

MAYOR'S REPORT

TUESDAY, OCT. 10



FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Welcome back, everyone. I trust you all enjoyed a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends.

It's Fire Prevention Week in Port Colborne and across Canada and the United States. The theme this year is "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention."

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, with nearly half of all fires involving cooking equipment.

Never leave food unattended on the stove or in the oven. Turn those pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking, so if something does catch fire, you can simply slide a lid over the pan, and turn the burner off.

We all remember the rule about smoke detectors, right? Every home in Ontario must have a smoke detector on every level of the home. It's the law.

When it comes to fire safety: pay attention to fire prevention.

CALL FOR CHRISTMAS CARD ART

The first artwork for our annual Christmas card contest was turned into my office last week by a three-year-old. One of the most enjoyable things I do all year is choose from hundreds of designs submitted by elementary school children. Last year we had a record number of submissions – let's see if we can top it this year.

Please do your design on a regular 8 ½ x 11 inch piece of paper, any colour. You can use crayons, markers, chalk, pastels, paints – anything you choose, as long as you make it a Port Colborne theme. A clear design, or scene, with bright bold colours seems to work best.

Please bring them to city hall by 4pm Friday, Oct. 20. You can do it on your own at home, or as a class project.

We've reached out to all the schools in Port Colborne, asking for participation.

Remember to write your name, age, school, and a phone number where we can reach you, on the back of your artwork.

The children whose artwork is chosen will be invited to come to council to be recognized, and they'll be invited to join council and me on the float in the lighted Christmas parade on Dec. 2.

I look forward to seeing all the talent and creativity.

LIONS FOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars and fill a few extra grocery bags as best you can – the Lions Food Drive is a week from Saturday, on October 21.

The shelves at the Reach Out Centre need filling now more than ever.

Those of us who are able to help do as much as we can for our neighbours who need us. Port Colborne has always been a generous community.

Place donations on your doorstep by 9 am Saturday, Oct. 21. Lions and volunteers will drive every street in the city to collect your donation. If you live outside the urban boundary, please drop non-perishable groceries at the Christian Life Assembly on Barrick Road at Hwy 58. Cash and cheques are accepted, too.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, many thanks to all of you.

I LOVE PORT COLBORNE CAMPAIGN

The Pie Guys have launched an I Love Port Colborne campaign to raise \$10,000 for Port Cares to direct toward homelessness and drug addiction programs. Bracelets and key chains are available at the Pie Guys bakery café on West Street as well as many downtown businesses.