



AJAX Community News

DURHAM For Newcomers+

Immigration Portal

The Durham Immigration Portal is an excellent online tool for those who are new to Durham Region. Whether it's getting an OHIP card, finding housing, registering children in school, or signing up for swimming lessons at the local recreation centre, the Durham Immigration Portal provides newcomers with the local information they need to settle quickly.

The Portal is not just for newcomers, it's also a great tool for people who want to be connected with diversity projects and initiatives happening throughout Durham. The Portal is mobile-friendly, includes a map of local settlement services, and interactive, community-events calendar, is social media-friendly, and through Google Translate, can be translated into dozens of languages.

To ensure you stay up to date with what's happening in Durham, visit durhamimmigration.ca and sign up for news updates, subscribe to The Citizen and follow us on Twitter.



A Word From WELCOME CENTRE Management

Summer Days!

With warm summer days upon us, it is a great time to increase our awareness about healthy, sun-safe practices. The first week of June is **National Sun Awareness Week**. The Durham Region Health Department is here to provide us with **tips** on how we can protect ourselves from overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and from the use of tanning beds, which are the main causes of skin cancer.

For more information call, **1-800-841-2729**.

June is also the month for us to get out and vote. Go to Elections Ontario for more information.

Hermia Corbette

X Elections Ontario Ontario's 42nd General Election - June 7, 2018

Who can vote?

You are eligible to vote in the 2018 General Election if you are:

- at least 18 years old on election day, June 7, 2018.
- a Canadian citizen, and a resident of Ontario.

Who are we voting for?

You are voting for a registered candidate in your electoral district to represent you as a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. There will be 124 MPPs – one for each electoral district in the province. The political party with the most elected MPPs usually forms the new provincial government.

Where do I vote?

If you have registered to vote by **May 29, 2018** you will receive a Voter Information Card (VIC) in the mail before election day. The VIC contains information about when and where you can vote. You can also find your voting location at elections.on.ca.

Voter's Checklist

- Make sure you're registered to vote at elections.on.ca.
- Get your Voter Information Card (VIC) in the mail.
- Check that you have the right ID.
- Learn about your rights, the issues and candidates.
- Choose when, where and how you want to vote.
- Plan how you'll get to the polls. Remember to bring your ID and VIC when you go to vote.

Ajax Summer ESL Classes

Registration on June 6 and 13, 8:30 to 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
CLB 1 to 7 July 3 - August 2, 2018

Monday to Thursday 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Pronunciation CLB 1-3 July 3 - 19, 2018
Test Preparation CLB 4-7 July 3 - 19, 2018

Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Citizenship Preparation July 10 - 12 & 17-19, 2018

Language assessment required! Call, **1-855-330-8655** to make an appointment.



Twenty-two youth graduated from the Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program that was held at the Ajax Welcome Centre. During the ceremony the youth proudly presented their speeches to Mayor Steve Parish, other dignitaries, their parents, family and friends. They showed their potential to be excellent speakers.



Immunization Clinic for All Ages

Meet with a Public Health Nurse from Region Health Department.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

You MUST bring your Immunization Records. If you have questions ask for a "Guide to Vaccinations" (available in multiple language) in the Welcome Centre or call Durham Health Connection Line **1-800-841-2729**.



Ajax Events in June

Switch Skateboard Competition (helmets mandatory)

Youth 6 to 19 years of age.

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Registration begins at noon and competition begins at 1 p.m.

Audley Recreation Centre Skate Park (1955 Audley Rd. N., Ajax), 905-619-2529 ext. 7508.



Ajax Trailfest

Sunday, June 24, 2018. Registration for Ride Ajax with the Mayor and Tour d'Ajax begins at 8:30 a.m.

Family walk/run and stroll begins at 11:30 a.m. McLean Community Centre, 905-619-2529 ext. 7248.



Older Adults/Seniors BBQ (for Ajax residents 55+)

Thursday, June 28, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Park (177 Lake Driveway W., Ajax), 905-619-2529 ext. 7243.



All events listed are **FREE**.



FREE Inside Out Film Festival 2018

Age Restrictions: 7+

Wednesday, June 6 7 p.m.

Regent Theatre Oshawa.

This event is fully accessible with general seating on a first-come, first-served basis. **Inside Out** exist to challenge attitudes and change lives through the promotion, production and exhibition of film and video made by and about lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people of all ages, races and abilities.

Mark Your Calendar!

- June 17 Father's Day
- June 21 Summer begins
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day



Welcome Centre - Ajax

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www.welcomecentre.ca



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

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ON-GOING PROGRAMS

- **Language Assessment:** Available by appointment
- **English Language Classes:** Daily
- **Fully Accessible Resource Centre:** Available daily
- **Job Search Workshops (JSW) - Newcomer Adult Employment Services**
- **Settlement Services:** Appointments available daily
- **DRIVEN Intimate Violence Counselling Services for Women:** Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Toastmasters Public Speaking Club (Adults):** Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Triec Mentoring Partnership:** Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Herizon House: Transitional Housing for Abused Women and Children, Support, Safety Planning and Counselling:** Thursday, May 10, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m and May 24, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Durham Mental Health Services:** Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Service Canada:** Monday, June 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **AIDS Committee of Durham Region (ACDR/BACCO):** Monday, June 18, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Women's Activity Group:** Tuesday, June 5, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Newcomer Garden:** Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre Seniors Program:** Saturday, June 9 and 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about these programs, please ask reception or call: 1-877-761-1155

All immigrant settlement services are free, confidential, and culturally sensitive. Occasional child care is available for some appointments.

Durham Region Canada Day Events

Pickering Canada Day Celebration - Daytime

Sunday, July 1, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Esplanade Park, behind City Hall - One The Esplanade, Pickering. Contact: Community Services at **905-420-4660**

Ajax Canada Day Family Celebration

Sunday, July 1, 2018 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

177 Lake Driveway W, Ajax.

Contact: Poonam Sindhvani at

905-619-2529 x. 7248

