night car cruisin’ and Thursday night summer concerts. Located near downtown on Sugarloaf St. at Elm St.

CENTENNIAL PARK
A quiet, 46-acre park overlooking Cedar Bay. Perfect for the sports enthusiast featuring tennis courts, baseball field, horse show rings, sand beach, washrooms, and picnic pavilion. The Port Colborne Saddle Club presents its events in Centennial Park. Located on Vimy Road at the south end of Cedar Bay Road, off Hwy. 3 on the east side of the canal.

LOCK 8 GATEWAY PARK
Overlooking the Welland Canal and one of the world’s longest locks, this beautiful park was established November 5, 1979 to commemorate the visit by then Governor General Ed Schreyer and to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the first Welland Canal.

WAINFLEET BOG CONSERVATION AREA
The 1,980 acre Wainfleet Bog is located on the western edge of Port Colborne. The wetland attracts a large variety of butterflies and bird species including yellow warblers, great blue herons, egrets, gulls, terns, sandpipers, and ducks. Abandoned quarries on the site contain an interesting array of coral fossils extending back 380 million years. Wainfleet is largest remaining peat Bog in Southwestern Ontario and is home to a small remnant population of Massasauga Rattlesnakes as well as the rare Spotted Turtle. There is controlled seasonal hunting for deer and small game. Located at the end of Erie Peat Rd., off Hwy. 3 in Wainfleet Contact NPCA: 905-788-3135, www.npca.ca

HUMBERSTONE MARSH CONSERVATION AREA
This 202-acre site surrounds a series of wetlands, making it an ideal destination for bird watching. There are also trails for hiking, and cross-country skiing or snowshoeing in the winter. Located on Neff Rd., off Hwy. 3 East. Contact NPCA: 905-788-3135, www.npca.ca

MUD LAKE CONSERVATION AREA
Mud Lake encompasses 160 acres of lakes, streams, wetlands, and woods. This is the perfect spot for bird watching, hiking, cross-country skiing, or viewing rowers from the South Niagara Rowing Club. It covers the flight path of many migratory birds with more than 60 species of birds and waterfowl identified. Easy access to Mud Lake is available from the Welland Canals Parkway Trail or by following Elm Street north. Located on Elm Street., north of Barrick Road. Contact NPCA: 905-788-3135, www.npca.ca
All located within minutes of downtown, Port Colborne’s challenging public and semi-private courses invite golfers to experience lakeside golf in balmy, breezy, conditions. Every round played is a great round!

WHISKY RUN GOLF CLUB
As a proud member of the Niagara Golf Trail, Whisky Run is a picturesque 27-hole facility located near the shores of Lake Erie. With three nines, all unique in their design, length and challenge level, Whisky Run has become one of Niagara’s most popular golf courses.
631 Lorraine Rd. 905-835-6864
www.whiskyrun.com

EMERALD PINES GOLF CLUB
Emerald Pines Golf club is an 18-hole facility offering a challenging layout that can play up to 6200 yards and as gentle as 5000 yards. On-site is a full country club house with an in house kitchen ready to cater, to you. A practice range, putting green, proshop and cart rentals.
905-835-2234
www.emeraldpinesgolf.com

PORT COLBORNE COUNTRY CLUB
The area’s premier member-owned golf course! An 18-hole championship course designed to challenge even the best of golfers, putting your short game to the test. With a beautiful backdrop and a challenging layout, Port Colborne Country Club is inviting for both the recreational and competitive player. Open to the public.
www.pcgolfclub.com

Golfing typically begins early April and continues throughout the fall, often into December.
Fishing in Port Colborne is an amazing experience with great opportunity, offering a world-class sport-fishing experience. With access to Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River, Port Colborne offers beautiful scenery and excellent fishing. Well known for its trophy fish: Trout, Walleye and Bass, the Upper Niagara River provides some of the best Bass fishing from June to November.

Lake Erie, the smallest of the Great Lakes in volume, measures 241 miles across and 57 miles from north to south, with a depth of 62 feet. Because it warms rapidly in the spring and summer and freezes frequently in the winter, Lake Erie is an ideal location to catch the Spring and Fall Salmon and Trout Run. Lake Erie is recognized as one of the province’s best fishing spots for perch but anglers have a variety of options, as Walleye, Salmon and Trout are also thriving in Lake Erie.

**LAKE ERIE FISHING FACTS**

- Walleye range in size from 16 to 22 inches, with catch rates rivalling any country
- Yellow Perch has been voted as the “tastiest table fish” and the most fun to catch
- Lake Erie perch range in size from 7 to 12 inches
- Late April, May, June, August and September are the best months to fish for “smallies”
- Small-mouth Bass are also known as “bronzebacks”

**ICE FISHING**

Despite being so cold outside, some of the greatest fishing in Port Colborne can be had in the winter. From January 1 to March 15, anglers can venture out on the ice (ice conditions permitting) and drop their lines for Yellow Perch, Lake Trout, tasty Whitefish and feisty Northern Pike. Ice fishing in Gravelly Bay has long been popular, as well. Gravelly Bay is typically frozen for several months every winter.
Picture perfect best describes Port Colborne’s marvelous harbour. For short day visits, Port Colborne has an extra wide, well maintained boat ramp that will accommodate most watercraft. Ample parking for trucks and trailers on-site is also available. For overnight stays and seasonal rentals, Port Colborne’s Sugarloaf Marina has over 700 scenic slips and offers all the amenities boaters need.

Looking for an adventure on the open waters? Go scuba diving for sunken treasure or try your hand at bass and walleye fishing. Looking for something more relaxing, then soak in the sun as you float the day away on glorious Lake Erie. For those wishing to keep their feet firmly on the ground, take advantage of the giant pavilion available for special events, have a picnic in the park, and watch the kids play in the water at our splash pad, or challenge them to a round of mini-putt. Later, sip a cool drink on the balcony overlooking the harbour at Sugarloaf Marina’s restaurant.

Sugarloaf Marina, 3 Marina Road • 905-835-6644
Cycling on Niagara’s South Coast is on a roll. With classic biking fun on the Niagara Circle Route, this great trail system can be whatever you need it to be.

The Greater Niagara Circle Route is a paved, multi-use trail that connects Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, Thorold, and Welland in a 140-kilometre circuit. The route is made up of several different trails. The Port Colborne section includes the Welland Canals Parkway trail, which runs on a north/south axis from Welland, and the Friendship Trail, which runs on an east/west axis from Fort Erie, both of which meet at Seaway Park. A spur of the trail runs along the Port Promenade, parallel to Historic West Street, and terminates at scenic HH Knoll Lakeview Park. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.niagararegion.ca/government/initiatives/gncr

**THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIL**

This 24-kilometre scenic pathway is paved and safe for cycling and ideal for walking, jogging, and rollerblading. The trail begins at Port Colborne Seaway Park and ends at Historic Fort Erie where it meets up with the Niagara Parks Commission Recreation Trail. All along its length, this trail coincides with the Trans Canada Trail. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.friendshiptrail.forterie.ca

Discover the outdoors on Niagara’s South Coast by pedal or foot by exploring the numerous hiking and cycling trails. The City of Port Colborne offers easy access to fantastic paved multi-based trails surrounded by beautiful scenery. Great for walking, cycling, and skating, two trails that are part of the Greater Niagara Circle Route intersect in Port Colborne. To the west of Port Colborne, in Wainfleet, there is access to a spur of the Trans Canada Trail, which is a loose-surface trail ideal for hiking, and trail riding.
THE WELLAND CANALS PARKWAY TRAIL
This trail follows the canal along its west bank from St. Catharines through Thorold, Welland, and Port Colborne. In Thorold, the path cross to the “Thorold Island” created between the old third canal and the current fourth canal. In Welland, it follows the old fourth canal through the city and is paved on both sides of the canal. The trail zig-zags across the canal in Port Colborne until it meets the Friendship Trail at Seaway Park. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.niagararegion.ca/exploring

GORDON HARRY CONSERVATION TRAIL
This section of the Trans Canada Trail runs 13 kilometres from the western boundary of Port Colborne, across the south of Wainfleet to Haldimand County, parallel to the Lake Erie shore. This unpaved trail connects several conservation areas in Wainfleet, and is an excellent location for bird watching and spotting wildlife. Ideal for biking, hiking, and horseback riding, the Gordon Harry trail appeals to nature lovers of all ages. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.npca.ca/conservation-areas/gord-harry

TRAIL ETIQUETTE
• Obey all trail signs
• Stay on the trail, leave only footprints... and as few of these as possible
• The universal rule of trail courtesy is for all trail users to pass to the left
• Take nothing but photographs
• Carry out everything that you carry in, including wrappers, tissues, soda cans, water bottles, cigarette butts, etc.

NEED MORE INFO?
For more information or to obtain a detailed cycling map visit the Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre
Numerous clubs, services, and community groups operate in Port Colborne, offering a range of activities for all ages. From seniors groups, organized sports for all ages, and ethnic clubs, Port Colborne has something for everyone. The many festivals and events in Port Colborne also provide great opportunities to volunteer and help build the community.

### SERVICE, SOCIAL, AND YOUTH CLUBS

Port Colborne is home to numerous service clubs including Lions and Lioness, Rotary, Optimist, and Women's Service Clubs as well as a branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Social and interest clubs include numerous ethnic community clubs, retirees clubs, a historical society, sailing clubs, and pony and saddle clubs. For youth, Port Colborne hosts Scouts Canada, Girl Guides, and air and sea cadets.

### SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

#### BADMINTON
PORT COLBORNE BADMINTON CLUB: 905-714-1558

#### BASEBALL
PORT COLBORNE MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION: 905-834-1525
PORT COLBORNE MINOR GIRLS SOFTBALL: 905-835-2593
SLO PITCH LEAGUE: 905-834-5807

#### BASKETBALL
Kevin Kramer: 905-835-8258

#### FISHING & HUNTING
PORT COLBORNE & DISTRICT CONSERVATION CLUB 905-894-1336 www.pcdcc.com

#### GYM FACILITIES

#### HOCKEY
CLUB FRONTENAC Teresa MacDouggall: 905-835-2252
OLD-TIMERS' DIVISION:
DECEMBER TOURNAMENT
Al Martine: 905-834-7930
FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT
Barry Tuttle: 905-835-0943
GOLDEN PUCK
NOVEMBER & MARCH
John VanGool: 905-835-6506
PORT COLBORNE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION: 905-835-8587

#### MARTIAL ARTS
PORT COLBORNE JUDO CLUB
Steve Miller: 905-834-2309
www.portcolbornejudoclub.com
Ron Ryan: 905-835-6836
www.portcolbornejudoclub.com

#### RUGBY
PORT COLBORNE FLAG RUGBY
Caleb Smith: 905-357-9233
www.niagaraflagrugby.com

#### SOCCER
SIR JOHN COLBORNE YOUTH SOCCER
Thomas A. Lannan Complex: Rick Richardson: 905-321-8413
www.niagarasoccerassociation.ca

#### TENNIS
PORT COLBORNE TENNIS CLUB 905-834-0203, www.portcolbornetennis.com
## SPORTS AND ATHLETICS CONTINUED
### TOURNAMENTS
Port Colborne is home to a number of top notch sports facilities. We would like to invite your group or team to take part in one of our many tournaments. Please contact Port Colborne Community Services: 905-834-1668

### VOLLEYBALL
- **Bethel Community Centre**
  - Peter Leavere: 905-714-6383
  - [Club Frontenac](http://www.club-frontenac.com)
  - Yves Cloutier: 905-834-6884
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  - [Club Frontenac](http://www.club-frontenac.com)
- **Huntington Society**
  - Rick & Lynn Miner: 905-834-3640

## REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
### CULINARY EXPERIENCES
- **Niagara Wine Route**
  - 1-800-263-2988
  - [www.winesofontario.org](http://www.winesofontario.org)

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
- **Shaw Festival Theatre**
  - [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com)
  - 1-800-511-SHAW
- **Fort Erie Race Track**
  - [www.forterieracing.com](http://www.forterieracing.com)
  - Fallsview Casino 1-888-FALLSVU
  - [www.fallsviewcasinos.com](http://www.fallsviewcasinos.com)

### HISTORY AND CULTURE
- **Museums of Niagara**
  - [www.tourismniagara.com](http://www.tourismniagara.com)

### RECREATION
- **Niagara Cycling**
  - [www.niagaracycling.ca](http://www.niagaracycling.ca)
- **Golf Niagara**
  - [www.niagaragolftrail.com](http://www.niagaragolftrail.com)
  - 1-866-PLAY-NGT
- **Welland Recreational Canal**
  - [www.wellandrecreationalwaterway.ca](http://www.wellandrecreationalwaterway.ca)

### SHOPPING
- **The Pen Centre, St. Catharines**
  - [www.thepencentre.com](http://www.thepencentre.com)
  - 1-800-582-8202
- **Canada One Factory Outlet Mall, Niagara Falls**
  - [www.canadaoneoutlets.com](http://www.canadaoneoutlets.com)
  - 1-866-284-5781

### FAMILY FUN
- **Welland Canals Centre at Lock 3**
  - [www.tourismstcatharines.ca](http://www.tourismstcatharines.ca)
  - 1-800-305-5134
- **Safari Niagara**
  - [www.safariniagara.com](http://www.safariniagara.com)
  - 1-866-367-9669
- **Fallsview Indoor Water Park**
  - Toll Free: 1-888-234-8408
SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL - Civic Holiday Weekend

For those with a taste for adventure, the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival offers activities and attractions to enliven the senses. Tall ships gather in Port Colborne each August holiday weekend, for a four-day celebration of history and heritage. Explore the decks, try your hand at the wheel, or feel the spray as you cruise Lake Erie on a tall ship. Nestled at the junction of the Welland Canal and the Lake Erie north shore, Port Colborne is a working marine community, with rich nautical history and welcoming hospitality. At the height of summer, the entire city takes time to celebrate the reasons why our picturesque city has grown and prospered – our marine heritage and our connection to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the seafaring world at large. Canal Days encompasses the entire community, with activities at a dozen different venues:

HH Knoll Lakeview Park is host to Ontario’s largest outdoor classic car and kite show. The Seaway Park children’s area has games, entertainment, and kid’s activities throughout the weekend. At the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, the history of the Welland Canal is on display and heritage artisans can be seen working their trades. Festival guests can ride the free Canal Days shuttle to the West Side Arena for an indoor craft show, or the Garden Swing Jazz event at the Roselawn Centre. Festival food and shopping kiosks fill downtown, and the Market Square concert venue features top-notch entertainment nightly.

Each year, more than 300,000 people visit the festival over four days. Friends, families, and former residents return and reminisce, and Canal Days continues to grow by bounds. An ever changing roster of activities has repeatedly redefined Canal Days, and as the festival moves into its fourth decade, that growth will continue as the festival blooms again. A source of great community pride, Canal Days is Port Colborne’s signature event. The countless local volunteers who work tirelessly over 4 days make this event Niagara’s premier summer festival. For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

CIRCLE TREK
May
Seaway Park
Held annually on the first Sunday in May, Circle Trek celebrates Port Colborne’s section of the Friendship Trail and is a great way to get involved in the community and raise funds to provide the amenities for our trails. For more information, please contact Port Colborne Community Services: 905-834-1668

444 INTERNATIONAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT
June
HH Knoll Lakeview Park
The 444 International Walleye Tournament is one of the most popular fishing tournaments on Lake Erie. Organized by the Port Colborne & District Conservation Club, this is an exciting event for professional and amateur anglers, as well as the public. With weigh-ins in HH Knoll Lakeview Park, cash prizes, raffle draws,
entertainment, and delicious food, a good time will be had by all. For more information, contact Chris Yalowica: 905-834-1780, www.pcdcc.com

FLAVOURS OF NIAGARA, INTERNATIONAL FOOD, WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Canada Day Weekend
HH Knoll Lakeview Park, Port Colborne
Niagara food artisans return to Port Colborne for the 5th annual Flavours of Niagara Festival. This unique event features culinary samplings from Niagara’s best chefs and caterers, complemented by Niagara’s finest wines. Nestled in the bowl of beautiful HH Knoll Lakeview Park, the festival features an intimate picnic area accentuated by a band shell showcasing the finest musicians from around Ontario. Add the warm summer sun and the cool breezes from Lake Erie and you have the perfect recipe for a romantic escape, or an entertaining day with the family.
For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, www.portcolborne.ca

MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Labour Day Weekend
Marshville Heritage Village, Wainfleet
Juried Arts & Crafts Show featuring 115 artisans on the grounds of a re-created 19th century rural village. Marshville features costumed demonstrations of 19th century chores. Food vendors, live entertainment; covered wagon rides; antique autos and farm equipment; 19th century craftsmen; Ontario’s only original steam sawmill; and a Town Crier Contest.
For more information, contact the Marshville Heritage Society: 905-899-9995, www.marshvilleheritage.tripod.com

WAINFLEET FALL FAIR
September
Wainfleet Fairgrounds, Wainfleet
An annual event taking place the third weekend in September. The fair offers an entire weekend of celebrations for all ages, capturing the essence of the rural community of Wainfleet. Come see a cattle show, horse pull, pet show, rides, games and more! The fair grounds are located in Wainfleet Village. For more information, contact the Wainfleet Agricultural Society: www.township.wainfleet.on.ca.

TUGBOAT SANTA
December
Take part in the thrill as Santa Claus arrives Downtown Port Colborne by Tugboat! Children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

For more information contact the BIA: www.DowntownPortColborne.com

SANTA CLAUS PARADE
December
Port Colborne’s Santa Claus Parade is held every year on the first Saturday in December. This evening event marks the beginning of the Holiday Season and is an opportunity for families to watch Old Saint Nicholas rolling into Port Colborne in time for the holidays. Hundreds of people line the parade route at night to watch the seemingly endless number of colourful floats lit up with Christmas lights. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

GRAND OLD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
December
Visit the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum and join them for their “Grand Old Christmas” Festival. Enjoy Christmas music, hot apple cider, and roasted chestnuts as the children have their picture taken with Santa. For those wishing to experience a true traditional Christmas treat, visit Arabella’s Tea Room for a cup of hot tea and Christmas pudding!
For more information, contact the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum: 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

CASCO & FRIENDS KIDZ
NEW YEAR’S EVE CARNIVAL
Enjoy the final countdown to New Years. Bring the family and enjoy the skating, refreshments, and carnival games. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

SPORTSFEST
February
Sportsfest is an annual February mid-winter celebration providing activities for all ages. It is a city wide, family friendly community event, attracting participants from across Niagara. All proceeds go to various local charities. The Mayor’s Cup hockey tournament, indoor volleyball, family skating, ball hockey, sports celebrity evening, trivia, dodge ball and family swimming are just some of the events that are routinely offered to the general public. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca.
1. Historic West Street
2. Farmer’s Market
3. Clarence Street, Bridge 21
4. Harbormaster’s Building Transient Boat Docks
5. Port Promenade
6. Port Colborne Museum
7. Arabella’s Tea Room
8. LR. Wilson Research Archives
9. Public Library
10. Post Office
11. City Hall
12. Friendship Trail
13. Sugarloaf Marina
14. Rosalawn Centre/Showboat Festival Theatre
15. Visitor Information Centre/Chamber of Commerce
16. Lock 8 Viewing Platform

Parking
- Downtown Port Colborne
- Gateway District
- Greater Niagara Circle Route
- Welland Canals Parkway Scenic Drive

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