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NEWS & ANALYSIS

CSL's Canada Day includes Gary Carter field dedication

By Joel Goldenberg
 The Suburban

There will be no lack of activities during Côte St. Luc's Canada Day celebrations at Trudeau Park, with games and entertainment for adults and children.

But one of the undoubted highlights of the day will be the dedication at 9 p.m. of the Gary Carter baseball field — the main field — at the park, named after the former and well-loved Montreal Expos player who died Feb. 26 of this year of cancer.

Mayor Anthony Housefather, who will be speaking at the end of the ceremony, made the announcement of the naming at the annual Seniors Sports Celebrity Breakfast about three months ago.

Sunday's dedication can also be seen live at 9 p.m. at CoteSaintLuc.org/GaryCarter, "where viewers can watch live as Housefather, former Montreal Expo Warren Cromartie, and other dignitaries unveil the design for a sign marking the city's primary baseball field," says a city announcement. Cromartie will also be speaking at the ceremony, and there will be pre-recorded video messages from teammates Andre Dawson, Tim Lincecum, Bryn Smith, Ellis Valentine, Rodney Scott, Rowland Office and former Expos

general manager and field manager Jim Fanning.

"Gary Carter was a frequent visitor to Côte St. Luc during summers in the late 1970s and early 1980s at the Johnny Elias Grand Slam Baseball School," Housefather said. "Carter had fans across North America so we wanted to share our event with them, live over the Internet."

Other Canada Day activities will be plentiful, and the only departure from previous years is that there will be no new dedication of a human rights activist plaque on the Human Rights Walkway at the park. Instead, Côte St. Luc and Bialik High School recently co-hosted a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of Holocaust hero Raoul Wallenberg's birth.

Otherwise, pedal boats will be open to the public starting at 1 p.m.; a model airplane show will be presented by the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada, St. Lawrence Zone from 2 to 4:40 p.m.; a "remote control boat interactive experience" will be presented by the West Island Ship Modellers Club from 3 to 8 p.m.; the traditional citizenship ceremony will take place at 5 p.m., followed by a flag raising ceremony at 6 p.m. and Canada Day cupcakes at 7 p.m..

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Ville de  City of
 Côte Saint-Luc

Canada Day 2012

Sunday, July 1, 2012
1 pm to 11 pm

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park
 6975 Mackle Rd.

In case of rain

In case of rain, most activities will move to the Confederation Annex in Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park. The Canadian citizenship ceremony will move to City Hall. The fireworks display will be postponed to Monday, July 2 at 10 pm. The kids train, model boats and airplanes will be cancelled. Visit CoteSaintLuc.org or listen to the message at 514-485-6806 ext. 5501 on July 1 for confirmation of the schedule.



Activities

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| Live music | Canadian citizenship ceremony |
| Live theatre | Inflatable games |
| Fireworks | Kids train |
| Model airplane show | Magician |
| Remote control boat presentation | Arts and crafts |

View the full schedule of events at www.CoteSaintLuc.org/CanadaDay2012.



Gary Carter Field Dedication

Watch the Gary Carter Field dedication in person or live online at CoteSaintLuc.org at 9 pm.

- ♣ Event co-chairs: Councillors Dida Berku and Steven Erdelyi
- ♣ Master of Ceremonies: Dan Laxer of News Talk Radio CJAD

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COHEN

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Please go to my blog at <http://blog.thesuburban.com> to see the video interview I conducted with Bachand and to the next Suburban Magazine, online late Friday afternoon, for a more detailed feature.

COHEN CHATTER: In just a few days time, the majestic Queue de Cheval Steakhouse & Bar will go into hibernation. The façade and interior of "a" restaurant at 1221 Boulevard René Levesque will remain in place, but under a new name and identity. Montreal restaurateur extraordinaire **Peter Morentzos** made the stunning announcement in the middle of May and declared that the "Q" would be moving to 1181 Mountain Street in the same quadrant near the Bell Centre. The gala opening is slated for November, just in time to celebrate its 15th anniversary. I sat down with the charismatic Morentzos last week to learn the real story of why he picked

up and left the bricks and mortar he created. See my video interview and the feature story in the June 22 *Suburban Magazine*, online right now at thesuburban.com...Former French President **Nicholas Sarkozy** will spend part of his summer vacation in a few weeks at the Desmarais estate in Morin Heights.



Lainie Smajovits and Michael Lifshitz.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAM CONTINUES: In 1981, designated by the UN as International Year of the Disabled, Bialik High School English teacher

Lainie Smajovits initiated the Sensitization Program for Secondary I students. It has just celebrated its 30th anniversary. Begun as a one-week project, Smajovits covered as many disabilities as she could in the classroom, organized a field trip and brought in a speaker with a disability.

It grew exponentially from there as Smajovits wanted to sensitize the students to the abilities of a wide range of people living with handicaps. While she formally retired two years ago after 35 years of teaching, she stayed on to cover some English courses and continue with the sensitization. Following a lead gift by **Cindy Rabinovitch Heller** and her husband **Mark**, sufficient funds were raised to keep Smajovits in the system for years to come. See the complete story in this Friday's *Suburban Magazine*.

Have you got something to share? E-mail mcohen@thesuburban.com or call 514-484-9203, ext. 307. Follow me at www.twitter.com/mikecohencsl and at <http://blog.thesuburban.com/>

WATER PARK

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afternoon, the high pitched shriek of dozens of children could be heard as they ducked in and out of the gushing water spouts in the Nelson Mandela Park's new water play area. Last week, during a brief public information session where he discussed the borough's plans for its new

three year capital investment projects, borough mayor **Michael Applebaum** told *The Suburban* he was pleased to see that the borough's children took to the new water play areas. Aside from a brief comment about how each new play area cost the borough some \$300,000 apiece, Applebaum had to agree with actor what actor **Kevin Costner** said when he decided to build his very own baseball dia-

mond in *Field of Dreams*. As this is the seventh water-play area the borough has built over the past four years, the mayor told *The Suburban* Costner got it right.

"If you build it," said Costner, "...they will come."

And as far as Applebaum is concerned, they have and as far as the borough's children are concerned, they will continue to do so. ■

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Fireworks will take place at 10 p.m., weather permitting.

General activities for children include inflatable games, a children's train, a roaming magician, an air-brush tattoo and arts and crafts.

Entertainment will include performances by Airport 77 at approximately 7:10 p.m., 9:10 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.; Vintage Wine at 6 p.m. and 8:20 p.m.; the Côte St. Luc Dramatic Society performing scenes from *Moulin Rouge* and *Grease* at 6:40 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Raffi's accordion performances "throughout the evening;" and a live and interactive percussion experience with *Baratanga* starting at 6:25 p.m.

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The event co-chairs are councillors **Dida Berku** and **Steven Erdelyi**, and the MC is **Dan Laxer** of *CJAD*. *The Suburban* is a co-sponsor of the event.



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