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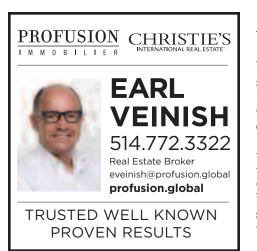
By Laureen Sweeney

Youth hockey is "strong and healthy" in Westmount, judging by the registration in both competitive and recreational programs, according to Sports and Recreation officials. The season has been under way for some three weeks.

More than 400 boys and girls signed up to participate with about 220 playing competitively on inter-city single- and doubleletter teams, said operations manager Andrew Maislin.

Another 180 kids are enrolled in 230 "non-competitive" spots offered by the fall youth hockey program and the boys' and

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girls' instructional program with some participants enrolled in both, according to sports coordinator Matthew Lawton. The instructional program runs all winter and aims to develop basic skills.

"We just want kids to play hockey and participate," Lawton said.

Learning more skills

A slight decrease was noted over last year in numbers signing up for the instructional program, however, as more players gain the skills to move into intercity play, it's an indication that "Westmount hockey is getting more and more competitive," Maislin explained.

A record number of 176 youth signed up to play on single-letter teams this fall, about *continued on p.* 12



The staff at Park Restaurant was busy at work on October 19 at 5 pm preparing to host a Restaurants for Change event for the second year. As participants, the Victoria Ave. eatery and its sister restaurant, Lavanderia, planned to give 100 percent of the revenue from the evening's diners to food-oriented charities, including the NDG Food Depot, said representative Rachel Li. Photo: Westmount Independent

Fleeing youth caught after pick-up hits Hogg building

By Laureen Sweeney

One of three or four youths was caught by public safety officers after they were seen running into the laneway behind Sherbrooke at Victoria after an accident October 17 at 3:52 am, Public Security officials report.

Patrollers had been flagged down initially by a taxi driver, who told them about the youths running through the alleyway. Once on the scene, officers were stopped by Urgences Santé personnel who also had seen the youths flee just after a white pickup truck crashed into the Victoria Ave. side of the building occupied by Hogg Hardware.

The youth who was apprehended was described as appearing intoxicated. He was turned over to police who identified and later released him. It was not known whether any of the youths were implicated in the accident.

The truck was removed from the scene, and the only evidence remaining at 9:30 am was some absorbent material on the street, a bent signpost on the sidewalk and some damage to the wall of the building (see photo, October 18, p. 10).





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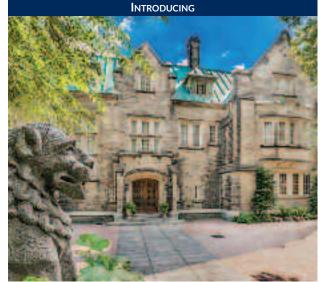
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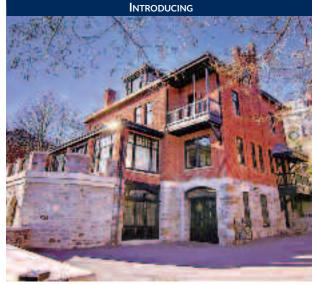
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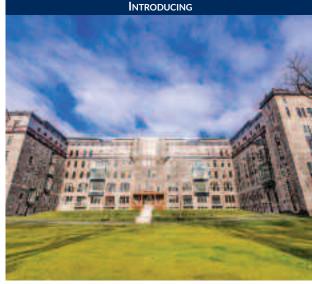


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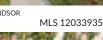
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Second generation of fueling site City installs 2 charging stations for cars at WRC lot

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two recently installed charging stations in the parking lot of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) went into operation October 14 as part of Electric Circuit, the public charging system funded by Hydro Quebec.

The two 208-volt charging stations are equipped with 240-volt-compatible sockets.

While the city paid for the equipment, "we get to keep 90 percent of the revenue," said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise.

The cost for using the charging station is \$1 an hour and the same time limits apply as for regular parking at the WRC: 2 hours maximum (4 hours for permit holders) from 7 am to 5 pm and up to 4 hours for anyone 5 pm to 7 am (see story March 15, p. 7).

In the first two days of operation, the stations had been used by two cars, Hurtubise said.

The previous 110-V station installed initially by the city at the WRC lot required users to obtain a key from the WRC and provide their own extension cord. It has been replaced by the new stations.

The city subsequently became a partner



No electric cars were being charged at the two new Electric Circuit charging spots at the Westmount recreation centre when this photo was taken at 11:30 am October 21.

with Electric Circuit through its membership in AREQ, the Association des redistributeurs d'électricité du Québec. Electric

Details set for bike route meeting

The public consultation meeting on the experimental bike routes along Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. will take place at 6 pm at the Westmount recreation centre on Tuesday, November 1, it was announced last week. Only the date had been previously determined (see story October 11, p. 1).

Traffic data collected on the routes are to be released and explained at that time.

Comments from those unable to attend may be submitted by Tuesday, November 8 by email to traffic@westmount.org using the subject line "Bicycle routes – public input." -LS



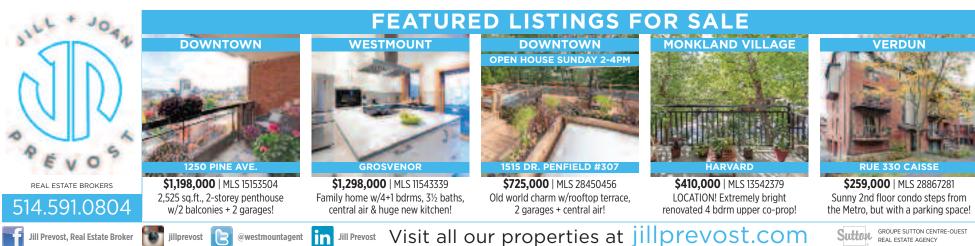
Circuit is Quebec's largest public charging network for electric vehicles with stations at numerous places, such as some Rona and Reno Depot parking lots, Hurtubise said.

Additional information on how to use the system may be found on the city website (www.westmount.org) and at lecircuitelectrique.com.



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Garneau discusses climate change,

By Isaac Olson

While American politics and Montreal's controversial animal-control by-law are dominating the news, one local parliamentarian has been keeping busy in Ottawa, addressing a wide range of issues in his role as minister of Transport.

With this dossier, Marc Garneau, member of parliament for NDG-Westmount, is responsible for overseeing the federal government's transportation regulatory and development department, Transport Canada, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Post Authority system.

Garneau, an engineer with a long history in Canada's military and space agency, was first elected to office in 2008, representing the then Westmount-Ville Marie riding until October 2015. For the last year, he has represented the new NDG-Westmont riding, when the boundaries were changed before the November 4, 2015 election.

In an October 5 phone interview, the Independent asked Garneau a series of questions on several different topics. Below is the transcript of that interview.

When it comes to climate change, what is your focus as minister of Transport?

Garneau: We made serious commitments at the Paris conference in December of last year and we announced, [recently], as you know, a price on carbon, which will be \$10 in 2018, ramping up by \$10 per year to \$50 a ton by 2022.

We have also said what we are going to do, to implement the policies we put in place, which is to reduce greenhouse gasses by 30 percent below the 2005 levels by 2030. We would sit down with the provinces, and we would work with them so we can achieve those goals. The provinces can choose to take a price-oncarbon approach, as has been the case with British Columbia and Alberta, or they can take a cap-and-trade approach, which has been the approach taken by Ontario. Quebec is soon to be doing the same thing.

We believe that it is important to meet those goals. Canada needs to do its share in reducing greenhouse gasses so that we can keep the world's average temperature from rising by those two degrees that will cause some irreversible changes.

Are you supporting the Bombardier **CSeries jetliner?**

Garneau: I think it is the best airplane in its class in the world - both the CSeries 100 and 300. In fact, Transport Canada is responsible to certify those airplanes. What that means is to make sure the plane is safe to fly. We have been very much involved as a ministry, certifying these brandnew airplanes.

It is a great airplane and I think it is going to be recognized as a modern airplane, but one that is much lower in terms of the production of its greenhouse gases. These are very efficient engines. We are talking about reductions of up to 20 percent, and it really is the leading airplane in that class of 110 to 160 passengers.

How much of a problem are drones around airports?

Garneau: They are a very serious concern. In fact, we are the ones behind the promotion of putting up signs that say "no-drone zone." We have a campaign that I launched in June to raise awareness because continued on p. 5



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Westmount's MP transportation in Q&A

the explosion in the number of people buying drones today is quite amazing, and they're becoming extremely popular. Some are used for very serious commercial purposes and others are recreational.

I hear, almost on a daily basis, that a pilot coming in to land sees a drone while on final approach. It is very much a concern because a drone, above a certain size, if it gets into the engine of an aircraft carrying 200 people, it could have a very serious impact. We are trying to educate people that drones can fill very useful purposes, and they can be very good from a recreational point of view, but they also represent a danger when you put them into our air space.

We will be coming out with Transport Canada regulations next year, in 2017, that will be clearly focused on trying to ensure a higher level of safety because we do not want an accident to occur.

What about people pointing lasers at airplanes? Have there been any arrests?

Garneau: There have been a couple arrests, but I don't think they have gone to

court yet. In one case, there was somebody pointing a laser pointer at a police helicopter at night. The police helicopter was able to catch the pointer and, in another case, it was a CF-18 jet, which is a Royal Canadian Air Force fighter jet. With the equipment on board the CF-18, they were able to pinpoint the location and that person was arrested as well.

The challenge, quite often, is to catch the people who do this, but I am very concerned. I had an educational campaign earlier this year to point out that this is an extremely serious offense. You can be liable for a \$100,000 fine and up to five years in prison. If you point a laser and it temporarily blinds the pilot, you could have [created] a catastrophic result.

At the moment, we are trying to educate people to it, and we are going to see if that is going to reduce the incidences of it. If not, we might have to consider other measures.

While the issue of cellphone usage while driving is being tackled province to province, are you addressing this issue in your role as minister of Transport? *Garneau:* I recently met with all the transport ministers from all the provinces. I do this twice a year. I raised the issue because it is an issue of concern with respect of safety. There is a shared responsibility between the provinces and the federal government. There is also the fact that people are saying there should be something in the Criminal Code, so justice comes into the picture as well.

At the moment, if people get caught texting or talking on their cell phones while they are the driver, they are subject to fines, and those fines vary by province. They could also receive demerit points. The concern is that, the one area that the number of accidents are occurring and increasing when all other causes are decreasing, is with what we call distracted driving – people on their cell phones or texting while driving.

I personally believe that driving a car requires 100 percent of attention whether you're stopped at a light or driving, and any distraction is going to affect your ability to scan like you do when you're 100 percent. It is *continued on p. 15*



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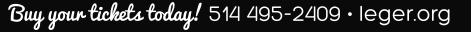
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME TO CLEAN UP MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

The only municipal parking lot in Victoria village is being trashed. A collection of alcohol, beer, coffee and water containers with a mix of packaging from the nearby shops, auto glass and now parking ticket stubs litter the city lot.

Okay, this may be expected in a wellused lot, but it doesn't seem to be cleaned weekly or even monthly. It seems to be a yearly chore. That is great, we are saving on clean-up costs.

So, can someone tell me how often the lot is cleaned. Daily? Weekly? Monthly? Yearly? Every four years? No words required, just select the appropriate answer, easier then answering my many unanswered emails.

Fred Girvan, Victoria Ave.

'WALK' LIGHTS AT AREN'T WORKING

Westmount has seen fit to install 20-second walk signals at a number of intersections – a wonderful idea in theory and a miserable failure in practice. According to my observations, approximately 65 percent of pedestrians ignore these lights and walk on green lights when the sign shows "don't walk."

Another 10 percent walk whenever they want, ignoring all signals, and we won't even discuss the cyclists who blatantly ignore everything.

In summary, the walk lights are contraindicated as they delay traffic and make intersections more dangerous because motorists expect a clear path in "don't walk" situations and are more likely to hit an illegal walker.

The solution to this problem is to mount an intensive, publicized enforcement blitz, giving out hundreds or perhaps thousands of fines to illegally crossing pedestrians. Alternatively, remove the walk signals.

PS: The other day, a police officer whistled down a biker for running a stop sign at Olivier and de Maisonneuve. While talking to the culprit, in the next one minute, five more bikers ran the same stop sign, unseen by the officer.

Norm Shacter, Wood Ave.

Better way to protect Summit Woods

It was very discouraging to read about what is happening to Summit Woods ("Teepees not welcome in Summit Woods," October 18, p. 6). This letter follows a worrying article "More hours, more severe penalties coming for dog use of Summit Woods," (October 4, p. 1).

This article says that dogs may be off leash for a longer period of time in Summit Woods, but there will be zero tolerance for any violation of the leashing regulations. There are problems with this scenario: First, there are too many dogs running around in the woods for them to be allowed off leash. I have counted as many as 12 dogs at one time running along the path or coming out from the woods.

Also problematic is the comment by wildlife photographer Jean-Guy Morriset in this issue of October 18 (p. 12) that people don't realize that there are birds that forage on the ground and dogs running off leash can scare them away.

The second problem is that of zero tolerance. Who is going to be around to see the owners who are not following the rules? How much time will be allotted for public safety officers to be up there monitoring the situation?

We are in the midst of calls for breedspecific legislation, which is causing anguish for many people. The answer should be to have all dogs on a leash in Summit Woods and in the rest of the city unless they are in a dog run. There are three runs in Westmount, two on prime property. Surely people could take their dogs to them.

I would say to citizens that if you love Summit Woods, and if you want to stop breed-specific legislation, keep dogs on leashes at all times.

MARILYNN GILLIES, MELVILLE AVE.

Comin' Up

Thursday, October 27

Westmount Healthy City Project lecture "Ecology of light," 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library, with Robert Dick, CEO of the Canadian Scotobiology Group. Free. Info: 514.989.5284.

Saturday, October 29

Children's library annual Hallowe'en party, 7 pm to 9 pm. For ages six and up. Free tickets are given to those who bring in an already decorated pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest. The library asks participants to wear a costume.

Monday, October 31

The city of Westmount's **haunted house** for Hallowe'en at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, Sherbrooke and Kensington, 5 to 8 pm. See story, p. 10.

Tuesday, November 1

Public meeting on Westmount Ave. and Côte St. Antoine cycling routes, 6 pm at the Westmount Recreation Centre. See news brief, p. 3.

Wednesday, November 2

Second in Rabbi Lisa Grushcow of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's teaching series "Gems of Jewish Spirituality," 7 pm: "Spirituality in the Zohar and Kabbalah." Cost of individual session: \$5 students; \$10 Friends of Temple.

Monday, November 7

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

Tuesday, November 8

"The Wonderful World of Indoor Gardening" lecture offered by **Westmount Horticultural Society**. After a short annual general meeting, Mark Reynolds is to offer ideas about gardening indoors. 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Wesmount Public Library. Cost; \$5 at the door. Info: 514.233.2788.

Thursday, November 10

Contactivity Centre's craft sale and bazaar, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Handcrafted gifts, knitting and weaving, baked goods, jams, light lunch. Proceeds go to Contactivity's seniors' outreach programs, home support and activities. Info: 514.932.2326.

As part of the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, author Jack Buckman gives a talk on his new book, *Unraveling the Threads: The Life, Death and Resurrection of the Singer Company, America's First Multi-National Corporation,* 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Free.

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Atwater Library gets grant to preserve hallmark windows

By Laureen Sweeney

Scaffolding went up and work got under way last week to conserve nine of the tall arched original windows at the Atwater Library. The start of the project follows announcement of a Parks Canada grant to continue restoration of the 1920 heritage building.

The grant for \$95,000 matches private funding for a total of \$195,000 required to preserve the exterior of the windows, one of the building's defining features. The windows are located on the Atwater and Tupper sides. Five more windows on the The library's capital campaign has so far raised \$1.7 million from private donors for which Parks Canada contributed a matching grant of \$425,000 plus the recent one for \$95,000.

Verge said additional funding of \$1.5 million is needed to complete restoration along with the installation of an elevator to render the building fully accessible to people with physical disabilities.

Westmounters David Angus and Richard Pound are co-chairing the capital campaign.



Scaffolding covers the windows on the Tupper St. façade of the Atwater Library October 21, where preservation work to preserve the arched windows will be followed by similar work on the Atwater Ave. side seen to the right.

north side remain to be done.

"We're really pleased to have received the grant," executive director Lynn Verge said last week.

The library had applied for the grant in June under the National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places, she explained. It was eligible as a not-for-profit organization designated as a National Historic Site. The work is to be completed by March 2017.

The library has spent \$2.2 million since 2010 to rehabilitate and upgrade the building, Verge said. This includes the installation of a sprinkler system to bring it up the code compliance, new and expanded washrooms, new light fixtures and important envelope work.



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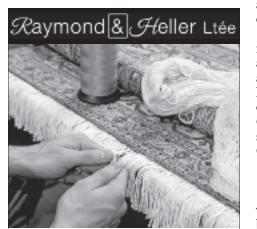
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Westmount Park Church chosen as a 150th 'Celebration Garden' for Canada

By Laureen Sweeney

The selection of Westmount Park Church as the site for one of four "150th Celebration Gardens" in the immediate Montreal area is a "huge honour," church treasurer Joan Hagerman told the city council meeting October 3.

A total of 150 gardens across Canada were chosen by the Canadian Garden Council September 20 as part of the country's anniversary celebrations. The council is the national umbrella body for provincial and national garden organizations.

Hagerman used the occasion to invite Mayor Peter Trent and council members to participate in a planting party October 22.

As a result of being selected, she told the *Independent* last week, the church had almost immediately received 1,000 tulip bulbs (500 red, 500 white). It intends to plant them on the Lansdowne Ave. side, which it had been wanting to fix up for some time.

Notices announcing the church as a winner have already been posted at the site, and earth to enhance the space was delivered last week.

Hagerman said the church had only submitted its application at the deadline after administrator Shelagh McNally came across a notice of the contest in a catalogue for Veseys Bulbs. Veseys is a sponsor of the celebration gardens along with Canada Post, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association and the Niagara Parks Commission.

A community benefit

"I believe the Canadian Garden Council wanted something that would involve and benefit the community," she said.

Judging from the application form, Hagerman suggested some of the reasons "why we would be a good choice, are the church's location at a significant entrance to Westmount Park, its front garden of raised vegetable and plant garden boxes and because so many community groups use the building.

"Of course, it fits right in with our establishing a Faith in Nature centre." (See story January 12, 2015, p. 9.)

Many of the community groups meeting at the church were invited to the planting party. These include Contactivity seniors centre, Beavers, Westmount Youth Orchestra, Westmount Music Therapy, the Eastern Orchid Society and the Shakespeare Theatre Company. Along with the honour of being selected came a list of requirements to be fulfilled, Hagerman said. These include posting of signage, holding of planting and blooming parties, a public relations plan and a list of other documentation and responsibilities.

The three other sites selected as celebration gardens and listed on the winners' list were Town of Montreal West, Green Alley (Marcil/Oxford in NDG) and Dunrae Gardens Elementary School in the Town of Mount Royal.

"This is a great thing for us," Hagerman said, adding jokingly, and possibly a great celebration feast for the squirrels, something the church's planting committee is already taking steps to prevent, however.

Pre-tulip-planting ceremony held indoors, planting in ground to follow



Members of the Westmount Park Beaver Scouts are seen here with, from left: Westmount Park United Church pastor Neil Whitehouse, city councillor Christina Smith, District 5, and Mayor Peter Trent during a symbolic first bulb planting held in the church auditorium on October 22.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Mayor Peter Trent and city councillor Christina Smith were on hand at Westmount Park United Church on October 22 to take part, along with members of Westmount Park Beaver Scouts, in planting the first of 1,000 tulip bulbs that they hope will bloom next spring in a garden along Lansdowne Ave.

Rain throughout the day on Saturday prevented the planting from taking place outdoors, although the plan was to plant the bulbs this week, said church administrator Shelagh McNally.

The church won the bulbs in a Canadawide contest sponsored by the Canadian Garden Council, Veseys Bulbs and Canada Post for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.

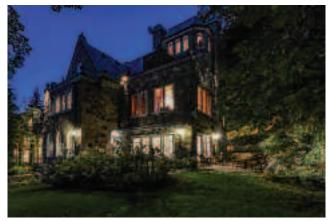
"We're going to plant them later on this week when the rain has stopped," said Mc-Nally. "They will be wintering in the ground and then they will bloom – probably around Mother's Day next year. It will be part of the beginning of Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations."



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'Oz' theme takes shape at city's Hallowe'en

By Laureen Sweeney

It might not be a tornado, but Westmount trick-or-treaters can expect a "windy" night to blow them away to the Land of Oz when they enter the city's Hallowe'en haunted house Monday, October 31.

As they follow the Yellow Brick Rd. through the Oz House, they might meet up with the Wicked Witch of the West and experience scary twists to the *Wizard of Oz* story and movie, according to Kimberley Colquhoun, assistant director of Public Security.

"We're trying to go the scariest route possible," she said. "Expect the unexpected."

The haunted house will be open from 5 to 8 pm at a "transformed" Lawn Bowling Clubhouse at Sherbrooke and Kensington beside city hall.

A friendlier welcome outside is being prepared for younger children not wanting to go inside the house. They'll be greeted on the verandah by Glinda, the Good Witch of the South, along with treats and pumpkins.

Admission to the attraction is free. But



Preparing for Hallowe'en, Public Security Sgt. Stephen Payne and Public Safety Officer Sabrina Tremblay start work October 21 to transform the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse into the "Oz House," this year's haunted house attraction.

as in other years, Colquhoun said, visitors are asked to make a donation to Leucan, the foundation that supports children and their families touched by leukemia and other cancers.

This year, the Oz theme is being prepared by Sgt. Stephen Payne and parking inspector Pierre Thibault, who are installing the walls and other structural components. The floor plan and displays are being organized by PSO Sabrina Tremblay and colleagues.

The annual haunted house was conceived by Thibault and launched in 2007 as a way to help trick-or-treaters spend their evening in a safe environment.

Extra patrols being added

Meanwhile, out on the real Westmount roads, additional safety patrols are being implemented and reflective tape will be handed out to improve the visibility of costumes. Officers will also distribute treats.

"We will be providing non-food treats to children who have food allergies," Colquhoun said.

She noted that this year turquoisecoloured pumpkins are expected to be appear*continued on p. 11*

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ing at houses that will distribute only nonfood products in keeping with a movement aimed at protecting children with food allergies (see www.foodallergy.org/teal-pumpkin-project/about).

Those going door to door are reminded by Colquhoun to carry a flashlight, stick to streets and areas where other people are close by and visit only decorated homes, a sign they are welcome.



A blue-coloured pumpkin signifies non-food treats for children with allergies.

To improve visibility, it is recommended that trick-or-treaters wear make-up rather than masks and that people keep their front steps well lit.

Other safety features are expected to be explained to elementary students by public safety officers and Montreal police who will visit participating schools (St. Léon, Roslyn and Westmount Park). The PSOs will also go to Selwyn House.

Pregnant woman falls unconscious on bus

A pregnant woman fell on a Sherbrooke St. bus October 13, losing consciousness, Public Security officials said. The fall occurred at Metcalfe at about 4:27 pm. Described as 24-weeks pregnant, the woman was accompanied by her mother. After three callbacks to Urgences Santé and attendance by firefighter first responders, an ambulance arrived and took the woman to St. Mary's Hospital. She lived on Grand Ave. in NDG.



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Police Report House sitter assaulted during home invasion

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The following news story is based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

In the early morning hours of October 2, a man living at the Westmount home of a friend during the latter's absence was the victim of a home invasion when a trio of burglars broke in and one assaulted him.

Around 1:30 am, the victim was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom when the intruders came in and made their way around the house, while stealing personal computer equipment.

"It was a home invasion, because they assaulted him," said Station 12 community relations officer Stéphane Laperrière. However, the investigators don't believe the household was specifically targeted, he added.

"I think the burglars were expecting nobody be home," he said. "As he was awaking, the burglars saw him on the bed and one decided to assault him. But when he started fighting back, they ran off."

Since the incident is still under investigation, Laperrière said he couldn't identify the location of the incident. He would only say it happened above Sherbrooke St. in the western part of Westmount.

While there have been relatively few criminal incidents in Westmount over the past few weeks, the police report one act of vandalism on a car and several vehicle break-ins and thefts from inside cars during the same period.

Suspect known to victim of vandalized car

On September 30 around 4 pm, the front hood on a high-end sports SUV parked on Murray Hill was damaged by an individual who was known to the owner. According to the police report, the suspect acted deliberately, punching the vehicle's hood.

This month, according to the police, there have been at least three car break-ins in Westmount. On October 6 sometime between 11 am and 5 pm, a recent model station wagon parked on Roslyn Ave. was entered by an intruder and a laptop inside was stolen.

As there was no evidence of forced entry,

the investigators surmised that the vehicle's doors could have been left unlocked, said Laperrière. "It's a possibility, although we don't have that confirmation," he said.

While there have been some media reports recently about car thieves now being able to open locked vehicle doors with new technology allowing them to tamper with wireless door locking systems, Laperrière said he was not aware of any police reports confirming this type of criminal activity.

On October 7 around 2:30 pm, a GMC commercial van parked on Summit Circle while the owner, a contractor, worked at a nearby residence, was entered by thieves. Again there was no evidence that force was used to get into the vehicle. Among the items stolen were a computer tablet, a cell phone, a GPS unit and a wallet containing various pieces of identification.

And sometime between 3 and 4 pm on October 12, the passenger side front window of a recent model Jeep Compass compact SUV parked on The Boulevard was smashed and a backpack inside was stolen. The police report didn't specify if anything of value was in the stolen backpack.

Hockey cont'd. from p. 1

12 more than last year, he said. This enabled the city to form a third atom team composed equally of boys and girls.

"We've never had an Atom C team," Maislin said. "It's very exciting for us."

As a result, the city now has two singleletter inter-city teams at each of the Novice, Bantam and Midget levels (A and B) as well as three teams (A, B and C) in each of the Atom and Peewee levels.

On the non-competitive side, fully 100 kids are enrolled in the fall youth hockey program (Novice and Atom). This takes place from September to December, aimed in part at kids who also may ski or have other commitments during the winter months.

There is some overlap between kids taking this program and the instructional hockey, where 90 are enrolled in the boys' section and 40 in the girls'.

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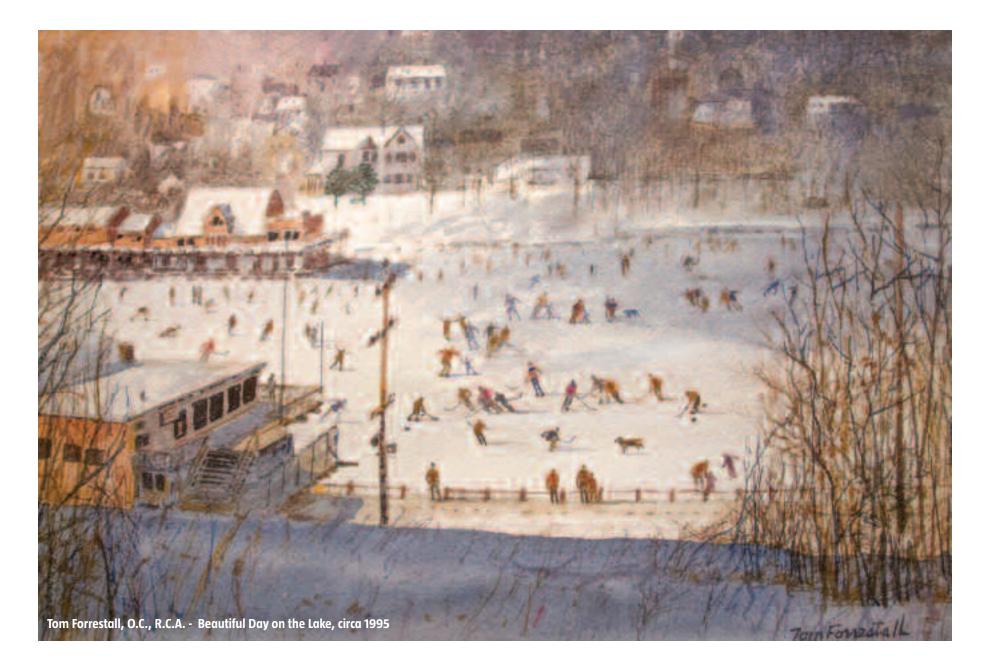
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WHA's tour takes walkers along Westmount's

By Ralph Thompson

The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) held the first of its fall walking tour on October 16.

Departing from Queen Elizabeth Gardens at Wood and Sherbrooke were two groups, one English and one French. Twelve hardy history buffs gathered under gray skies and rain to walk along Sherbrooke to the new Prince Albert Square to learn about the history and architecture of Westmount.

WHA president Caroline Breslaw greeted people to the English walk and the association's secretary Louise Carpentier welcomed participants in the French group.

The guides presented details of architecture, architects and the designs behind several major buildings, such as the yellow brick Dawson College with its prominent copper dome to seemingly insignificant garages that were, in some cases, formally turn-of-the-century carriage houses.

Copies of old photographs and paintings showed how this now busy urban street was mainly agricultural land just over a century ago.

The tours were a complement to the as-



WHA president Caroline Breslaw greets the English-speaking tour group in Queen Elizabeth Gardens at Wood and Sherbrooke October 16.

Sherbrooke Street." For more details of the WHA lecture se-

sociation's September 15 lecture "Historic ries and its archives, visit westmounthistorical.org.



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Holden's new play on 'til Nov. 6

Westmounter Arthur Holden's play *Battered* started October 18 and runs until Sunday, November 6.

Starring Shawn Campbell, Susan Glover, Gitanjali Jain, and Brett Watson, it's a "a clear-eyed and ultimately compassionate story about a flawed, beautiful thing: humanity," according to the producer's Infinithéâtre's press release.

The evening shows and Sunday matinees take place at the Rialto Infinite Studio.

This is the fourth play Holden has written. Previous ones include *Father Land*, *Ars Poetica* and *Book of Bob*.

Holden has also acted, for film, television and stage.

Tickets at lookout out

Public safety officers issued at least seven tickets at the Summit Lookout and Sunnyside Park between October 14 and 17, Public Security officials said. All were \$77 tickets for possession of alcohol and none involved local residents. Five of the offenders were spotted during three different foot patrols on the evening of October 15, a Saturday.

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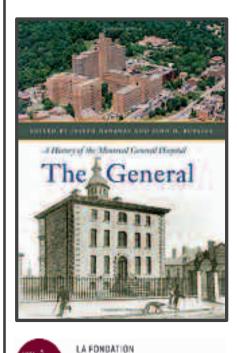
something that the provinces and the federal [government] is talking about because I think there is a sense that this is becoming more and more of an issue as more and more people have these devices.

What is your next big focus in the coming two years?

Garneau: I am very busy consulting with various stakeholders with respect to my vision of transportation. It is evolving in this country, and I think it is important for us to take a broad look at it, whether it is flying as a passenger in an airplane, being moved on our rails in terms of safety, shipping or vehicles on our roads with new technologies, including automated vehicles that are on the horizon. Some driverless cars are being tested now.

All of these things are having a big effect on transportation for you and I when we decide to take the plane, the train or to drive. So I am taking a very broad look at all transportation and working on a vision for the next 20 years. There will be more to come, but you start off with consultation, and we have done most of that. So, I look forward to coming to Canadians in the coming year with some things that are related to transportation that I think will be, I hope, well received.

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Mural rises from dust and noise of Turcot project

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount artist Bruce Roberts was chosen by the city to paint a colourful mural on the long wooden sound wall erected

by the Turcot project behind homes on St. Antoine St. "because he's always up to a challenge."

That's the way Councillor Nicole Forbes, commissioner of Library and Cultural Ser-

vices, described the selection of Roberts for the work as the city decided to paint the wall to improve the daily impact on those residents who live in the midst of the construction zone between Greene and Atwa-



Close by, was a different scene. A ladder was set up, presumably for future work.

ter in the southeast section of Westmount.

The painting was undertaken by Roberts last month in conjunction with his wife, artist Anna Gedalof. While he has painted other indoor murals, this is his first outside one.

The wall was put up by the provincial ministry of Transport (MTQ) along the south side of Selby Park and the north side of the east-west Selby lane onto which these residents look out from their back windows (see story October 6, 2015, p. 36).

"The objective was to do something to help the residents, so when the MTQ came to us with an offer of the paint, we accepted the opportunity," explained District 8 Councillor Theodora Samiotis.

The suggestion and selection of an artist was turned over to Forbes, who described the mural as a way to stop graffiti. "Bruce knows it's only temporary and was up to the challenge of painting the 525-foot wall."

And it took a lot of paint, added Forbes, who said that was one of Roberts' initial concerns. "But the MTQ paid for the paint, and we paid for the work," which she described as "a small honorarium."



Bruce Robert's murals are seen the morning of October 15, including his signature horse paintings

Photos: Ralph Thompson

Place K seniors moved by the music

Ascension choir: A snapshot



An evening of entertainment September 22 brought residents of Place Kensington a musical ensemble of soprano Marina Volare, left; pianist Olga Trofanov; violinist Sergei Trofanov; and soprano and dancer Zina Usmanova, right. The musicians performed works by Puccini, Bizet, Schuman, Rogers & Hammerstein, as well as as Russian, Hungarian and Israeli folk songs. According to Doreen Friedman, the coordinator at the St. Catherine St.'s senior residence, she received many comments and reactions, including "It brought back memories from my childhood in Germany," while another woman "could not hold back her tears while listening to the music." She recounted that some of the seniors clasped the hands of the performers and "thanked them over and over. Some even kissed Zina's hands."

Photo courtesy of Place Kensington



David Szanto, foreground, director of music and organist at Ascension of Our Lord Church, exercises the voices of the church choir during a practice September 29 at 8 pm. The chorists sing regularly for Sunday Mass, including the Christmas and Easter liturgies. Rehearsals are at the church located on the corner of Clarke and Sherbrooke, Thursday nights from 7:30 until 9:30 pm. The choir draws on material from a broad repertoire of sacred music, from Gregorian chant to Baroque, Renaissance, Romantic and Modern music. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Szanto at davidszant@hotmail.com.



Sold-out horror cinema at Westmount Park United Church

By Ralph Thompson

Westmount Park United Church was packed October 8 half an hour before the screening of two silent horror films.

The church continued its tradition of finding innovative ways to fill the pews and entertain the community by hosting two evenings, October 7 and 8, of authentic, scary, silent-era horror films by Le Cinéclub.

The cold grey stone, heavy, deeply stained wooden arches, hard benches and clicking projector provided an appropriate atmosphere. The only things missing were thick cigarette smoke and bats in the belfry.

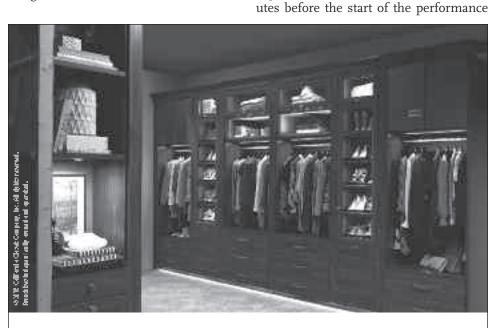
The two German expressionist works, black-and-white silent-era masterpieces, the 1920 psycho-chiller Cabinet Of Dr. Caligari and the 1922 terrifying first-ever vampire film Nosferatu did not disappoint. The films were accompanied by very energetic live musicians playing piano, cello, a plethora of percussion, a haunting theremin and the church's impressive Casavant organ, which at times made the rafters rattle.

"There are about 300 people here tonight," said Reverend Neil Whitehouse.



ten minutes into the film, when Thomas Hutter says goodbye to his wife and heads off on a long journey to Transylvania to meet a new client named Count Orlok.

with the line-up still snaking around the club. corner of Lansdowne. Funds raised went to support both the church and Le Ciné-



The performance was sold out Saturday

night, and the doors were closed 30 min-

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Photographer Drebin exhibits at local gallery



David Drebin with photograph "Cat and Mouse," October 15.

By Heather Black

New York-based photographer David Drebin was on hand for the opening of his exhibition "New Visions" at Galerie de Bellefeuille October 15.

A photographer of Charlize Theron, Diane von Furstenberg and Seal, the Toronto native is also known for his carefully staged and stylized art photography. Images of glamourous women, balloons over

Pay stations hold firm

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But for Drebin his "signature piece" was "Falling in Love," a sculpture of three women tumbling "head over heels" within a clear, acrylic heart.

To create the work, Drebin explained that he "stripped the photos to their essentials," reconstructed the images with a 3D printer, and then painted them red, a new technology to create art.

damage was discovered at 10:10 am by a parking inspector. One was located at 4095 Tupper, the other opposite 4102 Dorchester.

Adaptive tennis program for kids with autism gets under way at Centre Greene

By Isaac Olson

Proset Autism, an adapted tennis program for kids with autism, has been in operation for five years, with clinics in both the Montreal and Ottawa area.

For the first time, it is being offered in Westmount at the Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave.). The program started on September 17 and is running every Saturday through November 17.

Proset Autism's founder, Philippe Manning, said people can still sign their kids up for the group sessions every Saturday afternoon. Kids range in age from 5 to 12, with different sessions for different age groups. Private and semi-private lessons are also available, though the group sessions max out at five or six.

"It's a tennis-based adaptive program," said Manning in an October 11 phone interview. "It is designed to facilitate kids with autism in a sports-based environment."

While learning about sports like tennis, the program addresses issues with fine and gross motor skills. The program, he added, consists of "throwing, catching, hitting, running, shuffling."

Manning said the program is geared toward kids of all different ability levels as some need more help than others. Proset Autism is working with a variety of organizations, business partners, CLSCs and the local school boards. The CLSCs will cover the cost of two ten-week sessions, he said, and parents who pay can claim their receipts as it is a charity. Sessions are also hosted in several different locations throughout the West Island. Manning, a tennis player since age 8, is now a tennis coach who loves teaching. He is originally from Montreal, but he currently resides in Ottawa. He has worked as a special needs educator and has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a postgraduate diploma in autism. He originally intended on becoming a sports psychologist working with athletes, but instead chose the path of working with kids with autism.

'Let energy out'

This program, he said, gives kids a chance "to let their energy out" while learning a new sport.

"Tennis requires a lot of concentration, footwork, muscle memory, visualization – and those are some of the things kids like," he said. "But we are not as much focused on tennis as much as we are hand-eye coordination, eye contact and really getting the five points as we have five different global skills that they have to work on."

Those skills, he said, are joint attention, motivation, motor development, participation and socialization.

Parents, he added, can learn with the kids and play with the kids after the program is finished. Proset Autism has instructors that understand autism and other disabilities.

According to Prosetautism.ca, the organization's philosophy is: "With individual attention and team coaching, Philippe ensures that the sports program seamlessly adapts to the needs of children and adults, as a result they are able to enjoy movement and have fun playing sports in a constructive atmosphere."



Art to be auctioned at Thomas More Institute to mark 70th

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Thirty Canadian art pieces from a collection of hundreds of works gathered over the past seven decades by the Thomas More Institute will be up for grabs during an auction fundraiser set to take place on Friday, November 4 at its offices.

"Over the years we've accumulated quite an interesting collection of Canadian and Quebec artists," said information services officer Katia Toimil-Bramhall.

"Last year, the institute celebrated its 70th anniversary, and to mark this event we decided to hold our first-ever art auction to not only raise money for the institute, but to showcase our extensive art collection," she added.

The auction will be "a wonderful chance to acquire an original piece of Canadian art from a reliable source and at an attractive price," said Martin Baenninger, a Westmounter, who sits on the board of directors.

"The silent auction approach will permit

Phone found in puddle dried out, returned

A patroller was flagged down on Sunnyside Ave. October 12 by a woman who handed over an iPhone she had just found in a puddle, Public Security officials said. When it did not work, the phone was dried out and charged at the station. It was then used to contact the owner, a resident of Kensington, who stated she was "very grateful" to get it back.

bidders to watch the evolution of offers during the evening and make relaxed, unstressed decisions as to whether to bid higher or not," he explained.

The 30 pieces to be auctioned off include two paintings by Louis Belzile, a work by Fritz Brandtner, others by John Collins, Louis Mulhstock, Tobie Steinhouse, Gordon Webber, and two works by Leslie Schalk. There are also several pieces created by Inuit artists.

According to Toimil-Bramhall, the institute acquired a number of the works through former leading members of the institute, including Charlotte Tansey and Martin O'Hara, who loved Canadian art.

'Charlotte and Martin used to buy art, and they would donate it to the institute," she said, while adding that the art collection includes nearly 300 works.

Prior to the auction, there will be a preview from 5 to 6 pm. The auction itself will take place from 7 to 9 pm, with bidding to end at 8:30 pm.

The Thomas More Institute is a secular

Two people found drinking

A man and woman were found drinking from a can of beer October 15 in Tupper Lane behind 4050 St. Catherine at 5:05 pm, Public Security officials said.

A baby and stroller were seen behind them.

They were identified using a Quebec health card but when asked for a fixed address, they replied they lived in Akulivik. The beer was confiscated, but no tickets were issued.

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These works will be part of the 30 art pieces that be offered during a silent auction November 4.

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Octogenarian falls disembarking from bus

An 81-year-old Westmount woman was reported to have fallen on her face October 12 while disembarking from a bus on the north side of St. Catherine just east of Clarke. Public Security officials said the driver and several witnesses flagged down a patroller, who was responding to the call at 11:56 am but the woman was already standing in the doorway of her apartment building nearby and reluctant to have assistance. Concerned about her black eye and facial lacerations, however, the officer followed her to her dwelling and remained with her until the arrival of Urgences Santé at 12:48 am. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital.

Truck on Greene hits Ville Marie overpass

A refrigerated truck struck the Ville Marie overpass at Greene Ave. October 11 at 10 am, Public Security officials said. The driver thought the truck had sufficient clearance, but the top hit it and was damaged. The incident blocked off the street and also brought out police, along with railway officials and inspectors. The structure was not believed to be damaged.

on Atwater Ave., just north of Sherbrooke St. and east of the Westmount border.

Dog walker's wait for police changes her mind

A Westmount woman was spotted walking her dog off leash in Westmount Park October 13 at 9:05 am, Public Security officials said. The woman immediately leashed the dog on seeing the patroller, but it was too late. She was taken aside from a group of other dog walkers, all of whom had their dogs leashed. She was asked to identify herself so a \$77 ticket could be issued. The woman was reported to have steadfastly refused to provide her date of birth to confirm her identity, even when told police were on the way. During the wait, however, she finally decided to comply. She lived nearby.

No pool pumping on Sunday

Noise from a house on Argyle October 16 was found to come from a compressor in use to pump water from a pool, Public Security officials said. Workers were cautioned about the use of such equipment on a Sunday and were given time to cover the pool.

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Acclaimed Westmount gallery premieres third space



Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

Westmount-based Galerie de Bellefeuille (GdB) was recently chosen by *Modern Painters*, the prestigious New York art magazine, as one of the "top galleries worldwide."

Celebrating 36 years, GdB has two locations in Westmount: on Greene Ave., the flagship (GdB l) at 1367 Greene Ave. and the former Nicholas Hoare space across the street, where GdB II features contemporary photography.

On June 16, Westmount residents and owners **Helen** and **Jacques Bellefeuille**, unveiled GdB III in the prestigious Port Royal building in Montreal's Square Mile district. The reception attracted almost 500 keen art lovers, keeping the Roederer champagne flowing for hours.

Gallery artists attending included **David Drebin**, who flew in from Toronto and Quebecers **Peter Krausz**, **Paul Béliveau** and Nicolas Ruel.

Among the chic crowd were Westmounters man-about-town blogger Richard Burnett and sa mère élégante Liliane, Thea and Brian Drummond, Charlene Weiser, Dagmar and Ronald Guttmann, Stores and Ann McCall (artist and devoted dressage rider), Earl Veinish, artist Heidi Spector, and Louise and Michel Blouin, as well as Lynne and Andy Nulman, Rucsandra Calin, Manish Khanna, Rosanna Grande and artist Paul Émile Rioux, Nannette and Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien (on their way to Paris to launch Nannette's new skincare line), Pascale Bourbeau, Caroline Bouchard (president Jacques Bouchard Foundation), Cynthia Price, Sondra and Michael Palanghio, Aurélien and Mila Guillory, design guru Scott Yetman, Tatyana Reeve, Le Château VP Franco Rocchi and blogger extraordinaire Eva Friede.

Guests admired the work of super "startists," such as **Damien Hirst** and **Dale Chihuly**, whose shimmering jewel-like glass works were premiered in Quebec by the Bellefeuilles, as was the artist Jim Dine. Standing beside a

magnificent Vic Muniz continued on p. 22



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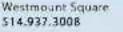
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Clea: Clearly not a party animal



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Just as not every person loves a crowd, not every canine loves a pack. Take Clea, a two- or three-year-old akita/German shepherd mix. She's been a ward of the Frontier Animal Society since last January and her nerves, poor girl, are starting to fray.

Although described as a great pooch overall, her anxiety within the confines of the shelter have been taking the form of intolerance toward other females and smaller dogs.

She doesn't exhibit this behaviour when encountering other dogs on one of her much-loved walks in the woods. It only seems to surface within crowded canine situations. That being said, Clea is still young and surely open to learning new coping strategies.

Her claustrophobic tendencies also mean that she isn't a fan of getting into cars. This is being worked on with a



trainer. A smart, discerning pooch, Clea

doesn't get all warm and fuzzy with people right away. She'll take a little time sussing you out. But once you pass muster, she'll grace you with her affection.

And though it's true that Clea may never win a Miss Congeniality award among her canine peers, any adopter who can see beyond that to her other stellar qualities, will be rewarded with a very engaged and loyal companion. (It also wouldn't hurt if you love to play ball as much as she does!)

Clea needs someone with experience who can give her the guidance and structure she needs. And although a forever home would be the shelter's first choice of course, her caretakers are also open to the possibility of a foster home because Clea isn't thriving where she is.

Small kids and cats are a nogo. If you can offer Clea a port in the storm, please contact 819.876.7747 or frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com.

Barking dogs annoy neighbour, cost owner

A resident of Redfern was to be sent a \$77 ticket after two dogs were reported barking in the backyard of the house October 11, according to Public Security officials. Patrollers were sent to the home at 9:32 pm on a noise complaint from a resident of Kitchener. No response was obtained from efforts to reach the owner.

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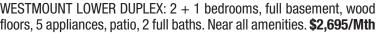


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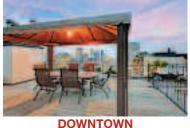
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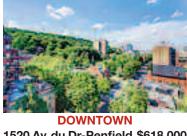
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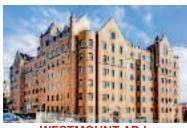
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