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## SENIORS' MONTH: STAY SAFE, ACTIVE AND CONNECTED

**Welland, ON** – Welland City Council and City Staff are wishing Niagara's older adults a safe and healthy Seniors' Month. This year's theme is Stay Safe, Active & Connected. Seniors are encouraged to explore ways of staying connected to their families, friends, and communities. Now, more than ever, Niagara's seniors need to be celebrated and encouraged to remain emotionally connected while practicing physical distancing.

Seniors' Month is a time to celebrate Niagara's older generation and pay tribute to the benefits they bring to others, in addition to the outstanding contributions they make to enrich communities. Welland's older residents are active committee members, vibrant volunteers, and leaders who offer wisdom and experience for better community development.

The Welland Seniors Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) launched Seniors' Month by raising Age-Friendly flags this morning at Welland Civic Square and the Welland Community Wellness Complex.

Carol Sernasie, Chair, Welland Senior Citizens Advisory Committee stated, "It's a time when we recognize our amazing adults and the contribution they've made to our community. Covid-19 has changed our lives and because of it this will not be a normal celebration of Senior Citizens



Month, however it is important for seniors to stay safe, remain active and stay as connected with family and friends as is possible."

Throughout June, there are scheduled activities such as Wellness Walks, Tai Chi Tuesdays at Chippawa Park and Senior Centre Without Walls programs that are phone-based. All activities are accessible for seniors to connect and participate in, all of which value the safe and active mandate. Social distancing, mask requirements, and all COVID19 guidelines are to be adhered to.

All content related to Ontario Seniors Month is posted at www.Ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth

For details on Senior Centre Without Walls programs, visit https://wellness.welland.ca/seniorsWOW.asp or call us at 905.735.1700 x 4000

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	8	1	2 SCWW	3	4 SCWW
Genio	la la	Seniors Month Flag Raising	Call to Calm 11:00am	Wellness Walks Merritt Island	Guided Meditation 11:15am
MONTH		Civic Square 9:45am	Songs You Love 1:30pm	9:30am	Beginner Yoga 1:00pm
	7 SCWW	8	9 SCWW	10	11 SCWW
STAY SAFE, ACTIVE & CONNECTED FREE SENIOR PROGRAMS ALL MONTH LONG!	Seated Stretches 11:15am	<b>Tai Chi Tuesday</b> Find an virtual	Call to Calm 11:00am	Wellness Walks Rotary Club of Welland Park 9:30am	Guided Meditation 11:15am
	Only Good Things 1:30pm	class and learn the basics. Join us in person next week.	Trivia: Visit Europe 1:00pm		Beginner Yoga 1:00pm
	14 SCWW	15	16 SCWW	17	18 SCWW
	Seated Stretches 10:00am Coffee/Conversation with EAPO 1:00pm	<b>Tai Chi Tuesday</b> Chippawa Park Pavilion #1 10:00am	Call to Calm 11:00am	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30am	Guided Meditation 11:15am
			Songs You Love 1:30pm		Beginner Yoga 1:00pm
	21 SCWW	22	23 SCWW	24	25 SCWW
	Seated Stretches 10:00am	<b>Tai Chi Tuesday</b> Chippawa Park	Call to Calm 11:00am	Wellness Walks WCWC to	Guided Meditation 11:15am
	BounceBack <sup>®</sup> 1:00pm	Pavilion #1 10:00am	Trivia: Visit Niagara 1:30pm	Civic Square 9:30am	Beginner Yoga 1:00pm
	28 SCWW	29	30 SCWW		
WELLAND RECREATION CULTURE 905-735-1700 X 4000 registration@welland.ca	Seated Stretches 10:00am Haiku Workshop 1:30pm	<b>Tai Chi Tuesday</b> Chippawa Park Pavilion #1 10:00am	Call to Calm <u>11:00am</u> Trivia: Canada Day 1:30pm	Must pre-register for Senior Centre Without Walls (SCWW) programs. For more details, visit: wellness.welland.ca/seniorsWOW	