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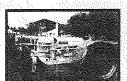




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Phone: (905) 871-1332

Fax: (905) 871-1077 e-mail: edc@forterie.on.ca or forterie@tourismniagara.com

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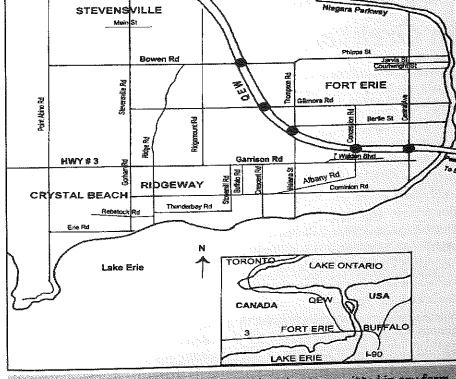
The cover of this magazine was designed by Jeff Hill of the Fort Erle Times. Jeff also supplied the seige photo, while the racetrack photo was provided by the Fort Erie Racetrack.

As our visitor, we hope this guide will do just that — guide you through our warm and inviting town, take you on a journey through history, or just give you the sunshine and relaxation you seek.

The Greater Fort Erie Visitor's Guide is an annual publication provided by the Economic Development Corporation of Fort Erie to help you plan your visit. It has been made possible by the sponsors and advertisers whose messages appear inside.

Enjoy your visit!

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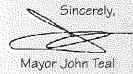
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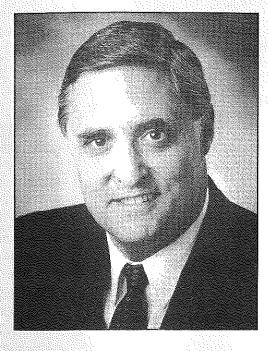
Dear Visitor:

On behalf of the Municipality of Fort Erie and Council, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to you. Whether you are here conducting business, visiting family and friends. experiencing the excitement of our many festivals and events, or vacationing in the Niagara Region, we welcome

Through this Visitors' Guide, we invite you to participate in all that Fort Erie has to offer. Whatever your interests are, you're sure to find the right combination of choices in Greater Fort Erie.

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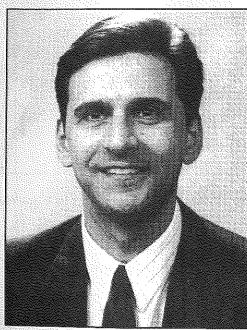


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Our quaint community, nestled on the shores of Lake Erie and the mighty Niagara River is a friendly, festive and fun locale to visit and to call home with year-round activities for every member of your family. From the excitement of live Thoroughbred Horse Racing at one of North America's most beautiful race tracks, some of the finest windsurfing and seasonal festivals, to relaxed boating and fishing, to our museums featuring the rich history of our area, natural beauty of the scenic Niagara Parkway and unique boutique shopping. You can find it in Greater Fort Erie.

Whether yours is an extended stay or a shorter visit, I wish you a very enjoyable time in our Town, and hope you will find this Guide of assistance in acquainting you with the spectrum of friendly Greater Fort Erie businesses, attractions and services ready to meet your needs.



Renato Romanin, General Manager

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JUNE.

King George III Birthday The Fort Erie guard celebrates King George III's birthday with ceremonies and customs of the War of 1812 peri-Historic Fort Erie (905) 871-0540

W.A. R.M. Golf Tournament Fundralser Rio Vista Golf Course (905) 871-9195

Crystal Beach Community Yard Sale Look for the balloons marking over 75 garage sales. Crystal Beach (905) 894-1750

June 7 & 8

Ridgeway Peace Festival Reflecting the riches and diversity of Canadian culture through music, sonas, arts, crafts & food. The Peace Centre (905) 894-4082

Corporate Challenge '97 High spirited, inter-company competition to promote community spirit and fundraising. YMCA (905) 871-9622

June 8

Rods & Relics Antique Car Rally & Enjoy 50's & 60's music, swap meet, loads of awards and craft tables. Concession & Bertie St. (905) 871-

June 8

Zonta Club of Fort Erie House Tour A tour of interesting local homes. Call Kathy (905) 871-1039

June 14- 16 100th Anniversary Celebration Fort Erie Racetrack (905) 871-3200

June 20 - 22 Challenging the Fire Service

Bevond 2000 Fire Department Trade Show & Training Seminar, beef & beer garden,

dance, show & shine competition. Leisureplex (905) 871-1600 ext. 260

Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta Small boat regatta, 3 courses, several classifications. Open to the public. Buffalo Canoe Club (905) 894-2750

June 21

Loch Sloy Highland Games Highland dancing, pipe & drum competitions, heavy athletic events, sheep herding, cheer tent and Scottish Historic Fort Erie (905) 871-7152

June 22

Crystal Beach House Tour Featuring 10 unique homes in the core area of Crystal Beach. Countrywide (905) 894-6149

June 23

Randy Burridge Celebrity Golf Classic Bridgewater (905) 871-7789

June 27 - July 1

Friendship Festival Fort Erie/Buffalo Concerts, arts & crafts, rides, children's festival, history in action, Canada Day fireworks, community booths, food & lots more.

Friendship Festival (905) 871-6454

June 28 & 29

International Air Show Civilian & military aircraft thrill spectators as they perform over the Niagara

Friendship Festival (905) 871-6454

June 28 - July 1

Craft Show County Fair Mall (905) 871-0218

June 29

Faith and Heritage Conestoga Trek Dressed in period costume, travelling by horse drawn conestoga wagons, direct descendants of early settlers end their commemorative journey with a fittina celebration. Friendship Festival (905) 871-6454

JULY

Championship Horse Show An exceptional display of equestrian skill & horsemanship, attracting over 400 top riders and their horses. The Grand Prix Event is on July 6. West End Arena (800) 453-0903 or (716) 774-8888

July 5 & 6

Ridgeway Summer Festival Community festival featuring a street dance with live local entertainment. sidewalk sales, arts & crafts, antique car show & various children's events. Downtown Ridgeway (905) 894-6212

Garden Club Summer Show & Sale Ridgeway & District Garden Club @ Memorial United Church. Ridgeway (905) 894-2518

July 12

W.A. R.M. Landscape Tour Driving tour of Greater Fort Erie featuring a selection of private homes with spectacular gardens. (Rain date July 19) (905) 871-9195

Lake Erie Crossing Crossing of Lake Erie by wind-surfers from Thunder Bay Beach to Hamburg Beach & back. Picnic lunch & awards. Thunder Bay Beach (905) 871-7779

July 20 - 24

Shark World's Regatta 50/60 boats from around the world compete in this 4 day event. Buffalo Canoe Club (905) 894-2750

July 25 - 28

Prince of Wales Equine Art Exhibit Exquisite work including paintings, sculptures and pen & ink drawings. Fort Erie Racetrack (905) 871-3200

Prince of Wales Stakes This prestigious event is the second race in Canada's Triple Crown for thoroughbred horse racing. Fort Erie Racetrack (905) 871-3200



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AUGUST

August 2 -10

Living History Week Come celebrate Fort Erie's heritage and culture! Native Pow Wow, parade, heritage craft workshops. Ridgeway merchants in period attire sell their wares in an open marketplace, Underground Railroad river crossing re-enactment 1812 Feast, 1812 reenactment and much more.

EDC (905) 871-1332 August 2 & 3

4th Annual Pow Wow Everyone is welcome to experience an exciting taste of native food & traditions at our 4th Annual Pow Wow. Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (905) 871-8931

August 3 Crystal Beach Memorabilia Day Step into the past and join memory buffs from both sides of the border as they display articles, pictures, artifacts, etc. from the Amusement Park, S.S. CANADIANA, Point Abino Lighthouse and local businesses. Queen's Circle (905) 894-3179

August 8 Fort Erie Garrison Ball Relive the 1800s and enjoy a royal feast, period costume attire (optional), Celtic music by "Malarky." Ticket Information (905) 871-1332

August 9 & 10 11th Annual Siege Weekend 1812 troops re-enact the siege of Fort Erie. Period encampments, sutlers, tactical displays, evening lantern tour of the fort. Historic Fort Erie (905) 871-0540

August 9 & 10 Can Am Walleye Tournament Up to \$45,000 in prizes. The only total weight fishing tournament on Lake Erie. Free camping. Bertie Boating Club (905) 894-4314

August 10 Niagara Parkway Sailing Regatta Standard triangle course race, designed for long race style wind-Parkway Sailing Club (905) 871-7779

August 10 & 11 Queen City Regatta (Mayor's Cup) 60/70 boats participating in this 31st annual race, 20' minimum length requirement. Buffalo Yacht Club (716) 883-5900

August 30

Summer's Eve Visit the cook in her open hearth kitchen after experiencing a tour of the fort by lantern light. Historic Fort Erie (905) 871-0540

SEPTEMBER

September 7 Taste of Fort Erie A one day driving tour to approximately 25 participating restaurants. Each dining facility offers a delicious sample of their cuisine. Limited ticket sales. EDC (905) 871-1332

September 10 Garden Club Fall Show & Sale Ridgeway & District Garden Club @ Memorial United Church. Ridgeway (905) 894-2518

September 13 WinterFest Open Invitational 18 holes of golf, cart, steak dinner & prizes. International Country Club. WinterFest (905) 994-1771

OCTOBER

October 4

Heritage Day Features numerous arts & crafts vendors, home-made preserves and baked goods, pig roast, quilt auction and children's fair at Niagara Christian Collegiate (905) 871-6980

October 12 Fort Erie Wave Challenge Wave expression session, prizes awarded for most radical moves on wave races i.e. jumps, jibes, down the line, etc. P.S. Grass rigging area, rocky launch. Crystal Beach (905) 894-7779

October 25

All Hallows Eve A special exploration of the early traditions of Halloween. Historic Fort Erie (905) 871-0540

NOVEMBER

November 8 & 9 Fort Erie Arts & Crafts Guild Craft Leisureplex (905) 871-4700

November 15 - December 31 A Victorian Christmas At Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery. Admission \$3 - includes holiday treats. (905) 871-5833

November 21 Spirit of Christmas in Downtown Candlelight walk, horse and buggy rides. Lots more festive fun for the entire family. (905) 894-6212

November 22 Santa Claus Parade Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce (905) 871-3803

November 22 - January 11/98 WinterFest of Greater Fort Erie A festive celebration of the winter season, kicking off with an evening Santa Claus Parade. Other outdoor events include lighting of the scenic Niagara Parkway & the Fort Erie Civic Centre, concerts, polar bear dip and chili cook-WinterFest (905) 994-1771

November 23 & 24 WinterFest Craft Show Leisureplex (905) 994-1771

DECEMBER

December 31 Light up the Night Community New Year's Eve celebration. candlelight walk and music at Queen's Circle, Crystal Beach. Call Kathy (905) 871-2100 ext. 346

JANUARY

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June 22nd, 1997



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HOW TO GET THERE:

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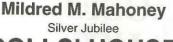
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Bridgeburg Station

Downtown is an historical business district located in Fort Erie's north end alona the scenic Niagara River

Although the face of Jarvis Street has changed, it retains its resemblance to the busy commercial strip of

Bridgeburg and as the downtown core of Fort Erie always humming with activity. We are host of many community special events including an Parade in August, Halloween fun in October, and a special Christmas celebration in

December. The Bridgeburg Station - Downtown Business Improvement Association is committed to the continued revitalization upcoming Living History of Bridgeburg Station. We're on the move! For more information, call the BIA office at (905) 871-4938.

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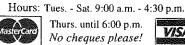
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For a little respite, enjoy a sojourn to the remarkably decadent sandy beach of Crystal Beach - just a short hop away - for some fun in the surf. It all happens Saturday and Sunday, July 5th and 6th in Ridgeway the "happening place to be this summer". For more information call, (905) 894-2131 or (905) 894-6212.

Fort Erie LaFrance Association Museum

Fort Erie LaFrance Association Museum was opened in 1990 and has 4,000 square feet containing some of the oldest working fire apparatus in Southern Ontario, dating from the 1860's.

The Fort Erie LaFrance Association was formed in 1983 by thirteen members from the all volunteer Fort Erie Fire Co. No. 2 Station. Included in the Museum collection is a 1947 American LaFrance (open cab). The latest addition to the collection is a 1952 FWD 60' ladder truck.

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The 1873 B-I Station houses a reference library and sits in the well kept grounds of the museum, perfect for family picnics. The site is located on Central Avenue near Gilmore Road, open daily May 20 to Labour Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Open weekends from Labour Day to

Designated as a historic site, the Fort Erie Historical Museum is located

in an 1874 former Town Hall. With such details as tin ceilings, soft lights, and oak wainscoting, the story of Fort Erie is told. From the ingenuity and struggle of the Neutral Indians to the traditions and crafts of the United Empire Loyalists, Greater Fort Erie encompassed 36 villages and hamlets: some retaining their unique charm today.

Hands-on exhibits encourage visitor interaction. Located at 402 Ridge Road, the museum is open daily, from mid-June to Labour Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Open throughout the rest of the year for research purposes by appointment; call (905) 894-5322.

The quaint cabin of the Ridgeway Battlefield Museum was built in the early 1800's and inhabited by John Teal's family when the Fenians (Irish Americans) invaded in 1866. The home stood on the edge of the famous Battle of Ridgeway in which 18 soldiers lost

The Fenians were seasoned Civil War Soldiers attempting to "liberate" Upper Canada in a bid to negotiate Ireland's

freedom from Britain. Although the unsuccessful invasion lasted a mere three days, the Fenian Raids convinced statesmen of the day that Britain could not be relied upon for the country's defense. Confederation followed one year later. The Battlefield Museum is located on Hwy. No. 3, east of Ridge prospering in past centuries, many Road, open daily from mid-June to Labour Day, 12:30 pm 5:00 pm.

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Admission for adults is \$5.00. youth - \$4.00, seniors and children aged seven to twelve - \$3.00. Children six and under are free.

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Bicycle Parade starts at A-1! 2:00 p.m. Pizza Eating Contest - DEZZY'S 6TH ANNUAL PIZZA CONTEST! Call 894-1212 for more information!

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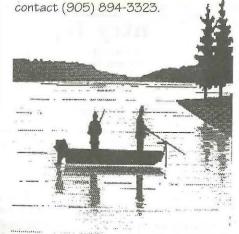


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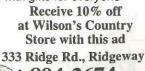
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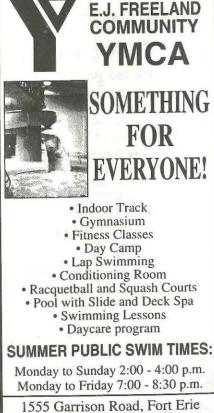
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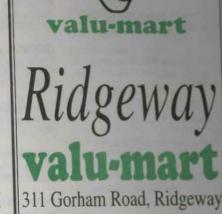
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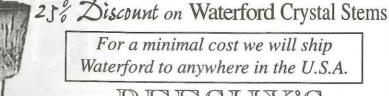
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