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A large crowd was on hand at the Civic Centre on Friday for the official flag raising signalling the arrival of Community Living Month in Ontario. Seen here, from left: Ralph Sawyers, Chad Sauve, Coun. Michael Bondy, Community Living board member Dorothy Cook, Mayor Randy Hope and Lu-Ann Cowell, executive director of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

## Special events being held for Community Living Month

### Chatham This Week

A large crowd was on hand at the Civic Centre Friday as Community Living Month was officially ushered in with a flag raising ceremony.

Mayor Randy Hope was on hand, along with his assistant Chad Sauve, who is supported by Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Hope welcomed those in attendance and congratulated the organization on its work in the community.

Several special events

are planned for this month, including Community Living Colours, an art show at the Chatham Library featuring the work of 60 gifted artists who have an intellectual disability. Their work can be seen at the library this week.

Free dessert is also being provided to patrons at the Parkfield Restaurant until this Friday. The RESPECT Tour 2011 will share its anti-bullying message with some local schools from May 16 to 27.

As well, customers at participating stores on the afternoon

of May 19 will receive a reusable bag with their groceries, while supplies last.

Those stores include Chatham Sobey's, Dean & Barb's No Frills in Chatham, Ridgetown Foodland, Tilbury Foodland and Blenheim Sobey's.

Community Living Chatham-Kent provides support and services for more than 550 people who have an intellectual disability in Chatham-Kent. More information is available online at [www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca).