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### CSL notes

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An advisory warning of sand wasps in a CSL park.

City of Côte St. Luc Photo

The City of Côte St. Luc has issued an advisory about the presence of sand wasps in Rabin and Brownstein parks.

"Unlike their more dangerous cousins, sand wasps are not aggressive," the advisory says. "Sand wasps will not sting people unless manhandled.

"Over the next weeks and months, Public Works will be routinely tilling the sand, which can disrupt the wasps and encourage them to leave. Sand wasps tend to disappear by the end of August. Sand wasps can be a nuisance to some, but they help pollinate flowers and feed on flies, bugs and ants."

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During the July council meeting, Councillor Sam Goldbloom announced that as part of an effort to reduce speeding on Côte St. Luc streets, especially in residential areas, the city's public safety department "has started deploying two mobile radar trailers.

"They'll be approximately one week on each street," the councillor added. "These trailers display the approved speed limit and an LCD screen displays the actual speed of the vehicle. I would urge everyone to look out for these and abide by what it says, and inform everyone you know."

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Councillor Steven Erdelyi says the trend of the reduction of local waste going to landfills over the past decade is continuing.

Statistics comparing January to May 2017 and the same period in 2016 saw significant increases in organic waste, recycling and bulky waste collection.

"The total diversion for the first part of the year is up 15.6 percent, and this is the 10th year in a row where we continue to increase that diversion rate, and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills," Erdelyi said. "I'm happy about that, and I hope to continue reporting good numbers."

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Councillor Mike Cohen announced that tickets are on sale at the Eleanor London Library and the Aquatic and Community Centre for the 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22 Cat's Meow benefit concert, organized by the city's Cats Committee and taking place at the Wagar Adult Education Centre's Myd Wise Auditorium on Parkhaven Avenue.

As usual, the performers will be the Musicians of the World Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Joseph Milo. This year's theme is Dance, and soprano Fairouz Oujida will also perform, says the Cats Committee website.

The fundraiser benefits the CSLCC's Trap, Neuter, Release and Adopt Program. Participants in the program seek to trap as many feral cats as possible, "have them sterilized and then adopted or returned to the spot where they were originally found."

Tickets are \$12.

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