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## NEWS & ANALYSIS

### St. Laurent ‘Security Month’

By Joel Goldenberg  
The Suburban

St. Laurent’s borough council proclaimed that May is Security Month, and commemorated it to the extent of creating a special Security Month section in its newsletter *Le bulletin de St. Laurent*.

At last month’s borough meeting, the council also proclaimed May 2 to 8 to be Civil Security Week as part of a country-wide effort to “increase, primarily, public awareness regarding individual preparedness to emergency situations and increase the capacity of communities and people [regarding] major catastrophic events,” borough mayor Alan DeSousa said in the

latest St. Laurent newsletter.

- The publication also includes:
- A profile of local urban patrollers, who watch over public places and school zones and make sure bylaws are respected.
  - St. Laurent’s efforts against graffiti.
  - The Transport Plan to ensure safety on the road network.
  - Efforts toward safety in the municipal workplace.
  - The borough’s communication plan in case of disaster.
  - Promoting safety around construction sites.
  - Traffic rules to be obeyed by pedestrians and motorists, including new 40 km/hr zones, crosswalks and safe crossing at intersections. ■

### St. Laurent provides \$150,000 subsidies

By Joel Goldenberg  
The Suburban

As happens each month, St. Laurent borough council provided many local organizations with subsidies for specific activities or as part of yearly arrangements.

At the May council meeting, more than \$150,000 in subsidies were provided to various groups. They include:

- Three seniors organizations, which received \$1,000 each for the year 2010.
- Three residents who participated in the Canadian ringette championship in Saskatoon last month, receiving individual financial aid of \$401.
- The borough’s blue collar softball team is getting \$1,000 as part of their participation in an intermunicipal tournament being held in June in Chateauguay.
- The Montreal police are receiving \$14,700 for a 10-week bicycle patrol in the borough.
- The Comité des Organismes Sociaux de St. Laurent (COSSL) is receiving \$134,100 as part of the revitalization project for the low-income Hodge-Place Benoit area.
- The Centre de Prevention des Aggressions de Montréal is getting \$300 as part of the marking of their 25th anniversary.
- The youth committee of a social organization committee is getting \$1,000 for its 10th edition of “Show-chaud.”
- The Royal Canadian Legion’s St. Laurent branch is receiving \$500 as support for their activities.
- A sponsorship of \$25 was awarded for the recent Jewish Women International of Canada “Walk in her shoes” event. ■

### CSL extends library agreement with MoWest

By Joel Goldenberg  
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Côte St. Luc has extended its agreement with Montreal West, in which residents of the town can join the Eleanor London Library for less than the usual \$175 adult membership fee for most non-residents of Côte St. Luc.

The agreement was first formulated in the early years of demerger, after four years of anybody being able to join the Eleanor London Library during the merger era. Before mergers took place in 2002, only residents of Côte St. Luc could join the library.

In the first two years of the agreement, a maximum of 250 Montreal West residents was to pay the town for a membership voucher — individuals paid \$100, seniors and students paid \$50 and a family paid \$200. The formula was determined based on Montreal West’s subsidized fees for Côte St. Luc membership

in the Montreal West library and 50-plus travel club. In the third and fourth years, Montreal West paid a percentage of the costs of running the library based on local membership numbers.

Mayor Anthony Housefather said the third and fourth-year arrangement is basically continuing.

“There’s also a sharing of services with Montreal West,” in terms of Côte St. Lucers getting a credit when using the town’s services, he added. Councillor Steven Erdelyi, who read the resolution, said the agreement was renewed as of Jan. 1, 2010.

Hampstead had a similar agreement, which ended late last year. That town recently decided to instead provide those who join any Montreal island library with a “rebate of 50 percent of the cost of the library membership to a maximum of \$50 per household. The total cost to be incurred by Hampstead is not to exceed \$15,000.” ■

### NEW HOPE

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seniors with over 10,000 hot meals a year. “It’s our bread and butter,” said Lafferty. “We deliver meals three days a week, it costs \$4.50 for a soup and/or salad, main course and dessert.”

In June, New Hope will hold an open house Barbeque, “we have such a small budget,” said Lafferty, “but in the scheme of things, we manage to do a lot with it!”

To contact Gerry Lafferty and find out more information on the New Hope Seniors Centre, call 514-484-0425 or e-mail glafferty@videotron.ca. ■

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