

## Special Olympics Torch Run returning to Shelburne

The Shelburne Police will once again host the 'Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ontario' on May 22nd.

This is the third year for the event, and this year efforts are being coordinated by officers Paul Neumann and Andrew Fines.

The Run takes place, rain or shine, from Fiddle Park, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Participants for this year's events are encouraged to arrive between 10 ? 10:30 a.m. to register and pick up their run-day T-shirt.

The route ends at Shelburne No Frills, where there will be a free barbecue for all participants and volunteers, followed by an awards presentation.

Registration for the Torch Run is \$25 which includes a T-shirt to be worn at the event, Deadline to register is Friday May 9th.

Note: Participants 15 years and under must have a parent or guardian fill out and sign an additional child school waiver form.

In addition to registering and running, you have the option of further supporting Special Olympics Ontario by collecting pledges, said PC Paul Neumann of Shelburne Police Services. Pledge Forms are available from team coordinators.

Pledge forms and money should be brought with each runner to the Torch Run and handed in at registration or turned in prior to the event to a team coordinator.

The run itself follows a 4km route through downtown Shelburne

(This is) not a race, rather a community effort to support special Olympic Athletes through awareness and raising funds, PC Neumann reminds.

Runners will be escorted by police, fire and an ambulance and a school bus will be following for anyone who needs a break.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Shelburne Law Enforcement Torch Run can contact organizers PC Paul Neumann at 519 925-3312 or pneumann@shelburnepolice.com, or PC Andrew Fines at 519 925-3312 or afines@shelburnepolice.com

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