

COMMUNITY SERVICES

There are a large number of organizations in Welland that offer recreational and leisure activities. This section provides detailed descriptions of such organizations in Welland and websites to visit for more information on the beautiful City of Roses!

RECREATION AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

CITY OF WELLAND SERVICES

Welland Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Cultural Services

The Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is a combined parks, recreation, arenas, cemeteries operation, providing both direct and indirect services to the community. It serves as a clearinghouse for information on recreation, sports, parks, facilities, arts, heritage, culture and it offers a variety of programs and services to the community with services for children, youth, adults and seniors. Volunteer and non-profit groups are provided with training and educational opportunities such as workshops on board governance, coaching skills, volunteer recruitment, marketing and other topics.

The Rose City Seniors' Programs and Services

Join the Rose City Seniors' where ageing is mandatory, growing old is optional. If you are 50+ celebrate healthy and active lifestyle through participation in one or more of our active living and general interest programs. Join friends for a game of cards or shinny hockey. If you are musically inclined bring your guitar and jam with others who enjoy Country and Bluegrass. We also offer personal service clinics including MTO driver education, VON foot services, income tax and much more.

Welland Community Wellness Centre

One of the most scenic locations along the Recreational Waterway is the Rose City Seniors Centre. The centre, established twenty years ago to service the community, the young and the young at heart is expanding: increased recreational facilities, more opportunities for social interaction, cultural engagement and sport development for people of all ages and abilities. We look forward to celebrating the opening in the fall of 2011.

Youth Innovations

Now in its eighth year, Youth Innovation offers programs and services to tweens and teens. The Centre provides a safe and friendly place that youth can call their own. The Centre is located at Seaway Mall and provides youth with leisure activities, events, leadership training, health education, employment and volunteer information. For more information on youth services and *International Youth Week*, contact the centre:

Youth Innovations
800 Niagara Street, Unit E7
Welland, Ontario
L3C 5Z4
Phone: (905) 735-9009
Fax: (905) 732-6187

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Arena Feasibility Study Steering Committee

Purpose: To facilitate the undertaking of a study that will lead to the development of a comprehensive business plan for the current and future arena facilities.

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Purpose: To serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and staff on the advancement of arts and culture in the community.

Heritage Welland

Purpose:

- To establish criteria for the evaluation of properties of architectural and /or historical value or interest.
- To prepare and maintain a list of properties and areas worthy of conservation.
- To advise Council on means of conserving heritage properties and areas.
- To advise Council on current heritage conservation legislation to conserve heritage property and areas.
- To administer properties acquired by the municipality under Section 36 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Market Square Advisory Committee

Purpose: To serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and staff on matters pertaining to the facilities, programs and services at the Market Square in the City of Welland.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Purpose: To serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and staff on matters that impact the quality of life of senior citizens in the City of Welland.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Purpose:

- To keep Council informed of important matters affecting youth.
- To occasionally host workshops/forums, conduct surveys to address concerns or needs that affect youth.
- To act as a positive advocate for youth.
- To actively seek input from youth on important matters.
- To support events created by Council that relate to the mandate.
- To provide leadership experience for youth.
- To help enhance the image of youth in the City of Welland.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Welland / Pelham Chamber of Commerce

The Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce is comprised of businesses and professional people who believe in a free enterprise and who wish to share their concerns, opinions and expertise for the overall benefit of the community. The Chamber is an action agency designed to meet the community's needs. It is a voluntary organization of individuals and businesses who band together to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic interests of the community. The Chamber of Commerce offers a program of activities and initiatives designed to promote and advocate the interests of the contributing members.

Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce
 32 East Main Street
 Welland, Ontario
 L3B 3W3
 Phone: (905) 732-7515
 Fax: (905) 732-7175
www.wellandpelhamchamber.com

Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre

Welland is extremely diverse with respect to culture. The earliest settlers hailed from the European countries; however, the newcomers in the past 10 years came from South America, Africa, Asia and Russia. With this diversity comes the need to create awareness and acceptance of the various cultures and people within our community.

The focus of the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre is in language and systemic education. Expert immigration assistance, computer training, child-minding, emergency shelter and specialized employment assistance programs for International Professionals are other services provided at the Centre. All newcomers to Welland and Canada are offered a helping hand to make the transition in to the Canadian lifestyle a little easier. The existing cultural halls that are a vital part of this community assist in creating the awareness of our diversity by participating in our festival programs. Cultural sensitivity programs assist in developing mutual respect and equality for all.

Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre
 26 East Main Street
 Welland, Ontario
 L3B 3W3
 Phone: (905) 732-5337
 Fax: (905) 732-0212
www.wellandheritagecouncil.com

The Niagara Food Festival

The Niagara Food Festival is a three day food festival held in historic Downtown Welland, on the first weekend in October (October 1st, 2nd and 3rd of 2010). "The Peninsula's Tastiest Party" welcomes more than 85,000 visitors to enjoy the fabulous food, entertainment and scenic beauty that Welland has to offer.

Niagara Food Festival Office
60 East Main Street
Welland, Ontario
L3B 3X4
Phone: (905) 735-1700 ext. 2133
www.niagarafoodfestival.com

YMCA

Programs at each Membership Branch of the YMCA of Niagara are tools that we use every day for one very specific purpose: to 'Build Strong Kids, Strong Families, Strong Communities.' When you participate in a YMCA program, you are making a commitment to improving your lifestyle. In turn, the YMCA helps and supports children, families and communities to grow in spirit, mind and body.

The results are always powerful. At the YMCA we do a lot more than build strong bodies - we build strong character by challenging our members to accept and demonstrate positive values.

Last year, over 25,000 men, women and children chose the YMCA of Niagara as a vehicle through which they enriched their spirit, mind and body.

YMCA of Niagara – Welland / Pelham
310 Woodlawn Road
Welland, Ontario
L3C 7N3
Phone: (905) 735-9622
Fax: (905) 735-2299
www.ymcaofniagara.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community groups offering recreation and leisure services for the community include:

- ✧ Family YMCA of Welland and Area
- ✧ Welland Recreation Projects Association
- ✧ Over 20 seniors clubs
- ✧ 2 neighbourhood recreation associations
- ✧ Over 60 social service and non-profit organizations
- ✧ Over 10 Minor Sports Associations
- ✧ Partners in Community Pride
- ✧ Over 10 private fitness and health clubs

Community websites to visit for community information & special events!

91.7 Giant FM	www.giantfm.com
City of Welland	www.welland.ca
IlluminAqua	www.illuminaqua.com
Leadership Niagara	www.leadershipniagara.ca
Niagara Food Festival	www.niagarafoodfestival.com
Regional Niagara	www.niagararegion.ca
Seaway Mall	www.seawaymall.com
South Niagara Canoe Club	www.southniagaracanoecub.ca
South Niagara Rowing Club	www.southniagararowingclub.com
Venture Niagara	www.ventureniagara.com
Welland County Motorcycle Raceway	www.wellandmotorcycleclub.com
Welland Historical Museum	www.wellandmuseum.ca
Welland International Flatwater Centre	www.wifc.ca
Welland Public Library	www.welland.library.on.ca
Welland Tribune	www.wellandtribune.ca
YMCA of Niagara	www.ymcaofniagara.org