

Mayor's Report

Tuesday, July 18, 2023



CANAL DAYS

The 45th annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival is 17 days away and we are all looking forward to another outstanding Civic Long Weekend in Port Colborne.

This year we have an excellent line up for the concert series at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

Friday, August 4 we welcome headliners The Glorious Sons with opening acts Elliott Brood and JIN. We've also announced an addition to the mainstage lineup opening for The Glorious Sons – it's local band and winners of the 97.7 HTZ-FM Rocksearch contest, GRAVELY. I'm really looking forward to seeing these bands on the mainstage for Friday night.

Then on Saturday, we welcome headliners Sam Roberts Band with Skye Wallace, and Texas King.

On Sunday, August 6 we have Pink Floyd Niagara and Riders on the Storm: A live celebration of The Doors.

And finally, to round out the weekend we have an afternoon show on Monday featuring The Caverners Beatles Tribute, Canada's Premier Tribute to the Beatles with Tim 'E' Hendry, the 2013 King of the World Elvis Tribute Artist World Champion.

For those adventuring down West Street, we will have the Empire Sandy offering Tall Ship Cruises, vessel deck tours on the US Brig Niagara, the Lettie G. Howard and the E.M. Cotter Fireboat. There are tons of awesome retail vendors, food vendors and artisan vendors, alone with great activities for the whole family at the Rec Zone and Kids Zone.

The Patio on West will be open again this year with awesome local talent on stage all weekend. This year the Patio on West will be located right in front of the new SouthPort Condo buildings on West Street.

There's a midway carnival, awesome activities happening at the Historical & Marine Museum, the craft show, the car show, and so much more.

Don't forget the Sunday night Boat Parade of Lights and the fireworks display, happening at about 10 p.m. along West Street.

I hope to see you all celebrating our great City this year at the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival.

MUSIC IN PORT COLBORNE

While Canal Days is our biggest event of the year, and we have tons of great musical events all year round. This past weekend we held another community concert at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park with Mystic Highway, Dan the Music Man, Avenue Inn and a really cool kite show.

COMMUNITY LOGO SHIRTS

Also at the community concert, our team was out selling the new Port Colborne community logo merch!

In case you missed it, last week we announced the launch of our new community logo, a symbol designed to capture the essence of our vibrant city and honor its rich marine heritage.

For a limited time, the City will be offering t-shirts, sweaters, and hats for sale with the new community logo displayed proudly on the front. The merchandise will be available for purchase at various City events, the weekly Port Colborne Farmers' Market, City Hall and more.

During Canal Days, the new community logo merchandise will be featured at "The Pilot House", the City's booth on West Street, located at the base of Charlotte Street.

After Canal Days, the City will open the logo up for use by businesses and members of the public to use, free of licensing or other charges.

The City of Port Colborne's corporate logo remain the same, but is trademarked and can only be displayed by authorized individuals, such as City staff.

MAIN STREET CLOSURE

Finally, I want to remind everyone that Main Street West, between King Street and Canal Bank Road, will be temporarily closed July 18 - 20, 2023, in order to complete repairs at the rail crossing.

The closure is expected to last approximately three days.

We suggest that if you usually travel down Main Street West that you plan an alternate route or follow the designated detour signs.

I know this might be a pain for many of us, but I am personally really looking forward to getting this road repaired, which was damaged when the train derailed a few months ago.