

Party in place to help City celebrate its 144th birthday

April 27, 2020 – As residents do their part to stay home to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the City is finding a reason to invite them to celebrate the spirit of St. Catharines virtually.

The City of St. Catharines turns 144 on May 1, so we're challenging residents and businesses to party in place and join us in spirit, safely from their own homes.

"Although birthday parties are different these days, we still have a lot to celebrate as a community. The people of St. Catharines have worked really hard to do their part to stay home during the COVID-19 pandemic, so this a great opportunity to celebrate our community spirit safely from your own home," said Mayor Walter Sendzik. "We have so much to be proud of and we're excited to see what our residents will come up with to celebrate our history, heritage, arts and culture, and all the City has to offer."

St. Catharines was first incorporated as a city on May 1, 1876. Some suggestions to celebrate the City's birthday include:

- Making a cake or baked goods (perhaps consider a City theme or decorations)
- Show your community pride with artwork, a poem or story
- Say thank you to the essential workers who continue to support our community
- Consider ways to support local businesses, clubs and volunteers
- Celebrate our birthday with sidewalk chalk or window art
- Come up with your own idea that can be done safely and that minds the current provincial directives

Share your celebrations with us on social media. Use the hashtag #OurHomeSTC or tag the City's social media accounts in your post. A list of City accounts is available at www.stcatharines.ca/socialmedia.

"Our community has shown great compassion and resilience. This is a chance to reflect on our achievements and look ahead to the future as one of the most sustainable, innovative, dynamic and livable cities in North America," said Mayor Sendzik.

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