

Around the Town

CSL DISTRICT 4 MEETING

District 4 councillor Steven Erdelyi will be hosting a meeting at Le Waldorf Residence, at 7400 Côte Saint-Luc Rd., Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. "for residents to ask questions about local and city-wide issues," says a Côte St. Luc announcement. "Erdelyi will answer questions and brief residents on what's new in Côte St. Luc and District 4, the new Intergenerational and Aquatic Centre, and potential renovations at Richard Schwartz Park. Residents will be able to share their ideas during the general discussion."

"Based on comments and feedback at the last meeting, the city made improvements to parks, signage, and added traffic calming measures," Erdelyi said. "If you have a suggestion for how to improve your neighbourhood, this is a great way to share it and make a difference."

HOME STAGING WORKSHOP AT CSL LIBRARY

Côte St. Luc's Eleanor London Library is presenting a home staging workshop Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. The event is geared towards those selling a home or wanting to give their current home a new look. Professional home stager Sveta Melchuk will offer tips on "setting the stage for a sale." Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 on the day of event. For more information, call 514-485-6900. The library is at 5851 Cavendish Blvd.

HAMPSTEAD QUEEN MARY WORK ENDS

Hampstead announced last week that "work undertaken by Hydro-Québec on Queen Mary in August has now come to an end. Hydro-Québec had been excavating on Queen Mary between Dufferin and Finchley to upgrade an electrical chamber. The two eastbound lanes closed on that stretch of road have now been reopened to traffic. Eastbound traffic, which had been diverted onto other streets around the work site, can now pass on Queen Mary."

UPCOMING MOWEST EVENTS

Montreal West announced that its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony takes place Sunday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. at the town hall cenotaph at 50 Westminster South. "Following the ceremony there will be a luncheon for the veterans and their families at the Town Hall," says a town announcement. As well, Art Etc. will be holding an event at town hall Nov. 19 and 20. For more information, call 514-483-1837.

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Sun Youth, Als' wives and Purolator deliver the goods

Last Sunday Montreal Alouettes' wives like Alexia Calvillo along with volunteers from Sun Youth and Purolator accepted non-perishable foodstuffs and cash donations as the Alouettes faced the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.



ANDREW SOONG PHOTOS



Fans were also given the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Grey Cup and CFL Hall of Famer and Alouette legend Peter Dalla Riva for their donations

A BROTHER

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her as they watched Pope Benedict declare Montreal's Brother André to be a saint during a special mass in the Vatican City's St. Peter's Square.

"What can I say?" said a visibly moved Ignacio Mendez. "He did what he could for the sick and the poor because he believed in what he was doing. That's the kind of faith we all need to make it through la vida in Montreal."

Following a community breakfast in the oratory's service centre, a long line of buses full of visitors began to pull into the parking lot. Line-ups began to form in front of the saint's tomb which is located under a sloped ceiling

upon which are placed hundreds of votive candles. As pilgrims stopped to say a prayer, some would leave a hastily written note while others laid flowers on top of the brother's tomb. As the Canto Felice Ensemble began to play Bach's *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*, the lit candle's set off the chapel's stained glass windows as soprano Mylène Bourbeau's stirring *Alleluja*, Bach's signature aria, soared into the rafters. Hundreds, if not thousands of antique crutches, canes and walkers bear witness to the power of faith and a possible miracle. While Brother André's heart is still the signature piece on display within the oratory's museum, other exhibits demonstrate how the man led the simplest of lives as he healed the sick and pursued

his dream to build a suitable shrine for St. Joseph: the patron saint of the working people who shared his faith.

"Become saints by cutting ties with anything that distances you from God," said Brother André.

And 73 years after his death in 1937, Pope Benedict said as much when he told his audience how Brother André may have been poorly educated but he nevertheless understood what was essential to his faith.

"God exists throughout his creation, but he particularly exists in the human heart," said the first truly Canadian saint. "There is so little distance between Heaven and Earth that God can always hear us...because only the thinnest of veils separates us from God." ■

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