

NEWS & ANALYSIS

# Play offers CSL residents a chance to win quality time with a council member

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The fact that Côte St. Luc mayor Anthony Housefather, and councillors Mitchell Brownstein and Sam Goldbloom are about to demonstrate their comedic skills in the Norm Foster play *Office Hours* is not only an opportunity for them to entertain.

It is also an opportunity for residents attending the performances being presented at the Harold Greenspon Auditorium May 24, 25 and 26 (8 p.m. Thursday, and 2 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday) at Côte St. Luc city hall to win a door prize with a difference — an hour with a Côte St. Luc council member of their choice in relation to their portfolio or direct community activity.

The council members are Housefather (agglomeration and other portfolios), Brownstein (parks

and recreation), Goldbloom (library and culture), Allan Levine (seniors, tennis club, etc.), Glenn Nashen (public safety and traffic), Dida Berku (finances, environment, Cavendish Mall redevelopment, etc.), Ruth Kovac (city planning, Cavendish Mall redevelopment, etc.), Steven Erdelyi (public works, engineering) and Mike Cohen (communications, CSL cats committee and other portfolios).

The door prize will be offered at each of the five performances of *Office Hours*. The winners can either talk about issues with a council member over a coffee, or participate directly with them at a local facility in an activity that they engage in on the grassroots level, such as swimming at the Aquatic and Community Centre with the mayor, playing tennis with Levine, swimming or bik-



The cast of the Côte St. Luc Drama Society's upcoming presentation of Norm Foster's *Office Hours*. (Front row) DDO Councillor Herbert Brownstein, CSL Councillor Mitchell Brownstein, Dafna Regenstref, Mikey Samra. (Back row) Dani Shustack, Ellen Rabin, CSL Mayor Anthony Housefather, Ryan Kligman, CSL Councillor Sam Goldbloom, Hannah Schefon.

ing with Brownstein, taking a library tour with Goldbloom or participating in an Emergency Medical Services run with Nashen, among other options.

The council members acting in the play say their direct involvement in local activities as part of their portfolios make Côte St. Luc special, and the winners of the door prizes will have an opportunity to see that first hand.

"The way the mayor runs council is that we're extremely involved, probably more involved than

any other city on the island, and maybe anywhere else in Canada and beyond," Brownstein said this past Thursday. "We're really there as grassroots politicians and that's what municipal politics is all about."

"We are ordinary residents like everyone else and the only way we can monitor the services we are offering is to participate in them ourselves," Housefather said.

"This is having our community participate in something worthwhile... and I want to show that

Côte St. Luc is a community for everyone," Goldbloom said.

For more information, please consult the ad on page 24.

AROUND THE TOWNS

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ment site where we have sent our organic waste for several years. Therefore, we are asking residents who receive organic waste collection services to please use paper bags in your kitchen collector or brown bin starting the week of June 4, 2012.

Paper bags are sold at city hall (5801 Cavendish Blvd.) and public works (7001 Mackle Rd.).

CSL THEATRE CAMP

The City of Côte St. Luc announced that it is launching a "new theatre camp this summer for children ages 10 to 15. The Côte St. Luc Theatre Camp runs for two weeks, from Monday, July 2 to Friday, July 13. The cost is \$450 for residents or \$518 for non-residents. The deadline to register is Friday, June 15. People can register at the Parks and Recreation Department Building, 7500 Mackle Rd. weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"Campers will learn all aspects of theatrical production including acting, design, costumes, set pieces,

props, lighting and creating a production schedule," said Councillor Mitchell Brownstein. "Campers will be working toward a theatrical production at the end of the second week for parents, staff, family and friends."

According to the announcement, "in week one, campers will engage in theatre-driven activities to develop their inner thespians and designers. In week two, campers will build on the techniques and tools learned in week one to work toward the production. No previous theatrical training is required. The Côte St. Luc Theatre Camp is offered in partnership with the Côte St. Luc Dramatic Society (CSLDramaticSociety.com). For more information about the Côte St. Luc Theatre Camp, contact Ryan Nemeroff at [memeroff@cote-saintluc.org](mailto:memeroff@cote-saintluc.org) or 514-485-6806 ext. 2214.

HAMPSTEAD aSURVEY

The Town of Hampstead announced that it is "currently surveying residents about how the town communicates with you, and what

we can do to make it better. You may get a phone call from a survey company on our behalf, receive survey info through eHampstead, or be asked to participate via our website or via Facebook. We encourage you to take part in this survey, so that you may help guide our future communications efforts."

MOWESTCOMMUNITY NIGHT

The Town of Montreal West announced that it is holding a Community Night event 6 p.m. Tuesday May 29 at Davies Park. There will be the Edinburgh School Choir, community groups, a ball drumming and dance fitness demo, a barbecue, inflatable and other children's activities, the presence of the police, fire and public security personnel and others. For more information, call 514-484-6186.

NDG REVITALIZATION

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