

# Eastern Ontario Community Council Connections

## District Developer Update

The nice weather has finally arrived! With a few rain showers here and there, we are off to a good spring! My garden has started to grow and soon Ottawa will be filled with tulips for the Tulip Festival.

I cannot believe how fast last month went by. It is a very busy time for Special Olympics, with Spring Qualifiers, Coaches Meetings, End of Year Celebrations and Awards Dinners. I'm sure you have all been keeping very busy yourselves!

I have had the chance to travel to many of your community meetings and competitions, and I must say that I am really enjoying working with you all! Please keep me in the loop of when meetings are so that I can stop by whenever I can.

If you haven't seen it already, please have a look at the provincial news update. I have attached it to this email.

Please note that I will be moving my home office to Perth for June, July and August. I will still be reachable at the same email and phone number. Also, I will be taking my holidays from June 20 to July 11.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Suzanne ☺

*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer.  
Always remember, you have within you the  
strength, the patience, and the passion to  
reach for the stars to change the world."  
Harriet Tubman*

## Suzanne's Tips of the Month

If you need to request additional insurance for facilities, partners and organizations, the form to use can be found under the FORMS section, on the SOO website. The form is automatically sent in to SOO and certificates will be forwarded upon receipt.

[www.specialolympicsontario.com](http://www.specialolympicsontario.com)

Many of you had the chance to meet Jeannie Skeggs, our Youth Programs Developer, at the regional coaches meetings. If you would like to start a youth program (Active Start, FUNdamentals or a Youth Sport Club) or have ideas for community partnerships that could be developed, please contact Jeannie at:

[JeannieS@specialolympicsontario.com](mailto:JeannieS@specialolympicsontario.com)

## Suzanne's Tasks of the Month

I am asking that all communities please send me your Community Council Meeting Minutes, so that I can stay in the loop!

I am trying very hard to get updated community council contact lists from each community. I have many of them already, but am missing some. If you have a contact list, please send it to me. Otherwise, feel free to use the blank template that I have attached to this email.

I am still missing the corrected Years of Service spreadsheets from a few communities. Please send those to me as soon as possible, so volunteers can receive their awards.

Thanks!!

## News Flash!

A great new tool for volunteer training has been developed by Special Olympics Canada. In partnership with the Toyota Foundation, they have created an online training module for Special Olympics Volunteers.

Please have a look at it, and let us know what you think!

[www.toyotavolunteertrainingdays.ca](http://www.toyotavolunteertrainingdays.ca)

## District Highlights

- Both Regional Coaches Meetings had a great turn out. Everyone is now working on finalizing any last minute competition dates for the Spring Season
- The second part of the Region 7 Swim Qualifier will take place in Arnprior on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Nick Smith Center.
- The Provincial Floor Hockey Championships are fast approaching. From June 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2011, six teams from Eastern Ontario will be competing in Sudbury. Good luck to Brockville, Kingston, Renfrew, Arnprior, Durham and Peterborough!! Coaches, please don't forget to finish your registrations and headshots!!

For More Info on the Provincial Floor Hockey Championships, please visit:

<http://gsps.ca/en/yourpolice/SOFHC.asp>

## Law Enforcement Torch Run!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is coming! Here are the dates for this year's run:

May 16-20: Prescott, Kemptville, Rockland, Hawkesbury, Alexandria, Akwesasne, Cornwall, Long Sault, Morrisburg, Winchester, Thousand Islands, Gananoque, Brockville, Leeds City.

May 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: Belleville, Quinte West, Prince Edward County, Napanee, Stirling, Centre Hastings, Frontenac, Loyalist, Kingston

June 13 - Ottawa

June 14 – Pembroke, Petawawa, Barry's Bay

June 15 - Renfrew, Arnprior

June 16 - Perth, Carleton Place, Merrickville

For more information, please contact:

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## Kudos to...

Many thanks go to Donna Edwards and Myriam Gay, our Regional Coordinators for Region 12 and 7 respectively. They do so much work behind the scenes and it is much appreciated!

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