



Festivals & Events



RELISH THE PLETHORA OF THINGS TO SEE AND DO WHILE IN FORT ERIE.



Allow yourself to be delighted and entertained in our Fort Erie culture by exploring our festivals and events that are held throughout the year. From dinner theatre productions to street dances, from car shows to farmers' markets, and parades and pony rides too, if only there were more time in the day to enjoy it all! You will just have to come back again!

Present until May 10, 2016

Bridgeburg's Indoor Farmers' Market

Proudly supported by the Bridgeburg Historic District, enjoy fresh produce, snacks, crafts, hot lunch and more every Tuesday from 11:00am-4:00pm. Located at 209 Jarvis Street. For more information contact Chrystal Haverstock 905-650-9459, extravaganza@cogeco.ca.

April 8, 2016

Hayden Live at Sanctuary

Enjoy Hayden live in concert at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. For more info and tickets visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

April 8-10, 15 & 16, 2016

Garrison Little Theatre presents "Ned Durango comes to Big Oak"

Things don't proceed as planned when an aging TV cowboy star, Ned Durango, is enlisted to draw large crowds to a festival in Big Oak, a small town in serious economic troubles. Production by Norm Foster. For tickets and more information: 905-991-8181, thegarrisonlittletheatre@gmail.com, www.garrisonlittletheatre.com.

April 23, 2016

Earth Day Clean-Up

The Rotary Club of Fort Erie invites all interested individuals and groups to join the Earth Day clean-up at Waverly Beach Park in Fort Erie from 9:00am to 12:00pm. For more info or to sign up, email Brian.laker3@cogeco.ca or Flo@friendshipfestival.com.

April 30, 2016

Joel Plaskett Live at Sanctuary

Joel Plaskett will be live in concert at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. Door open at 8:00pm, show starts at 9:00pm. Tickets \$35. For more info visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

May 7–October 8, 2016

Ridgeway's Farmers' Market

From 7:00am-12:00pm, every Saturday morning, delight in live music and local artisans while shopping the fresh local produce, flowers, baked goods, honey, meats, cheeses and more, located at the Friendship Trail parking lot on Ridge Road, downtown Ridgeway. For more information visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

May 8, 2016

Sloan Live at the Bell Tower Sanctuary

Rock out with the band Sloan, live at the Bell Tower Sanctuary Centre. For more info and tickets visit www.belltowersanctuary.com.

May 14, 2016

Opening Day at Safari Niagara

Safari Niagara welcomes visitors of all ages and abilities, for opening day and throughout the season to experience our nature park that houses more than 1000 birds & animals. For more information call 1-866-367-9669 or visit www.safariniagara.com.

May 14, 2016

Albino Rhino Beer Festival

From 11:00am-7:00pm, check out the Brimstone Brewing Company's festival featuring over 25 breweries, along with beer and food vendors. Attendees must be 19+ to enter. Tickets are \$25 at the gate or pre-purchased tickets are \$20, available at Brimstone Brewing Company, Trailside Bar & Grill or on Ticketscene.ca. For more information visit www.brimstonebrewing.ca.

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May 17–October 25, 2016

Bridgeburg's Rustic Farmers' Market

Proudly supported by the Bridgeburg Historic District, enjoy local fruit and vegetables, preserves, home style baking, smoked meats, honey, VQA wine, plants and more from 11:00am-4:00pm on Tuesdays, rain or shine. Located in the parking lot at Central and Jarvis Street. For more information contact Chrystal Haverstock 905-650-9459, extravaganza@cogeco.ca.

June 1, 2016

FEPL presents J Singers

Seniors Month Event, located at Stevensville Hall, 2508 Stevensville Road, features a free concert at 2:00pm followed by refreshments and a short recognition of library volunteers. For more information call 905-871-2546 or visit www.fepl.ca.

The Fort Erie Race Track, located at 230 Catharine Street, Fort Erie, is the grand host to many events and festivities during the summer months. For further information please call 905-871-3200 or visit www.forterieracing.com.



May 31, 2016

Opening Day at Fort Erie Race Track

Celebrate the 119th year of live Thoroughbred horse racing action at one of North America's most picturesque and historic racetracks. Post time is 4:15pm.



June-October, 2016

Fort Erie Race Track Farmers Market

Visit Fort Erie Race Track every Sunday from noon until the final race, for the outdoor farmers market with vendors of all kinds.

June - August, 2016

Twilight Tuesdays & Tiki Bar Concert Series

Experience the thrill of horse racing every Tuesday followed by a great evening of live entertainment at the Tiki Bar & Patio. Post time 4:15pm.

June 19, 2016

Father's Day BBQ & Brew

Fort Erie Race Track knows how to celebrate Father's Day with special events, vendors,

craft brewery and a day at the races with live Thoroughbred horse racing. Post time is 1:50pm.

July 26, 2016

81st Prince of Wales Stakes

Come out and witness history at the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown. Post time for this special event is 4:00pm.

August 7-September 4, 2016

Breakfast Club

Enjoy all you can eat breakfast buffet at the Tiki Bar & Grill from 8:30am-10:00am while watching horses train and learning more about the sport with Track staff.

September 4, 2016

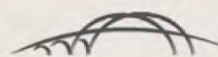
Puss N Boots & Circle the Course Charity Event

2016 marks the 55th anniversary of the horse, Puss N Boots, who decided during a race to veer off the track and take a jump into one of the infield ponds. Every year since, the winning jockey and trainer make the same leap. This charitable event will feature live racing, family activities, a chance to walk the race track and more. Post time is 1:50pm.

October 18, 2016

Closing Day at the Fort Erie Race Track

This will be your last chance to see live Thoroughbred racing for the 2016 season. Post time is 1:30pm.



www.forteriecanada.com

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway Conference

June 1-3, 2016

Ridgeway Reads Literary Society present a forum, with in-depth accounts of the perilous times during the 1860's post-Civil War Fenianism, the state of Pre-Confederation Canada, and events leading to the battle of Ridgeway on June 2, 1866 – the creation of Canada. This three day event will take place at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre. For more info visit www.fenians150.com and for tickets contact Mary Friesen at maryfriesen@maryfriesen.ca.

June 1, 2016

Opening Reception

The opening reception will include a Battle of Ridgeway War Game, diorama, exhibits, food and live entertainment on June 1 at 5:00pm-12:00am.

June 2 & 3, 2016

Presentations

9:00am-5:30pm. Over 40 authors and historians will be presenting on the troublous times leading up to Confederation and leading research on the Battle of Ridgeway.

June 2, 2016

Evening Entertainment

Spend the evening being entertained by Irish ballad singers Derek Warfield and The Young Wolfe Tones at 8:00pm.

June 3, 2016

Debate and Final Reception

7:00pm-9:00pm Literary evening of Guy Vanderhaeghe in conversation with Douglas Gibson, Charles Foran and authors Keith Henderson, Ian Kenneally and Barry Kennerk. Entertainment, and refreshments to be provided.

June 3, 2016

Friday Night Frights

Take a ghost tour of Old Fort Erie. Tickets are \$5.00/person and the tour is scheduled for 9:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

June 4, 2016

Stevensville Springfest

Kick off the 12th Annual Springfest with an 8:00am pancake breakfast at the United Brethren Church, followed by celebrations from 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Stevensville Memorial Hall with art, craft and food vendors. There will also be musical

entertainment, kid's games, train rides and animals from Safari Niagara. For more information contact Linda Housser at 905-382-2032.

June 4, 2016

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway Parade and Ceremony

Celebrate Fort Erie's role in this nation-building event 10:00am - 5:00pm, by attending the military parade on Ridge Road, followed by the commemorative ceremony to be held at Ridgeway Battlefield Park or the festival at Crystal-Ridge Arena Park. The ceremony will include period music and the unveiling of new monuments. The festival will include a parachute drop, displays of military equipment, tactical demonstrations and activities for children. For timing, parking, shuttle bus service and more please contact the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322, museum@forterie.on.ca, or visit www.museum.forterie.ca

June 11, 2016

The Paul James Band

Put your dancing shoes on for a rock 'n' roll evening of hope with The Paul James Band. Proceeds of the fundraising event, goes toward the Marafiki Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign. For more info and tickets visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

June-September

Point Abino Lighthouse Tours

Visit the picturesque historical Point Abino Lighthouse with tours available by the Town of Fort Erie. Tours leave promptly from the departure and parking area next to Bertie Boating Club, 1036 Point Abino Road South. If tours are not sold out, tickets are available at departure and parking area. For more information or tickets, contact Facilities Management Office at 905-871-1600 ext 2431 or visit www.forterie.on.ca.



Tour Dates:

June 11 & 25 · July 9 & 23
Aug. 13 & 27 · Sept. 10 & 24

Tour Times:

10:00am-11:15am
11:15am-12:30pm
12:30pm-1:45pm
1:45pm-3:00pm

Tickets Costs:

Adults - \$6.00
Youth (12-16) - \$3.00
Children Under 12 - Free

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June 11-12, 2016

Fenian Raid Re-enactment

Come and witness the 150th anniversary of the Fenian attempt to take Canada. There will be battle re-enactments, demonstrations and more. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

June 12, 2016

Bert Miller Nature Club's Annual Butterfly Festival

From 11:00am-3:00pm at Sevensville Conservation Area, enjoy this family-friendly event featuring nature hikes, displays and activities for all ages. For more information about programs and meetings visit www.bertmillernatureclub.org.

June 12, 2016

Rods & Relics Car Show

Celebrate the 25th Annual Rods & Relics Car Show at 9:00am-3:00pm with a special car give-away! Net proceeds go towards Tender Wishes. For registration and more information visit www.rodsandrelics.org.

June 17, 2016

Séan McCann of Great Big Sea Live at the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts is proud to present Séan McCann of Great Big Sea live in concert. For more info and tickets visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

June 19, 2016

Father's Day Car Show

Bring the whole family for an awesome day at Safari Niagara with vehicles of all kinds, food, fun and more! Dads are free! For more information call 1-866-367-9669 or visit www.safarin Niagara.com.

July 1, 2016

Ridgeway's Canada Day Celebration

The day starts off at 12:00pm with a ceremony at the Village Square on Ridge Road followed by a fun day filled with festivities for the whole family at Ridgeway's Royal Canadian Legion including bouncy houses, entertainment, BBQ and so much more! For more information visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

July 5, 2016

Parachute Jump

Cheer on the Geronimo! Skydiving Team as they commemorate the first Canadian parachute jump of Frank Ellis in 1919, with skydiving exhibitions and demonstration into Lake Erie. Come and celebrate our aviation history. This

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event is scheduled for 6:00pm on Bay Beach, Crystal Beach. For more information visit www.geronimoskydiving.com or call 905-894-0731.

July 5, 2016

Battle of Chippawa Commemorative Ceremony

At the Chippawa Battlefield, come out to commemorate the 202nd anniversary of this famous battle with a service commemorating the fallen. This event is free to attend and starts at 6:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

July 8, 2016

Friday Night Frights

Take a ghost tour of Old Fort Erie. Tickets are \$5.00/person; the tour is scheduled for 9:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

Ridgeway Summer Festival July 9-10, 2016

Located on Ridge Road, in downtown Ridgeway, Ridgefest has a variety of activities for everyone on Saturday from 10:00am-7:00pm and Sunday from 10:00-4:00pm. Activities include: craft vendors, live music, face painting, inflatable area, wildlife displays, kids crafts, custom car show, food vendors, & 100 musical chairs, numerous bands, street dance & beer tent and so much more. For more information, visit www.ridgewayont.ca.

Start Ridgefest Right

Each morning, before the festivities begin, enjoy a hot pancake breakfast prepared and sponsored by the Ridgeway Lions Club from 8:00am-11:00am. For more information call 905-894-1113 or email ridgewaylions@A2liohns.org

Ridgefest Street Dance

Saturday night features food vendors while you dance the night away with a live band at Ridgeway Town Square. You must be 19+ to enter the fully licensed area. This is a free event presented by the Ridgeway Kinsmen.

Wrap up Ridgefest

Sunday afternoon showcases The Howling Horns at the Ridgeway Legion to end the festival on a high note. The party starts at 4:00pm and is free of charge. For more information visit www.legionbranch230.com.



July 10, 2016

Christmas in July

Celebrate Christmas in July at the Ridgeway Legion with a full course turkey dinner and entertainment. For more information visit www.legionbranch230.com

July 17, 2016

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert – The Toronto All-Star Big Band

Enjoy the music of the big band era of the 1930's and 40's. Concert starts at 7:00pm on the lawn so bring a blanket or chair to this free concert presented by the Friends of Crystal Beach. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach. Visit www.focb.net for more details.



Fort Erie Friendship Festival

July 21 – July 24, 2016

Concert Series

Rock out with nightly concerts in the family park or the fully licensed beer gardens. For concert line up visit the festival website.

Green Space Family Zone

Partnering with Drainage Investment Group and Species at Risk project team, this year's free Family Zone highlights environmental awareness as well as fun daily from 11:00am-6:00pm! With interactive displays, face painting, crafts, a reptile display and family entertainment and information will be available on local environmental issues, the Emerald Ash Borer, importance of trees, community gardens, native seeds, invasive species and more.

History in the Park

Go back in history with a War of 1812 village; complete with campfires, period cooking, War of 1812 musket and canon demonstrations, children's militia drills with hats and toy muskets, regency dancers and more. All of this and more daily on the festival grounds.

ACCCC's Show & Shine

Check out the stellar line up of classic cars, on Friday, brought to you by the Niagara Antique Classic Car Club. Open to all

vehicles 20 years and older. No judging will take place. Admission is \$10 and spectators are free. This fundraiser for the Tender Wishes Foundation. For more information contact Frank Raso 905-382-4685, frank.raso@acccc.net or visit <http://rainbow.acccc.net>.

All-Canadian Pageants

Saturday features the All-Canadian Pageant, a family-run pageant with a focus on fairness and having fun. Inviting babies through to teens, boys and girls. Join us at the stage, on the festival grounds. For more information call 416-621-1956, email joanne@allcanadianpageants.com or visit www.allcanadianpageants.com.

British Car Meet

British car owners, enthusiasts, collectors, and mechanics of Niagara British Car Club, invite you to the festival as MG, Triumph, Alpine, TD, TC, Jaguar, and Austin Healy owners flaunt their prized possessions under the summer sun. Participants are to arrive at 10:00am on Saturday, entering under the Peace Bridge via the Niagara Parkway. For detailed information, visit www.niagarabritishcarclub.org.



Fort Erie Friendship Festival marks their 30th year! Located at Mather Arch Park, this four day festival features Robertson's Amusement-providing thrills and fun for the whole family, concert series, food vendors, merchandise tents, performers, demonstrations, contests, a Family Zone, crafters, artists and so much more! For more information call 905-871-6454, email info@friendshipfestival.com or visit www.friendshipfestival.com.

Model Plane Air Show in Fort Erie

Watch as planes perform in the skies above the Festival on Saturday and Sunday. Demos and displays all day by Niagara Regional Model Flying Club! Visit www.nrmfc.ca for more details or to join!

July 23, 2016

Circle of Art

The 2nd Annual Circle of Art display is proudly presented by the Friends of Crystal Beach. Join local artists as they present their work for sale and viewing at the Gazebo in Queen's Circle, Crystal Beach from 10:00am-6:00pm. Refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.focb.net.

July 31, 2016

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert - John Denver Tribute

Be inspired by music of John Denver, with tribute artist Jimmy Gribbon and Gerie & the Koasters. Friends of Crystal Beach present this outdoor concert which starts at 7:00pm. Bring a blanket or chair to this free concert. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach. Visit www.focb.net for more details.

August 6-7, 2016

The Siege of Fort Erie Re-enactment

This is Canada's largest annual re-enactment on Canada's bloodiest battlefield. This weekend long event features battle re-enactments, demonstrations, historic merchants and more. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

August 7, 2016

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert – The Moonlighters

This is tribute to classic rock and roll with the music of the 1950's and 60's. Friends of Crystal Beach present this outdoor concert which starts at 7:00pm. Bring a blanket or chair to this free concert. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach. Visit www.focb.net for more details.

August 12, 2016

Friday Night Frights

Take a ghost tour of Old Fort Erie. Tickets are \$5.00/person and the tour is scheduled for 9:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

August 20, 2016

Soldiers' Field Day at Old Fort Erie

Come cheer on the soldiers from 10:00am-5:00pm, as they compete in drill competitions, speed loading demonstrations and more during the annual competition. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

August 21, 2016

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert- Barley Brae

This is a lively concert featuring a mix of traditional Celtic, folk, bluegrass, and good old Canadian music. Friends of Crystal Beach present this outdoor concert which starts at 7:00pm. Bring a blanket or chair to this free concert. 3875 Terrace Lane, Crystal Beach.

Visit www.focb.net for more details.

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Lions Free Public Skating

Every Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:00pm, enjoy free skating provided by the Ridgeway Lions at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. For more details contact 905-894-1113 or email ridgewaylions@A2lions.org.

September 10, 2016

Murder Mystery

Walk through Old Fort Erie and meet the shady suspects while solving a murder. There are prizes to be won! The tour is scheduled for 7:00pm. For more information call 905-871-0540 or visit www.oldforterie.com.

September 15, 2016

FE Chamber Tradeshow

Free samples, demos, shopping and more at The Tradeshow will showcase business from across the Niagara Region. This free community event is held from 3:00pm-7:00pm at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. For more information call 905-871-3803.

September 17, 2016

2nd Annual Taste of Fort Erie

Enjoy a full day of family fun on Jarvis Street, featuring delicious menus with live music, attractions, displays, kid's zone, performance stage, bouncy houses, face painters, characters, over 100 local retailers and a licensed area for refreshments. From 12:00pm-12:00am take in the sights and delicious smells of this epic event! Visit www.tasteofforterie.com for more information.

September 24, 2016

Sugarbowl Walk & Roll

Walk & Roll for a cause- support South Niagara Life Ministries free community services! Put your runners on and head to Sugarbowl Park for 9:00am registration with the shot gun start at 10:00am. Enjoy youth activities, inflatable bouncy

