

# **LaSalle Spirit Newsletter**

May 11, 2009

We are coming into a very busy time not only for LaSalle Special Olympics, but the region as a whole. It should be an exciting time for the athletes, as well as the coaches, volunteers and family members.

Our LaSalle Community Council will be having their bi-monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00pm, at the usual spot (WFCU Community Room in the Zehrs Plaza, Malden Road, LaSalle) to discuss a game plan for many of these events. One of these topics will be about a bowling league for our group.

On **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30am to 1:00pm, LaSalle Police officers will be bagging groceries at Zehrs on Malden Road, in LaSalle. Our athletes are being asked to help out! All donations will go to the Provincial Games.

On **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will take place at the Vollmer Complex in LaSalle. Athletes and volunteers are encouraged to come out and participate with the police officers. Torch Run T-shirts are available at a cost of \$25 each. Jim Wright has a sample of the shirt if you want one.

Our club has an entry into the LaSalle Strawberry Festival Parade on **Saturday, June 6, 2009**, at 10:00am, to promote our club to the community. Anyone with ideas, other than simply walking with the banner, is encouraged to contact Tracy Cormier who will be coordinating our group that morning. Her email is [myukon@aol.com](mailto:myukon@aol.com).

A Region 1 coaches meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am to 11:00am, at the Essex Retirees Social Club, 32 Russell Street, in Essex. All of our coaches are encouraged to attend. Competition issues will be discussed, as well as formulating a game plan for a Region 1 track meet, since the school meets are now separate from the club meets.

We are exploring additional track meets and possible baseball tournaments, mainly for the athletes who have qualified for the upcoming provincial games, July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, but other athletes who are practicing in those sports will also have an opportunity to compete as well.

Speaking of the Special Olympics Ontario Summer Provincial Games, everyone is invited to the opening ceremonies on **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm**, at the WFCU arena in Windsor. There is no charge for admission, and it will be fantastic to see.

On the next couple of Monday evenings, Jim Wright will have some blank volunteer forms for those people interested in volunteering some of their time at the Provincial Games. He will also be taking the volunteer's photo at the same time.