

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!

Leisure and Community Organizations

City Of Welland Services

Welland Parks, Facilities & Leisure Services

The Parks, Facilities & Leisure 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 Activity Centre

One of the most scenic locations along the Recreational Waterway is the home of the Rose City Seniors Activity Centre. The centre, established nineteen years ago, has become a community focal point for older adults and seniors. If you are 50+ come and join the hundreds of healthy and active people who participate in the programs and services of the centre including drop in programs, trips, active living programs and general interest courses, great lunches, driver education, blood pressure and income tax clinics, peer support for the visually impaired and self help groups.

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

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 St.
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) 732-5507
www.iaw.com/whc

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2009). "The Peninsula's Tastiest Party" welcomes more than 40,000 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 Web-site to visit for community information & special events!

City of Welland	www.welland.ca
Regional Niagara	www.niagararegion.ca
Niagara Food Festival	www.niagarafoodfestival.com
Centre for Community Leadership	www.cclgr.org
Venture Niagara	www.ventureniagara.com
The Welland Tribune	www.wellandtribune.ca
Spirit 91.7 FM	www.giantfm.com
Seaway Mall	www.seawaymall.com
Welland County Motorcycle Raceway	www.wellandmotorcycleclub.com
Welland Historical Museum	www.wellandmuseum.ca
Welland Public Library	www.welland.library.on.ca
South Niagara Rowing Club	www.southniagararowingclub.com
Family YMCA of Welland/Pelham	www.ymcaofniagara.org