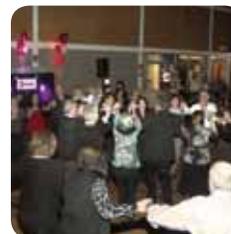




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Year in



Review



Mayor's Message Anthony Housefather

Between the proposals of the Parti Québécois minority government to amend the Charter of the French Language in ways that would deeply impact this municipality and the allegations that have come out at the Charbonneau Commission, this has been a frustrating and disturbing fall season. I want to advise you of the steps I am taking to oppose the PQ's Bill 14 and the steps the City Council and I and our staff have taken over a multi-year period to ensure that our city has the checks and balances in place to ensure that what you are hearing happens in some other cities does not happen in Côte Saint-Luc.

First, as many of you have read or heard on the news, Bill 14 proposes to allow the Quebec government and its agencies to revoke the bilingual status of municipalities if a majority of their population is not mother tongue English-speaking

according to the census. This could impact more than half of the municipalities in Quebec that have bilingual status today, including Côte Saint-Luc.

In 1977, the criteria to receive bilingual status was 50 percent non-francophone. According to that criteria, Côte Saint-Luc would have no issues as today we are 82 percent non-francophone according to the 2011 census. However in 2000, when adopting the forced merger legislation, the PQ changed that rule to 50 percent mother tongue English-speaking. This is the narrowest possible way to define the English-speaking community. More common ways to define a community are first language spoken at home or first official language spoken. Using this broader definition, Côte Saint-Luc is 70 percent or so English speaking, 20 percent French speaking and 10 percent other. But when it comes to mother tongue, many of our residents have listed Yiddish or Hebrew or Italian or

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Romanian or Russian as their first language. As a result, it appears we are below 50 percent English mother tongue in the census (although the people in our largely English-speaking seniors homes and hospitals were not counted in this number). This would not have been an issue under the current law since only a resolution of the local council asking the status be removed can cause us to lose bilingual status. Since 1977 no city has ever requested that their status be removed.

However the PQ is proposing to modify the law in Bill 14 to allow the government and its agencies to revoke the status using certain criteria. This is grossly unfair and for any municipality that lost its status it would no longer be able to erect signage in both French and English, no longer be able to issue communications bilingually and would need to communicate internally only in French. When I saw the draft of the law I resolved to fight this not only on behalf of the residents of our own city but on behalf of residents of all bilingual communities across Quebec who are similarly threatened. I am working with our City Council and mayors and councillors across the island of Montreal and in other locations in the province on strategies to oppose this law.

Since the Liberals and Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ) together have a majority of seats in the legislature, all they need to do is join together to defeat Bill 14. I encourage all of you to e-mail the Liberal and CAQ caucus on this issue and you can visit www.cotesaintluc.org to obtain the e-mail addresses of these MNAs. I want to point out that everyone I have spoken with thus far in our community, both French speaking and English speaking, opposes this measure and for good reason. We are already the only jurisdiction in the world where the minority needs to be the majority to allow a municipality to serve its residents equally in both official languages of the country. We need to stand together whatever our language and ethnicity to ensure that our city and all other bilingual communities in Quebec retain the right to serve our residents equally.

When it comes to the Charbonneau Commission let me assure you I am equally disgusted and disappointed in what I am hearing about what some elected officials and civil servants and contractors have done. In my other life, I am an attorney and in addition to being General Counsel of a multinational public company, I am also the Chief Compliance Officer. As such, making sure we have policies and procedures to prevent corruption are close to my heart. As opposed to almost any municipalities our size, the City of Côte Saint-Luc has three lawyers on staff that also run our purchasing department. I have worked closely with them together with Councillors Dida Berku and Mitchell Brownstein who are also attorneys to put policies, procedures and practices in place in our city that put all necessary checks and balances in place. You can read more about this on page 5 in an article from our General Counsel and Director of Purchasing.

As a community, we are getting younger on average (see page 3). Census data released this year shows the trend that started in 2001 has continued making Côte Saint-Luc one of the few places in Canada where the average age is decreasing. More kids means the city needs to provide the services parents need, such as playgrounds, swimming lessons, safe streets, and access to low-cost public schools. Since 2006, we have lobbied the English Montreal School Board to re-open a mainstream high school. I am pleased to serve on an EMSB committee working on this project. It is the view of the entire council that our residents should have as many options as possible when it comes to educating their children. This includes the many fine private school options both secular and religious, and public school options. The lack of a public high school option in Côte Saint-Luc is inherently unfair as our residents pay school taxes at the same level as everyone else on the island. Fortunately after much lobbying, the EMSB is planning on launching a public high school at the Palatucci Centre (Wagar) in September 2014 (see page 3). If your kids are in grade 5 today and you are interested in a local public school, visit www.emsb.qc.ca/newhigh to learn more and be sure to get a spot in the new grade 7 class.

Côte Saint-Luc also has new housing stock with the CentrePointe development at the Cavendish Mall site, and the townhouse development on Marc Chagall. In all, 138 new homes are in the process of being built, not including the condominium across from the mall tower on The Avenue (see page 7).

I am very proud of the way we have served residents since 2006 and we will continue to do so. I'm especially excited by the renewal going on in our municipality. Please take a few moments to peruse the rest of the newspaper to get a sense of all the wonderful things going on in the city.

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Census shows Côte Saint-Luc getting younger

Demographic data released from the 2011 census showed that the median age of Côte Saint-Luc residents fell between 2006 and 2011, making the city one of the few communities in Canada to be getting younger.

"We have launched programs to attract younger singles and families to Côte Saint-Luc," Mayor Anthony Housefather said. "I expect our median age to continue to drop until it is about the same as other communities on the island of Montreal."

According to the data released by Statistics Canada on May 29, the median age in Côte Saint-Luc is 46.2, which is almost three years younger than it was in 2006, when the median age was 49. This follows a previous



Stephan Znaty, Maggy Chetrit and their three children

drop in median age between 2001 and 2006 from 50.5 to 49.

The number of children in Côte Saint-Luc ages 0 to 9 rose by 16 percent between 2006 and 2011—from 3,015 to 3,585—and there was significant growth in every age segment below age 40.

Since 2006, Côte Saint-Luc has invested in indoor pools, a teen centre, water-play areas in parks, new playground equipment, more library and recreation programs for children and teens, and a dramatic society. Also, the city approved residential developments at the Cavendish Mall site and on Marc Chagall Ave. with townhouses and other dwellings attractive to younger families.

New public high school in 2014

On October 31, the English Montreal School Board confirmed that it plans to open a new high school at the former Wagar High School building on Parkhaven Ave. for the 2014 to 2015 academic year.

The announcement follows several years of lobbying by the City of Côte Saint-Luc to re-establish a mainstream public high school with specialized programs, such as a sports concentration, and heritage language programs in Italian and Hebrew.

"We have some fine private high schools in Côte Saint-Luc but private schools are expensive and not everyone can afford the tuition or wishes to send their children through the private system," Mayor Anthony Housefather said. "We believe that Côte Saint-Luc and nearby residents will benefit from an excellent public school close to their homes."

The EMSB will hold a public information meeting for parents in spring 2013. It announced it will open the school if a critical mass of students register.

Wagar High School was open from 1963 to 2005. The school was named after Roy Wagar, a school board official who passed away a year before the school opened. The school board received more than 700 votes for different school names during an online poll at www.NameTheSchool.com.



Teen Lounge launched



The Côte Saint-Luc Teen Lounge was launched in October 2012 for tweens and teens ages 10 to 17 as a place to drop in and go on group excursions, all supervised by an animator.

Located at the Aquatic and Community Centre, the Teen Lounge includes Xbox, PS3 and Wii game consoles, a 60-inch television, and comfy seating. The adjacent games room is all open to tweens and teens and includes a billiard table, air hockey table, and more. Admittance is free for Fun Card holders or a daily fee of \$3 for everyone else. The teen program includes activities, and outings such as go-karting, La Ronde, and movie nights. For more information visit www.CoteSaintLuc.org/TeenLounge or www.facebook.com/teenlounge.

Improving transportation to the hospital district

The City of Côte Saint-Luc and the Jewish General Hospital want to improve public transit for patients, caregivers and workers travelling to the Côte-des-Neiges hospital district.

The first step is to survey people about how they move between their home and hospital or medical clinic, and gauge interest for an additional public transit option. The city and the hospital will then request that the STM transit authority launch a shuttle-type service.

“We think a new shuttle service will appeal to hospital workers and hospital users who either don’t drive, who have difficulty finding parking spaces, or who can’t afford frequent taxi service,” said Councillor Glenn J. Nashen,

who is also the Director of Public Affairs and Communications at the Jewish General Hospital.

In the past few years, Côte Saint-Luc has introduced new bicycle paths and supported a plan by the STM to launch route 262 Gold Shuttle from Côte Saint-Luc to Montreal West and the Carrefour Angrignon mall.

“We are trying to get more public transit options for our residents,” said Councillor Dida Berku, who is also responsible for environmental issues. “Many of our residents are doctors and nurses who work in the hospital district, or patients and caregivers who need to travel there. We’re responding to what we believe is a real need.”



The survey was announced at a press conference in September.

If you travel to and from the hospital district regularly, please complete the survey at www.CoteSaintLuc.org/HospitalSurvey. You can also complete a paper survey available at both branches of the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library.



Cavendish link delayed after Montreal pulls the plug

Only six months after announcing the Blue Bonnets agreement, which included the funding for the Cavendish Blvd. road extension project, the City of Montreal reneged on its undertaking in September and put the project on the back burner.

In March 2012, the City of Montreal and the Quebec government signed an agreement to transfer the Blue Bonnets race track land to Montreal. One of the conditions of the transfer was an undertaking by Montreal to set aside \$44 million for phase 1 of the Cavendish Blvd. road extension project in its three-year capital works budget. This agreement was ratified by the unanimous vote of the Montreal City Council on March 26, 2012.

In spite of these conditions, Montreal withdrew the Cavendish Blvd. road extension project from the three-year capital works budget for 2013-2015, which was adopted in September.

“Côte Saint-Luc has worked very hard with our neighbouring cities and boroughs to convince Montreal that the Cavendish extension be made a priority,” Mayor

Anthony Housefather said. “We worked with the local Liberal MNAs to find means of funding the project and over the last six months the announcements related to the Blue Bonnets site had pushed the project forward. By removing the \$44 million from its capital works budget, Montreal reversed commitments it made only months ago. We very much hope that the new administration in the City of Montreal will reverse course and put this back on track.”

Mayor Housefather and TMR Mayor Philippe Roy have written to the new Minister of Transport on behalf of the Association of Suburban Municipalities asking for a meeting on this issue.

Copies of the Blue Bonnets agreement, the 2012-2014 capital works budget, and a press release from the City of Montreal announcing the commitment to build the Cavendish Blvd. road extension project are available at www.CoteSaintLuc.org/CavendishExtension.



In municipalities we trust

Cheri Bell

General Counsel and Director of Purchasing

A huge and unfolding news story this year in Quebec has been the Charbonneau Commission into allegations of corruption, collusion and influence-peddling in municipal contracts, particularly relating to construction projects in the cities of Montreal and Laval. This has led to unprecedented resignations by the mayors of Montreal and Laval, as well as multiplying allegations against municipal and provincial elected officials and staff. The Charbonneau spotlight has also produced a gnawing spillover effect, as residents of other municipalities want to ensure that their cities have better practices than the ones they are reading about in the news.

As General Counsel and Director of Purchasing for the City of Côte Saint-Luc, I want to assure you that our mayor and councillors, and city staff are committed to high ethical standards. With three lawyers on council—including the mayor—and three lawyers on staff, we have legal reviews and contractual procedures and practices that go well beyond pretty much any city our size in Quebec. We also continue to institute improvements and the City Council

and Purchasing Department have proactively instituted checks and balances to eliminate the opportunity for corruption.

These checks and balances take many forms, such as new codes of ethics and good conduct for the City Council and employees. These codes establish guidelines for dealing responsibly, ethically, fairly and transparently with suppliers, and vice-versa, and for avoiding situations of conflict of interest. Côte Saint-Luc also adopted a whistleblower policy that empowers staff to confidentially report any financial misconduct or other misdeeds they may witness. Importantly, Côte Saint-Luc has also initiated strict purchasing/contracting/tendering rules to ensure that our spending standards remain legally and ethically compliant. Furthermore, the City Council and municipal staff receive regular legal and ethical dos and don'ts training.

Other concrete examples that differentiate us from many other cities are: (1) our delegated authority rules, and (2) our change order procedure. Regarding delegated authority, the law permits

municipalities to adopt a by-law to allow management staff to approve spending up to limits pre-determined by its municipal council. This exists because it would be impossible to operate a city without it, waiting for approval of every expenditure at the next public council meeting. However, Côte Saint-Luc's by-law establishing the permitted limits for delegated authority are relatively low so council continues to keep a close watch on city spending.

Regarding our change order procedure, the aim is to prevent suppliers from bidding low just to get the project and then pushing through change order after change order, once they are awarded the contract. Our procedure makes our suppliers and project managers accountable for all change order decisions, to ensure that they are bona fide, documented, disclosed, and properly approved in accordance with the law. In addition, our procedure requires that approvals for change orders must come from both the legal department and the mayor and another councillor, and any change order more than \$10,000 must be submitted to a public meeting and ratified by City Council.

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The policies and training that Côte Saint-Luc has put into action are meant to provide and constitute a living, breathing framework to ensure that we continue to adapt to changing laws and circumstances, and strive to be a model of ethical municipal conduct. This framework also helps to promote the level of transparency and accountability required of city officers to prevent instances of corruption in our municipal contracting system. In fact, these checks and balances count amongst the best practices that Côte Saint-Luc works to implement every day.

Annual road and aqueduct improvements

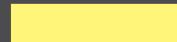
In 2012, Côte Saint-Luc invested \$2.2 million in road resurfacing and \$2.1 million in underground aqueduct repairs, as part of its annual repair to city infrastructure.

The majority of aqueduct repairs are paid for by funds from the Government of Canada Gas Tax Fund and the Quebec government's Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec (TECQ). The repairs to the

underground pipes are expected to last for the next 50 years and will help prevent the loss of water through leaks and unexpected breaks.

"Côte Saint-Luc has prioritized capital works projects where we get money back from the governments of Canada or Quebec," said District 4 Councillor Steven Erdelyi, who is also responsible for public works issues. "Not only do we save money on the project, we are also saving money in the long term by preventing water main breaks."

The roads resurfaced in 2012 included parts of Kingsley Rd., MacDonald Ave., Merton Ave., Palmer Ave., and Parkhaven Rd. Aqueducts were repaired under parts of Conklin Rd., Cranbrooke Ave., Côte Saint-Luc Rd., Eldridge Ave., Glencrest Ave., Smart Ave., Wavell Rd., and Westbrooke Rd.



New cafés at the ACC and library



Café Aqua owner Marco Trinchini is passionate about the food he serves. [photo: Cristian Vasile]

The Café Aqua was launched in August 2012 at the Aquatic and Community Centre (5794 Parkhaven Ave.). Owner Marco Trinchini created a delicious menu of sandwiches, pizza and other foods to enjoy.

“The flagship items on our menu are the thin crust pizza, the chicken ciabatta subs, the tuna salad, the double chocolate cake and espresso coffees,” Trinchini said. “People who taste our pizza for the first time can’t believe how good it is. The bottom is crunchy, the inside is moist and we use a mix of sauces and oil. It’s cooked in a special oven that contains the heat better.”



[photo: Cristian Vasile]

The café is open every day from 10:30 am to 6 pm, or often later. During the holidays, the hours will be reduced to 11 am to 3 pm.

The Eco Café opened at the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library in January 2012. The bright room includes vending machines and a coffee/tea/hot chocolate maker. There are seats for more than a dozen people, a community notice board, and information about ecological issues. The Eco Café also hosts the meetings of the Côte Saint-Luc Eco-Action Committee.

Fruits and veggies at a reduced cost

Residents of the City of Côte Saint-Luc can now order the Good Food Box, which contains affordable fruits and vegetables delivered to a pick-up location every two weeks. The program is organized by Moisson Montréal. The CSSS Cavendish and Côte Saint-Luc joined forces to bring it to our area in May 2012 during a pilot project for seniors. It expanded to all residents in September.

For \$7, \$10, or \$16, people can buy a bag of fruits and vegetables. The pick-up spot in our area is the Aquatic and Community Centre. To register, call the CSSS Cavendish at 514-484-7878 ext. 1501.



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Innovation in Côte Saint-Luc

Tanya Abramovitch
City Manager



Cities are fast-changing entities. Every day, new technologies and ways of doing things emerge. On a global scale we are a small city, but we nonetheless have to keep pace with these trends in order to be nimble and better serve our residents.

It begins with the staff. This year, we created a program called City University to ensure that our employees consistently upgrade their skills in a myriad of domains. Not only will we be collectively more adaptive and efficient, service quality will improve.

We are already working on bringing urban agriculture to Côte Saint-Luc in 2013, a phenomenon that is sweeping across the world. Veggies will sprout up all over the city, starting with City Hall. Behind the library/City Hall complex will be a demonstration garden, where hands-on gardening programs for all ages will occur. We'll also be creating new community gardens and planting orchard trees around town.



**The city's
e-mail is
now powered
by Google.**

On the tech front, the city has a mobile website that was put into place this past year, and there is a new mobile app for the library. We are looking into other apps and cloud-computing options as well, all to make our lives easier, and yours, too. The city's e-mail is now powered by Google, for example.

Municipalities are not known for being innovative and we seek to buck that trend. We want to make Côte Saint-Luc a thriving place in every sense of that term, and we will do so by embracing the future.



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Re-developing Côte Saint-Luc

The Cavendish residential re-development project and the Marc Chagall townhouse project were launched in 2012 and will add 138 new homes to the City of Côte Saint-Luc when complete.

"The Cavendish project has progressed nicely and the Marc Chagall project is complete, and it is encouraging to see how many families are choosing to move here," said District 8 Councillor Ruth Kovac, who is also responsible for city planning. "It was priority for the city to ensure that any new development include townhouses for young families."

Les Cours Marc Chagall is a townhouse complex with 21 units on Marc Chagall Ave. The project developers are Gerald Issenman and David Brown. The CentrePointe development (pictured below) on the site of the southern half of Cavendish Mall includes 68 townhouses, 18 semi-detached, and 31 single-family homes. An additional 55 units are planned in the six-storey Le Murano mixed-use condominium, which faces the existing Cavendish Mall (Quartier Cavendish) tower. The street level of the building is zoned for commercial use, specifically for a restaurant, café or something of that nature.

Three new streets have been created at the CentrePointe development including The Avenue, Park Place, and Jubilee Rd., increasing the total number of streets in Côte Saint-Luc to 148.

"The Avenue refers to the fact that this new street will be a kind of main street," said District 2 Councillor Mike Cohen, who is also responsible for communications and corporate identity. "Park Place refers to the fact that there are large green-spaces at either end of the street. Jubilee Rd. honours Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, which took place in 2012."



Sidney Margles volunteer of the year



Sidney Margles, fourth from the left, was presented the Edward J. Kirwan Trophy in September.

The City of Côte Saint-Luc awarded its volunteer of the year award for 2012 to former radio news broadcaster and business executive **Sidney Margles** in September.

Margles, who was a councillor in Town of Mount Royal for 12 years, has lived in Côte Saint-Luc since 2005 and has become actively involved in the local community. He currently is serving his second two-year term as president of the Côte Saint-Luc Men's Club. He was also among the first volunteers in the city's vCOP neighbourhood-watch-on-wheels program in 2006. During the planning and construction of the Aquatic and Community Centre, Margles shared his knowledge and experience in helping improve the space.

Côte Saint-Luc awards the Edward J. Kirwan Trophy to volunteers who have made an exceptional contribution to the Parks and Recreation programs. The award is on display at the Aquatic and Community Centre.

UMQ honours Councillor Levine



Councillor Allan Levine and Éric Forest, president of the UMQ and mayor of Rimouski.

The Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) honoured **Councillor Allan J. Levine** for 20-plus years as a city councillor in May 2012. The *Homage aux 20 ans* event was held in Gatineau, Quebec. Councillor Levine has been involved in Côte Saint-Luc as early as 1967, when he started teaching at Wagar High School. He was first elected to the City Council in 1986.

David Taveroff receives Hockey Canada award

Parks and Recreation Director **David Taveroff** was honoured by Hockey Canada in May 2012 for outstanding contribution to officiating at the branch and national levels.

The award recognizes a 40-year career officiating hockey from the local to international levels, and Taveroff's work as a mentor, instructor and supervisor helping in the development of hockey officials. Taveroff continues to work in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League where he is the most senior official, with more than 1,000 games. He is also a National Hockey League video replay judge at Montreal Canadiens home games.



Long-time NHL referee Don Koharski helped present the award to David Taveroff.

Diamond Jubilee Medals awarded

District 3 Councillor **Dida Berku** received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in May in recognition of her community service and her initiatives in helping preserve the natural environment. The medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. It is intended to honour individuals who have given selflessly in service of their communities.

Councillor Berku first got involved in municipal politics as a young law student at McGill University in 1974. She and her fellow activists successfully prevented the demolition of historic mansions and other heritage buildings in the Golden Square Mile, which kick-started the preservation movement in Montreal. Throughout her legal practice and municipal career, she has defended the principles of heritage preservation, tenants' rights and the protection of green space, including the Meadowbrook golf course in western Côte Saint-Luc.



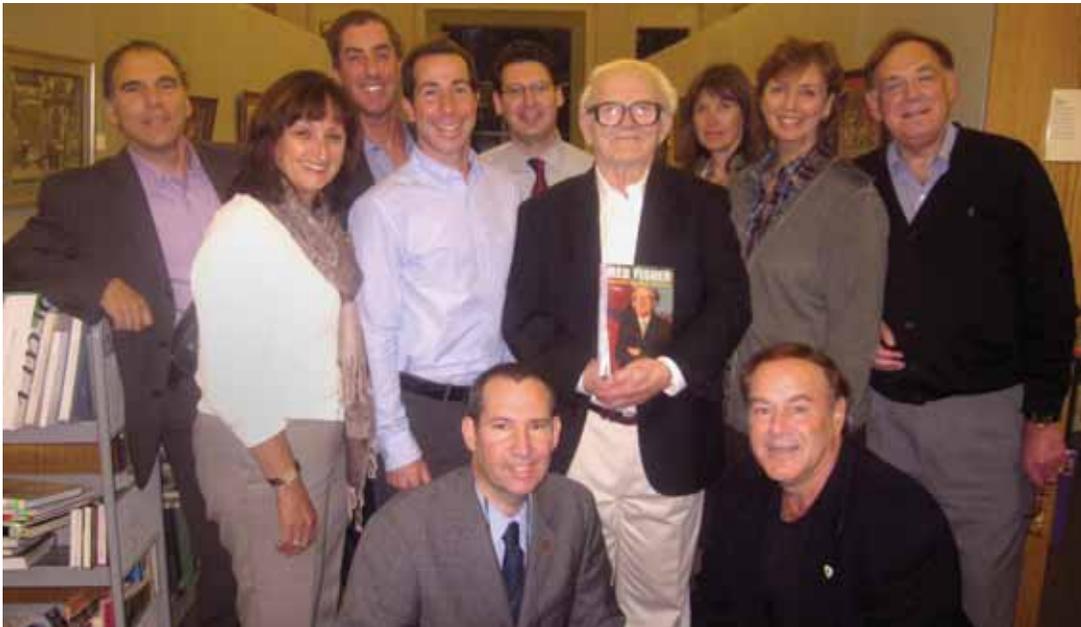
Jordy Reichson

Councillor Dida Berku

Jordy Reichson, the Côte Saint-Luc Director of Public Safety, was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in December 2012. Reichson has been a volunteer in first response for 20 years including at St. John Ambulance where he rose to the position of Regional Director and at Côte Saint-Luc Emergency Medical Services (EMS), eventually becoming Director of Public Safety, which includes EMS. Reichson has also volunteered at the Canadian Ski Patrol and Federation CJA. Reichson lives in Côte Saint-Luc.

Sheldon Goldberg also was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in December 2012. He's an active EMS volunteer and the Section Chief of Strategic Planning. He joined the first responder service in 1987. He is also a founding member and director of Hatzolah Montreal, a volunteer medical first responder service that caters to the specific needs of the Orthodox Jewish community.

Honouring Red Fisher



Côte Saint-Luc honoured legendary hockey writer **Red Fisher** by naming the sports section in the library's non-fiction collection after him in September. Fisher has lived in Côte Saint-Luc for 56 years and has covered the Montreal Canadiens hockey team for 58 years. He retired from *The Gazette* in 2012.



The passing of James Sharkey



James Sharkey and former Mayor Bernard Lang at a 1986 ceremony honouring 20 years of service.

Former Côte Saint-Luc Fire Chief and Director of Public Security James Sharkey passed away on September 6, 2012 at his home in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

Sharkey started his career with the Côte Saint-Luc Police Department, which was also responsible for firefighting. In 1972, when the Montreal Urban Community was formed, police no longer performed firefighting duties and Sharkey decided to become a full-time firefighter.

When he retired from the fire department in 2000 as fire chief, he said that one of the largest fires he ever fought involved a propane tank explosion in the 1960s at a plant that recycled oil on Clanranald Ave.

He also cited the flood of July 1987 and the ice storm of January 1998 as major events in his time at the fire department.

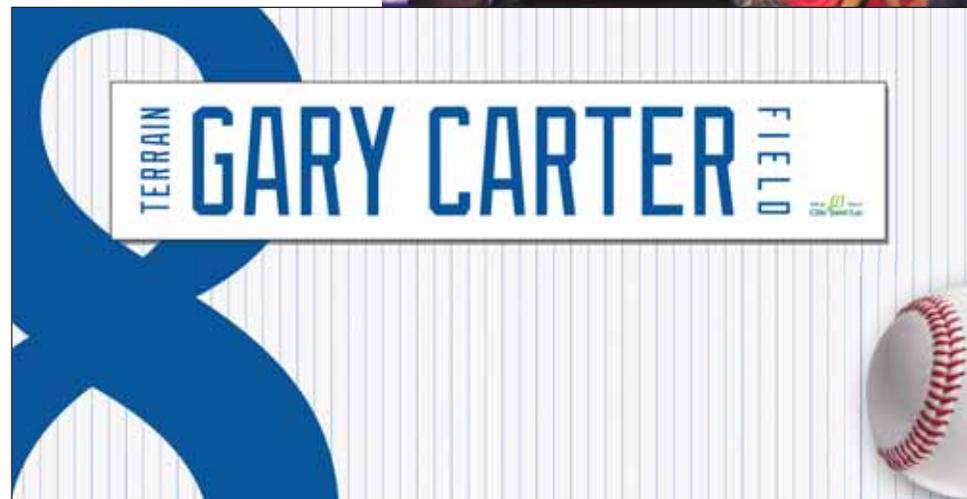
City honours the late Gary Carter

The City of Côte Saint-Luc renamed its main baseball field in honour of former Montreal Expos Hall of Fame catcher Gary Carter, who passed away in February 2012.

Flanked by former Montreal Expo Warren Cromartie, John Elias, Annakin Slayd, Tanya Abramovitch and members of the City Council, Mayor Anthony Housefather unveiled the sign design for Gary Carter Field on Canada Day 2012 at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park in front of 1,000 people. The mayor also showed a video with messages to the crowd from former Expos Andre Dawson, Tim Lincecum, Ellis Valentine, Jim Fanning, Bryn Smith, Rodney Scott and Rowland Office.

Carter played in Montreal from 1974 to 1984, and for his final season in 1992. He was a frequent guest at the Grand Slam Baseball School in Côte Saint-Luc and made many connections to the local community.

Video from the naming ceremony was streamed live over the Internet, the first time the city has done so. Video from the event is available at www.CoteSaintLuc.org/GaryCarter.



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The CSL Fun Card is a pass that gives residents unlimited admission for one year to a variety of drop-in activities at many city facilities, including:

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Public skating at the Samuel Moskovitch Arena

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Gardeners licences

The City of Côte Saint-Luc now requires gardeners and snow removal contractors to buy a licence to work in the city. The licence costs \$125 and must be renewed every year. The goal of By-law 2390, which was adopted in May 2012, is to have better control and information about the companies working for residents. This helps ensure that only authorized contractors can, for instance, drop-off garden waste at the Public Works Yard. It will also help the city identify contractors who improperly push snow from private properties onto city streets and sidewalks, which disrupts pedestrians and forces the city to clear those areas a second time.

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Authorized
gardener
or snow
contractor

Clearing the air at public events and playgrounds

The City of Côte Saint-Luc adopted By-law 2374 in February 2012 to update prohibitions on smoking in public places, continuing the city's long-time leadership on this health and safety issue.

The new by-law adds additional prohibitions against smoking:

- 1** within 20 meters of any playground, splash pool, or sports activity
- 2** in all municipal parks during a special event
- 3** at all municipal outdoor pools



A copy of the by-law is available at CoteSaintLuc.org.

Brown bin exchange

The City of Côte Saint-Luc started replacing all the large brown bins in the city in 2012, many of which were damaged due to a defect in the product. The city received 4,500 bins at no charge from the manufacturer and replaced about 2,700 between May and November. Public Works staff simply switch the old bin for a new one, if it is accessible outside. If the brown bin is kept in the resident's garage, the city telephones the resident to ask that they place it outside.



Organic waste collection in townhouses

The newest townhouses in Côte Saint-Luc were also the first to receive organic waste collection service as part of a pilot project before expanding to all townhouses in the coming year or so. Residents at the new townhouses on Marc Chagall Ave. (pictured below) and at the CentrePointe development on Kellert Ave. have received kitchen collectors with several communal brown bins in the waste room. The organic waste is collected once a week. This initiative and others to help promote recycling and organic waste collection have helped increase the amount of organic waste collected from January to September 2012 from 768 metric tonnes to 810 metric tonnes, an increase of 5.5 percent versus the same period the year before.



Licences for cats

Outdoor cats in the City of Côte Saint-Luc now need a cat licence following By-law 2394 that came into effect on November 1, 2012. Owners of outdoor cats must have them registered at City Hall and obtain a cat identification tag, provide relevant information required to process the registration of the cat, and produce a certificate from their veterinarian stipulating that the cat has

been spayed or neutered, provided the cat is six months or older. The annual registration fee is \$10 for an outdoor cat that is spayed or neutered and that bears a microchip or a tattoo, \$15 for an outdoor cat that is spayed or neutered, but does not bear a microchip or tattoo, and \$20 for an outdoor cat that is not spayed or neutered as a result of a medical exemption. The latter al-

ludes to a feline 10 calendar years or older or one that has a medical exemption from the veterinarian attesting to the fact that it cannot be spayed or neutered. For the initial registration period, the cat identification tags will be valid until June 30, 2014. For more information call 514-485-6800 ext. CATS or visit www.CoteSaintLuc.org/Cats.

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A concert for the cats

A benefit concert in August by the Musicians of the World Orchestra raised \$2,500 for the Côte Saint-Luc Cats Committee and Educhat, which launched a trap-neuter-and-release program in the city in 2011.

The orchestra, conducted by Joseph Milo, performed music from the Broadway show *Cats* and other musicals. Soprano Jennifer Pyra also performed, as did Côte Saint-Luc resident and avid cat committee member Alexandra Cohen.

Cat committee volunteers trap feral cats, have them sterilized, and then adopted or returned to the spot where they were originally found. The committee has also rescued a number of baby kittens and found homes for them.

To learn more about the Côte Saint-Luc Cats Committee, including how to volunteer or donate funds, visit www.CoteSaintLuc.org/Cats. You can watch the concert at www.vimeo.com/channels/csltv.



Saving the Mount Royal riding

The City of Côte Saint-Luc wants to keep its entire territory in the Mount Royal electoral district, or riding, and argued its case to a federal commission studying proposed changes in November.

“Currently, all of Côte Saint-Luc falls within the Mount Royal riding and our federal representatives have always taken great interest in our initiatives and have been strong advocates for our residents,” Mayor Anthony Housefather said. “We fear that splitting up Côte Saint-Luc into two ridings will diminish our ability to influence our member of parliament on matters of concern to the municipality.”

Under the current proposal, most of Côte Saint-Luc would continue to be part of the Mount Royal riding, which the Commission proposed to rename John-Peters-

Humphrey. A small part in south-western Côte Saint-Luc would fall within the Wilder-Penfield riding.

Mayor Housefather presented the city position on November 9 during public hearings to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Quebec. Côte Saint-Luc also urged the Commission to maintain the existing character of the current boundaries, which includes areas with a connection to Côte Saint-Luc, such as the Town of Hampstead, the Snowdon/Côte des Neiges area, and the Town of Mount Royal. It also argued that the historic name of the riding, Mount Royal, should not be lost given its long history and wide name recognition across Canada. A copy of the brief is available at www.CoteSaintLuc.org/PublicDocuments.



The existing (above) and proposed (below) territories of the Mount Royal riding.



Bulky Waste Wednesdays

a **new** service

**Côte Saint-Luc Public Works
will collect up to three bulky
waste items from your home for
free every Wednesday, starting
December 5, 2012.**

Note: Refrigerator doors must be removed before placing at the curb.

Dramatic Society struts its stuff in 2012



The cast of Norm Foster's *Office Hours*.

The Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society put on two productions in 2012 to sold-out houses. It performed the musical *Grease* in January and Norm Foster's *Office Hours*, a dark comedy, in April.

District 7 Councillor Mitchell Brownstein was the driving force behind bringing community theatre to Côte Saint-Luc. He helped recruit director Anisa Cameron,

musical director Nick Burgess and a host of talented actors and production volunteers, including first-time actor Mayor Anthony Housefather, District 1 Councillor Sam Goldbloom, and his own brother Herbert Brownstein, who is also a city councillor in the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux.

Learn more about the Dramatic Society at www.csldramaticsociety.com.

The Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society presents



fiddler
on the Roof

May 23 to June 9, 2013

www.csldramaticsociety.com

Imagination Park opens



The playground equipment at Imagination Park is a first-of-its-kind in Côte Saint-Luc, with lights and sounds designed to attract tweens and teens and more than a few adults.

Côte Saint-Luc launched its newest park on August 19. Located adjacent to the Aquatic and Community Centre at 5794 Parkhaven Ave., the park was designed using the principles of placemaking.

“We wanted this new park to become a destination for residents,” said District 7 Councillor Mitchell Brownstein, who is also responsible for parks and recreation issues. “People will be drawn to the park because of special touches such as the fire pit and because it is connected to the new Café Aqua, the Parkhaven Outdoor Pool and the Aquatic and Community Centre.”

The park includes play equipment, urban furniture, picnic tables, a fire pit, LED lighting and more. Imagination Park also includes computer-enhanced playground equipment on top of a rubber surface, an open space for gatherings, and a terrace.

Imagination Park can be accessed via Trinity Ave., Glenarden Ave., Fairside Ave., Melling Ave., or through the atrium of the Aquatic and Community Centre.

CSL aquatics making waves

In just a little more than a year, Côte Saint-Luc aquatics teams have impressed with winning performances and by hosting four major events.

The Côte Saint-Luc Sharks swim team was named the most improved team at the Northshore Aquatic Association, or NAA, which includes teams from 19 pools in the west end and West Island. With the addition of swimmers from the Sharks, the Lac St-Louis region of Quebec now has more active

registrants who compete at swimming events than any other region.

Masters swimming coach and Manager of Aquatics **Martin Levine** was named coach of the year by the Fédération de natation du Québec (FNQ), among the 500 coaches whose teams participate in the swimming association. Congratulations also to **Roberto Figueroa** (national champion and three-time masters provincial champion), **Ilka Lowensteyn** (seven-

time masters provincial champion), **Colleen Nelson** (two-time masters provincial champion), **Pilar Avrith** (masters provincial champion) and **Anthony Housefather** (masters provincial champion). Also, congratulations to **Ilka Lowensteyn** for seven top 10 masters world rankings, and **Martin Levine** for a top 10 masters world ranking.

Côte Saint-Luc hosted the Winter Swimming Festival in February, the Lac St-Louis Region competition in April, the

provincial water polo championships for under 14 in May, and three NAA outdoor swim meets against Briarwood, Valleycrest and the Town of Mount Royal during the summer.

To learn more about Côte Saint-Luc aquatics or to join a team, contact Heather Birenbaum at **514-485-6806, ext. 2233** or hbirenbaum@cotesaintluc.org.

Strong performances on the ice



Charlotte Dumaine (far left) and her fellow figure skaters in the Intermediate/Senior group.

The Côte Saint-Luc Figure Skating Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012, highlighted by an exhibition at the Winter Carnival in February. Club member **Charlotte Dumaine** shined this year with a silver medal in the novice ladies category at the Georges Éthier provincial competition in September in Shawinigan, an 8th place finish (out of 80) in the short program and 13th place overall at the provincial tournament in Sherbrooke. She finished second (out of 20) in the short program and third of 20 overall at the Maurice Richard Competition.



The Midget CC Westluc Kings won the Outaouais Des Collines tournament.

Hockey championships

Among single letter teams, the Côte Saint-Luc Midget B Canucks won the EHL Regular Season Championship and the Lac St-Louis Regional Championship. The Bantam A Canucks were EHL playoff finalists. Among double letter teams, the Bantam CC Kings won the regular season championship, the St. André Avellin Tournament, the Gatineau Tournament, the Lac St-Louis Regional Championship, and participated in the provincial championship. The Midget CC Kings won the regular season championship, the Des Collines Tournament, were finalists in the Laval Nord Tournament, won the Lac St-Louis Regional Championship and participated in the provincial championship. The team finished the year as the number one ranked team in the province.

The top 10 of 2012

Here are the most circulated books, DVD videos, and music CDs at the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library through November 2012.

Books

Before I Go to Sleep
S. J. Watson

Sisters Brothers
Patrick deWitt

Winter Palace
Eva Stachniak

*The Art of Racing
in the Rain*
Garth Stein

The Invisible Bridge
Julie Orringer

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
Jamie Ford

Russian Winter
Daphne Kalotay

Shadow of the Wind
Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Shantaram
Gregory David Roberts

The Decision
Penny Vincenzi

Books for teens

Hush
Eishes Chayil

Divergent
Veronica Roth

Catching Fire
Suzanne Collins

*The Fault in
Our Stars*
John Green

Cinder
Marissa Meyer

The Hunger Games
Suzanne Collins

Crossed
Ally Condie

Mockingjay
Suzanne Collins

The Last Song
Eva Wiseman

*I'd Tell You I Love You,
But Then I'd Have to Kill You*
Ally Carter

Books for kids

Thea Stilton and the Ice Treasure
Thea Stilton

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever
Jeff Kinney

Tales From a Not-So-Talented Pop Star
Rachel Renee Russell

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth
Jeff Kinney

*Creepella Von Cacklefur:
The Thirteen Ghosts*
Geronimo Stilton

*Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous
Fashion Boutique*
Jane O'Connor

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw
Jeff Kinney

*The Amazing Voyage: The Third
Adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy*
Geronimo Stilton

Fancy Nancy
Jane O'Connor

Big Nate on a Roll
Lincoln Peirce

eBooks

The Litigators
John Grisham

The Next Always
Nora Roberts

The Boy in the Suitcase
Lene Kaaberbol

I've Got Your Number
Sophie Kinsella

The Affair
Lee Child

The Ideal Man
Julie Garwood

The Camel Club
David Baldacci

Hotel Vendome
Danielle Steele

Birthright
Nora Roberts

One Night for Love
Mary Balogh

Quick Flicks at the library



The Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library introduced Quick Flicks in July 2012, which are popular Blu-ray and DVD videos that one can check out for just a day. Like the Fast Reads books, which allow members to check out popular new books for just a week, the Quick Flicks videos help reduce the waiting time for popular movies.

For the love of books



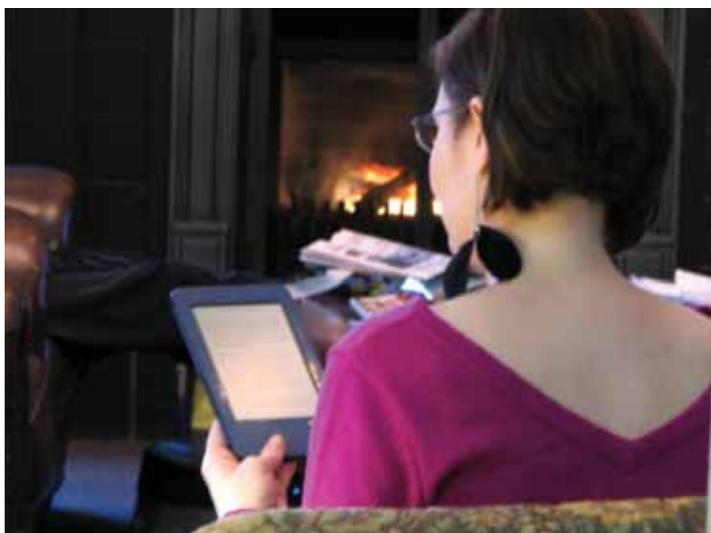
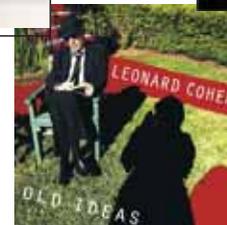
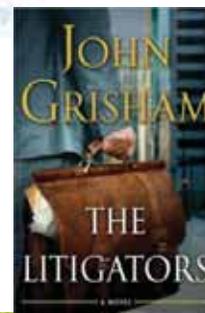
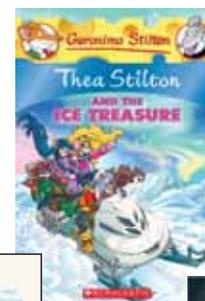
Bestselling author Eva Stachniak spoke at the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library in November 2012 to discuss her latest novel *The Winter Palace*, this year's selection for Côte Saint-Luc Reads: One City, One Book. First launched in 2008, this community-wide reading initiative was created to promote a love of books in our city.

DVD Videos

- A Dangerous Method*
(2011, David Cronenberg)
- The Descendants*
(2011, Alexander Payne)
- Contagion*
(2011, Steven Soderbergh)
- Haywire*
(2011, Steven Soderbergh)
- Hanna*
(2011, Joe Wright)
- Limitless*
(2011, Neil Burger)
- Horrible Bosses*
(2011, Seth Gordon)
- Crazy, Stupid, Love*
(2011, Glenn Ficarra, John Requa)
- War Horse*
(2011, Steven Spielberg)
- Last Night*
(2010, Massy Tadjedin)

Music CDs

- Old Ideas*
Leonard Cohen
- 19
Adele
- Nothing But the Beat*
David Guetta
- Chimes of Freedom*
Bob Dylan
- All the Best*
Etta James
- Mylo Xyloto*
Coldplay
- Ceremonials*
Florence + The Machine
- Songwriter*
Paul Simon
- Grammy Nominees 2012*
- I'm With You*
Red Hot Chili Peppers



Teaching technology at the library

One of the goals of the Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library is to teach members how use new tools to enrich their lives. In 2012, the library hosted the free Tech Tuesdays workshops, which taught people the basics of Facebook, Google Maps, eBooks, and Etsy, the handmade marketplace.



The year in photos



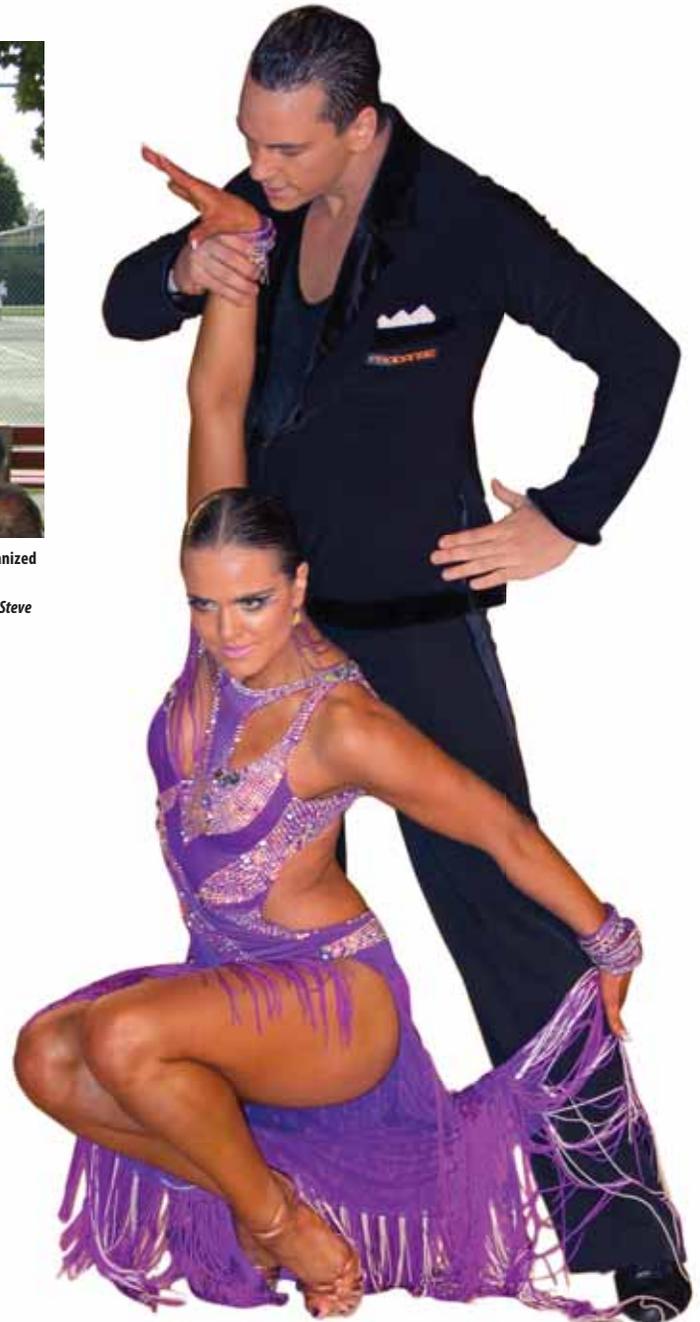
The Côte Saint-Luc Tennis Club was the primary site for the Steve Stevens Senior National Tennis Championship in August organized by Tennis Canada. Players from every province went represented.

En août dernier, le Club de tennis de Côte Saint-Luc Tennis Club était le site principal pour le Championnat national de tennis senior Steve Stevens, organisé par Tennis Canada. Chaque province était représentée par des participants.



More than 60 former players from the 1950s to 1970s attended the Slo Pitch Association alumni event in October 2012 at the Aquatic and Community Centre. To view photos from the event, visit www.CoteSaintLuc.org/PhotoGallery. Pictured above are (back row) Councillor Mike Cohen, Roy Salomon, Dick Irvin (seated) Councillor Allan J. Levine, Rabbi Sidney Shoham, Sam Eltes, and Gary Ulrich.

En octobre dernier, plus de 60 joueurs des années 1950 à 1970 ont assisté à la réunion des anciens de l'association Slo Pitch qui a lieu au Centre communautaire et aquatique. Pour voir les photos de l'événement, consultez www.CoteSaintLuc.org/PhotoGallery. Sur la photo ci-dessus (rangée arrière) le conseiller Mike Cohen, Roy Salomon, Dick Irvin (assis) le conseiller Allan J. Levine, le Rabbin Sidney Shoham, Eltes Sam, et Gary Ulrich.



The city hosted the Canadian Amateur Open Dancesport Championships in September 2012. Côte Saint-Luc resident Yevgeniya Taftay (pictured above) and Stephan Larose won in the Latin dance category. More than 176 dancers participated.

La ville a accueilli le Championnat canadien amateur Dancesport en septembre dernier. Yevgeniya Taftay (ci-haut), résidente de Côte Saint-Luc, et Stephan Larose ont gagné dans la catégorie danse latine. Plus de 176 danseurs ont participé. (Photo: Serge Bélisle)

L'année en photos



Frank Levine, President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97, led the annual Victory in Europe Day commemoration at Veterans Park in May, and the Remembrance Day event in November.

La Commémoration du Jour VE en mai dernier et la cérémonie du Jour du Souvenir en novembre dernier, toutes deux au Parc des vétérans, étaient dirigées par Frank Levine, président de la Légion royale canadienne 97.



The annual Côte Saint-Luc Blood Donor Clinic attracted 120 donors surpassing the goal of 110. It was held at the Gymnasium in May. Anyone who is at least 18 years old and in good health can donate blood once every 56 days. Review the donor qualifications at www.hema-quebec.qc.ca or call 1-800-343-4264.

La collecte annuelle de sang à Côte Saint-Luc a attiré 120 donneurs dépassant l'objectif de 110. L'événement a eu lieu au gymnase en mai. Toute personne âgée d'au moins 18 ans et en bonne santé peut donner du sang tous les 56 jours. Vérifiez exigences pour être donneur en consultant www.hema-quebec.qc.ca ou composez le 1-800-343-4264.



Former Montreal Canadiens head coach Jean Perron spoke at the Senior Golf Tournament lunch in July 2012. Pictured above are Councillor Sam Goldbloom, Alan Maislin, Mayor Anthony Housefather, Jean Perron, and Councillor Mike Cohen.

L'ancien entraîneur-chef des Canadiens de Montréal Jean Perron lors du déjeuner du Tournoi de golf senior en juillet 2012. Photographiés sont le conseiller Sam Goldbloom, Alan Maislin, le maire Anthony Housefather, Jean Perron, et le conseiller Mike Cohen.



The Côte Saint-Luc Winter Carnival took place in February 2012. It included a hockey tournament, horse-drawn carriage rides, maple syrup taffy on snow, a figure skating exhibition, and more. You can watch video from the event at www.vimeo.com/channels/csltv.

Le Carnaval d'hiver de Côte Saint-Luc a eu lieu en février 2012. Il comprenait un tournoi de hockey, des promenades en calèche, de la tâte sur la neige, une représentation de patinage artistique et bien plus encore. Vous pouvez regarder la vidéo de l'événement à www.vimeo.com/channel/csltv.