

WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

Trent: 'We did hear from you'

On-street parkers win reduced fee hikes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

There's good news for some 1,000 Westmount households requiring on-street parking. Following an outcry from residents, city council July 4 decided to substantially reduce the doubling of fees it had previously announced for the first car per dwelling unit.

This fee will now be \$160 a year, an increase of 33 percent over the existing \$120, rather than \$240 as announced at the June 6 council meeting.

"We did hear from you and feel [the new rate] is more appropriate," said Mayor Peter Trent. "It's the rate of [cumulative] inflation," he added, saying that there had been no increases since 1995.

Ward 5 councillor Gary Ikeman, who had spearheaded the reduction, said that "we looked at the situation and came back with a fair increase of \$3 a month, a very reasonable increase."

No modifications were made in the fee increase for second cars. This goes from \$240 to \$360. The fee remains unchanged at \$480 for third and subsequent cars.

While Trent noted that Côte St. Luc charged \$240 for on-street parking, a survey of parking fees in nine other communities with similar on-street parking needs to Westmount was compiled by ward 4 councillor Kathleen Duncan showing the Westmount fee to be the most pricy.

Some of the findings for first and second cars were the following: Montreal West, \$150; Outremont, \$60 and \$120; the Plateau: \$75 and \$150; and CDN/NDG: \$60 and \$120.

Resident Flora Lee Wagner, of Claremont Ave., asked during question period that stricter checking of needs take place before the issuing of overnight parking stickers. She cited the case of someone with a sticker who parked in a driveway on the property.

Assistant Public Security director Greg McBain told the *Independent* the next day that the permit office made vigilant verification of needs and that the case in question may have involved a second or third car bearing a sticker which normally did not *continued on p. 16*

Art-happy at The Gallery at Vic Hall



Five of the nine exhibiting artists pose for photographs at the Gallery at Victoria Hall during a vernissage of their work. From left: Claire Desjardins, Silene Sarah Bohadana, Judith Henderson, Douglas Robertson and Valerie Webster. Other exhibiting artists were Mona Agia, M.N. Evette, Ramez Rabbat and Rasa Vaidila Pavlanis.

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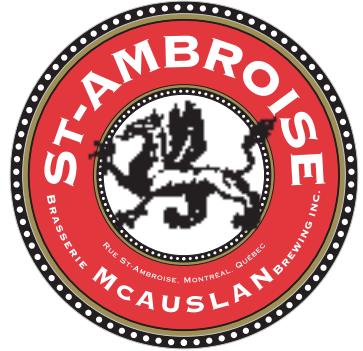
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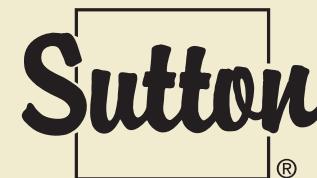


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Martin Swiss Cycles helps out on Ride to Conquer Cancer



Left, Steve Dennis, owner of Martin Swiss Cycles on Victoria Ave., loads an air compressor with the help of employee Roy Staines aboard a trailer that was to accompany technicians from the bike shop on the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer. They were preparing what they needed to bring as the chosen technical support for the two-day ride between Montreal and Quebec City the weekend of July 9-10. Around 2,500 people, including some Westmounters, were set to take part in the event to raise money for cancer research at the Jewish General Hospital.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Vacation checks

Residents preparing to go away on vacation can call on the Public Security Unit to check their homes while they're gone, according to assistant director Greg McBain. "They can call us to arrange for special passing attention (SPA) during their absence," he said. During one SPA check July 3 on Belmont Crescent, officers found the front door open. Police were called to check out the interior which was reported to be all in order. Public Security left a message to say the door had been closed but could not be locked.



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Vomiting son returned home

A taxi driver called Public Security at 3:10 am July 3 for assistance with an intoxicated passenger vomiting in the car. The cabbie had not been paid and didn't know where to drop him off.

Once on scene, officers call police who escorted the young man, a resident of Grosvenor, to the BMO ATM to withdraw money for the fare. While it was decided he could walk home, he was kept under surveillance by public safety officers who then soon spotted him lying on someone's front lawn.

They then walked him the rest of the

way home so he wouldn't throw up in the patrol car and informed his parents he was home.

News flash: Busses rerouted

At press time Monday, the *Independent* learned that the STM had re-routed busses off Sherbrooke between Clarke and Claremont. It is not known whether or not this will last throughout the five-week project to replace the water main between Roslyn and Victoria, said director general Duncan Campbell.

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Mayor to new residents: Westmount is now your city

BY MAYOR PETER TRENT



The city of Westmount is now your city. I invite you to enjoy all the things that Westmount – sometimes uniquely – has to offer.

The city we know today as Westmount started out as a small village in 1874. Twenty years after its founding, Westmount began its biggest period of growth, which itself lasted another 20 years.

Ever since, the city of Montreal has developed around us, making Westmount, a walkable city in its own right, a place within walking distance of downtown.

Today, Westmount is a city small enough to feel like an extended family; and a city respectful enough of its past to regard its traditions with pride. And, in common with many small communities, we have developed shared values of tolerance and neighbourliness.

Ever since Westmount's beginnings, our citizens have always managed to ensure that their city be well run. As members of your current city council, we cherish our green spaces and our historic public buildings; we strive to ensure our unique collection of heritage houses can be passed on to future generations; we try

to be respectful of the environment; we treat your municipal taxes as our own burden (which they most definitely are); and we regard our citizens both as clients and shareholders in their very own municipal corporation.

But Westmount is much more than just a city administration. Westmount is a wonderful place to be a kid, to bring up kids, and to enjoy grandkids.

Welcome to the Westmount family.

Rains displace heavy manhole covers

Heavy rain the night of July 3-4 resulted in damage to two cars after water accumulation had lifted and displaced at least two heavy manhole covers. Public Works crews were called to reposition them.

Public Security officials said one cover flattened a back tire on a car from Cremazie Blvd. that ran into it at Mountain and Montrose at about 11:40 pm. At 12:47 am, a Montreal West resident reported damage to a car's front end that had driven into a partially uncovered manhole while going from The Boulevard to Edgehill.

Welcome to Westmount – Garbage stinks but here's where it goes

With moving just accomplished for new Westmounters, here are a few helpful tips for getting rid of unwanted things.

Regular refuse pickups

Regardless of whether it's recycling, compost or garbage, "refuse" should only be put out on pick-up day between 7 and 8 am, so you don't miss the collectors.

Be warned: there are fines for early placement.

Recycling pickup (e.g. clean paper, cardboard, glass, metal packaging and plastic – but not styrofoam), for residences only, takes place on Wednesdays starting at 8 am. You need a blue box, which you get from Public Works at 1 Bethune St., reached via the south side of St. Catherine St., just east of Lansdowne Ave.

For residences of eight units and less only, **compostables** (e.g. food, plant cuttings, soiled paper – but not diapers) takes place on Mondays for the eastern sector and Tuesdays for the western sector. (See

the "Great Garbage Divide" below for the dividing line.) You need a green, wheeled box (which can be obtained from Public Works as well). It should be placed where you put your garbage for garbage pick-up.

Garbage pick-up takes place starting at 8 am on Thursdays (eastern sector) and Fridays (western sector). For residences of nine units and more, and for businesses, there are additional pick-ups on Monday (eastern section) and Tuesday (western section).

Special stuff

For **large-volume recyclables & electronics**, if you (or your house) can't wait for the curbside pickup (see above), Westmount's Corporation Yard at 1 Bethune St. has facilities where residents can drop off recyclables and electronic waste.

Spent batteries can be dropped at the Corporation Yard (1 Bethune St., see above for directions) and Fire Station 76 (19 Stanton St.).

Bulky items (e.g. appliances) can be placed outside with regular garbage on collection day (see "Garbage pick-up" above), but you must advise Public Works at 514.989.5311.

Local collections of **hazardous waste** take place twice a year. The next one takes place in October. Westmounters can also dispose of hazardous materials, including paint, at the Eadie Ecocentre (1868 Cabot, corner Eadie, which is just across the Lachine canal in Côte St. Paul, (514.872.8359).

Unsure of what goes where? Or when?

To find out the fine points of what is "garbage" and what is "compost," go to the city's website at www.westmount.org. Click on "Environment" (centre-bottom box). More information can also be found there on pickup times and other topics. You can also call Public Works at 514.989.5311.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REDFERN EGRESS WILL NOT HAPPEN

When does an entrepreneur's right to profit take precedence over the rights of nearby property owners to enjoy their homes on a secluded residential street in quiet and security?

While the residents of Redfern Ave. between de Maisonneuve and Sherbrooke Streets are not, in principle, opposed to the redevelopment of 215 Redfern Ave., they are united in their opposition to any increase of non-local traffic, especially from heavy construction and delivery trucks, and increased parking on their residential street by construction workers.

While, as citizens, we are not looking for confrontation, we are, however, seeking respect for our right to peaceful and secure enjoyment of our homes.

Last week at city hall, the developers signaled their plan for 50-foot plus trucks to use Redfern as the egress route for their 16 month construction project.

Let them be forewarned that this will not happen!

ALLEN NUTIK, REDFERN AVE. AND
MEMBER OF
THE REDFERN AVE. TRAFFIC SAFETY
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THANKS FOR RECONSIDERING

On behalf of the Claremont/Lorraine Ave. residents, I would like to thank Mayor Trent and council for reconsidering the 100 percent increase in the cost of the 24-hour parking permits.

A personal thank you to councillors Kathleen Duncan and Gary Ikeman.

FLORA-LEE WAGNER, CLAREMONT AVE.

some tips and info

How to park, get around and get involved

Tip 1: Westmount residents can buy a “W” parking sticker from Public Security (21 Stanton St., 514.989.5222) that allows them to park in certain resident-restricted areas around town. The cost is \$20 and there is a limit of one per household.

Tip 2: Overnight parking is prohibited in Westmount, but if you need temporary access for you or a friend, you can register with Public Security (514.989.5222) to avoid getting a ticket.

Residents without parking facilities can apply for a “G” permit to park on the street, which starts at an annual fee of \$160 for the first car. (see story, p. 1.)

Tip 3: There are two libraries in Westmount: the Westmount Public Library at 4574 Sherbrooke St. (www.westlib.org), with free borrowing privileges for residents of Westmount, and the private Atwater Library at 1200 Atwater St. (yearly fee: \$20 to \$35, www.atwaterlibrary.ca).

Tip 4: There are three Metro stations near Westmount: Atwater (at de Maisonneuve); Vendôme (at de Maisonneuve), which is great for accessing the new Forum and Old Montreal on the orange line; and, just past the northwest corner of

the city, the Villa Maria station at Monkland and Decarie.

Tip 5: There are at least five community centres in Westmount: Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke St.), the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St., 514.931.6770), Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave., 514.931.6202), Contactivity for senior citizens (4695 de Maisonneuve, 514.932.2326) and TAG, a

drop-in centre for youth from 12 to 17 years old, located at the north end of the arena by the swimming pool.

Tip 6: There are a number of groups in Westmount to join, including:

- Westmount Municipal Association (civic issues, www.wma-amw.org),
- Westmount Historical Association (www.westmounthistorical.org),
- Westmount Horticultural Society (www.whsociety.com),

- Sherlock Holmes Society (which meets at the Westmount Public Library) and
- Healthy City Project (environmental, health and community safety issues.)

There are also book clubs, choirs, a dog owners’ association and a theatre group.

To learn about these and others, visit the city website (www.westmount.org), click on “About Westmount” and then on “Community Groups.”

The great garbage divide

The dividing line between the eastern and western sections for garbage and compostables pick-up is a jagged line running up Hallowell, up the middle of Clarke, west down the middle of de Maisonneuve, up the middle of Lansdowne, east on Côte St. Antoine, then through Murray Hill Park (west of Murray, Forden Crescent and Sydenham), east on The Boulevard, then west of Aberdeen, and through Sunnyside and Summit Circle. If you’re near the border, and aren’t sure, ask your neighbours or call Public Works at 514.989.5390.

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NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Cap on architects' fee upped \$1 million

A cap on architectural fees for the new arena/pool project was raised from \$1.4 million to \$2.3 million at the city council meeting July 4. A change in the contract with Lemay & Associés had been expected.

The original amount dates back to 2008 based on proposed construction costs of some \$19.6 million at the time, project chair Patrick Martin told the meeting. Fees were never adjusted, however, as the project evolved into one whose estimated construction costs rose to \$29.5 million.

The new fees are already included in the overall \$37-million estimated budget, Martin explained. They also include amounts for engineering work subcontracted by Lemay for structural and electrical services to CIMA and mechanical engineering to BPA.

Project opponent Patrick Barnard asked how much had already been paid out to date and was told by Mayor Peter Trent that the amount would be made available to him after the meeting.

Other critics of the project asked for a variety of changes, including downsizing of the project and inclusion of an indoor pool to replace a full-sized ice rink. They continued to voice concerns over cost, spending to date, debt, traffic, use of the rinks by Selwyn House and the desires of an aging population.

Trent and Martin repeated the same answers made on numerous occasions until the mayor finally said: "I'm tired of responding."

Councillor Kathleen Duncan, commissioner of Sports and Recreation, spoke to the needs of an aging population by explaining the new recreation centre would respond to changing demographics and people remaining active longer and involved in "high impact" sports, including hockey. "A lot of people will be able to use the rinks, outdoor pools and multi-purpose rooms much longer than you think."

When a seating capacity for 300 spectators was also challenged, Martin said that

aspect was not adding to the size of the building since the seating would be installed above the changing rooms. It was not expected to be filled to capacity or increase traffic.

Mayor seeks MUHC meeting

Mayor Peter Trent is requesting a meeting with MUHC officials to discuss major concerns over lack of pedestrian and cycling access to the Glen site as well as the impact on Westmount from two off-site ambulatory hospital clinics to be set up on de Maisonneuve.

These were not previously discussed nor shown as part of plans for the super-hospital. They have been raised at council meetings by bicycling advocate Roger Jochym as well as Maureen Kiely, who sits on citizen representation boards concerning community interests in the MUHC.

A draft of the letter was presented by Councillor Cynthia Lulham at the city council meeting July 4.

As Urban Planning commissioner she said "the addition of the clinics will exacerbate already unsafe conditions" and "these could have a huge negative impact on both the NDG borough and the city of Westmount if proper planning is not put in place."

The letter points out the immediacy of Westmount's concerns, in particular given its current preparation of a current master traffic plan.

New Christmas lighting ordered

It was Christmas in July at the city's monthly council meeting Monday last week when the purchase of 90 illuminated ornaments was approved for street light standards in the Greene and Victoria commercial districts.

A quotation from Studio Artéfact 2002 Inc. was accepted in the amount of some \$58,000 for the purchase, transport, installation and removal of the decorations. This follows general dissatisfaction last year over the stringing of lights on trees and poles (see December 14, p. 3).

The selected design incorporates a garland with white lights and coloured ornamental balls. It's the same one used in Cabot Square at Atwater and St. Catherine last year which appeared very suitable for Westmount, explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

One advantage to the new contract was the inclusion of installation and removal of decorations, which was previously carried out by Public Works and Hydro Westmount crews at a busy time of year, she said.

Historical society gets \$4,000 grant

The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) received an injection of funds from city council July 4 to upgrade computer equipment.

The grant request, presented by Councillor Nicole Forbes, was made on the basis of the unique role the 77-year-old organization plays in preserving and promoting the history of the community.

According to the grant submission, the association has been responding to increasingly numerous inquiries from a new category of clientele since the advent of the internet and the creation of the WHA website some 10 years ago. One group served is the city of Westmount itself.

The WHA had requested \$5,000 to replace obsolete 10-year-old computer equipment and to pay for consulting services to update, redesign and implement the website.



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Sound barrier request sent to Quebec

A long fight for a sound barrier along much of the southern border of Westmount took another step forward July 4 when city council adopted a formal request to the Quebec minister of Transport.

The resolution asked for the ministry to “proceed with a study of the sound barrier project” for the section between Clendeboye and Blenheim Place directly north of the CP tracks.

This follows an updated report on sound barrier needs commissioned by the city as well as three public information meetings in late May and early June for residents in wards 7 and 8, the areas directly affected.

The resolution notes that Transport minister Sam Hamad has already “publicly supported” construction of a barrier “to mitigate present and future noise levels.”

Ward 8 councillor Theodora Samiotis said that in some areas a sound barrier wall would be required. This applies largely to the eastern section where the Ville Marie Expressway will not be lowered for reconstruction of the Turcot interchange.

To the west, however, especially around Irvine where the highway is slated to be sunk some 15 feet, a berm may suffice, said ward 7 councillor Cynthia Lulham. Noise from an increasing number of

trains to the West Island remains a concern, however, and electrification of the line would be critical, said Lulham.



Michael Schwartz asks for stop signs and speed control on Edgehill Rd. during council meeting. This and several other traffic questions were to be referred to consultants conducting the city's master traffic study.

Library to offer e-books

For members of Westmount Public Library clamouring for e-books, there was good news from the council meeting July 4.

Council members unanimously approved the purchase of an e-book service from Overdrive Inc. in an amount of \$15,000 starting in the fall.

Negotiations have been under way with the supplier, which was found to offer a collection best suited to a public library, according to library director Julie-Anne Cardella. This goes beyond academic material and includes best sellers, novels and Canadian content.

“It’s definitely a new market,” Cardella told the *Independent*. “We started having requests for e-books after Christmas when people received e-readers. But in the last two months we’ve had a large number of requests.”

Unfortunately, the new service will not be ready for the summer vacation period, she added. A certain amount of technical work is involved before the books can be downloaded onto personal tablets.

A similar service was installed last January in a joint, book-sharing project by the municipal libraries in Côte St. Luc, Dollard des Ormeaux and Pointe Claire, she said. But Westmount decided to go it alone to reduce waiting times for books.

The e-book process functions in the same way as traditional book loans where only one reader at a time can view a specific copy of a book for a certain amount of time.

Jenny Patton resigns, Sue Magor steps up on HCP

After many years on the Healthy City Project’s (HCP) environment committee, Jenny Patton will hand over the chair’s position to Sue Magor.

The announcement was made at the July 4 city council meeting by Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who chairs the steering committee of the HCP, now marking its 20th anniversary.

“Jenny has been a pillar of the committee for nearly 15 years by some accounts, although she herself has stopped keeping track of time,” Samiotis said, in thanking Patton for her many contributions.

Patton will remain on the steering committee in a position that was left vacant after the death a year ago of Don Wedge.

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Travaux de réfection

Remplacement de la conduite d’eau principale

Rue Sherbrooke, entre les avenues Roslyn et Victoria

La Ville de Westmount remplacera la conduite d’eau principale sous la rue Sherbrooke à compter du 11 juillet dans le cadre de son programme visant à renouveler le réseau d’aqueduc municipal. Ces travaux s’étaleront sur une période de cinq (5) semaines.

La rue restera ouverte à la circulation, cependant une partie du stationnement sur le côté nord de la rue Sherbrooke ne sera pas disponible. En contrepartie, les périodes de stationnement permises sur les rues contiguës seront exceptionnellement prolongées de 1 à 4 heures.

Les trottoirs des deux côtés de la rue Sherbrooke seront accessibles aux piétons en tout temps.



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Infrastructure Renewal

Replacement of the Water Main

Sherbrooke Street, from Roslyn Avenue to Victoria Avenue

As part of the City’s ongoing effort to renew the municipal water distribution network, the water main on Sherbrooke Street will be replaced beginning July 11, with work continuing for the following five (5) weeks.

While the street will remain open to traffic, some parking spaces on the North side of Sherbrooke Street will not be available. Allowed parking times on adjoining streets will be temporarily extended from 1 to 4 hours to compensate for this disruption.

Sidewalks on both sides of Sherbrooke Street will remain accessible to pedestrians at all times.

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Wanted drivers, car owners picked out in seconds

Licence plate scanner hits the road

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Now that a police licence plate scanner has hit the road in Westmount, it may not be long before it singles out anyone driving with an expired licence plate, suspended or unexpired driver's licence or other outstanding infraction on record. It also picks up stolen cars and Amber alerts.

Mounted on the top of traffic squad cars, the infrared cameras

alert beep.

"You can't hide from the system anymore," said Constable Steven Goldberg, station 12's traffic officer.

To demonstrate its use to the *Independent* on a ride-along July 6, Goldberg parks on Sherbrooke eastbound across from city hall. "It's better if I'm parked where I can get both lanes," he explains. "Now it's a waiting game."

It's 10 am. The cars are zooming past as their images appear on the screen. The scanner misses a few buses and higher ve-

side the car to see if the driver matches the description of one who's wanted."

His check is worthwhile. "It gave me a false alert this time," he says. Possibly the system wasn't right up to date. "It's not perfect. But it's very good."

By now, he's leap frogged ahead into a new parking spot. "Beep!" The screen turns red and freezes on a black Saturn Ion. He pulls out from the curb, and inquires again. This time, on go the flashing lights. The Saturn pulls over in front of Dawson College near Wood.

More investigation ensues. The 34-year-old South Shore woman has been "sanctioned" since the end of January for "unpaid fines." The car, which she owns, is deemed seizable. "This is the biggest thing we'll get today," he says. "She doesn't have the right to drive."

His initial inquiries don't say what the fines are for. "It could be an accumulation of parking tickets," he suggests. (It later turns out there's a single unpaid fine from the court in Longueuil.)

Goldberg speaks to the woman who is alone in the car, then returns. "She's calm. If she weren't, I'd call for back-up and take her keys out of the ignition." Then he adds: "She says she's got kids."

And what if she has to pick them up somewhere?

"I'll give her my phone to make other arrangements," he answers.

Goldberg makes more trips back and forth, fills out a hand-written report, prints out a ticket in English and French and calls for a tow truck to take the car to the pound. "It's a mandatory 30 days before it's automatically released."

The ticket is for \$444. That's \$300 for the fine, \$134 court administration fee and \$10 contribution to the fund for victims of crime. She'll also have to pay towing charges and pound fees for 30 days, about

hicles. Suddenly, Beep! The screen goes red.

"I have to work fast," Goldberg says as he pulls out into the traffic behind the targeted grey car. He doesn't want to alert or stop the driver until he verifies the plate with databases operated by the SAAQ and Sûreté du Québec to ensure there's really a problem. "Sometimes I even pull up be-



How vehicles appear on the system's screen inside the police car.

\$8 a day.

One of the things that annoys him most about people who don't pay fines and licensing is their failure to contribute to the system, he says. "Driving is a privilege."

As the tow truck arrives, Goldberg notes existing marks on the Saturn before it is removed and records contents of the trunk. The woman removes some bags and two small hockey sticks. It's already been 45 minutes and there's more work to complete back at the station.

"Can I flag down a taxi for you?" he asks the woman. As one pulls over, she loads her bags and the hockey sticks into the back seat. "Good luck, ma'am," he says.

He's 23 years on the job, and a parent, too.

"You develop a flare about a car - an instinct that something's not right," he explains. "The scanner takes out the flare." But without the device, chances are the woman in the Saturn would never have been caught unless stopped for a traffic violation.

He'd like to be able to use it to ticket parked cars. But he can't unless he can show the car has been circulating... But there goes another alert. It's a black Lexus with expired plates. And the process starts over again with another ticket for \$444. "BING!" Now it's beeping for a Land Rover. Then for a Porsche.

There are simply too many to pull over.



Constable Steven Goldberg, pulls over a car on Sherbrooke at Wood after the the infra red licence plate cameras on top of the patrol car picked it out of the traffic July 6 for seizure for unpaid fines.

were introduced recently by the police department across the island of Montreal, taking only seconds to read the plates of passing and parked cars.

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Police Beat

Mount Pleasant break-in convict sentenced to 27 months

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Station 12 police report that a suspect who broke into a home on Mount Pleasant in November of 2010 has been convicted for his crime.

Patrick O'Keefe, 44, who has no fixed address, was sentenced to 27 months. Police say O'Keefe is well known to them and has a history of break-ins.

"We are presently investigating 15 break-ins that took place in Westmount from January to November of 2010," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "We are expecting to make more arrests in the near future."

Burglar uses fire-escape ladder

A 24-year-old Melville apartment tenant was out of town when a suspect used the fire-escape ladder to break into her apartment.

Police say the building's janitor noticed the woman's front door was open on the evening of June 10. He then discovered the woman's television was missing, and he called the tenant to notify her.

"We believe the break-in happened between noon and 9 pm on the 10th," said Pimentel. "The female tenant told the janitor she was returning home the next day."

When she came back, the police arrived to investigate the crime scene.

"The officers said the suspect used the ladder to force open the back window and gain access to the apartment," said Pimentel. "The tenant said there were items in the kitchen that were moved onto her fridge."

Items stolen included a 37-inch Panasonic television, a camera, two passports, a

GPS unit, some jewellery and a Blackberry cell phone.

Cops want cyclists to obey the rules

Pimentel said local police officers have been noticing many cyclists not obeying the rules of the road, and he issued a warning.

"Cyclists who break the law can be fined and can also lose demerit points on their driver's licences," he said. "Cyclists must heed the same rules as motorists. As well, they cannot ride on the sidewalk, use any sort of headphones or earsets, have passengers unless they have a seat specifically for that purpose, and they can't ride between two lanes of moving traffic."

Pimentel also advises cyclists to wear helmets, use reflective tape and wear bright colours.

"Around 60 percent of fatal accidents involving cyclists are due to head injuries," he said. "And about one-third of fatal accidents" *continued on p. 19*



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Summer special underdogs



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Seeing as how it's summertime, we'd like to offer you several underdogs to read about in this column. Let's start with super-duper Cooper.

Cooper was found with two of his littermates running loose near Rigaud on a bitter cold winter's night. These puppies were freezing, alone and afraid.

Luckily, the trio was found by some kind people. Since then, Cooper's siblings have been adopted, leaving him all alone. Maybe he drew the shorter straw, but this leggy young lad is ripe for the picking.

The buzz is that Cooper is a friendly, playful and affectionate guy who will make a great family dog. His genetics may re-



Cooper

main a mystery but rumours have it that there could be border collie in the mix.

Whatever it took to create this thin tall looker, we hope they spread the recipe



Toby and Rosalie (for their story, see p. 12)

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Seeks agreement with Westmount Animal Hospital

City to renew SPCA contract as last resort

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will be renewing its SPCA contract for wildlife and somewhat controversial pound services for found dogs, city council agreed at its meeting July 4. It plans to use the dog services if other options are not available.

Meanwhile, the city plans to renegotiate a previous arrangement with the Westmount Animal Hospital at 349 Victoria to accept found pets during opening hours of the veterinarian clinic, explained Councillor Gary Ikeman, Public Security commissioner.

"We do understand there are certain reservations," he said of the contract with the SPCA, with which Westmount has partnered for some 30 years.

The new draft contract introduces a non-negotiable condition stipulating that no dog brought to the shelter from Westmount (and other municipalities) would be returned to its owner unless and until it is sterilized. This is an effort to reduce the animal population.

As a result, the new sterilization policy posed a dilemma for some council members, especially because purebred dogs kept for show purposes or as conditions of purchase should not be sterilized.

In the case of Westmount, however, strays are not a problem as in some communities. The city took only 10 dogs to the SPCA last year and four to date in 2011.

On the other hand, the animal shelter on Jean Talon remains open around the clock while the vet clinic, with whom the city had an additional agreement until 2006, does not.

As a result, Ikeman told the council meeting, the Public Security Unit will try to keep found dogs up to two hours to give

owners time to claim them, before it turns to optional pound services.

"It's not a problem if we can take them to the animal hospital," assistant director Greg McBain later told the *Independent*.

While a formal agreement has not yet been made with the Westmount Animal Hospital because of the holiday period, Dr. Marc Vaillancourt, its longtime owner, says he had provided Public Security director David Sedgwick with a verbal willingness to take in found "pets" as he had in the past.

It makes sense to keep animals in the community where they are found and may be more easily picked up by their owners, Vaillancourt noted.

Ikeman said it was very important for people to have dog licences to help a speedy return of a found dog on the loose. The department now maintains a quickly accessible database to help in tracking down licensed dogs that may not be wearing a collar tag at the time.

The vote on the SPCA contract was unanimous in the absence of Councillor Kathleen Duncan, who had briefly left the room.

Sprinklers at fault

A call to Public Security from 911 for an "exploding fire hydrant" near the northeast corner of St. Catherine and Redfern July 1 brought officers to the scene just after 12:58 pm. There they found a faulty lawn sprinkler head squirting high in the air at the site of the former Reader's Digest building near the bus shelter.

Water leaking onto the street July 4 at 3:47 am from a house on Forden Crescent was also traced to a problem with a similar sprinkler system.

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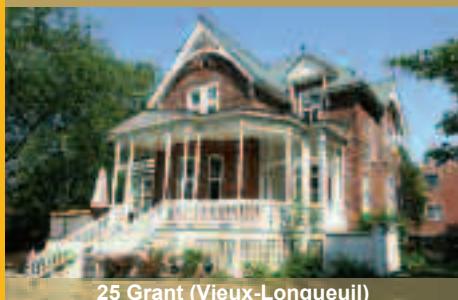
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"Grey Horse" by Westmount artist Rasa Vaidila Pavilanis keeps a careful eye on the photographer at the Gallery at Victoria Hall vernissage July 6. For photo of artists, see p. 1.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Underdog pair for adoption

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See more underdogs at www.underdogclub.org.

Pella opens its doors (and windows) on Sherbrooke



Pella, a store that sells doors and windows, opened June 10 at 4896 Sherbrooke St. on the corner of Prince Albert. Owner Marc Côté, above, chose the Westmount location for its visibility and because he considers the location a “natural market” with so many older buildings needing renovation. “Pella can offer doors and windows which fall within the limitations which the city imposes on renovations,” said Côté.

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3. Naomi Carsley with 9,680 points
4. Gerald Ratzer with 9,010 points.

Hydro upgrade stops Greene traffic

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The second phase of a \$1-million upgrade of Westmount's electrical system has temporarily closed Greene Ave. to southbound traffic between Dorchester and Selby, city officials stated last week.

The closure went into effect July 6 and is expected to be in effect until July 22, according to Hydro Westmount director Pierre Dubé.

Work will continue in August for another month between Selby and St. Antoine St. to connect the new conduit to Poste Maisonneuve. This is Hydro Quebec's electrical station which feeds energy into Westmount.

It has yet to be determined whether or

not this work will close the entrance to the 720 (the Ville Marie Expressway) Dubé said, but it will likely affect it in some way.

The installation of new underground conduit and manholes on Greene from St. Catherine down to St. Antoine St. is estimated to take six to eight weeks excluding the construction holiday period.

The network upgrade on Greene is critical to Westmount's power supply since all lines feed up Greene, he explained. The work is supposed to increase future capacity.

The first phase of the work began last summer when Hydro Westmount took advantage of the refurbishing of Greene north of St. Catherine to install new conduits under that portion of the street.

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Horaire d'été en vigueur

Veillez noter que les bureaux administratifs de l'hôtel de ville, du Victoria Hall, d'Hydro Westmount, et des Services des travaux publics, des sports et loisirs et de la sécurité publique (y compris le bureau des permis de stationnement) sont ouverts du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h. Cet horaire est en vigueur du 6 juin jusqu'au 26 août. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount est fermée le dimanche du 12 juin au 4 septembre et la Galerie du Victoria Hall est fermée le dimanche du 22 mai au 11 septembre.

Info : 514 989-5200. 🌿



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Concerts d'été au parc Westmount

Rendez-vous à l'étang du parc Westmount les dimanches 17, 24 et 31 juillet à 14 h pour les concerts d'été avec Mary Ann Lacey Quartet, The Organ-ization et Tom St-Louis respectivement, ainsi que les 7 et 14 août avec le Carlos Jimenez Quartet et le Robert Burman Trio. En cas de pluie les concerts auront lieu au Victoria Hall, 4626, Sherbrooke O. Consultez l'horaire complet dans la section *calendrier* au www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5226.

Shakespeare in the Park

La troupe Repercussion Theatre présentera MacBeth de Shakespeare au parc Westmount cet été le mardi 2 août et le mercredi 3 août à 20 h. L'entrée est gratuite mais les dons sont acceptés. La troupe sera également de retour les 20 et 21 août au parc Westmount. Visitez le www.repercussiontheatre.com. Info : 514 916-7275. 🌿



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CITY HALL

Summer hours in effect

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park

Rendez-vous at the Lagoon in Westmount Park for the Summer Concert Series, Sunday July 17, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m, featuring the Mary Ann Lacey Quartet, The Organ-ization and Tom St-Louis respectively. The Carlos Jimenez Quartet and the Robert Burman Trio will also play on August 7 & 14. In case of rain, concerts will take place at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. See the full schedule in the events calendar at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5226.

Shakespeare in the Park

Repercussion Theatre returns to Westmount Park this summer on Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday August 3rd at 8 p.m. with their production of Shakespeare's MacBeth. Admission is free but donations are welcome. Additional performances will take place August 20 & 21. Info: 514 916-7275 or www.repercussiontheatre.com. 🌿



LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club

Ahoy mates! Come read about far away islands, rogue pirates, mysterious mermaids and sly sea serpents as we celebrate water this summer. Throughout the summer months, the Library's Children's Department will host a number of events designed to inspire kids to read. Ask for your Reading Kit at the Children's Desk – you'll earn great prizes!

DATEBOOK

July 17, 24 & 31 at 2 p.m.

Mary Ann Lacey Quartet, The Organ-ization & Tom St-Louis
Westmount Park

August 1st at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
City Hall

Movies at the Library

Come to the Library to watch a fun family film on Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. Register at the Library or by phone at 514 989-5229. Ages 5+. 🌿



PUBLIC WORKS

Infrastructure Renewal on Sherbrooke Street

As part of the City's ongoing effort to renew the municipal water distribution network, the water main on Sherbrooke Street will be replaced beginning July 11, with work continuing for six weeks. This project will require the City to temporarily remove parking on the north side of Sherbrooke Street, between Roslyn to Victoria Avenues. More information on this project is available on our Web site. Info: 514 989-5257.

Green Bin Challenge

Westmount hopes to collect at least 650 metric tonnes of compostable kitchen materials by the end of this year. The City is encouraging residents to compost by providing a small kitchen container which can be picked up at Westmount Arena on Monday, July 11th, 18th, and 25th ONLY between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. or between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The container is free, but proof of residence is required. Info: 514 989-5390.

Green Patrol

Do you have old electronics that need to be thrown out? Do you have questions about what happens to your "E-Waste"? Visit the green patrol kiosk on Thursday, July 28th to find out which appliances can be recycled and why e-waste is important to recover and recycle. Meet the Green Patrol with your questions on Thursday, July 28 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in front of Westmount Library. Info: 514 989-5390. 🌿

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Ducklings rescued from pool, hot tub

Ten ducklings were stuck in a partially filled swimming pool at 100 Summit Circle June 24, Public Security officials said. They were discovered by the homeowner at 9 am apparently unable to climb out and join their mother. They were rescued using a net and followed their mother into Summit Woods.

The next day, officers received a call from a resident on Upper Bellevue saying two ducklings were stuck in a hot tub. On arrival just after 6:30 pm, they managed to catch the pair and put them in separate boxes. Unfortunately, officials said, apparently one did not survive. The other was taken to the pond in Westmount Park.

Parking permits

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have access to the driveway.

Last year, he said, the department issued 1,628 "G" parking permits for first, second and subsequent cars as well as 1,600 "W" permits for other residents' cars, one per household. These allow holders to park four hours in one- and two-hour zones and reserved areas. These fees continue unchanged at \$20.

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L'objet de ce règlement vise à :

- supprimer le choix de matériaux de pavage qui est prévu au *Règlement sur les plans d'implantation et d'intégration architecturale* (1305);
- préciser que les aires de stationnement doivent être aménagées derrière l'alignement de construction;
- accroître la superficie permise, de 15 % à 40 %, des toits dont la pente est inférieure à 20 degrés par rapport à l'horizontal;
- consentir pour tout bâtiment établi sur des fondations ayant des droits acquis à l'égard de l'espace découvert dans sa cour latérale, le droit d'agrandissement à la verticale sans exiger d'espace découvert additionnel.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 12 juillet 2011.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1411

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1411 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 - GARAGES / SIDE YARDS / SLOPED ROOFS**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on July 4, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to:

- rescind the selection of paving material that is defined under *By-law on Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programme* (1305);
- specify that the parking areas must be established behind the building line;
- increase the allowable area from 15% to 40% for roofs with a slope under 20 degrees, measured from the horizontal;
- provide for any building subject to vested rights with respect to the uncovered space in the side yard, the right to extend vertically without any additional uncovered space being required.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this July 12, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk

Dream of adopting Nuage?



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Nuage is a young white-and-cream domestic shorthair cat who was brought in to the Westmount Animal Hospital by one of its clients after she found him on the street. He was in bad shape – skinny and had an eye infection.

Nuage was taken in immediately by the vet, and he is now back to the appropriate bill of health for a healthy one- to two-year-old cat. Though he has had all his shots, Nuage has not yet been neutered but it will be done shortly.

He is very calm and affectionate, good natured and easygoing, with a reputation of being athletic and entertaining (he does cat yoga poses to everyone's amusement!). He is not shy at all and loves posing for the camera. For more information on Nuage, please contact the Westmount Animal



Nuage

Hospital at 514.487.5300 or email info@chatonelle.com. You are welcome to drop by and visit Nuage at the clinic, located at 349 Victoria Ave.

*Sweet Providence, and
Alba and her kittens*

This is the worst time of the year for shelters, and it's a time when they are desperate for adopters or fosterers to get the cats into homes and out of cages. If you were interested in having a cat, you could chose *continued on p. 18*



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Providence

More 9 Lives

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from a wide and varied selection of beautiful cats from the cattery at the SPCA Montérégie, which is a no-kill shelter located on the South Shore.

I have two sets of circumstances to tell you about: Providence was one of many, many mother cats that was taken in at the shelter lately. She was not a mature female when she had what was certainly her first litter and sadly her kittens did not survive. Really just a kitten herself, Providence is less than a year old, full of energy, affection and purrs. A glossy white domestic *continued on p. 19*



Alba and her kittens



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1413

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1413 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – PISCINES** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 juillet 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à se conformer à la réglementation provinciale qui exige l'inaccessibilité de la piscine à partir de la résidence par l'ajout d'une clôture de 4 pi au-dessus du niveau du sol.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1413

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1413 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 - SWIMMING POOLS**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on July 4, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to comply with the provincial requirements, in particular for a complete separation of the swimming pool from the residential dwelling by the addition of a fence four feet in height.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1412

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1412 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305 SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 juillet 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à exclure certaines catégories de travaux de l'application du règlement n° 1305.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1412

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1412 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on July 4, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to exclude certain categories of works from the application of By-law No. 1305.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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short-hair with a grey and rust cape and bonnet, she is a perky cutie-pie. She has been fully vetted, has had all her shots and is very healthy, and ready to move in with a family and enjoy all she missed out on.

Then we have Alba and her kittens Bongo, Dusty, Pixie and Cowboy. The mother is a beautiful adult calico-tabby mix, who was thought to be pregnant when she was brought to the shelter in early May. A volunteer took her out of the cattery right away, and it turns out that Alba was further along in her pregnancy than they thought: she gave birth in the car that day! Alba and her healthy little brood

were placed in a foster home that night, where they have been raised with care.

They will be ready for adoption in mid to late July, so please find out what they are up to and when they will be available for forever homes.

Please find out more about Providence, Alba and her kittens by contacting Cindy at the SPCA Montréal: 514.704.3445 or info@spcamonteregie.com.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Police beat

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happen after dusk.”

Pimentel also said cyclists should always lock their bikes with a good quality lock, and lock it to a bike rack or a solid posting. If their front wheel is easily removed, they should lock it or take it off the bike and bring it with them.

As well, they should keep a record of the brand, model, colour and serial number of the bike. If possible, they shouldn't leave it locked outside in the same place for long periods of time, but if that's the only option, it should be checked on periodically.

Noisy party

A 21-year old resident of Upper Lansdowne Ave. was issued a \$146 ticket June 29 for a noisy backyard party June 29, Public Security officials report. Officers were called to the address for a noise complaint at 11:24 pm. They found people talking loudly and a lot of “coming and going.”

Lookout vandalized

Graffiti has been found at a number of locations in Westmount over the last few weeks, according to Public Security reports. Among them was the discovery July 1 at 5:25 am of black paint sprayed “all over the wall” of the Summit lookout, reading: “East side crips 514.” It had occurred sometime after 2:56 am.



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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1414

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1414 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 726 DE LA CIRCULATION** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 juillet 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à augmenter les tarifs pour l'achat des autocollants de stationnement, de même que pour l'obtention d'un permis de stationnement pour résident.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1414

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1414 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 726 CONCERNING STREET TRAFFIC**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on July 4, 2011.

The object of this by-law is to increase the tariffs for the purchase of Parking Stickers, as well as the annual permit fee to obtain a Resident Parking Permit.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1415

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1415 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1318 CONCERNANT LES TARIFS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 4 juillet 2011.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à réintroduire un article du règlement 1318 qui fut retiré par inadvertance, relativement aux frais perçus d'un tireur de chèque dont le paiement est refusé pour insuffisance de fonds.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1415

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The object of this by-law is to reintroduce a provision regarding the fees imposed to the drawer of a cheque refused for lack of funds that was inadvertently removed from By-law 1318.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

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Reggae music rocks Desta outdoor fundraiser



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Sultry skies threatening dark clouds did not deter the eleganza arriving for the cocktail at the St. Ambrose Terrace at the McAuslan Brewery June 8.

The event was held to raise funds for Desta, a Little Burgundy-based outreach initiative for young adults (18-25) primarily within the black community. The party rocked with reggae music by Fiyah Flamez Unit. Delicious food catered by the Tuck Shop complemented the McAuslan beers.

Co-chairs were Westmount residents Peter McAuslan and his wife Ellen Boun-



Westmounters Stuart and Claire Webster.



Westmounters Peter Johnson, Dan Tingley, Gail Johnson and Sally Tingley.

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sall. Other Westmounters included Judy and Bob Cowling, Bev and Tim Carsley, Sally and Dan Tingley, Gail and Peter Johnson, Reford MacDougall, Sue and Jawaid Khan, Ellen and David Laidley, David Bensadoun, Jill and Stuart Cobbett, Martha and Peter Duffield, and Cornelia Nihon and her daughter Sophia.

Also noted in the cocktail-chic crowd were Anne Rolland, Théa and Brian Drummond, Janet Dussault and Manon Vennat.

Committee members were Brigitte Burdman, Elisabeth Gaudreault, Kevin George, Clare Hallward, Linda Leus, Nicholas Martire, Karin Marks, Willamina Martire, Jennifer Rowntree, Dexter Peart, Neil McKenty, Nick Schnitzer, Scott Si-

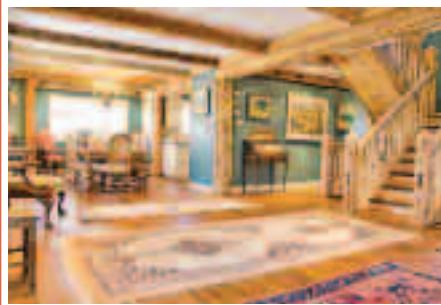
mons, Marcus Troy, Betty Teryazos, Maria Varvarikos, Judith Webster, Frances Waithe, Anelia Wright and Stuart Webster.

The spacious parking lot was worked by Desta youth – the ambassadors for the evening – in black Desta t-shirts and big, welcoming smiles.

Lovely yellow iris and pink cosmos blew in the wind and were crushed by the torrential downpour that finally came. However nothing crushed the spirit of this fabulous toe-tapping event, raising \$50,000 for Desta.

Lovely little closing fact? Desta is derived from the Amharic language and means “happiness.” On that note, happy holidays to all until August!

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Schweitzer's work on exhibit at the Versailles



In early June, artist and former Westmounter John Schweitzer hosted a vernissage of his recent works. Photographed above June 30 at Le Méridien Versailles on Sherbrooke St. downtown, where he is currently exhibiting, Schweitzer is known for his creative collages with their erudite literary allusions. The show is being circulated by the University of Western Ontario on the occasion of Schweitzer being bestowed a doctor of law degree this fall by Western. "The Unknown Drawings 1983-2011" continues at the hotel until September 1. – VR

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Special information session on **night work** at the **MUHC site**, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Crowley Arts Centre (5325 Crowley Ave.),

FRIDAY, JULY 15

City council meeting, 11:30 am at city hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Place Kensington garage sale, 11 am to 4 pm on the garden patio. Enter at 11 Hillside.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Mary Ann Lacey Quartet plays in Westmount Park at the lagoon, 2 to 4 pm.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

The Organ-ization plays in Westmount Park at the lagoon, 2 to 4 pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Green Patrol information kiosk on electronics recycling, 11 am to 3 pm in Westmount Park near the library,

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Tom St. Louis plays in Westmount Park at the lagoon, 2 to 4 pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Shakespeare in the Park, 8 pm. Also August 3, same time.

Lost woman linked to parking matter

A lost Westmounter suffering from Alzheimer's disease was returned to Place Kensington July 2 after a public safety officer recognized her last name as matching that of a family living on Côte St. Antoine Rd., whom he had visited on a parking matter.

According to Public Security officials, the woman had been unable to find her way home after turning up shortly after 9 pm at Clifford's depanneur on St. Catherine at Abbott. She was taken to the unit's offices while PSOs Kelley Gouthro and Marc Franceschini tried to track down her address.

In the absence of the family on Côte St. Antoine, PSO Marc Franceschini managed to contact them in New York through neighbours. It turned out that the lost woman was indeed related to them.

Meanwhile, PSO Gouthro discovered a card from Place Kensington in the woman's possession and the link was established. "It just shows the importance of being close to the community," explained assistant director Greg McBain.

Woman falls getting into car

A parking inspector went to the assistance of an 84-year-old woman who fell June 22 while getting into a parked car in front of 4823 Sherbrooke (near the Pier 1 store), Public Security officials said. The mishap occurred at about 2:38 pm as the woman was stepping off the curb where an indent described as a "water entry" was located.

A public safety officer cleaned a scrape to the woman's elbow. She was accompanied by her daughter and refused further medical assistance.

Contactivity to sell crafts twice a week

Contactivity will be having "Seniors Lawn Sales" this summer on the front lawn of its location at Westmount United Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Members' hand-made knitted items, crafts, toys, jewelry and baked goods will be on sale Monday and Wednesdays, weather permitting, from 10:30 am to 3 pm. For more information, contact Janice Parnell at 514.932.2326.



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Adventures in urban farming

Companion planting: the art of mingling

BY MARCI BABINEAU

With plants, there is a lot more than meets the eye. Root systems of established trees usually span much wider than their crowns, while the root systems of one apple tree will not intermingle with the roots of another one.

Root systems have a complex and intricate nutrient exchange with their neigh-

bours, fungal networks, bacteria and other soil fauna. This exchange is one of the primary reasons for plants to “companion” with others.

Nitrogen fixers like alfalfa, clover, beans and comfrey are capable of taking nitrogen from the air and fixing it in their roots where it becomes available to the plants around them. Inter-planting beds with these plants can reduce the need for use of nitrogen-rich petro-chemical fertilizers, making your garden more self-sustaining and less work for you.

One of the oldest known companion plantings is the native American “three sisters,” which involves corn, pole beans and squash. They were known as the “sustainers” to the Haudenosaunee and provided much of their nutrition. In this grouping, nitrogen-fixing pole beans nourish heavy feeding corn, which in turn provide a climbing frame to the beans. Low growing squash gives ground cover to prevent weeds and trap moisture near the earth for the threesome to consume.

In this same way, heavy feeders in the broccoli (*brassica*) family can be planted together in rich soils, while plants that prefer poorer soils like blueberries, carrots and chards can mingle in lighter, sandier ones.

Planting leafy greens after nitrogen-fixing legumes allows the greens to harvest

the bounty of nitrogen left behind by the legume plants.

Dying or unwanted perennials can be cut back to the ground and buried rather than dug out. The root systems left in place will release all the goodness the plant stored during its life (in the form of exudates) into the soil for the plants living nearby.

Living perennial root systems in annual



Trees and plants combine in an urban garden.

Photo: Marci Babineau

and vegetable beds help the earth retain nutrients during times when the annuals are not present. These nutrients would otherwise wash down to deeper layers where they are banked eventually as minerals requiring us to replenish the soil to keep it viable.

Partners in pollination

Fruit trees flower and fruit best in some proximity to others of the same type, even the self-pollinating varieties. Corn pollination requires a certain density and should be planted in blocks or circles rather than

rows to pollinate most effectively. Clematis companions beautifully with most trees and shrubs to bring flowers into a zone where they might otherwise not be and boost the area's pollination levels. Big flowering attractors like buddleia, lavender, borage, fennel and dill bring in loads of pollinators to help the less profuse but just as deserving strawberries and raspberries bushes.

Integrated pest control

Different plants can work together to deter pests. Onions repel rabbits, mice and squirrels and grow happily with most veg other than beans and peas. Many insects find the odour of marigolds, nasturtiums and feverfew distasteful enough to stay away. Hedgerows planted with berries like red currants or gooseberries grow well in our shady gardens, provide food to birds who will be especially attracted to infestations of pests while in the neighbourhood.

City to subsidize rain barrel use

Residents who purchase a rain barrel to catch downspout runoff will be able to obtain a \$30 rebate from the city of Westmount, it was announced July 4. The program is intended to encourage the use of rain barrels even though the city will not be selling them.

The rebate can be obtained by redeeming a coupon from the city's rain barrel pamphlet or by downloading it from www.westmount.org. The pamphlet is available at city hall, the library, Victoria Hall and Public Works at 1 Bethune. Proof of purchase and residency is required.

Rain barrels can reduce pressure on the city's sewer and storm water systems during heavy rain and alleviate high demands for water in the summer. The water can be used for gardening and other purposes. The barrels also protect buildings by directing water away from foundations.

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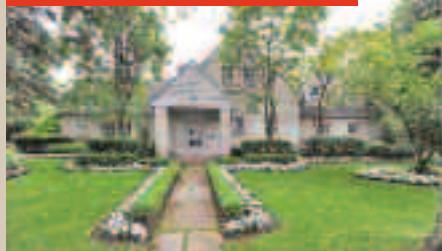


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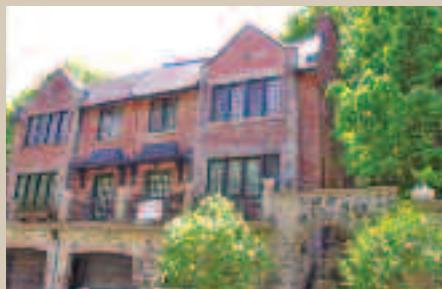
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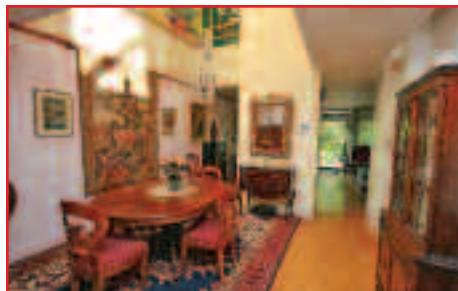
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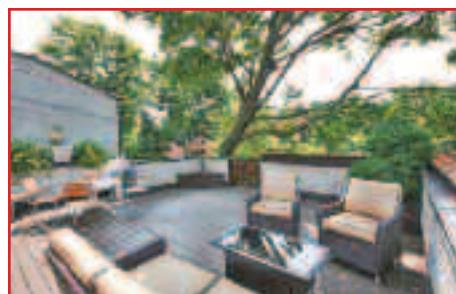
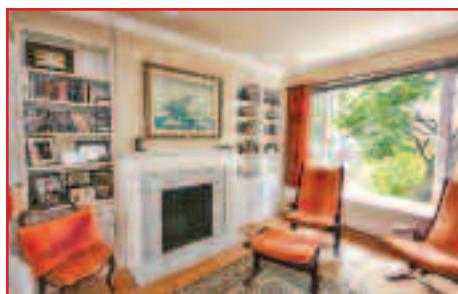
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