

Town of Porter Summerfest returns next Saturday

All-day family fun at Porter on the Lake



Get ready for a summertime favorite next Saturday on the Lake Ontario beaches in Porter.

Following two years of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Porter Summerfest returns July 16 with a full day of family fun. The event opens at 3 p.m. and continues to 10 p.m. with a fabulous fireworks display at the town park, located on Dietz Road.

“Mark your calendars, because the Town of Porter Summerfest is on this year!” Porter Town Supervisor John “Duffy” Johnston said. “We will have music by Strictly Hip and Rob Thurman’s Led Zeppelin tribute band, Out on the Tiles. There will be children’s activities, craft/merchandise vendors, beer/wine/food and more.”

The event is presented by the Town of Porter, the Niagara River Region Chamber and a number of sponsors. Featured attractions include a bounce house and petting zoo for the kids, plus balloons and face

painting. Also expected will be Jason, Tom and the crew from Skydive the Falls on nearby Braley Road, who will perform some exciting jumps on the Lake Ontario shores above the park.

The town reports the music will open with Out on the Tiles at 3 p.m., followed by Strictly Hip at 6 p.m. on the beachside stage. The big pavilion will be open on top, and Johnston said the park is all set to host what he expects to be a fantastic fest.

“There will also be an awesome firework show at dusk that you won’t want to miss! So, bring your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you,” Johnston said.

Admission is \$5 for adults at the park gates or presale, with kids under 12 admitted free. No coolers or carry-ins are permitted. All proceeds will benefit

Porter on the Lake Park.

Sponsors for Summerfest at POTL include Modern Disposal Services, Waste Management, First District Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers, Severson Environmental Services, Mark Cerrone, KiPo Chevrolet, Hardison Funeral Homes, Barker Outdoors, Fox Fence, Mawhiney Trucking, Truesdell Trucking and Just Signs. Also, Acome Construction Co., Beau Enterprises, CRB Holdings/Tim Hortons, Rays Tavern and the Youngstown Business and Professional Association.

Presale tickets for Summerfest 2022 are available through the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce website. For more information, visit the Town of Porter Summerfest page on Facebook.

The Strictly Hip entertains at the 2019 Town of Porter Summerfest. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

Discflect World Championship set for Aug. 6

The 22nd annual Discflect World Championship is returning to Buffalo-Niagara on Saturday, Aug. 6, following a two-year hiatus.

In 2020, the tournament was canceled due to COVID-19 and, in 2021, the disc sport was re-branded as discflect, with the Professional Discflect Association (PDFA) as the governing body for the sport.

According to event organizers, in earlier times participants played Kan Jam, a brand of a flying disc game that consists of two goals and a disc, and is played casually. Recently, there’s been a surge in interest within the community of competitive players who participate in domestic and international tournaments.

With the sport side growing

among participants – and a realization it could not be named after a trademarked name or brand – the PDFA was launched.

While its name branding might be new, the group behind PDFA remains the same as in past years, led by Eric Klavoon, a Wheatfield native and PDFA founder/president. Klavoon and his PDFA team, which consists of veteran players, have brought this tournament to life since 2007.

The sport of discflect originated in North Tonawanda, and a large base of players reside in the Western New York area. That, coupled with other variables, made it an easy decision for PDFA to select Buffalo-Niagara as the host city for the 2022 PDFA Discflect World Championship.

The PDFA is proud to partner

with Gatekeeper Media for this year’s World Championship. The tournament will feature a brand-new venue in Nardin Academy’s Kevin T. Keane Sports Park.

Organizers said, “As PDFA evolves, it is important for them to provide tournament teams with the most up-to-date playing facilities.

“Also featured this year will be the choice of participants to compete in one of two divisions – pro and amateur. There will be cash payouts for top pro teams and trophies for both divisions. A Friday night meet-up and practice session will take place at Delaware Park in Buffalo, and a post-tournament get-together is slated for Riverworks in downtown Buffalo.

Online team registration is now open at www.pdfa.com.

‘Power of women in jazz’ on display

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in 2008, its mission is to preserve, protect and promote the historic, natural and cultural resources of the area stretching from Niagara Falls to Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown. The NFNHA facilitates partnerships between artists, public and private organizations, and community members and stakeholders to envision and create public art, impacting the cultural landscape with pieces that reflect and honor the history and legacy of Niagara Falls. Learn more at Discover Niagara and dis-

cover the mural of John “Spider” Martin through NF Murals.

The Pappy Martin Legacy Jazz Collective was formed in Buffalo to recognize and address the multipronged aspects of continuing the music legacy of James “Pappy” Martin. Their Pappy Martin Legacy Masten Jazz Festival returns on its traditional last two Sundays in July at the Buffalo Museum of Science (side lawn). The festival is a homage to women in jazz, featuring the Baylor Project, Endea Owens & The Cookout, Shamie Royston, George Caldwell with

Curtis Lovell, Carol McLaughlin featuring Joyce Carolyn and The Love Supreme School of Music. Learn more on this website.

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