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PUBLIC MEETINGS

COUNCIL ROOM Borough Hall 13665, boulevard de Pierrefonds Pierrefonds

January

12 at 8 p.m.Borough Council meeting13 at 8 p.m.Urban Planning Advisory Committee meeting

February

2 at 8 p.m.
Borough Council meeting
9 at 8 p.m.
Urban Planning Advisory Committee meeting

March

2 at 8 p.m.
Borough Council meeting
9 at 8 p.m.
Urban Planning Advisory Committee meeting

April

6 at 8 p.m. Borough Council meeting 14 at 8 p.m. Urban Planning Advisory Committee meeting

May

4 at 8 p.m. Borough Council meeting **11 at 8 p.m.** Urban Planning Advisory Committee meeting

To ensure that the question period during Borough Council meetings proceeds smoothly, residents who wish to address council members are asked to register with the Borough Secretary before the meeting.

The Borough Secretary will be in the council room as of 7:45 p.m. to record your name and address, status (owner, tenant or occupant) and the nature of your question. During the question period, you will be asked to address your question to the members of council.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT MONTREAL CITY HALL

275, rue Notre-Dame Est January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27 and May 25 at 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Municipal buildings will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 10 and 13, as well as Victoria Day, Monday, May 18.

MESSAGE FROM MONTRÉAL MAYOR



Gérald Tremblay Montréal Mayor

Citizens of Pierrefonds-Roxboro borough, you have in your hands the latest issue of *Life in Pierrefonds-Roxboro*, your borough's winter guide.

This guide contains a great deal of useful and practical information about the many activities offered by your borough. As usual, you will enjoy a full program of sports, cultural and arts activities developed by skilled and dedicated citizens. I urge you to keep this guide in a safe place, as it will help you plan your activities throughout the winter.

I hope you have a great 2009!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR



Monique Worth Borough Mayor

Looking ahead in turbulent times!

When I wrote these lines, at the end of October, the world was in financial turmoil and the consumer confidence index is at it's lowest of the past several decades. Over the next year, it is unlikely that the consequences of this crisis won't impact us on an individual and a collective basis.

At the Borough, operating costs will increase in some areas and the contrary will be true in other aspects; the fluctuations may be significant, something that has become quite difficult to predict. We know the situation requires our close scrutiny and a commitment to action and make adjustments to continuously meet the needs of residents. I am furthermore very pleased with the balanced budget that was adopted and the healthy financial position we are in going into this new year.

Since the last publication of this municipal magazine, the media will have published articles concerning the significant conservation and development project at the western extremity of our borough. This urban development (homes, transportation, services, etc.) is an innovative project as it is being planned with conservation preceding development. The conservation zone encompasses property that is ecologically rich and diverse and it is at the source of our planning. Our project will add 180 ha of natural green spaces (surface area equivalent to the Mount Royal) to the 593 ha already protected in the rivière à l'Orme ecoterritory. With affordable housing and the proximity to nature, this project will also represent a great alternative. The Pierrefonds-West project will in fact finance the conservation project, the development of the Anse-àl'Orme Nature-Park and the infrastructures that will allow our citizens the means to reach this 5th nature-park to be located close by.

Work is being performed in a spirit of cooperation involving the City and the Borough, promoters and property owners, Ducks Unlimited and many other experts. The outcomes to date have been extremely positive and I am confident that the process and the objectives that we will achieved will be cited as an example for future projects.

I wish you a very happy New Year. May 2009 bring health and good tidings to you and your families!

Marique level

MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR WEST



Catherine Clément-Talbot Borough Councillor

Families of the land

I have great respect for the families who founded the parish of Sainte-Geneviève made up of Pierrefonds, Roxboro, Sainte-Geneviève, L'Île-Bizard and Dollard-des-Ormeaux in the 18th and 19th centuries. They were the first families to occupy the land concessions in the western part of the island, formerly owned by the Sulpicians. The 1731 census authenticates that 12 families lived in Côte Sainte-Geneviève.*

My compliments to these ploughmen, who worked the land to take care of their families and ensure their wellbeing. They laboured at their craft and helped one another for the benefit of their community.

Thank you Barbeau, Bastien, Benoit, Bédard, Bouchard, Cardinal, Castonguay, Charlebois, D'Amour, Daoust, Johnson, Labrosse, Lanthier, Lauzon, Laniel, Ladouceur, Lagrange, Lavigne, Locas, Legault, Marchand, Meloche, Paiement, Pilon, Paquin, Robillard, Roberge and St-Pierre families, and all the others that first came to our old parish. Years later, in the 1950s, the population grew drastically with the arrival of the airport workers and their families. Thanks to these families, our community is now a privileged place to bring up children, where they can practice all types of sports – in winter as well as in summer.

*From the book *Sainte-Geneviève… ses quatre saisons* by Mr. Marc Locas, 1990

The Borough Council, Management and Personnel Wish you a Happy New Year!



Roger Trottier Christian G. Dubois

ique Worth B Mayor

Ward

Catherine Clément-Talbot

Life in **MONTRÉAL**

Montréal: A life near everything

Montréal! Nowhere else in the greater Montréal area is there such good access to jobs and services, so close to homes. Nowhere else is there such a wide range of housing options to suit any budget or lifestyle. Whether you prefer a quiet neighbourhood or a lively urban street, you can find it in Montréal!

One of Montréal's greatest assets is its diversity—the diversity of its neighbourhoods, population, services and cultural life.

Nowadays, people want to spend more quality time with their children. Gas prices have given people second thoughts about how much time they spend in their cars and the costs of buying a second car, not to mention the impacts on the environment...

Nowadays, people want to be sure that buying a home will be truly profitable in the long term. Life in Montréal offers very sound solutions to all of these concerns.

For families, life in Montréal means giving their children the very best. It means being able to offer them quality time, as well as access to daycare, parks and schools, in their own neighbourhood.

ILYAUN MONTRÉAL POUR CHAQUE MONTRÉALAIS.

Une vie proche de tout

For families, life in Montréal is a life close to everything.

Swearing in of Canada's Senior Citizenship Judge **MR. GEORGE SPRINGATE**

Last October 15 at the East Community Centre, Pierrefonds-Roxboro Mayor Monique Worth and the members of council had the pleasure of hosting the swearing in ceremony of our renown resident, Mr. George Springate, appointed Canada's Senior Citizenship Judge. The judge is responsible for some thirty citizenship judges, working across Canada.

Mr. Springate is an attorney-at-law; he has been a police officer, a Montréal Alouettes player, a Grey Cup winner, a journalist, a professor, a member of the National Assembly, a judge and was appointed to the Order of Canada.



Bertrand A. Ward, City Councillor, Catherine Clément-Talbot, Borough Councillor, Christian G. Dubois, City Councillor, George Springate, Monique Worth, Borough Mayor, Roger Trottier, Borough Councillor, and a proud representative from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police



MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

Winter is the ideal time to submit requests for renovation or construction projects you are planning to undertake in the spring, given that delays are required to analyze requests and issue permits.

For any information, to request a permit or to verify its terms, or to obtain a certificate of authorization, you can either call the Construction Division at 311 or come to the borough hall, 13665, de Pierrefonds Boulevard during business hours. The employees will gladly inform you on applicable by-laws and standards. You can also consult the by-laws on line (see below).

Car shelters

PIERREFONDS AND ROXBORO SECTORS As per the by-law, car shelters must be taken down before April 15.

Night parking regulation

PIERREFONDS SECTOR Don't forget that it is illegal to park on the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., until April 1.

ROXBORO SECTOR Don't forget that it is illegal to park on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., all year round.

* This goes also for the snow removal contractor you hire. Remember that you are responsible for the work done by the contractor.

NEW — Municipal by-laws are on line !

All active by-laws on the territories of Pierrefonds and Roxboro are now on line. Whether they were adopted by the former City of Pierrefonds, by the former Town of Roxboro, by the former boroughs of Pierrefonds/Senneville and of Dollard-des-Ormeaux/ Roxboro, by the current borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro or by Ville de Montréal, all six types have been archived.

Go to the Pierrefonds-Roxboro Website at

ville.montreal.qc.ca/pierrefonds-roxboro. Click on *Citizen Services* in the left margin. Click on *By-laws* + *Go to the section*, at the bottom of the page. You will be directed to a preamble that explains the complexity of our by-laws, how to find a by-law number and how to do a search. Click on the link ville.montreal.qc.ca/by-laws and you will be directed to the Service du greffe Internet pages, where our by-laws are archived

Scroll down the page to the *Search for a by-law* section. Search for a specific by-law by inserting a keyword, then select Title and text in the pull-down menu on the right. Then, in *Geographical application*, select Pierrefonds-Roxboro and click on *Search*.

For a list of all 109 by-laws, do not enter a keyword; enter Pierrefonds-Roxboro in *Geographical application* and click on *Search*. All current by-laws will be listed.



PIERREFONDS-ROXBORO ON STAGE...

Film, Classical and Jazz/Blues

FREE SHOWS

Maximum of 2 passes per person per presentation (except for Young Public Shows – 4 passes). Available in person only at the date indicated. Ticket valid up to 10 minutes before specified time

TICKET OFFICE

Tickets are available at the **Pierrefonds Cultural Centre** 13850, boul. Gouin Ouest or by phone (VISA, MC) at 514 624-1100 and on Admission Network (service fees) 514 790-1245 or 1-800-361-4595 Monday from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. (closed between 4:30 and 6 p.m.) Closed on Monday night concerts and on public holidays. Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Single tickets, if available, can be purchased on site 30 minutes before the show.

ACCÈS MONTRÉAL CARD

Present your Accès Montréal card (in person only) to obtain a 10% discount on the purchase of Regular tickets (excluding senior/students prices)

Senior: 65 and up Student: 20 and under

Program and prices are subject to change.

INFORMATION

514 624-1100



Forestare

FILM Le peuple invisible

National Film Board (in French) DATE: Monday, February 9 – 7 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre FREE, pass required (available as of January 27)

classical Fibonacci Trio

Trio Fibonacci in concert

DATE: Monday, February 2 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre FREE, pass required (available as of January 20) This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

Forestare

DATE: Monday, April 6 – 7:30 p.m. **VENUE:** East Community Centre FREE, pass required (available as of March 24)

Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal

Sibelius' Finland, opus 26 DATE: Friday, May 8 – 8 p.m. VENUE: Marie-Reine-de-la-Paix Church COSTS: Regular \$16 Senior or Student \$13 \$ This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.



Éclectique!

JAZZ/BLUES Éclectique!

Disques Tout-Crin DATE: Monday, January 26 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11

Natasha Lima

Author-Composer-Interpret

DATE: Monday, March 30 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11

Yoel Diaz

DATE: Monday, April 20 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11

Garrett Mason

DATE: Monday, April 27 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11

PIERREFONDS-ROXBORO ON STAGE...

Music of the World, Tale and Shows for Youngsters



Shéhérazade

Fiestango

MUSIC OF THE WORLD Plain Folk

DATE : Monday, February 23 - 7:30 p.m VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11

Ensemble du carré St-Louis

DATE: Monday, March 9 – 7 :30 p.m. **VENUE**: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre FREE, pass required (available as of February 24)

Dave Gossage

Multi-Montréal Music DATE: Monday, March 16 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11 This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

TALE Le jardin parfumé : contes érotiques de Shéhérazade

Maison internationale du conte inc. (presented in French) DATE: Friday, February 13 – 7:30 p.m. VENUE: Pierrefonds Cultural Centre COSTS: Regular \$13 Senior or Student \$11 This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

shows for youngsters Ah, la vache!

(5- to 10-year olds – presented in French) Théâtre de l'Oeil DATE: Friday, January 23 – 7 p.m. VENUE: East Community Centre COST: \$4 This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

Glou Glou

(2- to 5-year olds) Le Théâtre de Quartier DATE: Friday, February 6 – 9:30 a.m. VENUE: East Community Centre COST: \$4 This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

Une forêt dans la tête (4- to 8-year olds)

(4- to 8-year olds) Théâtre de l'Avant Pays DATE: Friday, February 27 – 7 p.m. VENUE: East Community Centre COST: \$4 This event was subsidized by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

school break Les 7 trompettes de Fred Piston

(6- to 12-year olds – presented in French) Jeunesses Musicales du Canada DATE: Tuesday, March 3 – 1:30 p.m. VENUE: East Community Centre FREE, pass required (available as of February 17)

Fiestango

(6- to 12-year olds) Jeunesses Musicales du Canada DATE: Wednesday, March 4 – 10 a.m. VENUE: East Community Centre FREE, pass required (available as of February 17)

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Pierrefonds

13555, boulevard de Pierrefonds 514 620-4181 **Opening hours** Monday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Information** 514 620-4181

Internet

Wireless Internet is available at the library.

Le Portillon

Pierrefonds Public Library has set up a new delivery service Le Portillon. Are you housebound? This service is for you! Novels, nonfiction books and talking books right to your door! Sign up, it's free!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Book Club (in French) Share your passion for literature in a friendly and relaxed setting. One Monday a month (January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15) from 1:30 to 3 p.m. with Jean-François Pépin, librarian. Registration required

New – English Book Club

Every month read a book suggested by our club leader, Mary Soderstrom, and share your impressions with other readers along with a good cup of coffee. February 9, March 9, April 6 and May 11. Registration required

Conferences and Workshops People I Love Memory Book

Create a homemade photo book of loved ones specially for Valentine's Day, with Louise Charlton, Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m.

Pour parents débordés et en manque d'énergie (in French) with Francine Ferland, Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. As part of Les Mots partagés **Meet Myriam Beaudoin**, author of Hadassa, Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. This event was subsidized by UNEQ



Trésors et paradoxes d'un génie : regard sur les cantates sacrées de Jean-Sébastien Bach (in French) with Guy Sauvé, Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

New Zealand: A Kiwi Adventure with Frederic Hore, Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

As part of Earth Day

La consommation responsable : où commencer? with l'Éco-quartier de Pierrefonds-Roxboro, Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

As part of Journée mondiale du livre et du droit d'auteur

Roses, livres et coup de cœurs (in French) Come and meet the employees of the library who will make you discover their showstopper books and let us discover yours! A rose will be given to all participants, Thursday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m.

As part of *Journée mondiale du livre et du droit d' auteur* **Initiation à l'art-thérapie avec le journal**

créatif (in French) with Julie Jobin, Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Un voyage avec Ugo Monticone (in French) Aventurier et auteur de récits de voyage, Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

Asserting yourself! with Ruth Budovitch, Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

As part of *Black History Month* **Atelier de création de masques africains** (in French) with Evelyne Carrenard de Vues d'Afrique 1st meeting (modeling): Saturday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. 2nd meeting (decoration): Saturday, Febrary 21 at 10:30 a.m. Limited seating. Registration required, starting January 10

Pyjama Story Time

In English: Wednesday, March 18 at 6:45 p.m. In French: Wednesday, April 15 at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Tiny Tales for Tiny Tots (for two-year olds accompanied by an adult) An introduction to picture books in a group setting. Stories, songs, finger plays, felt board, rhymes and puppets. Thirty minutes of fun! Registration required. Winter session begins the week of February 9.

Weekly Story Time (3- to 5-year olds) Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and crafts. Come and enjoy books and the library! Registration required. Winter session begins the week of January 26.

Saturday Story Time (3- to 5-year olds) For children who do not attend the regular Weekly Story Time. Once a month. Registration required In English with Michelle Wachman: February 14, March 28, April 25 and May 9 In French with Nathalie Boivin : January 31, March 14, April 18 and May 2

Once upon a time (5- to -year olds) Once a month, Discover funny, serious or crazy stories. Registration required. In English with Michelle Wachman: February 14, March 28, April 25 and May 9

In French with Nathalie Boivin: January 31, March 14, April 18 and May 2

Biblio-découvertes (in French for 9- to 12-year olds) with Nathalie Boivin. Fun with books! IRegistration required. Once a month: January 31, Marc 14, April 18 and May 2

English Book Club (for 9- to 12-year olds) with Carol-Ann Hoyte. Registration required. Once a month: January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31.

SCHOOL BREAK

Petits conteurs – Cartoon film from the National Film Board. The series consists of four original stories and three from children's story books. This collection banks on an energetic production to bring tales of various cultural communities to the big screen. Monday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. This activity will take place at the East Community Centre. Passes available at the Pierrefonds Library and at the East Community Centre.

Éducazoo (bilingual activity for families) Meet and touch all sorts of interesting animals! Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. Registration required, starting February 9

Meet Annie Groovie

(for 8-12 year olds) Creator of the serie Léon. Thursday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m. Limited seating. Registration required, starting February 9 This event was subsidized by



the Canada Council for the Arts

Roxboro

110, rue Cartier 514 684-8247 **Opening hours** Monday to Wednesday: 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. Information 514 684-8247

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Book Club

Meetings about a book chosen by the members In English: One Monday a month from 1 to 3 p.m. In French: One Friday a month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Book Club for Young Adults

With Madeeha Tariq (15- to 19-year olds) One Tuesday a month at 7 p.m.: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12

Artist of the month

Every month you can discover the works of a different artist: January: Jocelyn Jalette, Cartoon February: Monique Généreux, Watercolour March: Jean-Pierre Normand, Illustrations (science fiction) April: Roger Ghys et Martine Garnier Ghys, Glass and metal May: Chantale Paré, Glass and calligraphy June: Ingrid Black, Canvas July: Halina Zabka, Oil August: Djamel Benyekhlef, Oil

Conferences and workshop Colour Therapy: What colour can do for you with Mary Swaine Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Meet Rawi Hage, Author of De Niro's Game (Parfum de poussière)

(in French) Friday, February 13 at 10 a.m.

As part of Journée mondiale du livre et du droit d'auteur

Elsie Meighen Reford, l'âme des jardins de Métis (in French) Musical conference with Hélène Jasmin and Antonin Marineau, saxophonist, Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Weekly Musical Initiation for Babies (bilingual activity for o- to 2-year olds) Help your baby discover the love of music and nursery rhymes. Winter session begins the week of January 19. **Registration required**

Weekly Story Time

(bilingual activity for 2- to 5-year olds) There will be nursery rhymes, poetry, song, dance and handycraft. Winter session begins the week of January 19. **Registration required**

Musical Story Hour

(bilingual activity for 1- to 5-year olds) The younger children will discover new dances, nursery rhymes, songs and marvellous stories. We shall finish with some colouring. Saturdays, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 10:15 a.m.

Chasse aux livres

(in French for 6- to 8-year olds) Discover the library while having fun with your friends. You will find a little surprise at the end of the book hunt! Saturdays, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Club Les rats de bibliothèque

(in French, for 5- to 7-year olds) A beautiful story will transport you to the magic land of fairy tales. Each child will receive a logbook where he will draw a scene from the story he just heard. Saturdays, January 24, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 10:15 a.m.

Les écrivains en herbe

(in French, for 10- to 12-year olds) Have fun making up your own character who will be the hero of the best adventures you can imagine! Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 15 and May 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

BD en folie!

(in French, for 13- to 15-year olds) You love to write? You love to draw? Participate with your friends in a cartoon workshop. All creations will be exhibited at the end of the workshop. Saturdays, January 24, February 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 1:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BREAK

Origami Workshop (for 6- to 12-year olds) With Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montréal, Thursday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. Places are limited. Registration required, starting February 9

Family Story Hour (in French)

Friday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m. Places are limited. Registration required, starting February 9

For more details, please consult our Calendar of activities. Don't forget! Membership at the library is FREE for all Pierrefonds-Roxboro and Montréal borough residents. Enjoy all the services we offer!

MUNICIPAL LIFE AND THINGS TO DO IN PIERREFONDS-ROXBORO

NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The last natural Christmas tree collection will take place **Wednesday**, **January 14** on the territories of Pierrefonds and Roxboro sectors.

Trees must be placed close to the street between 9 p.m. the night before and 7 a.m. the day of collection. To ensure pick-up, trees must be free of all decorations. You can also bring trees to the chalet of the parks below. They will be used around the rinks to protect skaters from the wind.

OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

You will find a rink for hockey and another for free skating in each of the borough's parks listed below.

ALEXANDER

12899, rue Oakwood (south of de Pierrefonds Blvd., via Jacques-Bizard Blvd.)

BROOK

12800, rue Brook (north of Gouin Blvd., via Perron Street)

D'À-MA-BAIE 9625, boul. Gouin Ouest (east of Sunnybrooke Blvd.)

DE LA RIVE-BOISÉE 355, chemin de la Rive-Boisée (east of Saint-Jean Blvd.)

GRIER 17760, rue Meloche (west of Saint-Charles Blvd., via des Cageux Street)

ROXBORO 10, 11^e Avenue (south of the railroad track)

LES DOIGTS DE FÉES DE PIERREFONDS

The club **Les doigts de fées de Pierrefonds'** activities, which include oil painting, knitting, wood painting, personalized greeting cards, thematic decorations, sewing and card games, take place Tuesdays, between 7 and 10 p.m., starting January 20, at the Pierrefonds Cultural Centre, 13850, boul. Gouin Ouest. To attend the club's activities, you must obtain a membership card at the cost of \$10.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Pierrette Fontaine 514 626-6795

THE ROXBORO 60+ CLUB

I Max Wednesday, January 14 Bus trip to the I Max Theatre for 2 shows. Lunch at the Topaz Restaurant. Leaving the East Community Centre at 9 a.m.; returning at 3:30 p.m.

Theatre

Wednesday, February 11

Bus trip to see the play The Lakeshore Players. Dinner at Homard Plus Restaurant. Leaving the East Community Centre at 4:30 p.m.; returning at 10:30 p.m.

INFORMATION Mrs. Anne Kowal, 514 624-5018

OPEN PAINTING WORKSHOP

For amateur or semi-professional adults. Acquire training in oil and acrylic on any support at the Pierrefonds Cultural Centre, 13850 boul. Gouin Ouest, Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration on site

INFORMATION 514 683-1474

PIERREFONDS DAY CAMPS

A dynamic camp that offers exciting programs for children aged 4 to 15 years. Thanks to our 30 years of service to the community, we can offer safe, fun and affordable programs, in six great locations to better serve you. Come join the adventure!

Sunday, April 19

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Annual General Assembly

(participation recommended) 12 to 2 p.m.

Registration for participants in the assembly

2 to 4 p.m.

Registration for non-participants in the assembly

Job opportunities for students 16 years and over, apply by March 20.

INFORMATION

514 624-1430 campspierrefonds.com



MUNICIPAL LIFE AND THINGS TO DO IN PIERREFONDS-ROXBORO

CABARET CAMP

The camp of the Performing Arts

5- to 14-year olds

C.I.T. program – 15- and 16-year olds – \$75 per week

Camp Cabaret is the place to be if you hope to become an actor or actress. Drama, dance, voice training, impro on film acting, art, swimming are taught by highly trained professionals. We build confidence in each camper. New: Elite Tour Performers (by audition only). Live performances. Limited enrollment

DATES

June 29 to August 7 (6 weeks) Register for one week or all 6

COST

\$175 per week (discount for family) – Daycare available. Discount if you register before January 28

LOCATION

Pierrefonds Cultural Centre 13850, boulevard Gouin Ouest

REGISTRATION

Via the Internet (cabaretkids.ca) or by phone Bonnie (514 683-6079) or Randi (514 683-3332) or in person at the Pierrefonds Cultural Centre on Thursday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMME

For 2- to 5-year olds, starting in September

There will be a pre-registration session for the fall programme at the Pierrefonds Cultural Centre, 13850, boul. Gouin Ouest, Thursday, February 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

NOTE

You must bring \$25 in cash, proof of the child's age (Medicare card) and a cheque.

INFORMATION

Jessica Gozlan 514 369-8800

SOCIÉTÉ D'HORTICULTURE ET D'ÉCOLOGIE DE PIERREFONDS INC.

Following are the Société's upoming conferences held **in French** the second Wednesday of the month at the Marcel Morin Community Centre, 14068, boulevard Gouin Ouest.

February 11, 2009 Fleurs comestibles et le chocolat Didier Girol (tasting: \$1/person)

March 11, 2009 **Le jardin potager en carré** by Hélène Surprenant

April 8, 2009 Les algues bleues-vertes, un défi social by Robert Jobin

May 13, 2009 À la découverte des plantes indigènes et de leur intégration au jardin by Robert Robert

INFORMATION 514 624-1671 (voice mail)

WHAT'S UP WITH REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS...

West Island Citizen Advocacy

is a non-profit organization, which recruits, trains, matches and follows up competent volunteer citizen advocates who work on a one-on-one basis or on a team with a person having a handicapping condition. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call West Island Citizen Advocacy at 514 694-5850 or 514 631-9151 visit westislandcitizenadvocacy.com Bread Basket Lac-Saint-Louis presents a series of community kitchens at various West Island locations whereby a small group of people gather to cook healthy economical meals in a fun and informative environment. There is a \$2 participation fee. For more information about the Bread Basket project, please call 514 694-5850.

Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation

The Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation's 8th Annual Gala, Carnival do Brasil – bal masque held last November 1 was a resounding success, raising approximately \$250,000 towards a CR Developer with Mammography Option for the LGH Breast Clinic. Thank you to our guests, sponsors and volunteers for their support.

The Christmas Wrapping Project was held at Fairview Pointe-Claire from November 26 to December 24, 2008. Thank you to all of those who gave generously. Please keep an eye out for announcements of our upcoming events,

including the Annual Duck Race and Golf Tournament. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information about the LGH Foundation, please call our office at 514 630-2081.

Cultural Activities

Art and personal development courses, music and dance lessons

Our specialists are totally independent. The part of the Cultural Activities Division is limited to the coordination and the improvement of cultural activities in our borough.

Art Courses

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING 18 years +

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 13 to March 31 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$220 (material not included) Ghulam Mustafa: 514 696-0455

ACTING

Given at the East Community Centre Lois Dellar : 514 646-1477 Live performance at the end of each session

Adult Acting for the Camera 18 years +

Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 21 to March 11 (8 wks) \$170

On-Camera Kids

6 to 11 years

Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 to April 14 (13 wks) \$240

On-Stage Kids 6 to 11 years

Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 to April 15 (13 wks) or Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 24 to April 19 (13 wks) \$240

Teen Acting for the Camera

12 to 17 years Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 to April 18 (13 wks) \$275

Teen Acting for the Stage

12 to 17 years Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 to April 18 (13 wks) \$275

Voice-Over Workshop

Voice training for narration, commercials and animation Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 22 (1 wk) \$75

AIR DRY CLAY CRAFT II 18 years +

Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 23 to Feb. 20 (5 wks) at the cultural centre \$95 (material included) Anny King: 514 626-4871

CROCHET & KNITTING 16 years +

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. Jan.20 to March 24 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$140 Louise Nadon: 514 624-0012 nadonlouise@sympatico.ca Jan. 17 to Feb. 21 (6 wks)

DECORATIVE PAINTING 18 years +

at the cultural centre \$80 (material not included, \$140 for wood, paint, brushes) Donna McGee: 514 696-9326

Beginners/Intermediates

Tuesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 20 to Feb. 24 (6 wks)

Intermediates

Wednesday, 1 to 3:30 p.m. or 7 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 21 to Feb. 25 (6 wks)

Intermediates/Advanced

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 22 to Fev. 26 (6 wks)

DRAWING – PASTEL 16 years +

(Charcoal, dry pastel; given in French) Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb.5 to April 9 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$205 (material not included; approx. \$30) Ginette Levac: 514 624-1559

DRAWING/PAINTING

8 to 11 years

(Watercolour, charcoal, pastel; given in French) Friday, 5 to 6:30 p.m Jan.30 to April 3 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$125 (material not included: approx. \$30) Ginette Levac: 514 624-1559

ICONS

18 years +

Monday, 7 to 9:30 p.m Jan.19 to March 23 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$180 (material not included) Anna Esin: 514 677-7484

INTERIOR DECORATING # 1 18 years +

(Registration mandatory, minimum 8 participants required; everything you need to know for a successful décor: planning, combining styles, colours, floor and wall finishes, window coverings, accessories, and lighting; theory and practice) Monday, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16 to May 4 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$230 (material included) Céline Benoit: 514 457-4508

INTERIOR DECORATING # 2

18 years +

(Prerequisite: Interior Decorating # 1; bilingual workshop; registration mandatory, minimum 8 participants required) Tuesday, 7:30 to 9 p.m. March 10 to April 28 (8 wks) at the cultural centre \$180 (material included) Céline Benoit: 514 457-4508

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY 13 years +

Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 4 to April 8 (10 wks) or Friday, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 6 to April 17 (10 wks) at the cultural cente \$150 (material included) Fumi Wada: 514 696-3543

OIL PAINTING 18 years +

(Personalized teaching, intense basic techniques study, free choice of subjects; given in French) Friday or Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Jan. 23 to April 17 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$210 (material not included) Bernard Marsy: 514 630-4316

PHILATELY CLUB

16 years + (Given in French) First Wednesday of the month 7:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 4 to June 3 (once a month) at the cultural centre \$25 + \$5 for the membership card

Jean-Paul Alloi: 514 626-7454 jpalloi@vif.com

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Students and adults

(Given in French) Friday, 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 9 to May 29 at the cultural centre \$50 for the membership card Francine Chartré: 514 626-7741

THEATRE LA RUÉE VERS L'ART

8 to 12 years

(Teachers: Marie-Claude Legault and Catherine Gonthier; yearend stage show) Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 17 to April 18 (12 wks) at the Roxboro Chalet \$125 Marie-Claude Legault: 514 293-9207 ruee_vers_lart@hotmail.com

12 to 16 years

Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m.

WATERCOLOURS/PASTELS 18 years +

Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan 14 to Aril 1 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$220 (material not included) Ghulam Mustafa: 514 696-0455

Personal Development Courses

ARTISTIC WORKOUT 18 years +

(ballonforme.com) Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m., or 7 to 9 p.m. Fev. 4 to April 8 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$142.50 Louise Kanemy: 514 237-9034

CHI GONG

16 years +

(Meditation in movement; given in French; www.tai-chi-gong.org) Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 14 to March 18 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$150 Luce Desgagné: 514 696-1845

PILATES

16 years +

(Beginner – Mat Course) Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 22 to April 2 (10 wks) at the Culturel Centre \$140 Carolyn Bouchard: 514 586-1594

PLAY GROUP 1 to 3 years

(Parent/child; bilingual) Tuesday, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Jan.13 to March 30 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$132 Jessica Gozlan: 514 369-8800

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

(Bilingual; registration fees: \$25; an extra \$5/month will be charged to non-residents. Possibility of afternoon program:

1. lunch period available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., \$3/day 2. Afternoon course from 12:45 to 14:45 p.m., \$6/day; registration mandatory) Jessica Gozlan: 514 369-8800

Rates:

2 days per week: \$88/month 3 days per week: \$122/month 4 days per week: \$153/month 5 days per week: \$179/month

2 years

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Jan. 5 to June 19 at the West Community Centre

2 years

Wednesday and Friday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the cultural centre

3 to 5 years

Monday to Friday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the West Community Centre and the cultural centre

3 to 5 years

Monday,Tuesday and Wednesday 12:45 to 3:45 p.m. at the cultural centre

SPANISH LEVEL 1 16 years +

(Minimum 10 participants; mistralspanishcourses.com) Monday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12 to March 23 (11 wks) at the East Community Centre \$125 (material not included, \$40 for book) Ricardo Dedios: 450 451-6123

SPANISH LEVEL 3 16 years +

(mistralspanishcourses.com) Monday, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 12 to March 23 (11 wks) at the East Community Centre \$125 (material not included, \$40 for book) Ricardo Dedios: 450 451-6123

SPANISH LEVEL 4

(www.mistralspanishcourses.com) Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Jan, 13 to March 24 (11 wks) at the East Community Centre \$125 (material not included, \$40 for book) Ricardo Dedios: 450 451-6123

TAI CHI Advanced

16 years + (given in French) Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 12 to March 16 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$145

Beginners

16 years +

(given in French) Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 to March 17 (10 wks) at the Marcel Morin Community Centre \$140 Luce Desgagné: 514 696-1845

YOGA

16 years +

Tuesday, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Jan.20 to April 7 (12 wks) at the Marcel Morin Community Centre \$180 Laurence Côté: 514 696-5870

Music Lessons and Choir

ACCORDION

7 years + Tuesday, 4 to 6:45 p.m. Jan. 6 to March 10 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$120 Jean-Claude Duclos: 514 766-9632

FLORILÈGE DE PIERREFONDS FRENCH VOCAL ENSEMBLE

18 years +

Wednesday, 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 7 to May 6 (18 wks) at the cultural centre \$100 Gérard Camisa: 514 694-4235

GUITAR, BASS

9 years +

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 2 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 11 to April 3 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$210 Radford Crasto: 514 346-8805 or 450 452-9929

PIANO

6 years + (musiccentre.ca)

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to 8:15 p.m. Feb. 1 to May 1 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$228 Dora Cojocaru: 514 685-0487

RECORDER FLUTE

Tuesday, 4 to 6:45 p.m. Jan. 6 to March 10 (10 wks) at the cultural centre \$120 Jean-Claude Duclos: 514 766-9632

Dance and Social Dance

BALADI Beginners

16 years +

Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 20 to April 7 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$150 Audrey Pellerin: 514 704-8802

BALADI

Intermediates

16 years + Tuesday, 8 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20 to April 7 (12 wks) at the cultural centre 150 \$ Audrey Pellerin : 514 704-8802

BALLROOM AND INTERNATIONAL DANCING

(Given by two 39-year experienced teachers; stage show on June 13; dansegrenier.com)

Beginners

16 years + Monday or Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 5 to April 24 at the Sainte-Suzanne Church \$10/pers./2 hrs Aldor ou Andrée Grenier: 1 450 652-9591 or 514 626-4960

Advanced

16 years +

(Bronze, silver, gold, social and international) Monday, Wednesday or Friday

FLAMENCO

18 years +

(paloma-flamenca.com) Friday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9 to April 3 (12 wks) at the cultural centre \$245 Sarah Murphy: 514 453-0721

HIP HOP

5 to 18 years

Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 to April 16 (14 wks) at the cultural centre \$145 Charles Griffith: 514 365-4778

18 years +

Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teacher: Erin McDonnell

TAP DANCING

5 to 18 years

Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 to April 16 (14 wks) at the cultural centre \$145 (shoe rental: \$28 for session) Charles Griffith: 514 365-4778

18 years +

Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Addresses of buildings where courses are given:

- cultural centre
 13850, boul. Gouin Ouest
 Pierrefonds
- East Community Centre 9665, boul. Gouin Ouest Pierrefonds
- Marcel Morin
 Community Centre
 14068, boul. Gouin Ouest,
 Pierrefonds
- Roxboro Chalet
 10, 11^e Rue, Roxboro
- Sainte-Suzanne Church 9501, boul. Gouin Ouest Pierrefonds
- West Community Centre 17760, rue Meloche, Pierrefonds

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, an additional \$5 fee will be charged to non-residents of the city of Montréal.

[GREEN] LINE

The use of de-icing salt close to plants

During winter, the use of de-icing salts is sometimes necessary to ensure drivers or pedestrians' safety. However, exposed plants can be seriously damaged when roots, leaves or buds are in contact with these salts. Symptoms of salt exposure will be similar to those of a summer drought. We detect a reduction of the leaves surface, yellowing and browning, usually at the fringe of the foliage, and sometimes the loss of leaves. Destruction or damage to the buds is frequently observed on trees and shrubs, leading to a "witches' broom" formation. The use of salt could also be responsible for the death of very vulnerable species.



"Witches' Broom"

The best way to prevent damage is to avoid the use of de-icing salts, using instead abrasives like gravel or coarse sand. However, if you need to use them for your safety, cover your plants with barrier sheets and choose de-icing agents containing calcium chloride (CaCl₂), magnesium chloride (MgCl₂), limestone or urea. Avoid the use of sodium chloride (NaCl : Table salt) whenever possible. Shortly after snow thaws, water generously salt-exposed evergreen foliage and trees or shrubs buds. The soil or the turf close to the street or sidewalk must also be washed with water. Gypsum can be used to neutralize the excess of sodium in soil.

Some plants are more tolerant to salt exposure. Among the resistant trees and shrubs, we find the Austrian pine, the mountain pine, the Colorado blue spruce, the Norway maple, the Russian olive and the maidenhair tree. Yews and cedars are very sensitive to salt. Among the tolerant perennials, there is the dianthus, the common bearberry, some calamagrostis and miscanthus grasses as well as sea pink. Consider these species and many other tolerant plants when designing the landscape of salt exposed areas.

Are you water smart?

In Québec, the average water consumption per person is more that 400 litres a day. Knowing that a human needs 20 to 50 litres of freshwater to satisfy basic needs, it seems obvious that our comfortable lifestyle has trivialized the importance of preserving this essential resource.

Simple actions in everyday life can make a big difference on our water consumption.

- Kitchen sink disposal requires a lot of water to operate properly. In addition to the waste of energy, it releases a lot of waste in the sewers, which then must be treated in wastewater treatment plants, increasing the costs. Consider composting your kitchen wastes or throw them away; the sink is not a garbage can.
- Install aerator attachments on sink faucets. These are known to reduce water use by 25%. Also, make sure that faucets do not leak. One drop per second is a waste of more than 9000 litres per year.

- 26,500 litres of water are needed to create a ton of paper. Recycling the paper decreases manufacturing water pollution by 35%.
- 30% of the water used is wasted by flushing the toilet. Avoid flushing just for tissues; toilet is not a garbage can. When replacing a toilet, consider a low-flush toilet that uses a smaller water tank.
- Avoid drinking bottled water. Tap water from municipal facilities is more often of a better quality and can be up to 5000 times cheaper than bottled water. Moreover, bottles are made from nonrenewable resources and their manufacturing requires energy. They also create unnecessary wastes. Store drinking water in the refrigerator to have fresh water. It also allows chlorine, which is responsible of bad taste, to evaporate.



Some companies are selling us tap water that comes directly from municipal installations.

Urban wildlife: Striped skunk

Inactive during winter, skunks begin to awaken from their winter state of torpor by late February, and are fully active by the end of March. It is estimated that **almost 70 percent** of a skunk's diet is composed of harmful organisms such as rodents and insects.

An angry skunk will growl or hiss, stamp its front feet rapidly, or even walk a short distance on its front feet with its tail high in the air. The striped skunk cannot spray from this position. The musk is discharged only as a last desperate measure after repeated warning signals. Although it is myopic, the skunk has a very good sense of smell. It is thus sensitive to its own odour and will prefer to run away instead of spraying an annoying visitor. As a matter of fact, their dens have little of the skunk odour about them.

If you meet a skunk on your path, do not take it by surprise by making sudden movements. It will go on its way, without worries.

For more information, consult the website Hinterland who's who – ffdp.ca

Let's shed a light on compact fluorescent light bulbs



Broken bulbs or used ones are considered as dangerous wastes and must be disposed safely at the municipal hazardous waste collection or at some retailers such as Home Depot, Rona, Réno-Dépôt and Ikea.

THE GREEN LINE

For information, call the Green Line at 514 624-1215 or write infopesticides@pierrefonds-roxboro.qc.ca Here are some facts learned on the website of the Office of energy efficiency of Canada as regards to compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- They use far less energy than incandescent bulbs, so they reduce greenhouse gas emissions from electrical generating stations powered by fossil fuels.
- They last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, so fewer bulbs and less packaging ends up in landfills.
- The amount of **mercury** in those bulbs is so small less than one-fifth of the mercury found in a wristwatch battery or 100 times less than in an ordinary thermometer – that it does not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. No mercury is released from the bulbs when lighting and they are safe for you and your family when they are used properly. Nevertheless, they should be handled with care and disposed of safely. If a breakage happens, sweep up the debris with a stiff paper or cardboard, and then wipe the area with a damp paper towel and put everything in a sealed plastic bag which is considered as a dangerous waste.

For more information, consult the Website: oee.rncan.gc.ca/energystar

ÉCO-QUARTIER



13, rue du Centre-Commercial in Roxboro 514 752-0778 or 514 752-0978 ecoquartier.pfds.rox@gmail.com

Business hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday: closed

Did you know that waterways don't sleep during the winter?

It is fairly obvious that the cold temperatures of autumn slow down most plant and algae growth, but it only takes a few rays of sunlight to keep the photosynthetic process in motion for most algae.



Ever since the opening of the Ecoquartier, we have had many products for sale, which are environmentally friendly, organic, and fair trade.

Amongst these items, you can find soaps and cleaning products that do not contain environmentally harmful chemicals such as phosphates, formaldehydes, bad enzymes, NTA and EDTA acids, chlorine, and lauryl sulphate.

These products are hypoallergenic, nontoxic, and biodegradable in 28 days or less.

They include laundry detergents, dishwashing liquids, all-purpose cleaners, and much more. In addition, these products are not tested on animals. Below is a list of more items:

- We have bulk amounts of dish, laundry and all-purpose soaps to refill your containers when they become empty. This helps reduce packaging by the reuse of previous containers.
- We sell fair trade sugar, coffee, teas, chocolates and cocoa.
- Reusable bags made from juice containers by a woman's cooperative in the Philippines.
- Biodegradable and compostable bags.
- Biodegradable bags for dog waste.
- Reusable sanitary pads for women.
- Diva Cups (Reusable menstrual cups).
- Handkerchiefs.
- Reusable and compostable coffee filters.
- Toilet water economisers.
- Rain barrels.
- Artistic corkboards made from reused wine bottle corks.
- Kitchen compost container with filters





Our local distributor for our ecological products is Coopérative du Grand Orme, a partner with SOS Planet (our governing non-profit organization). Their recent opening offers us a local store in which we can buy local, ecological products to help us shrink our ecological footprints. They are located at 99, rue Sainte-Anne in the maison Lamarche (175-year old house), in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Contact the Coop at coopdugrandorme.ca info@coopdugrandorme.ca or at 514 457-0858

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

For a better quality of life!

Centre Bienvenue

A Mental Health Day Centre, a non-profit community-based organization providing support, psychosocial intervention and social reintegration services via various psycho-educational programs and preparatory groups toward a return to work, studies, or volunteering. Some of the objectives of the Centre are to improve quality of life, provide mutual support services and offer a caring meeting place for people who feel isolated. Our programs aim at providing a choice of psychoeducational, recreational and cultural activities in order to maximize life skills management as well as a progressive social reintegration for our participants.

Information

514 421-2212

Cloverdale Village Housing Cooperative

The new Cloverdale offers quality and affordable apartments in a beautiful setting, near the new East Community Centre and Sunnybrooke train station. The Montréal Municipal Housing Bureau offers subsidies to families who demonstrate need, as per their criteria. Our new residence for retirees is currently under construction and should be ready for occupation in March 2009.

Information 514 683-9988

West Island Assistance Fund

9, rue Centre-Commercial, Roxboro 514 683-0456

Created in 1966, the West Island Assistance Fund's mission is to help the underprivileged of the West Island. Our food bank distributed 4000 food baskets to 984 families last year and paid for day camps for children of needy families. We also operate second-hand clothing and used-furniture stores and hold income-tax return preparation clinics.

Maison des jeunes À-Ma-Baie

9625, boul. Gouin Ouest, Pierrefonds 514 685-2989 or 514 684-9353 mdjamabaie.webnode.com

Maison des jeunes À-Ma-Baie is a community organization that serves teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17. Its mission is to enrich teenagers' life and to encourage them to become responsible citizens. We offer services such as homework assistance, workshops, outings and a drop-in centre with exceptional animators, an abundance of technology (giant plasma screen, computers, and video games), as well as many board games.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 1:30 to 11 p.m. Sunday: 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

PAIR Programme

The program consists of an individual assistance and telephone support for retired persons enabling them to feel safe and secure while maintaining their autonomy. By this service, the user is called daily by phone seven days a week to verify that all is well. The program applies to persons 65 years and over who live alone, and to those sick or convalescing, who live alone and are aged 55 years and over.

Information

Mr. Renya, 514 747-5353, ext. 234

West Island Women's Shelter

In addition to temporary shelter, the association offers a 24/7-telephone line, external services, individual counselling, and support groups. Call us if you have any questions concerning your intimate relationship. Conjugal violence always occurs in the context of a current or past love relationship.

Information Services: 514-620-4845 Administration: 514 620-9401

Urban Security and Crime Prevention

Did you know that YMCA West Island and the Pierrefonds-Roxboro borough are working together on a crime prevention program entitled Urban Security? The program is meant to educate residents and provide them with the necessary tools to increase their feeling of security and prevent crimes.

Information

514 630-9864, ext. 338

Table de quartier du Nord-Ouest-de-l'Île de Montréal

The past year (2007-2008) was a turning point for the Table. A new strategic planning exercise has been achieved. It includes an action plan for the next three years. The objectives of the action plan for 2008-2009 are to:

- Increase the membership;
- Inform the members of the objectives of the three-year action plan;
- Develop communication efforts through the municipal ballots, through Internet and possibly through the
- arrondissement.com portal;
- Hold two public events focused on local issues;
- Develop measures to fight against poverty.

Information

Michel Poirier, coordinator 514 624-7742 or tqnoim@videotron.ca





