

March 9 Côte St. Luc city council meeting highlights

Kovac, Goldbloom: 'Nay' to Earth Hour participation, resolution passes anyway

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During the March 9 city council meeting, councillors Ruth Kovac and Sam Goldbloom voted against a resolution to participate in Earth Hour – a lights-off event scheduled for March 28 to raise awareness about climate change.

The event has gone global over the last eight years and Kovac has long voted against it, saying the city should be doing more.

Councillor Dida Berku said participation in the Earth Hour event sensitizes the population to the importance of saving energy by instituting a simple gesture “such as

switching off the lights for one hour.”

Kovac, however, argued that, with Hydro Québec increasing its rates, people should be doing more than turning off lights for one hour on one night out of the year.

“In the future, if we want to make this more effective, then we should be planning something in advance, not at the last second,” said Kovac, describing the event as a “feel-good” gesture. “I think we should do something more meaningful and that’s why, every year, I’ve voted against it.”

Kovac said she will be turning off her lights regularly as she leaves the room.

Regardless of the two nay votes, the motion carried and the city will be participat-

ing in Earth Hour.

Library offers streaming

The Côte St. Luc public library is now offering its members free, Naxos online music streaming, according to Councillor Mike Cohen.

“Membership has its privileges at the library,” said Cohen, noting this is not a downloading service. “It allows members of the library to digitally stream music in the comfort of their home or with their mobile device. They simply log on with their member card, make the selection of music they want to listen to and click play.”

Winter carnival rakes in big bucks for Ronald McDonald House

Councillor Allan Levine congratulated the people who participated and donated to the Ronald McDonald House during this year’s winter carnival in February.

The city raised \$6,000, he said. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place for families to stay while seriously, sometimes terminally, ill children are being treated. The winter carnival was, for the most part, free, but the public skating event charged \$6 and the proceeds and donations collected during the event went

to the Ronald McDonald House.

Council acknowledges death of active citizen

Alex Davis, a meeting regular who was long been active in municipal affairs, has died, according to Councillor Steven Erdelyi, who acknowledged the resident’s passing at the end of the meeting.

Davis was known for fighting for the protection of trees and the preservation of the Meadowbrook Golf Course. He regularly attended council meetings year after year and often questioned the lack of citizen participation. He wanted the city to better encourage residents to attend meetings, learn about their community and voice their concerns.

According to his obituary in the *Montreal Gazette*, Davis died on February 25. The online guest forums inviting people to share their condolences have since filled up with dozens upon dozens of notes of remembrance.

Erdelyi noted that Davis was a “very active resident that often came to meetings to give advice and ask very pertinent questions.” He said the council “extends our deepest sympathies” to the Davis family.



English Adult Books

Finding Jake by Bryan Reardon. A heart-wrenching yet ultimately uplifting story of psychological suspense in which a stay-at-home father is forced to confront what he does – and does not – know about his teenage son in the wake of a school shooting.

A Fifty-Year Silence: Love, War, and a Ruined House in France by Miranda Richmond Mouillot. In a heartbreaking, yet uplifting, love story spanning two continents and three generations, the author journeys to the south of France to uncover the truth about her grandparents’ mysterious estrangement after escaping Nazi-occupied France.

French Adult Books

La mort mène le bal par Chrystine Brouillet. Louise n’aime rien plus que le calme et sa douce routine avec Freya et Saphir, ses deux chats. Mais lorsqu’elle apprend qu’un des riches clients du restaurant Carte Noire a maltraité ses animaux, son sang ne fait qu’un tour: il doit être puni! S’en prendre à un membre influent d’une dangereuse famiglia est toutefois bien plus compliqué qu’elle ne l’avait imaginé.

Istanbul: la sépharade par Esther Benbassa. 1492 constitue un tournant dans l’histoire du peuple juif, année où fut expulsée la plus nombreuse des communautés juives médiévales. En Turquie et plus spécialement à Istanbul, une nouvelle aire culturelle sépharade émerge et se maintient jusqu’au XXe siècle. Cet ouvrage fait revivre la communauté juive d’Istanbul en évoquant ses quartiers, ses métiers, son mode de vie et son culte.

Children's Books

I Was Here by Gayle Forman (ages 12-16). In an attempt to understand why her best friend committed suicide, eighteen-year-old Cody Reynolds retraces her dead friend’s footsteps and makes some startling discoveries.

C’est la faute à Félix par Luc Gélinas (pour les 12-16 ans). Dans ce cinquième et dernier tome, Félix, 19 ans, est nommé capitaine de l’Océanic. Son passage dans la LHJMQ tire bientôt à sa fin. Cette dernière année dans la ligue junior sera forte en émotions et en remises en question. Même si son rêve de faire carrière dans la LNH est toujours aussi viscéral, le comportement sombre et dépressif de Carl, son meilleur ami, sera pour Félix l’occasion de réaliser qu’il n’y a pas juste le hockey dans la vie.

DVDs

Get on Up. A terrific chronicle of James Brown’s rise from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential pop stars in history. Chadwick Boseman, who played Jackie Robinson in the biopic *42*, is sensational as the Godfather of Soul, a difficult man who created the funk sound, endlessly sampled by rock stars and rappers today.

The Imitation Game. A biographical thriller with charismatic Benedict Cumberbatch as the real-life British cryptanalyst Alan Turing (and father of modern-day computing) whose genius helped defeat the Nazis, but was later prosecuted for his homosexuality. From sets and costumes to Alexandre Desplat’s musical score, this is everything classy that Hollywood wishes it could be.



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