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Let's Connect

We do, what we can, with the information we have. If your community organization is not currently in the Guide but you think it should be, please email communications@forterie.ca or call 905-871-1600.

Let's Hang-out

Local is where the fun is at. If you have an event that you would like to promote in our Community Events Calendar (both online and in the Guide), please visit www.forterie.ca and click on the "Submit Your Event" button on our homepage.

A special thank you goes to Brian Desrosiers, Karen Audet and Mike Sansano for sharing their wonderful photos with us!

TIP | *Look for the Community Events Calendar in the middle of the Guide. Remove the calendar and place it on the fridge or beside your family calendar for future use.*

Challenge

Attend two or more events in Fort Erie that you've never attended before. Remember to take lots of photos. After a couple of years, you will have enough memories to make a 'Made in Fort Erie' family photo album.

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Animals & Pets

In partnership with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the Town is committed to keeping people, pets and animals safe in Fort Erie.

Animal Control: The SPCA is a non-profit organization that is responsible for pet adoptions, strays, dog bites, dog licences, exotic pets, dogs running at large, dangerous dogs and animal cruelty complaints.

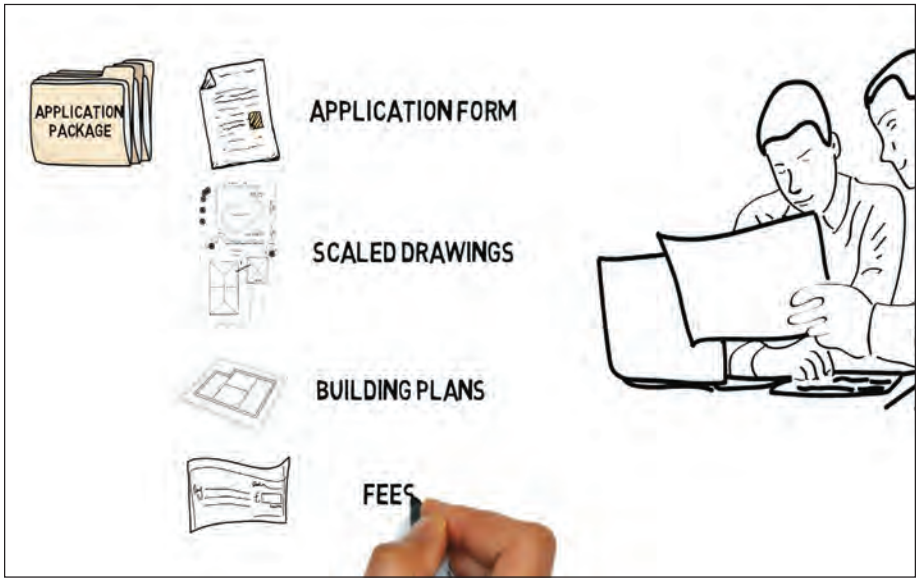
Enforcement: The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers are responsible for enforcing animal control issues relating to noise (such as a barking dog) or zoning issues (such as keeping certain animals within certain areas of Town).

Contact Fort Erie SPCA	410 Jarvis St., Fort Erie, L2A 2T1 905-871-2461	admin@forteriespca.ca www.forteriespca.ca
Contact Town of Fort Erie	1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6	905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

Tip | *Dog licences expire on December 31 every year but the SPCA offers dog owners a 3-month grace period. Get your licence before March 31 to avoid a $15 late charge.*

Building & Home Renovations

Did you know that some home renovations require a building permit? Make sure you talk to a Building Inspector before starting a large construction project such as new additions, pools, decks and plumbing. The Building Inspector will give you the resources and information you will need to make your project a success and to avoid potentially time consuming and costly setbacks.



Contact Town of Fort Erie	1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6	905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

Did You Know | *The Town has informational videos on www.forterie.ca to help residents and businesses better understand the Town's Building and Planning processes. Videos include information about House Additions, Pool & Deck Permits, Sheds and many more.*

PUBLIC SERVICES

Cemetery Services

We understand how difficult it is to lose a loved one and will work with you through the process. Choose between one of three cemeteries in Fort Erie (Greenwood Cemetery, McAffee Cemetery and Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery) or one of two Columbarias.

Contact Town of Fort Erie

1 Municipal Centre Dr.,
Fort Erie, L2A 2S6

905-871-1600
www.contactus.forterie.ca

Did You Know

A beautiful black metal bench or tree, complete with a plaque, can be purchased and dedicated to a loved one in a Town park or along the Friendship Trail.

Economic Development & Tourism Corporation (EDTC)

The EDTC is mandated by Town Council to lead Fort Erie's economic growth, progress and diversification. They are a team of professionals who give hands-on, personalized service for those relocating a business, expanding current operations or starting a new enterprise. The team can assist with site location studies, marketing programs, referral services and tourism strategies.

Contact EDTC

660 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie, L2A 6E2
905-871-1332

edtc@forteriecanada.com
www.forteriecanada.com

Events

Celebrating a special occasion? Surrounded by the beautifully landscaped park, pond and gazebo, the Lions Banquet Hall can make any event one to remember. Complete with full kitchen and bar, ample parking and a luxurious vestibule entrance, the Lions Banquet Hall will hold up to 500 people and is bound to impress.

Hosting a family reunion, fundraiser or marathon? Consider hosting your event at one of our many municipal parks for a small fee. In addition, Town supplies can be borrowed such as garbage cans, benches and blockades, if available.

Running a sports tournament or house league? The Town maintains many soccer and football fields, arenas and baseball diamonds. All sports parks are regularly manicured and maintained by Town staff.

FORT ERIE

Contact Town of Fort Erie

1 Municipal Centre Dr.,
Fort Erie, L2A 2S6

905-871-1600
www.contactus.forterie.ca

Did You Know

Council meetings air on TV COGECO Cable (Channel 10 and Channel 700) on the Thursday afternoon following the meeting at 1 p.m.

Fire & Emergency Services (FES)

Fort Erie FES is among the Town's first line of defence when faced with an emergency. It is made up of 120-140 men and women who sacrifice their sleep, work and family time to volunteer as firefighters and public education officers. Contact your local fire department to find out more about its community events such as Sparky's Community Fire Safety Day as well as school and festival visits.

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Contact Town of Fort Erie

1 Municipal Centre Dr.,
Fort Erie, L2A 2S6

905-871-1600
www.contactus.forterie.ca

PUBLIC SERVICES

Garbage & Recycling

Niagara Region is responsible for collecting waste and recycling materials in Fort Erie. Contact Niagara Region if you are a new home owner to receive free recycling containers. To throw away large items (such as mattresses and dressers), book online or call at least two working days in advance of your regular collection day.

Did You Know | *The Salvation Army (Wintemute St., Fort Erie) accepts donations that are in good, clean and useable condition. Call 905-871-9433 for large item pick-up.*

Niagara Region	**Contact Niagara Region**	1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, L2V 4T7	905-980-6000 www.niagararegion.ca

Licences & Permits

The Town issues licences and permits to ensure that everyone follows the same processes and standards. For example, building permits regulate the type of construction allowed in a community and ensure that minimum building standards are met.

Licences/Permits:

- Building
- Business
- Dog (issued by SPCA)
- Events
- Gaming
- Marriage

FORT ERIE	**Contact Town of Fort Erie**	1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6	905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

Museums

With over 11,000 years of history with topics that range from battles to bootlegging, railways to roller coasters, and arrowheads to aircraft, Fort Erie's stories can be found at your four Museum sites. See the directory section of this guide for hours and locations for the Historical Museum, Railway Museum, Battlefield Park and Mewinzha Archaeology Gallery.

Helene and Frank Claus (on right) are seen here at Crystal Beach in 1916. One hundred years from now ensure your descendants can learn about their family by including some of your family's pictures and stories in the Museum's archives too! Contact us for details about the photograph scanning program and artifact donations. Fort Erie's Museums are professionally accredited so your stories and memories will not only be cared for, but will be shared for centuries to come.

Crystal Beach 1916 - Courtland Claus Collection

The Museum also offers original publications, conservation advice, genealogy and property research, heritage plaque partnerships, pre-demolition documentation, educational programs, as well as unique heritage items for sale in the gift shops.

Contact Town of Fort Erie | 1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6 | 905-894-5322 www.museums.forterie.ca

Parking

Paid parking and 'Pay and Display' parking is available throughout the town. The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will issue parking tickets for illegally parked vehicles.

Additional parking details include:

- Street parking is free in the Town. Parking is also free in local business areas (2 hour max. except on Jarvis St. downtown, which is 3 hours max.)
- Pay and display parking is required in Crystal Beach designated parking areas and at the Crystal Beach boat launch. You can pay by the day ($10) or obtain a seasonal permit ($100). If you do not have a boat trailer, you can park at the boat launch for free. See page 17 for more information about boating in Fort Erie.
- Online parking ticket payment is available at www.forterie.ca under e-Services (VISA & MasterCard only). A convenience fee is applied to all transactions.

Contact Town of Fort Erie | 1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6 | 905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

PUBLIC SERVICES

Roads

Winter in Fort Erie means snow! The Town is dedicated to clearing snow as quickly as possible, the Town treats roads by class, it is the Towns priority to ensure safe passage on roads used by emergency vehicles. Residents are encouraged to clear sidewalks and to make fire hydrants accessible. The Town will also be ploughing sidewalks this winter, once again priority will be given to well travelled paths. A gentle reminder that overnight parking on streets is not prohibited. For further information residents are encouraged to look up the Town of Fort Erie's Winter Control Plan.

Additional Information

For a complete list of roads identified in the five-year Road Resurfacing program, visit www.forterie.ca (Government › Capital Construction Projects). Please note that streets could be added to or deleted from the program without prior notice from the Town.

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Town Council

Keeping the Conversation Going
Town Council meets publicly throughout the year (Council Chambers at 6 p.m.) to discuss the Town's business such as project updates and property zoning. Meetings take place on a weekly or twice-monthly basis depending on season (Mondays). If the scheduled meeting falls on a statutory holiday, it is postponed until the next day. You can view the Council and Council-in-Committee meeting schedule and/or download the meeting calendar at www.forterie.ca (Government › Mayor and Council › Council Meetings Schedule).

Staying On Topic & Ensuring Transparency
Four to five days before the meeting, the Town Clerk will post the meeting agenda online. The agenda is a list of items to be talked about during the meeting. Some items include public meetings, presentations, staff reports and bylaws. Audio recordings and meeting minutes can also be found at www.forterie.ca (Government › Agendas & Minutes). All meetings are open to the public unless stated otherwise.

Speaking to Town Council
If you would like a chance to talk or present in front of Town Council and senior staff, you can register to become a delegate. Some reasons you might want to register as a delegate would be to...
· Request Council's support in a policy change
· Promote your charitable/non-profit community event
· Request grant funding for your organization

To register as a delegate, please contact Diana Kelley, Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk, at dkelley@forterie.ca or 905-871-1600, ext. 2236, or learn more at www.forterie.ca (Government › Mayor and Council › Council Delegation). Audio and visual capabilities are available for use during presentations. Delegation requests should be made the week before the meeting.

Town Hall

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is made up of six departments:

Corporate Services – Corporate Services provides financial stewardship of town assets and operations, and is responsible for the Town's legal, gaming and human resources.

Community Services – Community Services is the first point of contact for most members of the community and is focused on responding to customer enquiries and enhancing community services such as museums, transit and clerks.

Fire and Emergency Services – Fire and Emergency Services provides emergency services to the Fort Erie community such as water rescue and fire inspections.

Infrastructure Services – Infrastructure Services manages the Town's facilities, public parks, municipal roads, and water and wastewater. Some services include snow removal, road resurfacing and watermain repairs.

Office of the CAO – The Office of the CAO provides corporate leadership, communications, accessibility and strategic planning.

Planning and Development Services – Planning and Development Services provides property planning, building and bylaw enforcement throughout the Town. It ensures that public and private development is strategic and reflects legislative requirements.

Employment Opportunities
The Town of Fort Erie is committed to fostering a positive and progressive workplace culture. If you're interested in working at the Town of Fort Erie, sign up for our Employment Opportunities e-blast and get instant notifications of new job opportunities. Visit www.forterie.ca to sign-up for the Employment Opportunities e-blast today.

Volunteer
The Town of Fort Erie is always seeking residents interested in serving their community as a volunteer on a Council-appointed board and/or committee or as a firefighter (see page 6). All eligible Fort Erie residents are welcome to apply. Please visit www.forterie.ca or call 905-871-1600 for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Transit

Trains, a vital part of Fort Erie's Past
Repairs to train 6218

Canadian National Railway steam engine 6218 is the cornerstone artifact of the Fort Erie Railway Museum. Built in 1942 by the Montreal Locomotive Works, the 4-8-4 wheel configuration is also referred to as the 4-8-4 Northern. It is referred to as a "Northern" as it was first introduced by Northern Pacific in 1926. The 4-8-4 Northern style of train served well into the 1960s.
In its retirement the 6218 serves as a reminder of the days when steam was used to power the transportation of supplies or citizens across Canada, and also when Fort Erie boasted the third-largest rail yard in Canada. The 6218 was donated by CN in 1974 to the Town of Fort Erie and is currently being repaired.

Repairs to the 6218 are an intensive on-going project, stage one will be completed in 2018. Stage one repairs include: confirming the stability of the track bed, survey and remove any hazardous materials, remove the boiler jacket and fiberglass insulation, complete minor repairs, remove any lose lead paint and re-paint the engine. Stage two will be completed in 2019 and will compose of installing a covering over the engine. The final stage which will include the fabricating and installing the new boiler jacket will be completed whenever funding becomes available.

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Fort Erie Transit One-Way Loop Transit System

The Fort Erie Transit system has officially returned to its previous one bus, one direction (clockwise), hourly service for the East Route (also known as the East Route #750), and the North Route (also known as the North Route #770).

The only route with slight changes will be to the West Route (also known as the West Route #760). The West route will change to have the bus go south on Ridge Rd. S, to Rebstock Rd, then head west on Rebstock Rd, instead of Roxborough Ave. Additionally stop #305 will be moved from the corner of Ridge Rd S and Roxborough Ave, to the corner of Ridge Rd. S and Rebstock Rd.

The decision to revert back to the One-Way loop system came after many discussions with the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) along with ridership data that showed a steady decline in the use of the transit system when the previous two routes (clockwise and counter clockwise) were in use.

Despite the changes in the routes it is still important to note that the additional level of service that was initiated with the clockwise and counter clockwise routes has been maintained. Providing a superior level of service that previously did not exist in the Fort Erie Transit system. These improvements include:

- Expanded routes in Fort Erie, Ridgeway, and Crystal Beach
- Additional route to Stevensville and Black Creek
- Connections to Niagara Falls, Brock University and Niagara College
- New main transit hub located at the Municipal Centre
- Expanded hours of service from 6 am – 9 pm
- New pre-paid smart cards available for purchase onboard
- New mobile friendly Fort Erie Transit website (fetransit.ca), which includes real-time bus times, up-to-date transit alerts and detours, and trip planning capabilities

It is also important to state that the Fort Erie Transit system is 100% accessible, complete with audio and visual pre-boarding and onboard announcements to routes and stops. This accessibility allows everyone in the Town of Fort Erie to freely move around a welcoming, prosperous, connected community of choice.

For more information

Contact Town of Fort Erie

Carla Stout,
Transit Services Manager

1 Municipal Centre Dr.,
Fort Erie, L2A 2S6

905-871-1600
cstout@forterie.ca

Contact Niagara Region

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way,
Thorold, L2V 4T7

1-833-BUS-LINE (1-833-287-5463)
www.fetransit.ca
905-890-6000
www.niagararegion.ca

PUBLIC SERVICES

Tree Removal & Replanting

Ash trees make up about 60 to 75 per cent of all trees located in Fort Erie. Town staff estimate that there are about 16,500 ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Fort Erie; with about 80 per cent of them located on private property.

In 2018, the Town will be spending $582,000 for the trimming and removal of trees on Town property. Over the past few years, the Town completed a tree removal program in South Fort Erie and Crescent Park. Staff will continue assessing the EAB impact throughout Fort Erie for the remainder of the year.

FORT ERIE	**Contact Town of Fort Erie**	1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6	905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

Did You Know | *Town-owned ash trees will be identified, tagged and marked with an "X", "X & H" or "dot" in white paint to indicate the action to be taken by the Town's arborist.*

Water & Wastewater

The Town of Fort Erie prides itself on delivering safe drinking water to its customers. To ensure the water is safe, our staff maintains and continuously improves the Town's Drinking Water Quality Management System as required by the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Standards.

In addition, Town water is monitored at the source, during treatment, after treatment and within the distribution system. Samples are taken at the intakes, at the treatment plant and at distribution sites and then sent to certified laboratories for testing. Some tests are conducted on site such as a chlorine analysis.

Niagara Region	**Contact Niagara Region**	1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way Thorold, L2V 4T7	905-980-6000 www.niagararegion.ca
FORT ERIE	**Contact Town of Fort Erie**	1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, L2A 2S6	905-871-1600 www.contactus.forterie.ca

Did You Know | *During the summer, Niagara Region regularly tests Fort Erie beaches for levels of E. Coli bacteria. If the E. Coli levels are high, Niagara Region will deem the beach as unsafe or closed.*

TOWN OF FORT ERIE

DRINKING WATER

QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Fort Erie has implemented a QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM and is committed to:

- Delivering safe drinking water to our customers
- Complying to all relevant legislation & regulations
- Maintaining & continuously improving the Drinking Water Quality Management System

FORT ERIE

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https://www.forterie.ca/pages/ENewsletter

Monthly updates on new Town initatives, upcoming events and important reminders for residents and businesses!

For more information, please contact communications@forterie.ca

NIAGARA VOTES 2018

Once every four years a Municipal and School Board Election is held, this is an important election as it helps guide and shape the Town of Fort Erie for the next four years. The role of Mayor and Council is, although not limited to: to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality; to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality; to determine which services the municipality provides, and to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality. It is our goal to increase voter turnout at every election, the last election in 2014 the Town of Fort Erie had a voter turnout of 43%, we hope this only increases for 2018.

Voter's List

To be able to vote in the October 22, 2018 Municipal and School Board Election, you need to be on the Voters' List. If you are not sure whether you are on the Voters' List, please visit: www.voterlookup.ca. You can also update your information and an elector name to an address and change your school support. To be eligible to vote you must be: aged 18 or older, a Canadian citizen, reside in the municipality or be the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant, and are not prohibited from voting otherwise by law.

Advance Polls

If you are unable to vote on Monday October 22, please be aware that there are Advance Polls. These Advance Polls are as follows:

- Friday October 12, 2018 at the Stevensville Memorial Hall (2508 Stevensville Rd.) 9 am – 2 pm
- Saturday October 13, 2018 at the Leisureplex Banquet Hall (3 Municipal Centre Dr.) 9 am – 5 pm
- Monday October 15, 2018 at the Central Fire Station (444 Central Avenue) 1 pm – 8 pm
- Tuesday October 16, 2018 at Crystal Ridge Community Centre Hall (99 Ridge Rd. S) 9 am – 6 pm

Those requiring accessible voting services are encouraged to vote at an Advance Poll, as these will be fully accessible.

Where to vote on Monday October 22, 2018

- Ward 1 Central Fire Station (444 Central Avenue)
- Ward 2 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 (130 Garrison Rd.)
- Ward 3 Leisureplex Banquet Hall (3 Municipal Centre Dr.)
- Ward 4 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 (228 Southmill St.)
- Ward 5 Crystal Ridge Community Centre (99 Ridge Rd. S)
- Ward 6 (600) Stevensville Memorial Hall (2508 Stevensville Rd.)
- Ward 6 (610) Faith Reformed Church (3605 Back Creek Rd.)

What you need to vote

On Monday October 22, 2018 please ensure that you have your Voter's card and one identification such as a driver's license, or health card. For a complete list of registered candidates running for Mayor, Council or School Board please visit https://www.forterie.ca/pages/RegisteredCandidates.

Direct Election of Regional Chair

For the first time in Niagara, the Regional Chair will be directly elected in the 2018 Municipal Election by general vote. All voters across the Niagara Region are entitled to one vote for Regional Chair.

The Town of Fort Erie would also like to acknowledge that the 2018 Municipal and School Board Election are a combined effort of all of the municipalities in Niagara Region, "Niagara Votes 2018."

Did You Know

The Community Guide was designed in partnership with the Town of Fort Erie's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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Contact Town of Fort Erie

1 Municipal Centre Dr.,
Fort Erie, L2A 2S6

905-871-1600
www.contactus.forterie.ca

PARKS, TRAILS & WATERFRONT

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Boat Launch

Looking for a place to launch your boat? Fort Erie has water access points available at the end of Prospect Point, Stonemill and Kraft roads. These locations are unimproved and do not offer any launch facilities support but are a perfect water access point for canoeing or kayaking.

The Crystal Beach Waterfront Park boat launch is open from May to September.
On-site Parking: $10/day
Season Passes: $100/year

See page 61 for information about boating.

Dog Park

Let your furry friends roam free and socialize with other dogs at Fort Erie's leash-free dog park located at the Lions Sugarbowl Park. But don't forget... if they pooped it, it's up to you to scoop it.

The park is open year-round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Children under 12 years are not permitted in the park without supervision.

Take a Ride with Us!

* Expanded routes in Fort Erie, Ridgeway & Crystal Beach

* Additional route to Stevensville & Black Creek

* Extended hours from 6am to 9pm

* Connections to Niagara Falls, Brock University & Niagara College

* New Transit HUB at Municipal Centre

Visit www.fetransit.ca or call 1-833-BUS-LINE for more information!

FORT ERIE TRANSIT

Creating a Connected Community of Choice

PARKS, TRAILS & WATERFRONT

Playgrounds & Splash Pads

One of the greatest strengths of the Town is our wonderful parks system. Fort Erie's sixteen uniquely themed playgrounds offer a range of play experiences for a variety of ages and abilities.

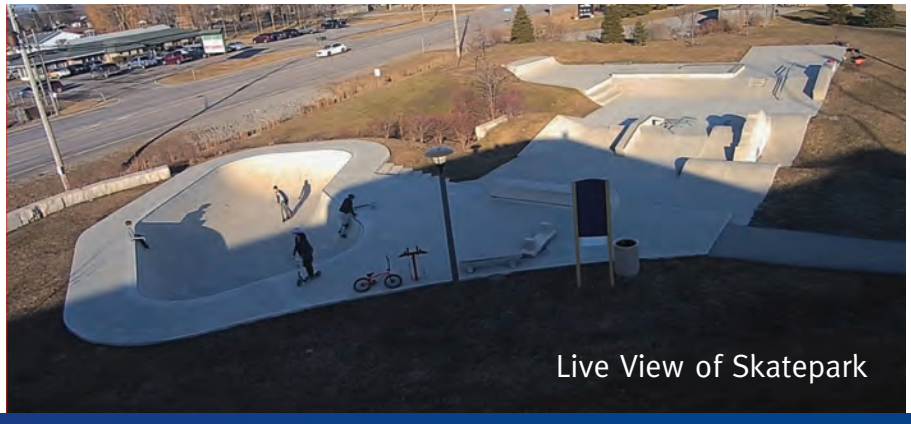
See page 22 for a map of Fort Erie's parks.

Did You Know | *Accessibility and inclusiveness are a priority in the Town's playgrounds. All new or replaced playgrounds are designed in consultation with the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee.*

Sport & Skate Parks

Sport Parks - From softball to soccer, Fort Erie has a number of sport parks being used by local clubs to host tournaments and sports leagues. Call 905-871-1600 or visit www.forterie.ca (Contact Us) to find a sports field that best suits your organization's needs and budget.

Skatepark - The Fort Erie skatepark was designed by renowned skatepark designer Jim Barnum of Spectrum Skatepark Creations. It's a hybrid design that combines 'old-school bowls' for BMX bikers with stairs and rails for skateboarders and inline skaters. The use of safety equipment is strongly recommended including a helmet, elbow and knee pads.



Live View of Skatepark

Tip | *Watch the Town's young talent in action! Go to www.forterie.ca (Culture & Recreation › Parks, Trails and Open Space › Fort Erie Skatepark) and watch a live view of the Fort Erie Skatepark at any time.*

PARKS, TRAILS & WATERFRONT

Trails

Fort Erie has 36 km of recreational trails, ranging from multi-use paved trails to walking trails through wooded and natural areas. During the winter, hikers and cross-country skiers share the frosty trails as they venture out into a white wonderland. Want to bring your furry companion? No problem. Leashed dogs are welcome on the Friendship Recreational Trail but don't forget... if they pooped it, you scoop it.
If cycling is more your style, don't forget about our two new bicycle repair stations along the Friendship Trail (across from Ridgeway Village Square and in Waverly Beach Park). The repair stations give you free access to a variety of tools, from a bike pump and tire levers to hex keys and wrenches.

See page 22 for a map of Fort Erie's trails.

Did You Know | *The Town's bicycle repair stations have tools that retract to prevent them from being tangled and are secured with high strength aircraft cable to deter theft.*

Waterfront

With 30 kms of Lake Erie shoreline, Fort Erie has 24 public access points through either road allowances that end at the water's edge or designated waterfront parks. Fort Erie waterfront parks include:

- Crescent Beach Park
- Crystal Beach/Bay Beach
- Crystal Beach Waterfront Park and Boat Launch
- Riverwalk
- Bernard Beach Park
- Waverly Beach Park

In addition, most of the Niagara River waterfront (15 km) is publicly accessible with four dedicated parks, four public boat launches and the Niagara River Recreational Trail. Winston Churchill once described it as the 'most scenic drive in the world'.

See page 22 for a map of Fort Erie's waterfront public areas.

Tip | *Planning on touring the Point Abino Lighthouse this summer? Purchase your ticket in advance to reserve your spot. Tours begin in June until September and take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. See page 59 for more information.*

Do You Know a Potential Wish Child?

TENDER WISHES FOUNDATION

CRITERIA for WISHES

1. The child must be under the age of 19 and reside in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.
2. A Qualified medical practitioner must confirm that the child suffers from a potentially life-threatening illness.
3. The child must not have been granted a Wish from another Wish-granting organization.

The true impact of a wish cannot be measured in dollars and cents and your efforts will touch the hearts of many!

(All information held in strictest confidence)

Tender Wishes Foundation
P.O. 824, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6V6
Telephone: 905-371-0300
email: tenderwishes@cogeco.ca
www.tenderwishes.org

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Contact: Ashley Waters
905-380-4314
awaters@scouts.ca
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Niagara Region

See it. Report it.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A CRIME

Niagara Region and your local municipality are tackling the issue of illegal dumping. You can help be part of the solution by reporting a location where materials have been dumped or if you have witnessed someone illegally dumping.

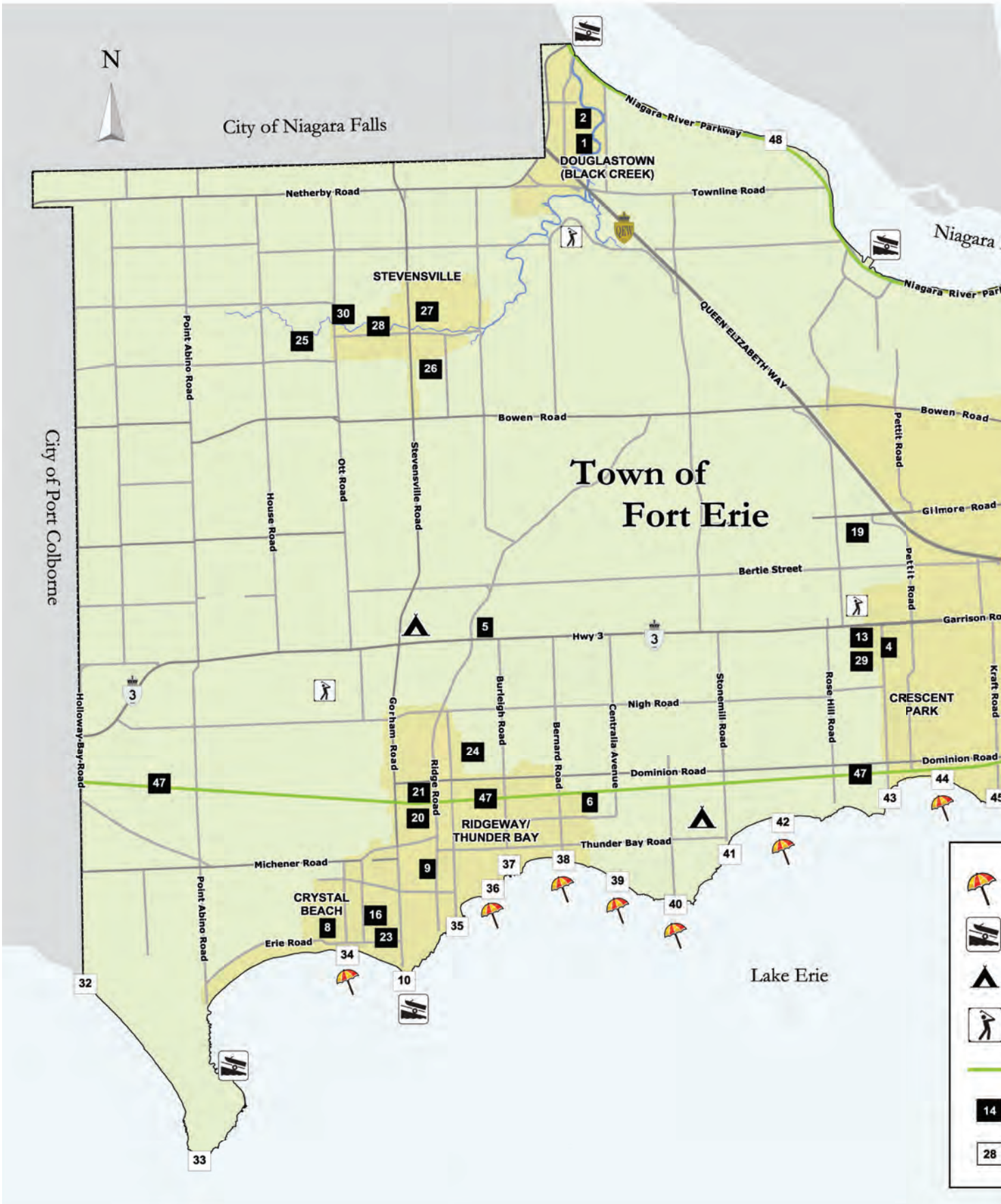
A **reward of $200** will be awarded for reports of illegal dumping on public regional or municipal roads or properties which lead to a conviction, or a **reward of $50** for reports that lead to a compliance.

Report online at niagararegion.ca/waste or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. Provide as many details as possible including location, time, materials dumped, car make/colour, licence plate and description of people.

CRIME STOPPERS OF NIAGARA

Niagara Region
niagararegion.ca/waste

TOWN MAP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City of Port Colborne
Town of Fort Erie
Lake Erie
DOUGLASTOWN (BLACK CREEK)
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RIDGEWAY/ THUNDER BAY
CRYSTAL BEACH
CRESCENT PARK
Niagara River Parkway
Netherby Road
Townline Road
Bowen Road
Point Abino Road
House Road
Ott Road
Stevensville Road
QUEEN ELIZABETH WAY
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Gilmore Road
Bertie Street
Garrison Road
Hwy 3
Holloway Bay Road
Gorham Road
Ridge Road
Burleigh Road
Bernard Road
Centralia Avenue
Stonemill Road
Rose Hill Road
Kraft Road
Nigh Road
Dominion Road
Thunder Bay Road
Michener Road
Erie Road

LEGEND

- Beach
- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Golf Course
- Recreational Trail
- Parks
- Beaches and Waterfronts

PARKS

			WASHROOMS PARKING	PLAYGROUND	SPLASHPAD	MULTI-USE COURT	TENNIS COURT	BASEBALL	SOCCER	PAVILION
1	A.C. Douglas Park #1	3455 River Trail Crescent			✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	A.C. Douglas Park #2	River Trail Crescent								
3	Albert Street Park	Albert Street	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
4	Bertie Centennial Park (Ferndale Park)	865 Ferndale Avenue	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Battle of Ridgeway Park	Garrison Rd, east of Ridge	✓								✓
6	Bill Connolly Field	2973 Hyman Avenue	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Bowen Road Park	Bowen Rd & Central Ave			✓				✓		✓
8	Cherry Hill Park	Cherry Hill Boulevard									
9	Crystal Ridge Park	108 Ridge Road South	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
10	Crystal Beach Waterfront Park	Terrace Lane	✓	✓	✓						✓
11	Douglas Park	Aberdeen and Bertie Streets			✓				✓	✓	
12	Energy Field	Baron Drive			✓		✓		✓		
13	Fort Erie Skatepark	1 Municipal Centre Drive	✓	✓							
14	Goderich Street Parkette	Goderich Street			✓						
15	Lions Sugarbowl Park	100 Gilmore Road	✓		✓						
16	Madeline Faiazza Memorial Park	Lincoln Rd & Loomis Cres			✓						
17	Mather Parkette	Mather Boulevard									
18	Oakes Park	373 Central Avenue	✓	✓					✓		
19	Optimist Soccer Park	1555 Gilmore Road	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓
20	Ridgeway Lions Field	200 Park Street			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Ridgeway Village Square	275 Ridge Road North	✓			✓					✓
22	Riverwalk	Niagara Boulevard	✓								✓
23	Queens Circle	Derby Road									✓
24	Shagbark Nature Park	Burleigh Road	✓								
25	Stevensville Conservation Area	West Main Street	✓								✓
26	Stevensville Memorial Park	2508 Stevensville Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
27	Stevensville Memory Park	2582 Stevensville Road	✓								✓
28	Stevensville Mini Park	West Main Street			✓						✓
29	Town Hall/Leisureplex Complex	1 Municipal Centre Drive	✓	✓							✓
30	United Empire Loyalist Park	2700 Ott Road	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
31	Waverly Beach Park	280 Helena Street	✓	✓							

BEACHES and WATERFRONTS

			WASHROOMS PARKING	
32	Holloway Bay waterfront road allowance	Sandy beach, steep dunes	✓	
33	Point Abino Lighthouse	National Historic Site		
34	Crystal Beach/Bay Beach	Sandy beach	✓	✓
10	Crystal Beach Waterfront Park & Boat Launch	Boat launch, playground, rocky shoreline	✓	✓
35	Prospect Point waterfront road allowance	Rocky shoreline, unimproved boat launch		
36	Maple Leaf Park	Rocky/sandy shoreline		
37	Burleigh waterfront road allowance	Rocky shoreline		
38	Bernard Beach Park	Sandy beach	✓	✓
39	Centralia waterfront road allowance	Nature trail, sandy beach	✓	
40	Windmill Point waterfront road allowance	Beach/rocky shoreline	✓	
41	Stonemill/Thunder Bay waterfront road allowances	Nature trail, rocky shoreline, unimproved boat launch		
42	Bertie Bay waterfront road allowance	Sandy beach		
43	Buffalo waterfront road allowance	Natural/rocky shoreline		
44	Crescent Beach Park	Sandy beach	✓	✓
45	Kraft waterfront road allowance	Natural/rocky shoreline, unimproved boat launch		
46	Edgemere waterfront road allowances	Sandy beach		
31	Waverly Beach Park	Park, sandy beach	✓	✓
22	Riverwalk	Pavilion, waterfront park	✓	

RECREATIONAL TRAILS

9	Crystal Ridge Park - Lions Nature Trail	Nature trail through wooded area
47	Fort Erie Friendship Trail	Paved multi-use recreational trail
24	Shagbark Nature Trail	Nature trails through wooded area
30	United Empire Loyalist Park	Nature trails through wooded area
48	Niagara River Recreational Trail	Paved multi-use recreational trail

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Arenas

The Town of Fort Erie offers non-contact, drop-in hockey programs for men and women at any level. The participants make up teams on the spot and play a friendly pick-up game. Visit www.forterie.ca for more information.

PUBLIC SKATING:

Arena: Leisureplex (Jaycee Arena)
Date: Saturdays - 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Sept 1, 2018 - March 23, 2019
Arena: Crystal Ridge Arena
Fridays - 8:00 - 10:00 pm
Sundays - 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Cost: $1.50 per person
Evening Skates: $2.50 per person
NOTE: Dates are subject to change due to holidays, hockey tournaments and skate events

TOTS & ADULTS FREE SKATE:

Arena: Jaycee Arena
Date: Mondays & Thursdays
11:00am - 2:00 pm
NOTE: Dates are subject to change due to holidays, hockey tournaments and skate events

PAY AS YOU PLAY HOCKEY (ADULT)

Ages 18 years and older; non-contact hockey; maximum 24 players; full equipment must be worn; slap shots are not permitted; and no checking or fighting.
Arena: Leisureplex (Jaycee Arena)
Date: September 4, 2018 to June 28, 2019 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.)
Cost: $5 per person or $50 pass (12 Sessions)
Schedules are available on the Town of Fort Erie website

PROGRAMS

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Expert Guidance Services

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Grades 6-8
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Caring Teachers
Project-Based Learning
Full ESL Program

SUMMER PROGRAMS
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August Program - Earn a full academic credit
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Niagara Christian Collegiate, 2619 Niagara Parkway, Fort Erie, ON L2A 5M4 905.871.6980
Website: www.niagaracc.com Email: LoveNCC@niagaracc.com

PROGRAMS

Boys & Girls Club Niagara

BGCN offers a variety of programs and services throughout Niagara including licenced child care, before and after school programs, recreation and leisure programs, swimming lessons, day camps during winter, March and summer breaks, and leadership programs. Our philosophy is that no child will be denied access to any program or service, thus ensuring our clubs are accessible, affordable and safe places for all children and youth.

Hours: Monday – Friday 6:00am – 6:00pm
Contact: 905-871-2592
Facebook: @BGCofNiagara Twitter: @BGCofNiagara
20 Lewis Street, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2P7

Day Camps

WINTER CAMP (4-12 YEARS)

Winter Camp offered at Fort Erie Location. Camp activities include a variety of arts, crafts, indoor/outdoor recreational sports and out trips with a focus of developing interpersonal and leadership skills. This camp serves children and youth between 4-12 years old.

Date: December 24, 27, 28, 31 and Jan 2, 3, 4
Time: 6:00am – 6:00pm
Cost: $39/day

MARCH BREAK CAMP (4-12 YEARS)

Camp activities include a variety of arts, crafts, indoor/outdoor recreational sports and out trips with a focus of developing interpersonal and leadership skills. This camp serves children and youth between 4-12 years old.

Dates: March 11 to 15
Cost: $39/day

Zone Programs

KIDS ZONE (6-12 YEARS)

The Kids Zone program is designed to encourage physical activity, develops social and leadership skills and character through participation in a wide variety of recreational sports, arts, computer activities, games and educational clubs. A balanced meal and transportation are also offered.

Dates: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00pm – 8:00pm. From September 5 – June 28, 2019
Cost: Donation Only. Free with membership
Cost: Free with membership

TEEN ZONE (13-19 YEARS)

Teens have access to computers and are offered assistance with resume writing and job searching. Open gym time and a games room is available, and themed activities are organized throughout the year. This is a safe, supervised environment for teens to hang out, be themselves and relax. Transportation is available.

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday Nights 6:00pm – 8:00pm. From September 4 – June 28, 2019
Cost: Donation Only. Free with membership

Register for a Program

20 Lewis Street, Fort Erie
Telephone: 905-871-2592
Website: www.bgcn.ca

Facebook: @BGCofNiagara
Twitter: @BGCofNiagara

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FREE ESTIMATES

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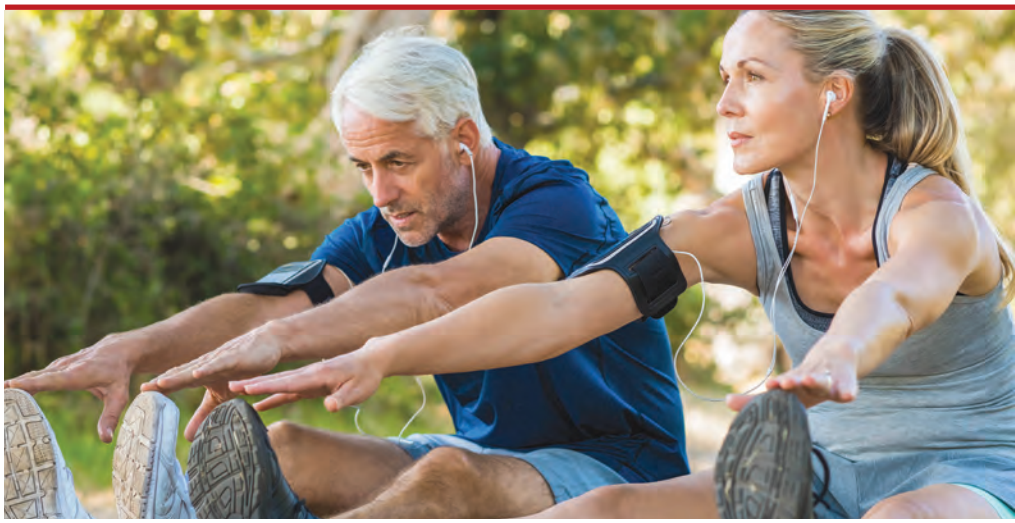
PROGRAMS

Douglas Heights Seniors Centre

The Douglas Heights Seniors Centre of Fort Erie is a volunteer based activity centre for seniors (50+ years). We strive to present programs like games, exercise, clinics and cultural events that are geared to seniors. Anyone who has an activity they would like to present to seniors, please contact the coordinator who will help you set it up.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
DANCE FIT STRETCH YOGA BINGO EUCHRE OIL PAINTING DUP. BRIDGE REIKI (9-1 pm with appointment only)	CHAIR EXERCISES OIL PAINTING MAH-JONG POKER BALLROOM DANCING OVER 80S DRIVERS HAR. HILL POT LUCK OVER 60S LUNCHEON LOW VISION CLINIC HORTICULTURE MEETING	SHUFFLEBOARD HEALTHY EATING FRIENDLY BRIDGE LINE DANCING (1PM)
THURSDAY	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
SENIOR EXERCISES MAH-JONG PICKLE BALL COMPUTER CLASS PLAY POOL FOOT CLINIC REFLEXOLOGY (12-3 pm, Cost: TBD with appointment only)	BRIDGE CLASSES STRETCH YOGA BINGO EUCHRE LIONS DINNER TAI CHI (9 am, Cost $5)	EUCHRE

SERVING THE SENIOR FOLKS SINCE 1988

Seminar: Learn About Senior Services in Fort Erie

Date: March 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lunch: $5 (optional)

Learn More

Douglas Heights Seniors Centre
265 High Street
905-871-7761
Marianne Matthews, Program Coordinator

douglasheights@cogeco.net
Cost: $30 (annual membership);
$2 (day pass)
https://www.forterieseniorscentre.ca/

SEASONAL INFORMATION

Never Miss Another Event!

Remove this Insert from the Guide, reverse fold it and place it on your fridge to stay up-to-date on the latest events happening around Town!

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected weekly year-round in all municipalities. There is no limit on the amount of yard waste bags you can put out for collection each week.
Place your yard waste in an acceptable compostable bag or container at the curb with your garbage, recycling and organics by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.

Acceptable Yard Waste Items

- Brown paper bags
- Compost
- Feathers
- Flowers
- Hay, straw
- Hedge trimmings
- Tree trimmings
- House plants
- Garden plants
- Leaves
- Plants
- Twigs

Report a Pothole

- Potholes form when extreme cold temperatures create a deep frost layer which freezes the road base.
- When water seeps into cracks in the pavement, it can refreeze, pressing up and lifting the pavement surface.

Did you find a pothole on a Town street? Please call 905-871-1600 and report it to our customer service unit.

Building a Deck?

The warmer months are upon us, which means it's officially deck and patio season!
If you are considering building a deck this season, please note the following information:

- Building permits are generally required for material or structural alterations to your property.
- Permits are required for covered and uncovered decks more than 24 inches above the ground.
- Obtaining a permit is quick and easy. Applications can be picked up at Town Hall (1 Municipal Centre Dr.) or at www.forterie.ca.
- Questions or concerns can be directed to the Building Services at 905-871-1600.

Building a Fence?

If you are considering building a fence this season, a building permit is not required, however, residents should be aware of property lines and maximum height provisions under the Town's Fence bylaw.
Ideally, neighbours should discuss the erection of a fence on mutual property lines. Also, the sidewalk is not necessarily the lot line, as the municipality may own some landscaping between the sidewalk and lot line. Residents are encouraged to consult a survey of their property prior to building a fence.
Please remember the following general regulations if you are considering building a fence this season:

- Front Yard fences can be a maximum of 1 metre high
- Side Yard fences can be a maximum of 2.3 metres high
- Rear Yard (residential) fences can be a maximum of 2.3 metres high

For more information a copy of the Town's Fence Bylaw can be found at www.forterie.ca.

Splash Pads

Visit one off our splash pads conveniently located at Bertie Centennial Park (Ferndale Park), Crystal Ridge Park, Stevensville Memorial Park and a multi-use water feature at Ridgeway Village Square. Splash pads are open from June 1 to Labour Day. Days and times vary based on location. Adult supervision is strongly recommended for children under 12 years old.

Town Pool

The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit proudly operates the Kinsmen Pool (100 Gilmore Rd.) for the enjoyment of the community. Boys and Girls Club Niagara (BGCN) offers the Lifesaving Society's Learn-to-Swim program, which is generously funded by Canadian Tire Jumpstart. Community swims are funded by BGCN, local businesses and private individual donors.

Kinsmen Pool

100 Gilmore Rd.
905-994-9480

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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FARMERS' MARKETS

Ridgeway Farmers' Market / Ridgeway Art by the Market
from Now to October 13 (Saturdays)

Crystal Beach Farmers' Market
from May to October (Sundays)

Stevensville Farmers' Market
from May 16 to September 12 (Wednesdays)

Fort Erie Race Track Farmers' Market
from June 10 to mid-October (Sundays)

September

End of Summer Parade ..... September 1
Summer Breezes Music Series ..... September 2
Rockin' the Ridge Concert Series ..... September 7
Point Abino Lighthouse Tours ..... September 8 & 22
Rail days 2018 ..... September 8 & 9
Party on the Patio Elevate ..... September 8
Party on the Patio Elevate ..... September 8
Murder Mystery ..... September 8
Fort Erie Optimists 3rd Annual Girls Nite Out . September 13
Customer Appreciation Day ..... September 15
Customer Appreciation Day ..... September 16
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... September 17
Snowbirds over Fort Erie ..... September 19
Pasta Dinner ..... September 20
South Niagara Life Ministries
Key-2-Hope 5k Run/Walk & 10k Roll ..... September 22
Taste of Fort Erie ..... September 22
Brew at the Zoo ..... September 22
Fall Festival & Retired Racehorse Showcase .... September 23
Back to School Social ..... September 28
Fort Erie Conservation Club Fall Fair ..... September 29
Trivia Night with the Fort Erie Lions ..... September 29

October

Crystal Beach 5K Run/Walk ..... October 6
How-To-Festival ..... October 6
Boo at the Zoo ..... October 6, 7 & 8
South Niagara Artists Fall Studio Tour ..... October 13
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... October 15
Closing Day & Fan Appreciation Day ..... October 16
Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner ..... October 18
All Hallows' Eve Tours ..... October 20, 26 & 27
2nd Annual Fall Vendor and Craft Fair ..... October 21
2018 Municipal Elections ..... October 22
Community Health & Wellbeing Week ..... October 22-28
Harmony Hills Seniors Club Fashion Show ..... October 25
The Ladies Foursome Play ..... October 26
Bridgeburg Trick or Treat ..... October 27
All Hallows' Eve Tours ..... October 27
Halloween Party ..... October 28
Halloween Bash ..... October 28
Lions Douglas Heights Seniors Centre - Open House ..... October 29
Halloween Parade ..... October 31

See page 34 or visit www.forterie.ca for event details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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FOLLOW ONGOING EVENTS AT:

The Sanctuary for the Arts Ridgeway
www.thesanctuaryarts.org/events

The Bell Tower Arts & Entertainment Complex
www.thebelltowercommunity.com/calendar

Garrison Little Theatre
www.garrisonlittletheatre.com

November

Red Ribbon Art Exhibition and Sale ..... November 3
13th Annual Black Cat Gala Auction..... November 9
Remembrance Day Service ..... November 11
Fort Erie Santa Claus Parade ..... November 17
Heritage Arts Trivia Fundraiser..... November 17
Community Living Fort Erie
Christmas in New Orleans..... November 17
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... November 19
Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner..... November 22
Santa's Fantasyland..... November 23 & 30
Ridgeway Lions ChristmasTree Sale ..... Nov. 24 -Dec. 23
Christmas Bazaar..... November 24
Spirit of Christmas
Make your Own Vintage Christmas Decoration ..... November 24

December

Ridgeway Lions ChristmasTree Sale ..... Nov.r 24 -Dec. 23
Community Christmas Party ..... December 8
Spirit of Christmas..... December 7 & 8
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... December 17
Ring Bells for PEACE and REMEMBRANCE
with Heritage Arts Legacy ..... December 17

January

Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip & Chili Challenge..... January 5
Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner..... January 17
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... January 21
Robbie Burns Party..... January 27
Pancake Breakfast..... July 7 & 8

February

The Game's Afoot Play ..... February 15
Bert Miller Nature Club ..... February 18
Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner..... February 21

See page 34 or visit www.forterie.ca for event details.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

(EMERGENCY? Call 9-1-1)

Building Permits	905-871-1600
Canadian Niagara Power (Outages)	905-871-0330
Chamber of Commerce	905-871-3803
Electric Power (Fortis)	905-871-0330
Economic Development & Tourism Corporation	905-871-1332
Fire & Emergency	905-871-1600
Natural Gas (Enbridge)	1-800-668-4732
Garbage & Recycling	905-980-6000
Poison Control Centre	1-800-268-9017
Police (non-emergency):	905-871-2300
Sewer, Sanitation and Roads	905-871-1600
Telehealth Ontario	1-866-797-0000
Town Hall	905-871-1600
Urgent Care Centre	905-378-4647
Water	905-871-1600

NIAGARA VOTES 2018

REMEMBER TO VOTE October 22, 2018

Fort Erie Arts Council

The Fort Erie Arts Council encourages diverse artistic endeavors in the Fort Erie community to enrich the lives of its residents. We are committed to the development of a rich and sustainable environment for the arts and culture in Greater Fort Erie, and to further develop a strong and creative spirit through the arts as the heart of the community.

Adult Art Programs

PORTRAITS IN ACRYLIC
MELANI PYKE - AGES 12+

Create a beautiful portrait in a variety of art styles – includes materials – 6-week session
Date: Sept 6 - Oct 11
(Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.)
Cost: $81 ($90 for non-members)

PAINTING BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES IN OIL – MELANI PYKE - AGES 12+

Got an idea? don't know where to start? need to finish something already started? This class is for you – gentle one-on-one coaching Includes materials – 6-week session
Date: Sept 11 - Oct 16
(Tuesdays 6:30 – 8pm)
Cost: $81 ($90 for non-members)

PAINTING STILL LIFE IN OIL
MELANI PYKE - AGES 12+

Explore classic oil painting subjects in exciting new ways! Includes material – 6-week session
Date: Jan 8 - Feb 12
(Tuesdays 6:30 – 8pm)
Cost: $81 ($90 for non-members)

PAINTING ANIMALS IN ACRYLIC
MELANI PYKE - AGES 12+

Explore the versatility of acrylics with studies of bird, fish and fury friends in their environments – 6-week session. Includes materials.
Date: Jan 10 - Feb 14
(Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
Cost: $81 ($90 for non-members)

PAINTING CLINICS – MELANI PYKE AGES 12+

Have an idea an idea, need help to finish, gentle one-on-one coaching. Bring your own materials, supplies will be available if needed.
Date: September 29, October 27, January 26 and February 23.
(Saturdays 2 – 4 p.m.)
Cost: $17.50 ($20 non-members)

ADULT MAKE'N TAKE ONCE A MONTH WORKSHOPS
MELISSA LOCOCO - AGES 18+

2-hour workshops designed to unleash the creative spirit in you.
• Different themes each month
• includes materials – 4-week session
Dates: September 13 – October 4, October 25 – November 15, January 17 – February 7
(Thursdays 6 – 7:30pm)
Cost:$54 ($60 non-members)

Teen Art Programs

S.O.F.A. - SCHOOLS OUT FOR ART (NEW TEEN PROGRAM)
MELISSA LOCOCO - AGES 13 – 18

Explore your creative spirit and meet with your peers to express your thoughts and learn to capture your feelings in your art. 6-week session. Includes materials.
Dates: September 19 – October 24, November 7 – December 12 and January 30 – March 6
$67.50 ($75 non-members)
Cost:$67.50 ($75 non-members)
$67.50 ($75 non-members)

Childrens Art Programs

KIDOODLE – LAURIE BLUE - AGES6-12

Kidoodle exposes kids to different medias learning the different elements and principles of design in art in a fun, relaxed environment. Materials included.
Dates: September 11 – October 23 (no class on Oct. 9), November 6 – December 11, January 15 – February 19, February 26 – April 9 (no class March 12)
Cost: $67.50 ($75 non-members)

KIDS MAKE'N TAKE – MELISSA LOCOCO - AGES 6-12

Two-hour workshops designed to unleash the creative spirit in your child, each session will be a new creation.
Dates: September 8, October 6, November 10, December 1, January 12, February 9 (Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm)
Cost: $12.50 ($15 for non-members)

PROGRAMS

Register for a Program

246 Ridge Rd. N – The Hub
905-894-8373
forterieartscouncil@gmail.com

www.forterieartscouncil.com
Facebook: /FortErieArtsCouncil
Twitter: @FortErieArts

PROGRAMS

Fort Erie Public Library

The libraries of Fort Erie offer lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for all ages in the community. At all three branches, we offer free Wi-Fi, internet access, appealing areas for children and teen activities, as well as comfortable browsing and studying spaces. Scanning and photocopying services, tech help, art displays, movies, fun and educational programs, and author visits all enhance the library experience.

Youth & Teen Programs

HOMEWORK HELP (4 TO 14 YEARS)

Students in K-8 are welcome to join for after school fun, every weekday. We'll provide tutoring, snacks, and activities like science experiments, trivia contests, coding challenges, art projects, musical instruments, and crafts!

Dates: Weekdays from 3 to 5 p.m. from October to May (Centennial)
Cost: Free

KNITTING (16+ YEARS)

Learn to knit! All yarn and needles necessary will be provided, though you are welcome to donate, or bring their own.

Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Cost: Free

STORYTIME (YOUTH)

Children are learning language and other important skills from the time they are infants. Join us for reading, writing, talking, singing and playing - the five fundamental skills that get children "Ready to Read"!

Dates:
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Centennial)
Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. (Crystal Ridge)
Cost: Free

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER (ALL AGES)

Come in your pajamas and get ready to play games, make crafts, and listen to bedtime stories. Don't forget to bring your stuffie to leave overnight for the Stuffie Sleepover - who knows what wacky fun they'll get up to after the library closes!

Date: Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. (Stevensville)
Cost: Free

TWEEN CLUB (GRADES 5 TO 8)

Every Monday night is Tween Club! Kids in grades 5 to 8 are welcome to join for snacks, crafts, and minute-to-win-it games. Each week will have a unique theme.

Date: Mondays at 6:30pm (Centennial)
Cost: Free

Adult Programs

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

If you enjoy reading and like talking--or listening--about what you have read, ask about a book group and join in. If you already have a book group, ask about our book sets for loan.

Date: Days and times vary (Branches vary)
Cost: Free

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends meet monthly, raising funds for special library projects and advocating for the library. For more information, email friends@fepl.ca.

Date: Monthly (Branches vary)
Cost: Free

JOB GYM

Staff from the Job Gym will be at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library to assist the public with job searches, resume preparation, and other tasks and skills necessary to land a job. Drop-in, or call ahead at 905-871-3932 to set up an appointment. Please call for details.

Date: Dates vary (Crystal Ridge and Stevensville branches).
Cost: Free

TECH HELP

Bring in your own device for help, troubleshooting and/or training.

Date: Drop-in (Centennial)
Cost: Free

WRITERS' GROUP

Tips and advice to writers - teen through senior. Challenges and homework to get you started. Bring your work and your questions.

Date: First Tuesday of every month (Centennial)
Cost: Free

COMPUTER BASICS

A hands-on computer basics class for adults who are absolute beginners. Please call the library to register.

Date: Second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month
Cost: Free

Learn More

136 Gilmore Road
905-871-2546, ext. 305
Info@fepl.ca
Website: www.fepl.ca

Facebook: @forteriepubliclibrary
Twitter: @fepl
Instagram: @forteriepubliclibrary

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CAMPAIGN

Interested in playing D&D, but have limited to no experience? A local D&D expert will show you the ropes. 16+, those under 16 are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Date: Saturdays at 1 pm
Cost: Free

Annual Heart of Niagara Reading Series

CANADIAN AUTHOR CRAIG DAVIDSON

Will read from his 2016 memoir Precious Cargo, a heartfelt, funny and surprising memoir about one year spent driving a bus full of children with special needs. Precious Cargo was defended by Greg Johnson on Canada Reads 2018. Davidson was born and raised in St. Catharines, Ont., near Niagara Falls. He has published several books of literary fiction including Cataract City, which was shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize in 2013, Rust and Bone, which was made into an Oscar-nominated feature film of the same name, The Fighter and Sarah Court. Davidson is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, and his articles and journalism have been published in the National Post, Esquire, GQ, the Walrus and The Washington Post, among other places. He also writes horror novels under the name Nick Cutter.

Date: Wednesday, October 10th at 2 pm)
Cost: Please call the library for tickets

CANADIAN AUTHOR GAIL BOWEN

Will read from the latest instalment in her Joanne Kilbourn Shreve series, What's Left Behind. Gail Bowen's first Joanne Kilbourn mystery, Deadly Appearances (1990), was nominated for the W.H. Smith/Books in Canada Best First Novel Award, and A Colder Kind of Death (1995) won the Arthur Ellis Award for best crime novel; all books in the series have been enthusiastically reviewed, and the most recent, The Winners' Circle, has been named a finalist for the Arthur Ellis Award for best crime novel. Sleuth: Gail Bowen on Writing Mysteries (U. of Regina Press, 2018) has been met with enthusiasm by critics and readers. In 2008, Reader's Digest named Bowen Canada's Best Mystery Novelist; in 2009 she received the Derrick Murdoch Award from the Crime Writers of Canada; and in 2018 she was recognised with the Crime Writers of Canada Grand Master Award. Bowen has also written plays that have been produced across Canada and on CBC Radio. In 2018, she was invested with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the province's highest honour. Now retired from teaching at the First Nations University, Gail Bowen lives in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Date: Wednesday, September 19th at 7 pm
Cost: Please call the library for tickets

HOW TO FESTIVAL

"Come one, come all to our fourth annual first How-To Festival! Learn how to spot a storm, put on hockey equipment, 3-D printer, make slime, carve wood and much more. All ages are welcome. Bring your family; bring a friend.

Date: Sat., Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Centennial branch)

The library offers services Monday to Saturday at three locations in Fort Erie:

Centennial
136 Gilmore Road;
905-871-2546

Crystal Ridge
89 Ridge Road;
905-894-1281

Stevensville
2508 Stevensville Road;
905-382-2051

PROGRAMS

Register for a Program

246 Ridge Rd. N – The Hub
905-894-8373
forterieartscouncil@gmail.com

www.forterieartscouncil.com
Facebook: /FortErieArtsCouncil
Twitter: @FortErieArts

PROGRAMS

YMCA

The E.J. Freeland YMCA, Fort Erie, is a place for people, of all ages to become involved in wellness, fitness, recreational, leadership and social programs. The YMCA is a 45,000 sq. ft. facility which serves thousands of members plus hundreds of Fort Erie residents in community programs. Financial assistance, after hours care for day camps and child minding is available.

Day Camps

WINTER & MARCH BREAK CAMPS (5-14 YEARS)

Fun. Active. Unplugged. YMCA Day Camp isn't just something to do when school is out - it is a life-changing experience. Flags are captured, friendships are forged and somewhere in between, children discover their true potential. For more information about camp see **www.ymcadaycamp.ca**.

Programs

FAMILY PROGRAMS

We offer a variety of programs for the whole family so that you can have fun and get active together.
Programs: Family Fun, Family Bounce, Family Pickleball and more.
Date: Days and times vary
Cost: Costs vary
(memberships and day passes available)

SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS (ALL AGES)

There are lots of ways to get moving at the Y by playing your favourite sports and games. From adults to kids we've got something for everyone.
Programs: basketball, volleyball, pickleball, swimming and more.
Date: Days and times vary
Cost: Costs vary
(memberships and day passes available)

GROUP FITNESS

Classes for individuals of all fitness abilities are offered. Work at your own pace and have fun while a certified YMCA instructor guides you and your group to better health.
Programs: Yoga, Barre, Aquafit, Zumba®, Group Power®, Cyclefit and much more!

AQUATICS

Jump in and discover why everyone from infants to seniors can benefit from being active in the water! We offer swim lessons, aquatic fitness classes, certifications, lane swim and a variety of other programs for you and your family.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The YMCA offers Youth Leadership, sports leagues, Youth Action and Friday Night Dances both in-branch and in the Fort Erie community.

Register for a Program

E.J. Freeland YMCA
1555 Garrison Road
905-871-9622

www.ymcaofniagara.org
Facebook: facebook.com/ymcaniagara
Twitter: @YMCANiagara

CHILD & YOUTH

The YMCA offers preschool (3 to 5 years), youth (6 to 12 years) and teens (10 to 15 years) drop-in recreation programs. We also offer registered programs including swimming, YMCA Kid Fit yoga and cardio and YMCA Youth Leadership Programs.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

For children 3 to 12 years. Three-hour party. Enjoy birthday parties at the YMCA with our energetic staff. The kids will have a great time and you'll enjoy a fuss-free birthday celebration with no messy clean-up left for you. Please note that you are responsible for bringing your own food, decorations, and party favours for the celebration.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At the YMCA of Niagara our programs and services are open to all. Our Financial Assistance program serves those individuals and families who have the greatest need in our community. Please speak with the Membership Desk for information. For more details on YMCA programs and services, please visit the Membership Desk or ymcaofniagara.org

HEALTH AND FITNESS

If you want to get more active we can help. Whatever your age or stage, there's a Y health and fitness program to help you and your family achieve your health and fitness goals. When you choose the YMCA, you get the added benefit of being part of our community - because it's important to feel safe and welcome while working to improve your health.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Your health is your most precious asset and we're here to help you at every stage, whether you are getting started, taking the next step to get healthy, or aiming to reach your peak. We offer Fitness Coaching and Personal Training.

FEATURES & AMENITIES

- Fitness Centre with cardio, free weights, and strength training equipment
- Indoor track
- Pool
- Complimentary fitness orientation
- Group fitness classes for all levels
- Personal training
- Gymnasium for recreational sports (basketball, volleyball, etc.)
- Accessible to people with disabilities
- Child minding
- Private and group swim lessons
- Family change room
- and much more!

EVENTS

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- Arts
- Awards Ceremony
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SEPTEMBER

FARMER'S MARKETS

Ridgeway Farmers' Market

The Ridgeway Farmers Market offers the opportunity to purchase farm fresh baked goods, organic products and prepared and healthy foods.
When: Now to October 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Saturdays)
Where: Downtown Ridgeway (Ridge Road)
Contact: ridgewaymarket@gmail.com or 289-476-1311 ext. 5

End of Summer Parade

Everyone is invited to watch the parade as it travels down the streets of Crystal Beach. All are welcome to enjoy the fun ... young and old!
When: September 1, 2018
Start Time: 1:00 PM
End Time: 3:00 PM
Where: Crystal Beach
Contact: Karen Matthews
2899689002
http://www.friendsofcrystalbeach.org/

Puss N Boots & Circle the Course Fundraiser

This fundraiser features live horse racing, fun family activities and a chance to walk the track. See the winning jockey from the Puss N Boots race make the traditional jump into the infield pond.
When: September 2, 2018
Start Time: 1:15
End Time: 5:30
Where: Fort Erie Race Track (230 Catherine Street)
Contact: femedia@forterieracetrack.ca
905-871-3200

Summer Breezes Music Series

Bring a lawn chair and a friend to 228 South Mill Street from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to enjoy an evening of free live music! Refreshments will be available.
When: September 2, 2018
Where: 228 South Milll Street
Contact: Ridgeway Legion Branch 230
905-894-5927

Rockin' the Ridge Concert Series

What better way to spend a Friday night than with live music and shopping? Proudly presented by the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area, shops will have extended evening hours with music on the "streets" featuring local musical talent.
When: September 7, 2018
Where: LEFT MESSAGE
Contact: 289-476-1311 ext. 5
www.historicridgeway.com

Point Abino Lighthouse Tours

Visit the historical Point Abino Lighthouse. Call to preregister for tickets or pick up tickets at departure and parking area (subject to availability). Tours are at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:45 p.m. and leave promptly from parking area next to Bertie Boating Club.
When: September 8 & 22, 2018
Where: 1036 Point Abino Road South
Contact: 905-871-1600 ext 2431
www.forterie.ca

Rail Days 2018

3rd Annual Rail Days. Railway equipment and displays, model railway layouts and vendors, night photo shoot, Rain or shine.
When: September 8 & 9, 2018
Start Time: 10:00 AM
End Time: 4:00 PM
Where: 21 Warren St.
Admission: $5.00/person
Contact: Ken Jones
905 357 6539
http://www.nfrm.ca/

Party on the Patio Elevate

Join us for the final trilogy of Party on the Patio – Elevate, as we continue to raise funds for the Fort Erie Centre for the Arts. Dinner provided by Billy Bones BBQ and 335 on the Ridge with dessert from Niagara Cake Artistry. Tickets are $65 per person and can be purchased on Eventbrite.
When: September 8, 2018
Start Time: 5:30 PM
End Time: 1:00 AM
Where: Fort Erie Leisureplex (3 Municipal Centre Drive)
Contact: partyonthepatio@outlook.com
905-246-4805
https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/party-on-the-patio-elevate-tickets-45314148839
Cost: $65

EVENTS

Murder Mystery

A murder has taken place at Old Fort Erie and the inspector needs help to catch the culprit. Interview the shady suspects to help solve the crime. Dress for the weather. Prizes to be won!

When: September 8, 2018
Start Time: 7:00 PM
Doors open 6:30 pm
Where: Old Fort Erie
Contact: (905) 871-0540
https://www.niagaraparks.com/events/event/murder-mystery/?occurrence=3558
Cost: $10 for adults and $5 for kids. No reservations required.

Fort Erie Optimists 3rd Annual Girls Nite Out

10 unique vendors, music, food, door prizes and fun. Psychics will be on hand giving 15 minute readings for $5.00. Tickets are $20.00 and only 80 tickets have been printed.

When: September 13
Start: 7 pm
End: 10 pm
Where: 155 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie
Contact: 905-871-9021 or forterieoptimists@gmail.com

Customer Appreciation Day

Join Safari Niagara for their Customer Appreciation Day where local Niagara residents will receive a special discounted price!

When: September 15 & 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Where: Safari Niagara (2821 Stevensville Road, Stevensville)
Contact: 905-382-9669 or info@safariniagara.com

Bert Miller Nature Club

The Bert Miller Nature Club preserves, protects, restores and improves the natural resources and habitats of the Niagara Peninsula. The Club also has a number of environmental awareness initiatives and honours people who contribute to to the preservation of our natural heritage.

When: Monday September 17
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club Hall (2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville)
Contact: info@bertmillernatureclub.org
www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Snowbirds Over Fort Erie

On Wednesday September 19, 2018, Canada's premier aerobatic team, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds will perform their 2018 show over Lake Erie and the Town of Fort Erie

When: September 19, 2018
Where: Lakeshore Road between Beatrice Street and the Old Fort
Contact: Nicolas Chevalier
905-871-1600

Pasta Dinner

Serving spaghetti, penne, homemade meatballs, sausage, salad, cookies, coffee & tea.

When: September 20, 2018
Start: 4 pm **End:** 7 pm
Where: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre. (99 Ridge Road S. Crystal Beach)
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765
Cost: Adults $10, Children 5-12 $5, under 5 free

South Niagara Life Ministries Key-2-Hope 5k Run/Walk & 10k Roll

Join us for our Annual 5kRun/Walk & 10k Roll at 10:00am. Registration 9:00am at the FE Library. BBQ lunch at 11:10am. Children's activities.
When: September 22, 2018
Start Time: 9:00 AM
End Time:1:00 PM
Where: Lions Sugar Bowl Park
Contact: Heleen Fokkens
905-871-0236
http://snlmcounsel.ca/

Taste of Fort Erie

Music with Guilty Pleasures, Split Second and more! Cool Beverages, Billy Bones BBQ, Broaster Boys Chicken, Kranics Sausage, Perogies, enormous kidz zone with a Disco bouncer, rock wall, toddler bouncer, Trolls and Paw Patrol Characters.
When: September 22, 2018
Start Time: 12:00 PM
End Time:11:30 PM
Where: Bridgeburg District
Contact: Julie Brady
2898769699
http://www.bridgeburgdistrict.com/

Brew at the Zoo

Join Safari Niagara for the third annual Brew at the Zoo, a craft beer festival exclusively featuring ntario craft beer and cider. Enjoy the day sampling Ontario's top brews amongst our wild inhabitants.
When: September 22, 2018
Where: Safari Niagara
(2821 Stevensville Road, Stevensville)
Start: 11 am
End: 7:30 pm
Contact: 1-866-367-9669
www.safariniagara.com

Fall Festival & Retired Racehorse Showcase

Say hello to fall with live horseracing, musical entertainment and fun, free activities for the kids. Meet retired Fort Erie horses and learn about their second careers.
When: September 23, 2018
Start Time: 1:20 p.m.
Where: Fort Erie Race Track (230 Catherine Street)
Contact: femedia@forterieracetrack.ca 905-871-3200

Back to School Social

Indigenous music and dancing.
When: September 28, 2018
Where: Fort Erie Native Friendship Festival
Start: 6 pm
End: 9 pm
Contact: Leya Graham 905-871-8931

Fort Erie Conservation Club Fall Fair

Join us for free children's activities, garage sale, silent auction, penny raffle, vendor, crafter and artisan booths. Lunch is available for purchase.
When: September 29, 2018
Where: 2555 Ott Rd Stevensville, ON
Start: 10 am
End: 3 pm
Contact: Donna Hall 905-382-2260
www.forterieconservationclub.ca

Trivia Night with the Fort Erie Lions

Are you a Brainiac? Prove it! Bring a team of 8 or join a table. $15.00 per person. Nibbles and pizza. Cash bar. 50/50 draw. Quiz master, Lion Stephen Passero. Limited space, book early. Proceeds to Fort Erie Lions community initiatives.
When: September 29, 2018
Where: Lions Douglas Heights Seniors Centre
Start: 6 pm
End: 9 pm
Contact: Linda Scott
905-871-7761
Cost: $15.00 per person.

OCTOBER

Crystal Beach 5K Run/Walk

Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Event in Crystal Beach Ontario. There is also a Kids Run which starts at 10:15 am on the day of the event.
When: October 6, 2018
Where: Crystal Beach Ontario
Start Time: 11:00 AM (Kids run 10:15)
Contact: Amy Garner
silverfreak79@hotmail.com
http://www.crystalbeach5k.com/

How-To-Festival

"Come one come all" to our fourth annual How-To-Festival! Learn how to spot a storm, put on hockey

equipment, use the 3D printer, make slime, carve wood, and much much more! All ages welcome, bring your friends!
When: October 6, 2018
Start: 11:00 am
Finish: 2 pm
Where: Fort Erie Public Library (Centennial Branch)
Contact: www.fepl.ca or 905-871-2546

Boo at the Zoo

A family friendly Halloween event! Trick or treat your way around the zoo, brought to you by local businesses. This is a safe and unique Halloween party you don't want to miss.
When: October 6, 7, & 8
Where: Safari Niagara (2821 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville)
Contact: 866-367-9669 info@sarariniagara.com
Cost: Children 12 and under in costume receive FREE admission with a donation of a non perishable food item, Adults receive special admission rate of $17 + HST with donation of a non-perishable food item.

South Niagara Artists Fall Studio Tour

Artists from Fort Erie, Crystal Beach, Stevensville, Ridgeway and Port Colborne open their studios to visitors on weekend of October 13-14. A map is provided on the website.
When: October 13, 2018
Start Time: 10:00 AM
End Time: 5:00 PM
Where: Various artist studios
Contact: Patti Harris 905-991-1252 http://www.southniagaraartists.ca/

Bert Miller Nature Club

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When: Monday October 15, 2018
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club hall, 2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville
Contact: info@ertmillernatureclub.org www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Closing Day & Fan Appreciation Day

Final day of live thoroughbred racing at Fort Erie Race Track for the 2018 season. Free parking and admission.
When: Tuesday October 16
Where: Fort Erie Race Track (230 Catherine St)
Contact: 905-871-3200 femedia@forterieracetrack.ca www.forterieracing.com

Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner

Serving spaghetti, penne, homemade meatballs, sausage, salad, cookies, coffee & tea.
When: October 18, 2018
Start: 4 pm
End: 7 pm
Where: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre. (99 Ridge Road S. Crystal Beach)
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765
Cost: Adults $10, Children 5-12 $5, under 5 free

All Hallows' Eve Tours

Enjoy a tour of ghost stories and Halloween traditions. Experience a warm cup of wassail!. Reservations recommended: 7:30, 7:45 and 8pm. Don't miss the British tradition of Burning an effigy of Guy Fawkes at 8:30pm!
When: October 20, 26 & 27, 2018
Start Time: 7:30 PM
Where: Old Fort Erie
Contact: (905) 871-0540

2nd Annual Fall Vendor and Craft Fair

16 vendors and crafters. Door prizes. A homemade luncheon will be served - a bowl of soup, sandwich and drink for $5.00. All proceeds from this event go to help kids of Fort Erie.
When: October 21, 2018
Start: 11 am
End: 3 pm
Where: 649 Niagara Blvd.
Contact: 905-871-9021 or forterieoptimists@gmail.com

2018 Municipal Elections

Diabetes can be complicated, join us for a monthly group session discussing topics to help improve self-management of diabetes. Drop-ins welcome.
When: October 22, 2018
Where: Polling Locations throughout Town
Start Time: 10:00 AM
End Time: 8:00 PM

Community Health & Wellbeing Week

Together with other Community Health Centres (CHCs) across Ontario and Alliance for Healthier Communities, Bridges CHC will be celebrating Community Health and Wellbeing Week from October 22-28, 2018. Please visit our website or stop by our CHC to find out what community activities we will have planned. Everyone is always welcome! Our events are always free! Join us in creating a healthy community where Everyone Matters!
When: October 22-28
Where: Bridges Community Health Centre
Contact: Health Promotion
info@bridgeschc.ca
905-871-7621 ext 2226

Harmony Hills Seniors Club Fashion Show

Fundraiser for Seniors activities at the centre featuring local merchants and models. Light refreshments to be served, a door prize and share the wealth draw.
When: October 25, 2018
Start Time: 12:30 pm
End Time: 3:00 pm
Contact: Marianne Matthews
905-871-7761

The Ladies Foursome Play

A play by Norm Foster.
When: October 26, 2018
Start Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Garrison Little Theatre
Contact: Garrison Little Theatre 289-969-6355

Bridgeburg Trick or Treat

Come to the renowned haunted house at Bell Tower at 575 Cental Avenue and grab your map to loads of candies and activities in Bridgeburg. Over 35 business participate to hand out candy, along with games, crafts and perhaps a little train ride.
When: October 27, 2018
Start Time: 11:00 AM
Where: Bridgeburg District
Contact: 289-876-9699
http://www.bridgeburgdistrict.com/

All Hallows' Eve Tours

Enjoy a tour of ghost stories and Halloween traditions. Reservations recommended: 7:30, 7:45 and 8pm. Don't miss the British tradition of Burning an effigy of Guy Fawkes at 8:30pm! Included in admission, a halloween themed movie starts at 9pm.
When: October 27, 2018
Start Time: 7:30 PM
Where: Old Fort Erie
Contact: (905) 871-0540

Halloween Party

Costume contests, games, activities for familes. Dinner to be served.
When: October 28, 2018
Start Time: 5:00 pm
Where: Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre
Contact: info@bridgeschc.ca or 905-871-7621

Halloween Bash

Magic by Gil will be performing from 1:30-2:30 pm. Costume judging each age group up to 12 and an award for the best family costume starts at 2:30 pm. Kids Activities.
When: October 28, 2018
Start: 1 pm
End: 4 pm
Where: 1555 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie
Contact: 905-871-9021 or forterieoptimists@gmail.com
Cost: FREE

Lions Douglas Heights Seniors Centre - Open House

Folks over 50: Come to Open House Week to do free, general activities. Membership is $30 annually. If you buy at the open house, Nov & Dec 2018 activities are free. Note: Some services require a small fee.
When: October 29, 2018
Start Time: 9 am
End Time: 3 pm
Where: Lions Douglas Heights Seniors Centre, 265 High Street, Fort Erie
Contact: Marianne Matthews 905-871-7761

Halloween Parade

Celebrate the arrival of the Great Pumpkin with over 600 ghousties & goblins as they venture out for their annual trick or treat parade. Watch as munchkins, minions and costumed characters in downtown in search of sugary sweets & treats.
When: October 31, 2018
Where: Downtown Ridgeway
Contact: Debbie Robinson
(289) 876-8111
https://historicridgeway.com/

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Red Ribbon Art Exhibition and Sale

The FEAC is pleased to present our 14th Annual Red Ribbon Art Exhibition and Sale on Nov. 3rd, 2018.,7pm. This event showcases local artists, live music, tasty appetizers, cash bar and a silent auction. Tickets are $10
When: November 3, 2018
Start Time: 7:00 PM
End Time: 11:00 PM
Where: Fort Erie Liesureplex - Lion's Banquet Hall
Contact: Donna MacLeod
905-359-3806

13th Annual Black Cat Gala Auction

Get involved in one of the largest community fundraisers in Fort Erie! Benefits of the auction help to support the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce Bursary Award Program. This is an evening of Dinner, door prizes, live and silent auction.
When: November 9, 2018
Start Time: 5:00 PM
End Time: 10:00 PM
Where: Leisureplex Banquet Hall
Contact: Lauren Lewitzky
905-871-3803
http://www.forteriechamber.com/Events

Remembrance Day Service

Join the Fort Erie Legion in remembering and honouring those who served our country. The parade will depart from the Legion at 10:30 a.m., with the service to start at 10:45 a.m. at Mather Arch.
When: November 11, 2018
Where: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 (130 Garrison Rd, Fort Erie)

Fort Erie Santa Claus Parade

Welcome Santa in style. All businesses, organizations, and community groups are invited to participate in the 46th Santa Claus Parade in Fort Erie. Beginning at 4:00 p.m. spectators can enjoy the live bands, Christmas floats, buskers, and additional entertainment along the parade route. The route and additional information is available at www.forterie.ca
When: November 17, 2018
Where: Begins at Niagara Boulevard and Jarvis Street, proceeds West to Central Ave, and follows Central Avenue South to Catherine Street.
Contact: www.forterie.ca

Heritage Arts Trivia Fundraiser

Help support our Sports Gallery & Research Centre while enjoying an evening of fun at the Fort Erie Golf Club. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. there will be a 50/50 draw, cashb bar, and a silent auction including Brian McNamara art prints and originals for sale.
When: November 17, 2018
Start: 7 pm
End: 10 pm
Where: Fort Erie Golf Club
Contact: 905-991-8883
forteriegolfclub@gmail.com

Community Living Fort Erie - Christmas in New Orleans

This event features different themed entertainment, decorations and foods. The goal of this event is to raise funds for Community Living to enhance available programs and services in the community and increase awareness of people with intellectual challenges. Table sponsorships available.
When: November 17, 2018
Where: Leisureplex Banquet Hall (3 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie)
Contact: Margaret Fidler at 905-871-6770 ext. 239
www.clfe.ca**Cost:** $45 per person, adults only LEFT MESSAGe

Bert Miller Nature Club

The Bert Miller Nature Club preserves, protects, restores and improves the natural resources and habitats of the Niagara Peninsula. The Club also has a number of environmental awareness initiatives and honours people who contribute to to the preservation of our natural heritage.
When: Monday November 19, 2018
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club hall, 2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville
Contact: info@ertmillernatureclub.org
www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner

Serving spaghetti, penne, homemade meatballs, sausage, salad, cookies, coffee & tea.
When: November 22, 2018
Start: 4 pm
End: 7 pm

Where: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre. (99 Ridge Road S. Crystal Beach)
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765
Cost: Adults $10, Children 5-12 $5, under 5 free

Santa's Fantasyland

The hall is decorated in a Winter Fantasyland. Come see Santa and get your picture taken with him. Decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus. There is a huge penny sale and bake table. There will be a couple of crafters and their items that make wonderful Christmas gifts. Admission is Free.
When: November 23 & 30, November 24 & Decemer 1, November 25 & December 2
Start: November 23 & 30 5 pm-8pm
Start: November 24 & December 1 10am
Start: November 25 & December 2, noon
Where: 1555 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie

Ridgeway Lions ChristmasTree Sale

Celebrate Christmas with a live Christmas Tree! Our Christmas tree lot has a wide variety to choose from, make it a family outing and support a great cause.
When: November 24-December 23
Where: Sanctuary Centre for the Arts (209 Ridge Rd. N)
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765

Christmas Bazaar

Get into the holiday spirit at Gilmore Lodge's annual craft sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring handmade crafts, knitted items, jewellery, baked goods and free photos with Santa! All proceeds benefit the residents of Gilmore Lodge.
When: November 24, 2018
Where: Gilmore Lodge
Start: 9 am
End: 1 pm

Spirit of Christmas Make your Own Vintage Christmas Decoration

Visit the Fort Erie Historical Museum to make your own vintage Christmas ornament during Ridgeway's Spirit of Christmas.
When: November 30 (5:00-8:00 pm) and December 1 & 2 (9:00-5:00)
Where: Fort Erie Historical Museum
Contact: Nicole Reindl 905-894-5322
Cost: $1 per ornament

DECEMBER

Community Christmas Party

Games, activities, pictures with Santa and more!
When: December 8, 2018 6 pm
Where: Fort Erie Native Friendship Festival
Contact: https://www.fenfc.org/

Spirit of Christmas

The Ridgeway Spirit of Christmas is two days of family-friendly fun that starts with our annual "Dickens Style Open House," featuring horse and carriage rides choir performanes by local school children, free photos with Santa Claus, face painting, and more! See the spectacular Fort Erie Arts Council Christmas display and be sure to visit For Erie Historical Museum's Exhibit for free hot chocolate and goodies along the way.
When: December 7-8, 2018
Where: Fort Erie Historical Museum
Contact: www.historicridgeway.com

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When: Monday December 17, 2018
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club hall, 2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville
Contact: info@ertmillernatureclub.org www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Ring Bells for PEACE and REMEMBRANCE with Heritage Arts Legacy

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71, 130 Garrison Road, Fort Erie
When: December 24, 2018
Start Time: 3:00 PM
End Time: 5:00 PM
Where: Old Fort Erie (350 Lakeshore Rd.)
Contact: Ruby Smith 905-871-3839

EVENTS

JANUARY

Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip & Chili Challenge

This year marks the 10th annual tradition as everyone is invited to take a dip in the frigid Lake Erie. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., with delicious chili to be served at 11:00 a.m., followed by the dip at 1:00 p.m. Prizes for best costume.

When: January 5, 2019
Start: 10 am
End: 2 pm
Contact: www.crystalbeachia.com

Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner

Serving spaghetti, penne, homemade meatballs, sausage, salad, cookies, coffee & tea.

When: January 17, 2019
Start: 4 pm
End: 7 pm
Where: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre. 99 Ridge Road S. Crystal Beach
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765
Cost: Adults $10, Children 5-12 $5, under 5 free

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When: Monday January 21, 2019
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club hall, 2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville
Contact: info@ertmillernatureclub.org www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Robbie Burns Party

Everyone is welcome to help celebrate Robbie Burns Day with a traditional Scottish dinner including Haggis. Entertainment before dinner Highland Dancers and enjoy the Pipes and Drums after dinner.

When: January 27, 2019
Start: 4 pm
End: 9 pm
Where: 228 South Mill St. Ridgeway
Contact: Barbara Hopkins 905-380-6094

Cost: $15 pp

FEBRUARY

The Game's Afoot Play

A play by Ken Ludwig.

When: February 15, 2019
Start Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Garrison Little Theatre
Contact: Garrison Little Theatre 289-969-6355

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FEBRUARY

When: Monday February 18, 2019
Where: Fort Erie Conservation Club hall, 2555 Ott Rd., Stevensville
Contact: info@ertmillernatureclub.org
www.bertmillernatureclub.org

Ridgeway Lions Pasta Dinner

Serving spaghetti, penne, homemade meat-balls, sausage, salad, cookies, coffee & tea.
When: February 21, 2019
Start: 4 pm
End: 7 pm
Where: The Crystal Ridge Community Centre. 99 Ridge Road S. Crystal Beach
Contact: Ron Brunner 905-894-2765
Cost: Adults $10, Children 5-12 $5, under 5 free.

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Arenas

CRYSTAL RIDGE ARENA

The Crystal Ridge Arena has a single ice surface with sitting and standing on one side of the rink. The complex itself is located in Ridgeway and shares a parking lot with the library. Additional amendities include a snack bar, seating area, arcade and vending machines.

905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca
www.forterie.ca

LEISUREPLEX COMPLEX

The 125,000 square foot facility includes the Jaycee Arena and Kinsmen Arena. Both are the highest quality professional venues, the latter being an olympic-sized ice surface with 1,600 individual seats and upper perimeter running/walking track. Additional amenities include a snack bar, fully-licenced restaurant, arcade, vending machines and banquet hall.

905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca
www.forterie.ca

Arts

FORT ERIE ARTS COUNCIL

The Fort Erie Arts Council is committed to the development of a rich and sustainable environment for the arts and culture in Fort Erie, and to further develop a strong and thriving creative spirit throughout the community.

905-894-8373 or
forterieartscouncil@gmail.com
www.forterieartscouncil.com

GARRISON LITTLE THEATRE

A community group providing quality live dinner theatre. Fall, Winter and Spring productions. Performances at Italo-Canadian Club (1101 DiPietro St.). Purchase tickets at Fort Erie Paints (401 Garrison Rd.)

thegarrisonlittletheatre@gmail.com
www.garrisonlittletheatre.com

THE SANCTUARY, CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Art gallery and performing arts centre. Home to theatre performances, art openings, concerts, fundraisers, fashion shows, conferences, weddings, etc. The Fort Erie Arts Council shares our space and offers a variety of art related classes and studio time.

289-321-0502 or
thesanctuaryarts@gmail.com
www.thesanctuaryarts.org

Boards of Education

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE-SUD (CSDCCS)

CSDCCS is a French language, Catholic school board that welcomes 16,500 students in its 58 schools.

1-800-274-3764 or
commentaires@csdccs.edu.on.ca
www.csdccs.edu.on.ca

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE VIAMONDE

Conseil scolaire Viamonde is a school board that extends from Windsor to Trenton and from Penetanguishene to the Niagara Region. It provides services to around 11,400 students in 49 schools where academic success is achieved in French.

1-888-583-5383
www.csviamonde.ca

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (NCDSB)

Niagara Catholic provides excellence in Catholic education to approximately 24,000 learners in Kindergarten through Continuing Education each year.

905-735-0240 or info@ncdsb.com
www.niagaracatholic.ca

NIAGARA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The DSBN is the largest public school board in Niagara, serving the needs of over 38,000 elementary and secondary students. We are dedicated to student success.

905-641-1550
www.dsbn.org

Business Associations

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS (BIA)

BIAs allow local business people and property owners to join together, and, with the support of the municipality, organize, finance and carry out physical improvement and promote economic development in their district.

Bridgeburg Historical District
905-871-4938 or
historicbridgeburgbia@gmail.com

Crystal Beach
crystalbeachbia@gmail.com

Downtown Ridgeway
289-476-1311 or
HistoricRidgeway@gmail.com

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The EDTC is mandated by the Municipal Council to lead Fort Erie's economic growth, progress and diversification. Acting as liaison between local business and government, the EDTC is the bridge to opportunity and success for the Fort Erie economy.

905-871-1332 or edtc@forteriecanada.com
www.forteriecanada.com

GREATER FORT ERIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is a united voice for businesses of all sizes. It acts as a catalyst to enhance business growth and opportunity, innovation, partnerships, and a diverse business community of Fort Erie.

905-871-3803 or office@forteriechamber.com
www.forteriechamber.com

Churches

All Nations Fellowship
905-894-6502

All Saints Anglican Church Ridgeway
905-894-3350

Bertie Brethren in Christ
905-382-2646

Bethel Pentecostal Assembly
905-871-4640

Calvary Baptist Church
905-382-2400

Church of Jesus Christ
905-871-9974

Crystal Ridge Community Church
905-894-6922

Faith in Christ Fellowship
905-871-7788

Faith Reformed Church
905-382-2914

First Baptist Church
905-871-6577

Golden Harvest Baptist Chapel
905-476-1279

Jehovah's Witnesses
905-871-5262

People's Memorial United Church
- 905-894-3500

Riverside Community Church -
905-871-8880

St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church
905-871-3450

St. George's Catholic Church
905-894-2853

St. John's Anglican Church
905-382-2608

St. John's Lutheran Church
905-382-3516

St. John's United Church
905-382-3344

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
905-382-3826

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
905-894-3799

St. Michael's Roman Catholic
Church - 905-871-0692

St. Paul's Anglican Church
905-871-6704

Stevensville United Brethren Church
905-382-2628

Trinity Lutheran Church
905-871-2883

Trinitylife Brethren in Christ Church
905-894-0673

United Brethren Church
905-871-4888

Victory Christian Centre
905-871-4463

Windmill Point Church of Christ Disciple
905-894-4551

Community Centres

BLACK CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE (BCCC)

The BCCC is used by the Lions Club, Lioness Club, Navy League, Scouts Canada and Girl Guides.The hall is available for rent.

905-382-2306 or black.creekca@outlook.com
www.facebook.com/black.creek.community.association

CRYSTAL RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Crystal Ridge Community Centre includes a banquet hall and meeting room. It is often used for community meetings, stag and does, birthday parties (packages available) and weddings (packages available).

905-894-7117 or squinn5@sympatico.ca
www.crystal-ridge-community-centre.ca

DOUGLAS HEIGHTS SENIORS CENTRE

The Douglas Heights Seniors Centre of Fort Erie is a volunteer-based activity centre for seniors (50+ years). Centre staff and volunteers strive to provide programs like

games, exercise, clinics and cultural events that are geared to seniors. Meeting rooms available for rent.
905-871-7761 or douglasheights@cogeco.net www.facebook.com/lionsseniorscentre

FORT ERIE CONSERVATION CLUB
The Fort Erie Conservation Club hall can be used for special events including weddings, showers, etc. and will cater to groups of up to 149 guests.
905-382-2260 or forterieconservationclub@gmail.com www.forterieconservationclub.ca

ITALO CANADIAN CLUB HALL
The Fort Erie Italo Club is 50 years strong and consists of over 70 women and men of Italian and multi-cultural heritage who are committed to doing good in our community. We support over 30 local charities that run fundraising dinners in our hall.
905-871-4630 or feitaloclub@cogeco.ca www.feitaloclub.com

LEISUREPLEX BANQUET HALL
The Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall holds small to medium events (up to 500 guests). It is equipped with a full kitchen and bar. The hall also has staging and audio equipment available. Many local caterers and event planners offer all-inclusive packages for this venue.
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or icollee@forterie.ca www.forterie.ca

OPTI-MRS/OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT ERIE
Optimist Hall can be rented for weddings, showers, etc. It can accommodate about 100 people. Optimist Park can also be used for youth activities (playground available).
905-871-9021 www.facebook.com forterieoptimistclub

STEVENSVILLE MEMORIAL HALL
The Stevensville Memorial Hall holds small to medium events (up to 250 guests), It is equip with a full kitchen and bar, The hall also has staging and audio equipment available. Many local caterers and event planners offer all-inclusive packages for this venue.
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or icollee@forterie.ca www.forterie.ca

Community Organizations and Clubs

BERT MILLER NATURE CLUB
The Bert Miller Nature Club holds monthly meetings and outings to encourage learning and enjoyment of nature. The public is always welcome and participation is free.
info@bertmillernatureclub.org www.bertmillernatureclub.org

BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Everyone welcome! All meetings are held at the Crystal Ridge Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated. No summer or December meetings.
905-871-4207 or weverett@cogeco.ca www.forterie.ca

BOWEN ROAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The Bowen Road Women's Institute meets the third Thursday of each month (September to June) at 1 p.m. They sell crafts to raise money for many local organizations.
905-894-3824 or darlene.l@live.ca

COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM
The Communities-in-Bloom Committee (CIB) coordinates the Fort Erie CIB competition which recognizes property owners for excellence in a variety of categories. The Committee also coordinates Town participation in the National and International CIB Programs.
905-871-1600, ext. 2506 or lrichardson@forterie.ca www.forterie.ca

FORT ERIE CONSERVATION CLUB
The Fort Erie Conservation Club is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It includes well-maintained trails and a wheelchair accessible fishing pond. There is no cost to use the park facilities. Darts Friday nights. Wood carving Wednesday nights.
905-382-2260 or forterieconservationclub@gmail.com www.forterieconservationclub.ca

FORT ERIE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Horticulture is the art of gardening. The Fort Erie Horticultural Society meets 8 to 10 times a year to discuss the latest horticulture trends, visit gardening shows and tour local nurseries.
289-320-8194 or ruthmarkle@gmail.com www.gardenontario.org/site.php/forteriehs

FRIENDS OF CRYSTAL BEACH

The Friends of Crystal Beach is dedicated to promoting Crystal Beach including the enhancement of public beaches and parks for the enjoyment of the community.
karen.matthewscb@hotmail.com
www.friendsofcrystalbeach.org

FRIENDS OF FORT ERIE'S CREEKS (FOFEC)

The FOFEC is committed to the protection, restoration and improvement of the local waterscape; thus, ensuring healthy ecosystems for people and wildlife.
905-382-7194 or fofec@bell.net
www.fofec.ca

ITALO CANADIAN CLUB

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905-871-4630 or feitaloclub@cogeco.ca
www.feitaloclub.com

KINSMEN & KINETTE CLUB

Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin clubs across the country work to better their communities, enhance the well-being of Canadians and improve the environment. The Association was founded in 1920 and has a history dedicated to fostering lifelong friendships while 'serving the community's greatest needs.'

KIN

Ridgeway / Crystal Beach
rcbkinsmen@yahoo.com

KINSMEN

Fort Erie
905-871-5838 or lgraber@cogeco.ca

Stevensville / Black Creek
289-213-4598 or scottp@bell.net

KINETTE

Fort Erie
enewton66@gmail.com

Stevensville / Black Creek
289-213-4698 or sparkylh@hotmail.com

LIONS / LIONESS CLUB

Lions International is one of the world's largest service club organizations. Community Lions Clubs hold fundraising events for local vision initiatives, youth programs (Navy League, Air Cadets), support for seniors and community charitable organizations. New Lions Welcome. Please join us in service. Meetings are held monthly, September – June. Membership 18yrs and up.

LIONS

Fort Erie
905-991-0711 or forterielions@gmail.com

Ridgeway Lions
905-884-4343 or ridgewaylions@a2lions.org

Stevensville / Black Creek
2959 Baker Rd.

LIONESS

Ridgeway
geolynn9@sympatico.ca

OPTI-MRS/OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT ERIE

The Opti-Mrs/Optimist Club is a service club, whose mission is to help youth in the Fort Erie area. The Optimist Park and Hall is available for various youth activities.
905-871-9021
www.facebook.com/forterieoptimistclub

POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY (PALPS)

PALPS, established in 2004, is an organization of individuals interested in the restoration, preservation and promotion of the 1917 Point Abino Lighthouse and its related properties. PALPS is a registered non profit charity and an affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society.
905-834-9063 or lynmeye@gmail.ca
www.palps.ca

RIDGEWAY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Come join us! We meet at the Stevensville Memorial Hall on the 2nd Wed from Mar to Dec excl Apr, Jul & Aug (2018) and have a good program of speakers, workshops and events. Check ridgewaygardenclub.com or facebook for updates.
905-894.4215 or info@ridgewaygardenclub.com
www.ridgewaygardenclub.com

ROTARY CLUB OF FORT ERIE

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.3 million business, professional, and community leaders. Rotarians provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all

vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
905-329-4525 or lwhite@becon.org
www.rotaryforterie.org

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

The Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest veteran support and community service organization. They are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families, providing essential services within our communities, and remembering the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Branch 230
905-894-5927 or
canleg230@cogeco.net

Branch 71
905-871-9566 or
rclbranch71@cogeco.net

ZONTA CLUB OF FORT ERIE

A service club for business and professional women whose focus is to help to advance the status of women locally and internationally through service and advocacy.
905-835-2998 or
forterie@zontadistrict4.org
www.zonta.org

Community Programs and Services

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH NIAGARA (BBBS)

WE believe every child should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Programs include Traditional one to one and Couples Matches as well as one to one and group In-School Mentoring Programs.
905-735-0570 or
admin.southniagara@
bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
www.bbbsinniagara.ca

BRIDGES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Bridges Community Health Centre (CHC) serves the communities of Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet with a focus on the needs of seniors, children and youth, newcomers to Canada, and families or individuals with low incomes.
905-871-7621 or
info@bridgeschc.ca
www.bridgeschc.ca

CASA EL NORTE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A transitional home that offers shelter for refugees coming into Canada.
905-871-4483 or casaelnorte281@gmail.com

COMMUNITY LIVING

CLFE is a non-profit, charitable organization that supports individuals who have an intellectual disability to identify and achieve their personal goals/interests.
905-871-6770 or tdickie@clfe.ca
www.clfe.ca

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM ERIE (COPE)

COPE's primary service is operating as an emergency food bank. It also operates as a referral agency/ resource centre, and distributes donated clothing and small household items.
905-871-2526 or
outreach@becon.org

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES OF NIAGARA

Community Support Services of Niagara is a volunteer based not-for-profit agency providing community support services to help seniors and adults with disabilities who live independently in their own homes.
905-682-3800 or cssn@cssn.ca
www.cssn.ca

DREAMS TO MEMORIES

Dreams to Memories is a Canadian registered, non-profit, charitable wish-granting foundation. The foundation focuses around terminally ill parents with children under the age of 15 years (and living in the same home) with the oportunity to have a family last wish experience.
905-994-9777 or
wishes@dreams2memories.org
www.dreams2memories.org

FORT ERIE MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit, volunteer service delivering hot and/or frozen nutritious meals at a reasonable cost. The purpose is to meet the nutritional status of the frail, elderly, convalescents, persons with disabilities and homebound people.
905-871-9366 or femow@bellnet.ca
www.mealsonwheelsforterie.ca

FORT ERIE MULTICULTURAL CENTRE (FEMC)

The Fort Erie Multicultural Centre is a social profit charitable organization that assists newcomers arriving in Fort Erie to settle successfully into Canadian society. The FEMC programs include language training, immigrant and refugee settlement

services, community connections and refugee reception.
905-871-3641 or
service@firststepsincanada.com
www.firststepsincanada.com

FORT ERIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre is a social service agency open to all people that offers a variety of programs and activities. Call for times and dates. Most activities are free of charge.
905-871-8931 or
reception@fenfc.org
www.fenfc.org

FORT ERIE SPCA

We are a charitable not-for-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of all animals and to promote humane treatment of all animals.
905-871-2461 or
info@forteriespca.ca
www.forteriespca.ca

HEAD INJURY ASSOCIATION OF FORT ERIE (HIAFE)

HIAFE supports individuals with aquired brain injury and their families through programs, advocacy and awareness. Daily programs include life skills, music, fitness, cognitive therapy, literacy and many more activities. Co-op students and volunteers welcome.
905-871-7789 or
hiafeadmin@bellnet.ca

I CAN T.E.R. – "I CAN" THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN RIDING ASSOCIATION

I CAN-T.E.R.'s mission is to create a setting where individuals with and without barriers can experience the farm for Therapy & Rehabilitation, Education & Training, Recreation & Leisure. Programs include: Inclusive summer Day Camp, Therapeutic Riding, Minis Driving Program, Music Program, Hippotherapy-Speech Language Program, Wellness Program, Seniors Day Program, Ministry Approved Horse Groom Apprenticeship Program and School/Group Day Trips.
905-894-FARM or
icanter@icanter.ca
www.icanter.ca

INCOMMUNITIES

211 provides information on, and referrals to, community, social, health and related government services in your community or anywhere in Ontario. Dial 211, 24/hrs a day, service is available in 150 languages. Additional programs include:
1) Language Services - provides interpretation services to local service providers/agencies.
2) Volunteer Services - Niagara's volunteer centre provides an online database of volunteer opportunities in Niagara.
2-1-1 or info@incommunities.ca
www.incommunities.ca

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF NIAGARA JOB GYM (JHS)

JHS provides community-based programs and services to adults and youth in the fields of justice, prevention, employment and education throughout the Niagara Region.
905-871-3932 or
forteriejobgym@jhs-niagara.ca
www.jhs-niagara.com

LEAF & SNOW BUDDIES

Leaf & Snow Buddies is a free volunteer based program that assists seniors and adults living with a disability with leaf raking and snow shoveling. Volunteers always needed.
905-682-3800, ext. 35 or
dupper@cssn.ca
www.cssn.ca

NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CENTRE (NCC)

The NCC provides assessment and therapy to children with physical, developmental and/or communicative disabilities.
905-688-3550 or info@
niagarachildrenscentre.com
www.niagarachildrenscentre.com

NIAGARA FURNITURE BANK

The Niagara Furniture Bank collects gently used home furnishings in order to provide individuals and families in the Niagara Region with beds, tables, chairs, pots, pans, dishes, linens and other furnishings that turn "shelters" into "homes".
905-682-8371 or
office@niagarafurniturebank.com
www.niagarafurniturebank.com

NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS

The Niagara Nutrition Partners is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and facilitating Breakfast, Snack and Lunch Programs for school age children across the Niagara Region.
905-984-8953 or
region4@niagaranutritionpartners.ca
www.niagaranutritionpartners.ca

DIRECTORY

PORT CARES EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

An EarlyON Centre offers welcoming environments where you & your child 0 to 6yrs can learn play be curious & engage with others. We will support you & your child's journey by providing free drop in programs resources workshops & community referrals.
905-321-7596 or 1-866-933-9633
Earlyon-FE@portcares.ca
www.portcares.ca

SOUTH NIAGARA LIFE MINISTRIES (SNLM)

SNLM is a Christian based non-profit, counselling and resource center in the town of Fort Erie. Free and confidential.
905-871-0236 or
snlm@snlmcounsel.ca
www.snlmcounsel.ca

ST. GEORGE'S FOOD BANK

St. George's Catholic Church runs a food bank for local residents on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.
905-894-8592

THE ADULT LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER FORT ERIE (ALC)

The ALC is a dedicated volunteer-driven registered charity that promotes literacy. Progams include one-to-one tutoring for basic literacy, preparing students for the GED, and family math.
905-871-6626 or
info@literacyforterie.ca
www.literacyforterie.ca

THE SALVATION ARMY IN FORT ERIE

The Salvation Army provides emergency food, clothing and other necessities along with emergency Utility Assistance and Tax preparation. For tax appointments please call 211 or 905-682-6611.
905-871-1592 or forterie@can.salvationarmy.org
www.salvationarmyforterie.org

WELCOME WAGON

A greeting and information service for newcomers to the community, families with a new baby or expecting a baby, planning a wedding, planning retirement, new business openings and new professionals and executives.
1-844-299-2466 or info@welcomewagon.ca
www.welcomewagon.ca

WOMEN'S ADDICTION RECOVERY MEDIATION (WARM)

WARM Niagara provides personal support recovery programs designed for women experiencing addiction and families affected by addiction.
905-246-4483 or
warm@ywcaniagararegion.ca
www.ywcaniagararegion.ca

Farmers' Market

(See page 43 for Farmers' Markets)

Heatlh and Fitness

FORT ERIE LEISUREPLEX WALKING TRACK

1/7 of a mile track is located around the perimeter of the Kinsmen Arena ice pad. Walkers are cautioned to watch for errant pucks during the hockey session. The track is open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. with the exception of Statutory holidays.
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca
www.forterie.ca

YMCA OF NIAGARA - FORT ERIE BRANCH

The YMCA of Niagara is a charity, open to all, providing leadership and opportunities for people and their community to grow in spirit, mind, and body.
905-871-9622 or ymcaforterie@niagara.ymca.ca
www.ymcaofniagara.org

See page 61 for Sports & Recreation

Heritage

FORT ERIE HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Discover the unique history and character of the places and people of Fort Erie through the programs, research facilities, exhibits and gift shop. Currently featuring exhibits about the Fenian Raids, Community History, First Nations and Made in Fort Erie. Open 9am-5pm. From September to May it is open Sunday-Friday and from June to August it is open daily. Admission is by donation.
905-894-5322 or
museum@forterie.ca
www.museum.forterie.ca

FORT ERIE RAILWAY MUSEUM

The CN 6218 locomotive is the focal point at this location. Repair work on the engine will begin in the spring of 2018. The Museum will remain open during this time with exhibitions in the Ridgeway Station and a gift shop in the B-1 Station. Open 9am-5pm daily from Victoria Day to Labour

Day. Admission is by donation.
905-894-5322 or museum@forterie.ca
www.museum.forterie.ca

HERITAGE ARTS LEGACY OF FORT ERIE

Heritage Arts Legacy is a dedicated board of volunteers who elevate Fort Erie's pride by creating a legacy of history through the arts that spans the bi-national spirit of Fort Erie, Niagara and Western New York.
905-871-3839 or rubys@forterielegacy.com

LAFRANCE FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM

The Fort Erie LaFrance Association Museum opened in 1986 to preserve and display historic firefighting vehicles and materials, which date back to the 1860s.
905-871-1271 or president@forterielafrancefirefightingmuseum.com
www.forterielafrancefirefighting museum.com

MEWINZHA GALLERY AND INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

This exhibition features artifacts recovered from the Peace Bridge Site alongside First Nations artwork. Also visit the exhibit The Bridge that Peace Built, located on the second floor. It traces the history of river crossings between Buffalo and Fort Erie and includes a viewing area of the bridge. Open 9am-4pm Monday through Friday, except holidays. Admission is free.
905-894-5322 or museum@forterie.ca
www.museum.forterie.ca

NIAGARA RAILWAY MUSEUM

The Niagara Railway Museum preserves and promotes the railway heritage of the Niagara region.
905-357-6539 or info@nfrm.ca
www.nfrm.ca

OLD FORT ERIE

At Old Fort Erie learn from British, First Nations, and U.S. soldiers about Niagara's pivotal role in the War of 1812. Guided tours, self-guided tours, musket and cannon demonstrations, full service snack bar, accessible Welcome Centre and restrooms.
905-871-0540 or oldforterie@niagaraparks.com
www.oldforterie.com

POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE

Guided tours of the Lighthouse are available to the public on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from June to September. Buy tickets in advance (recommended) or purchase them on the spot.
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or icollee@forterie.ca
www.forterie.ca

RIDGEWAY BATTLEFIELD SITE

This outdoor exhibit details the local, national and international impact of the battle. Follow the timeline of battle and its aftermath, see a snapshot of life in Bertie Township or honour the soldiers who fought and died protecting this land, in a battle which prompted the confederation of Canada. This outdoor site is open 7 days a week and admission is free.
905-894-5322 or museum@forterie.ca
www.museum.forterie.ca

Libraries

The libraries of Fort Erie offer lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for all ages in the community. Free Wi-Fi, internet access, appealing areas for children and teen activities, as well as comfortable browsing and studying spaces is available at all three locations. Scanning and photocopying services, tech help, art displays, movies, fun and educational programs, and author visits all enhance the library experience. Library cards are free to Fort Erie residents and property owners ($20 for non-residents). Visit www.fepl.ca for more information.

BRANCHES

Centennial
905-871-2546 or info@fepl.ca

Crystal Ridge
905-894-1281 or info@fepl.ca

Stevensville
905-382-2051 or info@fepl.ca

Racing

FORT ERIE RACE TRACK

Experience live thoroughbred horse racing at one of the most picturesque racetracks in North America, every Tuesday and Sunday from May 29 to mid-October. Event listing and live racing schedule available online. Free Parking & Admission.
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905-894-6106 or
plus50@live.ca
www.beachcomberseniors.pbworks.com

DOUGLAS HEIGHTS SENIORS CENTRE

The Douglas Heights Seniors Centre of Fort Erie is a volunteer based activity centre for seniors (50+ years). Programs include games, exercise, clinics and cultural events as well as seminars and health clinics. Open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. plus some evenings.

905-871-7761 or
douglasheights@cogeco.net
www.facebook.com/lionsseniorscentre

NIAGARA REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Niagara Region offers senior community programs for those who want to keep healthy, engage in their community, and who want to remain at home as long as possible.

905-980-6000 or
1-800-263-7215
www.niagararegion.ca/government/community-services

Sports & Recreation

BASEBALL

Fort Erie Cannons Baseball
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

Fort Erie Junior Baseball
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

Fort Erie Mixed Slo-Pitch League
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

Greater Fort Erie Minor Baseball Association
905-871-2564 or
forterieminorball@gmail.com
www.forterieminorball.com

Stevensville Ladies Slo-Pitch
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

BOATING

Bertie Boating Club
905-894-3223 or
bertieboatingclub@hotmail.com
www.bertieboating.com

Buffalo Canoe Club
905-894-2750 or
frontdesk@buffalocc.on.ca
www.buffalocanoeclub.com

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Boat Launch
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca
www.forterie.ca

Fort Erie Power and Sail Squadron
905-382-2195 or hqg@cps-ecp.ca
www.cps-ecp.ca/forterie

Miller's Creek Marina (MCM)
905-356-2241 or
ggregovski@yahoo.ca
www.niagaraparks.com

Point Abino Station
905-894-6111 or office@buffaloyachtclub.org
www.buffaloyachtclub.org

See page 17 for more information about Boat Launches

DANCE

Peacock School of Dance
289-876-8043
www.peacockschoolofdance.ca

GOLF

Bridgewater Country Club
905-871-2400 or
evelyn@bccgolf.ca www.bccgolf.ca

Cherry Hill Country Club
905-894-1122 or
charlotte@cherryhillclub.ca
www.cherryhillclub.ca

Fort Erie Golf Club
905-991-8883 or
forteriegolf@gmail.com
www.forteriegolfclub.com

International Country Club of Niagara
905-382-2000 or iccgolf@lastmilenet.ca
www.niagaragolficc.com

FOOTBALL/RUGBY

Niagara Flag Rugby
905-329-5243 or
niagaraflagrugby@gmail.com
www.niagaraflagrugby.com

DIRECTORY

Niagara Regional Minor Football Association
905-356-4343
www.footballniagara.com

HOCKEY

Ball Hockey Fort Erie
905-651.6590 or
ballhockeyforterie@gmail.com
www.ballhockeyforterie.ca

Fort Erie Meteors, Junior 'B' Hockey
905-871-1878
www.jrbforterie.pointstreakstick.com

Fort Erie Over 50 Hockey League
289-213-9063 or
fe.over50hockey@live.ca

Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey
Association 905-871-7191
www.forteriehockey.com

Men's Recreational Fun Hockey League
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

Pay-As-You-Play
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

Under 19 Stick and Puck
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

LACROSSE

Fort Erie Minor Lacrosse Association
289-271-8102 or
krystalbrant@hotmail.com
www.forterielacrosse.com

SHOOTING

Canadian Sportsman's Club of Fort Erie
905-871-6658 or
nathan.lightheart@hotmail.com
www.canadiansportsmansclubforterie.weebly.com

SKATING

Crystal Ridge Skating Club
905-894-4438 or
crystalridgeskatingclub@hotmail.ca
www.crystalridgeskatingclub.webs.com

Fort Erie Skating Club
905-871-5075
www.fefsc.com

SOCCER

Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club
905-871-3530 or
administrator@forteriesoccer.com
www.forteriesoccer.com

Ridgeway United of Niagara Girls Soccer League
905-871-1600, ext. 2431 or
icollee@forterie.ca

SWIMMING

Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
905-871.2592 or club@
boysandgirlsclubniagara.org
www.boysandgirlsclubniagara.org

YMCA of Niagara - Fort Erie Branch
905-871-9622 or ymcaforterie@
niagara.ymca.ca
www.ymcaofniagara.org

TENNIS

Fort Erie Tennis Club
905-994-0600 or mail@
forterietennis.ca
www.forterietennis.ca

Transit

(See page 12 for Transit)

Youth

ARMY CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

The Army Cadet League of Canada offers free programing to youth aged between 12 to 18 years. Programs include outdoor activities, leadership training and life skills.
905-991-8278 or
2966army@gmail.com
www.forteriearmycadets.com

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NIAGARA

Programs include: Before and After School Care, Sport and Recreation Programs, Kids Zone, Tween Zone and Teen Zone, Aquatics.
905-871-2592 or club@
boysandgirlsclubniagara.org
www.boysandgirlsclubniagara.org

FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA – FORT ERIE BRANCH

The Navy League of Canada has been around for more than a century and continues to offer youth programs to over 12,000 young Canadians.
905-382-7447 or
navyleagueforterie@outlook.com
www.navyleagueforterie.com

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS (337 ALLAN TROUP SQUADRON)

Air Cadets participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities and is open to all youth between the ages of 12 and 18. We meet every Wednesday during the school year from 6:40 to 9:30 pm in the Lions Banquet Hall at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.
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