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## Essex lawyer named justice of the peace

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Retired Essex lawyer Kirk Walstedt was recently named as a justice of the peace by Attorney General Michael Bryant.

Walstedt, who graduated from law school at the University of Windsor in 1989, will be sworn in Nov. 15.

The new position will allow Walstedt to sit in courts for highway traffic and provincial offences. He will also have the power to marry couples in civil ceremonies and work in bail

hearings, among other duties.

"I'm very pleased," Walstedt told the Free Press Nov. 9. "It's a good move."

Walstedt applied for the position a few years ago before retiring from his local practice, Walstedt-Remick.

When notified that he would be approved for the position, Walstedt admits to being a little surprised.

"So much for a rest," he joked.

Walstedt spent nine years as the mayor of Maidstone and 16 years on its council.

## County council to report on EMS

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Essex County Warden Michael Raymond said a report will come from a collective effort on the parts of the administrations and fire services of local municipalities, and presented at the next county council meeting.

He worked as a lawyer for 12 years.

"I just enjoy adjudicating and hearing and deciding on issues," he said. "I enjoy helping people."

## Community Living benefits from race

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"We haven't felt the impact yet," DeSantis said. "How it's going to affect us, I don't know. But the potential impact means we have to be more aggressive with fundraising."

A shortfall in bingo revenues has also affected Community Living, DeSantis added.

"There is a significant amount of dollars that isn't there," he said.

DeSantis said a committee for Jingle Bell Run began planning for the event and gathering sponsorship in late summer.

Last year, approximately 700 people came out and raised \$10,000.

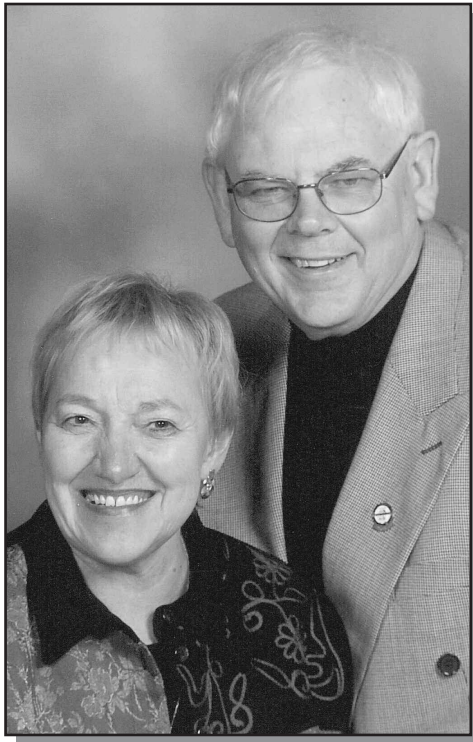
"We have a large contingent of walkers and runners in this county," DeSantis said. "I think people enjoy coming to our event for two reasons: We have a real festive mood and because it's a benefit to our organization."

At the end of the event, which had nearly 600 participants, DeSantis said it looked as if another \$10,000 had been raised for the organization.

Participant George Knechler came in with the fastest time for the 10-kilometre run at just over 37 minutes.

In the five-kilometre run, Gavin Stewart earned the top spot with a time of 19 minutes.

# A BIG THANK YOU!



To you the residents who continue to support me as your councillor. To all candidates from Ward One, I congratulate you on running campaigns with integrity. You gave our residents some quality choices.

Again many thanks,  
*Morley Bowman*

*Jonsey & the Staff  
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Congratulate...*

**RON  
McDERMOTT**  
on winning his second term  
as Mayor of Essex.

*Wishing him & his family all the Best!*



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