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## Clock ticks down on building repair before snow falls

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the approach of winter, Urban Planning officials said last week they would be monitoring weekly the need for masonry repair at the top of the stately building on the southeast corner of St. Catherine and Greene.

The sidewalk along the building's side façade on Greene has been under scaffolding, owing to concerns by the city that stones might fall from the roofline of what was originally the Royal Bank building.

At the moment, the masonry appears to be held in place by the roof flashing, said the city's chief inspector Christopher Rogers.

But now with the onset of winter, the

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lack of repair poses "a predicament," he said. Given the scaffolding, there is not enough space to plow the sidewalk. "If we have to close it, we'll have to charge [the property owner] a rental fee."

On the other hand, he added, "we'd rather he put the money into fixing the problem."

The building at 4192 St. Catherine has been sold and bought a couple of times since it once housed Henrietta Antony's antique business. The current owner had been warned about the condition of the western façade, Rogers said.

## Never too cold for ice cream



On a dull, chilly autumn morning October 30, Dairy Queen enthusiasts lined up outside the Sherbrooke and Prince Albert location at 11 am. A sale offering half-price was seen advertised in the window.

#### This year's work on target: Trent

## 2017 capital works budget to be adopted Nov. 7

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A special meeting is set to take place Monday, November 7 at 7:30 pm to present the city's capital works budget for 2017, highlighting infrastructure and other major projects.

"In the 2017 capital budget, we intend to continue the accelerated pace of basic infrastructure investment set in 2016," Mayor Peter Trent said last week. "We also intend to do this by using current revenues, without further borrowing."

The city will repeat last year's newly adopted procedure of bringing down the

capital works budget earlier than it traditionally had, he said.

This is one of the reasons the city is now forecasting reaching 97 percent of the capital works budget for 2016. "Some infrastructure projects are coming in below their estimated costs. \$14 million is the highest amount we've ever spent on routine capital works."

He also attributes being able to achieve this amount of work to the city's hiring of six new Public Works staff and appointing Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise to oversee the execution of the entire capital works budget of \$14.5 million.













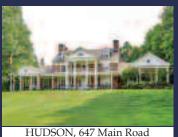
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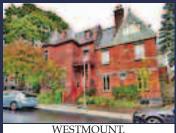
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Resident calls it 'an attempt'

## 'Some' Edgehill speeding slowed by mid-street bollard

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Some six years after a resident of The Boulevard began asking city council for speed reduction measures on the steep stretch of Edgehill Rd. above Roslyn, Michael Schwartz's persistence has paid off. But only partly, he says.

A mid-street bollard was placed on the hill last month, he told the council October 3, but at the top of the street "that does nothing," he stated. He asked for it to be repositioned.

District 1 Councillor Patrick Martin said he "completely" agreed with Schwartz. "The bollard should be placed further down the hill...I'm convinced it should be

resolved in the next few days."

And it was, Martin told the Independent when he went to check it out a few days later. The bollard had indeed been moved "and already it's showing its effectiveness," in slowing the uphill eastbound cars, he said.

"It's slowing down some of them," Schwartz told the Independent last week. "It's not slowing down the experienced drivers." He said it had already been knocked down twice that he knew of. He suggested a wider bollard, perhaps, or, as per his original request, a stop sign.

While Schwartz lives at the northeast corner of The Boulevard and Edgehill, his prop-









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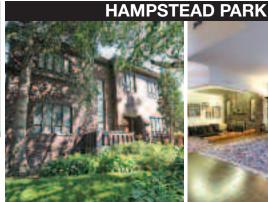


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## After 40 years, library is a 'second family' to Estevez



Laurie Estevez at work October 26 in the technical services section of Westmount Public Library.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's a service milestone that few likely ever achieve in working with the city.

But for Laurie Estevez, working at the Westmount Public Library for 40 years has provided variety, challenge and an opportunity to work in customer service as well as behind the scenes in the preparation of

She was 16 and in high school when she started working part-time in 1976 on Saturdays processing books as they were returned. And, given her continuous and unbroken service, she essentially never

"This is really a nice place to work," Estevez said last week. "If I wasn't so happy, I wouldn't have stayed so long. It's like a second family."

And speaking of family, it's through the library that 34 years ago, Estevez met and then married public safety officer Patrick Sheehan, now retired.

After initially working for 24 years on the adult and circulation ..... desks, Estevez moved continued on p. 14

#### **Public Information** Meeting



#### **WORK IN THE A-720 AREA**

The ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports would like to invite the population to a public information meeting that will present the dismantling activities of the A-720 east beginning in mid-November.

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## Montreal Oral School classes may have to move out of Westmount Park School

By Isaac Olson

Due to upcoming renovations planned for the Westmount Park School, the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) may no longer be able to accommodate the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD), which rents enough space in the building to accommodate nearly 30 hearing-impaired students.

At this point, nothing is certain, but the EMSB is avoiding any long-term commitments with the MOSD, which has been renting space in Westmount Park School for a number of years. EMSB spokesperson Mike Cohen confirmed that the MOSD is still renting space in the Westmount Park School, and it will remain there for the school year.

"Due to our own needs for space and upcoming renovations, we are unable to make any long-term commitment at this time," he stated.

The MOSD, some three blocks away at 4670 St. Catherine St., rents learning space in the Westmount Park School, MOSD was founded in 1950 to teach children with hearing impairments how to listen and speak. It was reported in the September 1, 2015 issue of the Independent that MOSD had three elementary classes at Westmount Park School - one classroom for grades 1 and 2, one for grades 3 and 4, and one for grades 5 and 6. A the time, the students totaled 27.

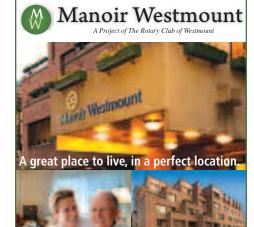
Founded in 1913, Westmount Park School serves a wide range of communities from Little Burgundy to Queen Mary Blvd. Calls to Westmount Park School's administration were redirected to EMSB's communications department as, the *Inde*pendent was told, the MOSD merely rents space from the EMSB and there is no education-related partnership between the two schools.

Cohen said the enrollment at West-

mount Park School continues to rise every year, and that increase limits available space. Mary Reynolds, a retired EMSB principal, is the current director and principal of the MOSD. She is working closely with the EMSB, said Cohen.

Renovations are planned for "all schools," said Cohen, though when asked how these renovations will impact Westmount Park students, he said construction plans have not yet been finalized.

Since late August, the *Independent* has tried numerous time to contact Reynolds for this story, but despite leaving messages, no time was made for an interview. When asked who else might be able to speak about the possible closing of space at Westmount Park School for MOSD students, the receptionist said no one else could answer questions about it. Another attempt was made by the editor to reach Reynolds in late October.



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#### Hidden talents: Artistic photo project

## The Japanese maple in the fall



A bird's-eye view of a Japanese maple is photographed by leaning out a window by city councillor Patrick Martin October 25 at 4 pm.

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## Stones fall from Dorchester Blvd. house, part of Weredale closed





from the façade of 4030 Dorchester. The west outlet of Weredale Park also was barricaded, leaving open the one to the east. Inset: tarpaulin covers the area from where the stones fell.

#### By Laureen Sweeney

Stones fell from the façade of a large castle-like house at 4030 Dorchester the morning of October 23, Public Security officials said. A total of 15 stones were reported to have fallen.

Firefighters at the scene suggested the sidewalk be barricaded off for pedestrian safety along with the west outlet of the circular Weredale Park roadway that intersects Dorchester.

The building, a former rooming house, stretches far south along the narrow west

arm of winding Weredale Park, the one across which barricades were erected.

An inspector from the city's Urban Planning department went to the scene the next morning and spoke to the property owner, according the chief inspector Christopher Rogers. The owner was reported to be already in the process of obtaining quotes for repair, he said.

Rogers said the sidewalk would remain blocked off until the owner obtained a report on the building's condition from a professional. Meanwhile, a temporary continued on p. 7





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#### Greene Ave. cont'd. from p. 1

days after a dying demand for their work a few years ago failed to attract younger ones into the trade.

Now, however, as buildings in Montreal are deteriorating, existing masons are in

greater demand and wait times can be lengthy, as reported for Westmount residents trying to have crumbling retaining walls repaired (see story September 6, p. 3).



Scaffolding October 26 covers the sidewalk along the Greene Ave. façade of the former Royal Bank and former Henrietta Antony building at St. Catherine.

#### Woman falls on step

A woman described as "elderly" fell on a defective step leading to a store near the northeast corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe, Public Security officials said. A patroller went to her assistance October 19 while noticing three people tending to her on the sidewalk at 3 pm. She was bleeding profusely from the back of the head. A resident of St. Catherine St., she was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé.

Police were to inform the owner of the property, and the area was blocked off to prevent anyone else from being injured.

An Urban Planning inspector was to be sent to check out the problem described as being a cement facing that had fallen off the step.

#### **Dorchester** cont'd. from p. 6

pedestrian pathway was created.

While a neighbour told the *Independent* there had appeared to have been a bulge in the building's wall noticed by an architect some four years ago, Rogers said there was no mention of a previous dangerous condition in the city's file.

He said the "slightly uneven" way in which the building had been constructed in a castle-like appearance could have given the illusion of a bulge.



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#### Police Report

## Several Westmount dwellings, cars broken into

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.

Thieves who robbed a house on Côte St. Antoine Rd. during the morning or afternoon of October 21 while the owner was away gained entry through a rear door, which had been left unlocked.

"The house had been searched thoroughly," said Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, adding that the owner found "a lot of items on the floor and a lot of items that were displaced" upon his return.

"But the exact amount of what was stolen isn't known for now because the owner still hasn't gone through everything to know what was stolen," Laperrière added.

A second recent household break-andenter in Westmount took place in a second-storey apartment of a building on St. Catherine St. on October 26 sometime between early afternoon and around 7:20 pm.

"They came in through a rear door,

which had been left unlocked," said Laperrière. He was uncertain how the suspects were able to reach an outer door on the building's second storey, although he suggested it may have been by an exterior fire escape.

Again in this case, the exact amount of property stolen was still not known while the victims conducted an inventory. However, Laperrière said the suspects searched the apartment thoroughly in their illegal quest.

#### Car inside garage targetted

The owner of a home on Westmount's Upper Belmont Ave., who may have neglected to lock his garage door, found recently that the car parked inside was opened and robbed.

On October 14 shortly after 7:30 am, the plaintiff noticed that the garage door was wide open. He then found that the vehicle in the garage had been searched and some items were missing. The stolen items included a pair of glasses, a wallet containing ID and credit cards.

However, the police investigators couldn't find any signs the car had actually been

broken into. A second car parked in the driveway leading to the garage was untouched by the thieves and was locked.

#### SUV stolen from driveway

The owner of a black Audi SUV who parked the vehicle in the driveway of his home near the corner of Mount Pleasant and Rosemount avenues in the early morning hours of October 20 discovered the next day that the car was stolen.

"The plaintiff had the keys in his possession, the doors were locked and the car alarm didn't go off," said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, while adding that there were no other signs of forced entry into the car, such as fragments of shattered glass on the ground.

#### Alleged assault near Clarke, Cedar

On October 15 around midnight, police from Station 12 responded to the scene of an alleged assault near the intersection of Clarke and Cedar in Westmount.

Arriving on the scene, the officers met the victim who had reported the incident by calling 911 on his cell phone. According to Pimentel, the victim said one of his friends had tried to stab him with a pair of scissors after the two disagreed over whether to smoke marijuana.

"Then the victim fought back with a brick, and he also used his cell," said Pimentel, while adding that the officers on the scene said the victim's version of events changed a number of times. The suspect fled on a blue and white bicycle.

Although the victim had no signs of injury and said he didn't want to press charges, the police went to find the suspect at an address in Côte des Neiges, where the victim said he lived. Pimentel said they were unable to locate the suspect, although they know his name and are still seeking him to complete the investigation and decide whether to press charges.

#### Police asking for feedback Nov. 10

On Thursday, November 10, police from Station 12 will be holding a public consultation meeting during which they will be asking for feedback on a security "action plan" for 2017.

The meeting will be taking place from 7 to 9 pm at Station 12, located at 21 Stanton St., on the second floor. Those planning to attend are asked to call 514.280.0312 so that organizers can know how many to expect.

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#### Rehearsing musicians disturb neighbour

Public safety officers responded to a complaint of loud music October 20 at 4898 de Maisonneuve but were unable to attract the attention of offenders, Public Security officials said. Patrollers could easily hear the live music coming from a musical group at the rear of the commercial building just after 8:30 pm but were unable to gain entrance without an access

code. Efforts to shine the vehicle's spotlight into the window also failed to obtain results. The owner of the building was informed. The complainant, a resident of Prince Albert, stated the musical group practises at the same place once a week. The building has been in the news recently concerning a redevelopment proposal (see story August 9, p. 1).









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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PERSEVERANCE PAID OFF

What a pleasure it is to walk past the new dog run in Westmount Park and observe the dogs chasing each other (or squirrels) while their masters chat together. Meanwhile bikers stream by on the bike path, tennis players compete on the new tennis courts, people sit and watch the ducks and ducklings in the pond, daycamp children play on the recreation area field, adults enjoy coffee or lunch on the patio of the Mouton Noir café at the new indoor hockey arena, and people of all ages swim and splash in the outdoor pool.

All this happens peacefully every day in the southwest corner of Westmount Park.

Thank you Mayor [Peter] Trent and the municipal council for having the strength and courage to withstand the barrage of criticism and vociferous complaints hurled at them during the many years of planning the dog run, bike path and recreation centre.

How did they know it would all turn out so well, when so many residents doubted their every move?

Kudos to them for providing more areas for everyone to come together and enjoy

our jewel of a park.

Monica Shapiro, St. Catherine St.

## NOT PROVIDING AGE SHOULD NOT WARRANT OBSTRUCTION TICKET

With regard to "Dog walker's wait for police changes her mind" (October 25, p. 20), I wonder why Public Security failed to tell the whole story of what really happened. Let me set the record straight.

When the woman was stopped by Public Security and was questioned because her dog was off the leash, she gave her name, address and valid dog licence.

He then asked her age. She wondered why he needed to know that and refused to tell him how old she was, wondering what her dog being off leash had to do with her age. In answer to her questions, he called the police.

The woman did not change her mind before the police arrived, as the story in the *Independent* says, but waited for the police officer to arrive.

Upon request from the police for her date of birth, she complied.

Nevertheless, in addition to the \$77 ticket for having her dog off the leash, she was issued an additional ticket for \$221 for "obstructing the work of a municipal employee."

Really! Her tiny little dog, off leash for five minutes, cost her close to \$300! There is something very wrong here.

BRIGITTA BRITTAIN, GROSVENOR AVE.

### SENSITIVITY TRAINING REQUIRED

I am writing concerning the senior who refused to give her age when asked by a over zealous public security officer. ("Dog walker's wait for police changes her mind," October 25, p. 20.)

As a result, she received tickets totalling \$298 (\$221 for obstructing and interfering with the work of a municipal employee and \$77 for having her two-pound dog off leash). I understand she broke the leash law.

I think it may be time for sensitivity classes for our municipal employees.

SHARYN SCOTT, GROSVENOR AVE.

#### LOVING TOUCHER

I would like to share with you a wonderful gastronomic experience. My husband and I ate at Toucheh recently, a jewel of a restaurant on Prince Albert Ave. on the corner of Somerville.

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Arash, Shiva and Mehdi greeted us warmly. We were invited to choose a table and, soon after, Mehdi proceeded to describe the Persian dishes on the menu. I chose the Zereshk polo dish with Iranian saffron rice garnished with barberry, a red fruit resembling small berries, and my husband, the Chami kebab.

These were, of course, only two of the delicious choices on the menu. At the end of a wonderful meal, we savoured their exquisite Iranian tea, a treat in itself.

I am not a professional food critic, but I love to talk about my culinary experiences with our friends and family. Since this experience was most pleasant, and we were

so moved by the wonderful attention showered upon us by our hosts, I thought that we should share it with you.

Please, set aside a few hours to discover this unique neighbourhood restaurant. I promise you that you will not be disappointed!

NICOLE PERETZ, OLIVIER AVE.

## DORCHESTER-AREA RESIDENTS HAVE IDEAS FOR NORTH SIDE

Last spring, local residents living around Dorchester were asked to fill out a survey about their vision and concerns regarding the north side of Dorchester, currently home to a parking lot, specifically the citymanaged parking lot enclosed by Tupper, Gladstone and Dorchester.

In a survey and at meetings, we local residents asked for more green space, safety and sustainability (see your story January 26, p. 6). Now, the proposed development includes four-story buildings, the narrowing of Dorchester, getting rid of the median with beautiful mature trees.

Although scenarios were bounced off a task force, no single scenario was approved. All this makes me very nervous.

I understand why a developer may want to build, but in my opinion any building should be in sync with the south side of the street. If we look at the odd-shaped lot of land the parking lot presently occupies, it is clear that not much could be built there unless the street is narrowed.

How about putting in a dog run, a park or allowing single-family houses to be built that could mirror the south side of Dorchester? Such options could better meet the expressed needs of the residents: green space, safety (nobody would drink at a dog run) and sustainability (a dog run could absorb rain).

This could also save the city the cost of studying the impact on traffic, existing buildings, etc. The savings then could be shifted to funding the cost of a sound barrier by the CP rail line that we have been asking the city to build for so many years. I would note that one proposal is a great idea: to put pedestrian crossing light on the corner of Clandeboye.

Elena Jones, Stayner St.

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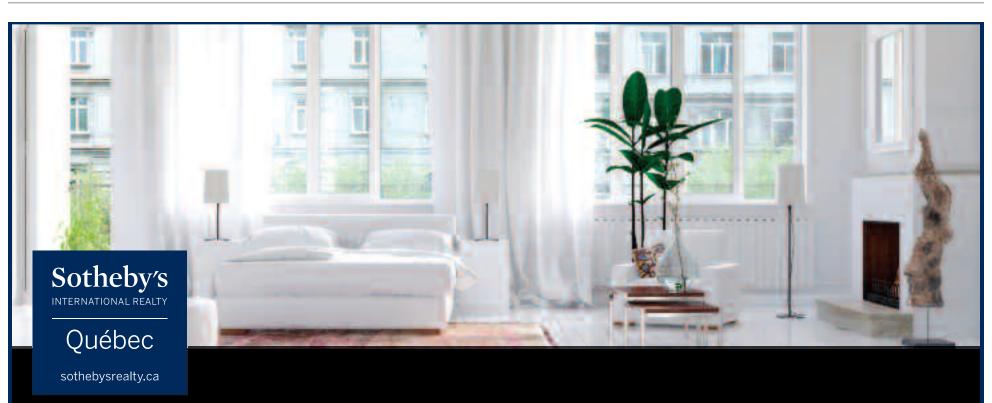
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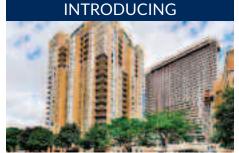
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#### HÔTEL DE VILLE

#### Séance d'information : pistes cyclables, av. Westmount et ch. de la Côte-St-Antoine

Le mardi 1 er novembre, 18 h, Centre des loisirs de Westmount. La Ville vous invite à assister à une séance publique au sujet des résultats de la période d'essai des pistes cyclables de l'av. Westmount et du ch. de la Côte-Saint-Antoine. Si vous êtes dans l'impossibilité d'assister à la séance, vous pouvez soumettre vos commentaires par courriel à l'adresse traffic@westmount.org au plus tard le 8 novembre.

#### Cérémonie du Jour du souvenir

#### Le dimanche 6 novembre, 14 h, cénotaphe.

Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux devant le cénotaphe de Westmount pour commémorer les Westmountais décédés sur les champs de bataille.

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#### BIBLIOTHÈQUE

#### Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 2 novembre, 10 h 15, Bibliothèque. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Conférences de 14 h : Virginia Elliott

**Le mercredi 2 novembre, 14 h**, Bibliothèque. *Project Yeti 2016: Nepal*. Billets requis. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Club de films documentaires

**Le mercredi 2 novembre, 19 h**, Bibliothèque. *Stories We Tell* (2012). Billets requis. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Série Récits de voyages : Mexique et Italie Les jeudis 3 et 10 novembre, 10 h 30, Bibliothèque.

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**Le lundi 7 novembre, 19 h**, Bibliothèque. Le personnel

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#### Rencontres d'auteurs : Nicole E. Rolland

**Le mercredi 9 novembre, 19 h**, Bibliothèque. Rencontrez Nicole E. Rolland, auteure de *Stepping into Consciousness – A Guide to Living a Life of Joy, Meaning, and Abundance*. Billets requis. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Conférences-midi

**Le mardi 15 novembre, 12 h 30**, Victoria Hall. *There are Drones in your Future!* En collaboration avec Le Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal. 10 \$/conférence. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### **ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES**

#### Galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

**Du 14 octobre au 5 novembre**. La Galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres de Bonnie Shemie. Horaire : lundi au vendredi de 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche de 10 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

#### **Artisans Westmount**

Les samedi et dimanche 12 et 13 novembre, 10 h 30 à 17 h, Victoria Hall. Des artisans vous offrent

des œuvres inédites de qualité. Entrée : denrées non périssables ou 2 \$ pour la collecte annuelle d'aliments du service de la Sécurité publique. Info : 514 989-5226 ou artisans@westmount.org.

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#### TRAVAUX PUBLICS

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Placez vos sacs de feuilles et de résidus de jardin en bordure du trottoir avant 7 h les jours de semaine en vue de la collecte par la Ville. Seuls les SACS EN PAPIER sont acceptés. Info: 514 989-5390.



#### CITY HALL

#### Public Meeting: Westmount Ave. and Côte-St-Antoine Rd. bicycle routes

**Tuesday, November 1st, 6 p.m.,** Westmount Recreation Centre. The City invites you to attend a public meeting concerning the results of the trial bicycle routes on Westmount Avenue and Côte-St-Antoine Road. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may submit comments by email to **traffic@westmount.org** by November 8th.

#### Remembrance Day ceremony

**Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., Cenotaph.** Join Council members at the Westmount Cenotaph to commemorate Westmounters who fell in battle.

#### PUBLIC SECURITY

#### Dog permits now available online

Westmount is launching a new online system for dog permits on November 1st, 2016, making it easier than ever to obtain or renew a permit by visiting the City's website at westmount.org. The new permit will include a permanent medal for your dog. You may also obtain your dog permit in person at the Permits Office at 21 Stanton Street, 2nd Floor, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

#### Change the clock, change the batteries

**Sunday, November 6.** We remind everyone to use the occasion of the return to Eastern Standard Time on November 6 to replace the batteries in all the smoke detectors at the same time you adjust the clocks. This small act could save your life!

#### LIBRARY

#### Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

**Wednesday, November 2, 10:15 a.m.,** Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together, working with themes proposed by members. Welcome to all. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### 2 O'Clock Conferences Series: Virginia Elliott

Wednesday, November 2, 2 p.m., Library. *Project Yeti 2016: Nepal.* Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### **Documentary Film Club**

**Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.,** Library. *Stories We Tell* (2012). Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### Tales and Travels Series: Mexico and Italy

**Thursdays, November 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m.,** Library. A weekly activity for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia that simulates travel in foreign countries. Registration required. Info: 514 989-5409 or dmiguez@westmount.org.

#### **Guess the Giller**

**Monday, November 7, 7 p.m.**, Library. Join us for a special evening and meet Shelley Pomerance and

#### Next Council Meeting Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

library staff who will discuss the books that have been shortlisted for the Giller, Canada's largest literary prize. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### **Author Lecture Series: Nicole E. Rolland**

**Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m.**, Library. Meet Nicole E. Rolland, author of *Stepping into Consciousness – A Guide to Living a Life of Joy, Meaning, and Abundance*. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5299.

#### **Afternoon Lecture Series**

**Tuesday, November 15, 12:30 p.m.,** Victoria Hall. *There are Drones in your Future!* In collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10/lecture. Info: 514 989-5226.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Gallery at Victoria Hall: exhibition

**October 14 to November 5.** The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of Bonnie Shemie. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 514 989-5521.



#### **Artisans Westmount**

**Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,** Victoria Hall. Artisans offer quality items for sale during this two-day event. Admission: non-perishable food items or \$2 for Public Security's annual holiday food drive. Info: 514 989-5226 or artisans@westmount.org.

#### **CLSC Influenza vaccination clinic**

Wednesday, November 9, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. The CLSC Metro will offer a free influenza (flu) vaccination clinic at Victoria Hall for seniors, infants and special needs individuals. Please bring your medicare card. Info: 514-731-8531.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### Autumn leaf collection

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## WRC wins award of excellence from Consulting Engineers

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three years after it opened, the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) garnered another award for its unique underground construction, design and environmental aspects.

The latest was an "award of excellence" presented October 25 to the city and engineering firm CIMA+ by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada. The Westmount project was reported to be one of 20 excellence awards chosen from 77 candidates. The award was accepted by Mayor Peter Trent and CIMA+.

City director general Mike Deegan told the *Independent* the award was a nice way to conclude the competitions the WRC had been entering. "This is the last one," he said.

In a press release from the association, it said Westmount's "large underground arena complex with a park on the roof was

quite a challenge.

"To achieve this, the structural engineer borrowed from bridge-building methods, creating a green roof fitted with longspan steel girders to ensure the vast empty spaces required for the two rinks could withstand the significant earth pressure. The thermal stability found underground contributed to the LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] Gold certification of the structure."

The association has a membership of 500 firms.

## Sick raccoon taken to SPCA

The SPCA was called to pick up a raccoon that appeared unwell October 18, Public Security officials said. The request came from a resident of Blenheim Place and was approved by Public Security at 3:55 pm in accordance with its contract with the city.

#### Car breaks down, left driverless on Lexington

A car was reported to have broken down in the middle of Lexington October 21 at 10:28 am, Public Security officials said. When officers answered a call for the car from Public Works, they discovered it driverless but with the hazard lights flash-

ing. After inquiries at various houses, the driver was finally tracked down at one where she had been working. She stated she was waiting for a tow truck. Officers helped the woman move the car to the side of the road until the truck arrived.



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#### 2017-2018-2019 PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned that:

- the three-year programme of capital expenditures for the fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the Municipal Council to be held on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount; and
- 2. at said special sitting, the Council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the three-year programme of capital expenditures.

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#### OCTOBER BUILDING PERMITS # What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the October 3 meeting of city council.

**4338 Westmount Ave.:** to enlarge a front porch and rebuild a back one provided the railing on the front balcony is of wood;

**6 Springfield:** to landscape the rear yard, rebuild the back balcony and replace the doors and windows as well as build a rear vestibule;

**335 Metcalfe:** to rebuild a side deck and do some landscaping in the rear yard;

**485 Grosvenor:** to landscape the front yard and modify the railings on the two front porches;

**349 Lansdowne:** to rebuild a rear porch and replace some windows;

**627** Victoria: to landscape the rear yard, rebuild a retaining wall and install a new fence:

**468 Grosvenor:** at a Category I house, to replace two windows on the rear façade;

**44 Sunnyside:** to install a glass panel;

66 Aberdeen: to rebuild a retaining wall;

**331 Côte St. Antoine:** to rebuild the front porch and replace the railings;

**58 Bruce:** to replace the roof on the principle building as well on the front canopy.

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The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the October 17 meeting of city council.

**4444 St. Catherine:** to install a new sign for Dalfen America Corp;

**4753 The Boulevard:** to carry out land-scaping on the property;

65 Belvedere Place: at a Category I house, to build a new dormer and install a window provided the new dormer matches the adjacent dormer exactly;

**665 Grosvenor:** to replace a window and a patio door and modify rear window opening;

**630 Belmont:** to renovate the back balcony, create new openings and install doors and windows on certain conditions;

16 Renfrew: to renovate the rear balcony, replace some windows and doors, change the railing and remove the existing chimneys provided the horizontal division is removed from the double-hung windows and that the fixed window is replaced with a window to match the adjacent ones;

**657 Belmont:** to replace the garage door; **4706 Westmount:** to rebuild the front staircase and walkway;



485 Grosvenor on October 31.

Photo: Westmount Independent

**24 Thornhill:** to enlarge a rear balcony, renovate access to the basement and landscape;

**572 Roslyn:** at a Category I house, to install a fence and gate in the side yard;

**45 Bruce:** to rebuild the front steps and landing;

**378 Clarke:** to modify some window openings and replace the windows;

**67 Clandeboye:** at a Category I house, to replace the basement window provided the proposed window is casement in opera-

tion:

**530 Victoria:** to build a fence in the rear yard;

105 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, to resurface the solarium;

**257 Metcalfe:** at a Category I house, to rebuild the front balcony;

**4785 Sherbrooke:** to install a sign for "Petros":

**7 Parkman Place:** to replace the front ground floor windows.



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#### Estevez cont'd. from p. 4

"inside" to the cataloguing room as a technical services clerk. It's here that she orders and receives some 5,000 new English adult fiction and non-fiction books a year. These comprise a large portion of the library's new acquisitions. She also arranges for the payment of the suppliers' invoices.

The library orders so many new books, she says, that "the challenge is getting them out in relatively short order." Many are best sellers for which there is a high and immediate demand.

While Estevez is credited by the city with 40 years of service starting with 10 years of part-time work in high school, CEGEP and university, her actual "pensionable" years are 30, she explained. This is counted from the time she became a fulltime employee starting in 1986 at the adult circulation desk.

Then, after replacing a colleague on

leave of absence at the children's circulation desk and running the French story hour for kids, Estevez chose to move behind the scenes into technical services in 2000.

"When an opening comes up, you jump at the chance," she explained. "I wanted to see how the books were prepared at every level." She also does a variety of other jobs as needed including work with the archives and displays.

And confessing to being an avid reader of British mystery books, does she ever get an opportunity to read any of the new books she handles as they arrive hot off the press?

"I read many of our new acquisitions. I also love books on art, interior design, biographies and books about travel most especially," she said.

#### Richler reads

### **Atwood at Atwater**



Howard Richler read from his book Wordplay, Arranged and Deranged Wit at the Westmount Public Library on October 26. A second cousin to Mordecai Richler, he wrote a language column for the Montreal Gazette from 1992 to 2006 after years working in the steel industry. Wordplay is his eighth book. He is seen here in the Westmount Room of the library after his reading.

Photo: Veronica Redgrave

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Atwater Library had a full house on October 28 when superstar Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood dropped by to read from her latest novel, *Hag-Seed*, as well as to answer questions and sign copies of her book.

A limited number of passes were handed out beginning that morning on a first come, first served basis.

Security was tight during the event, and Tanya Mayhew, a library spokesperson, said that photographing or audio-recording Atwood would be forbidden while she spoke. A camera gear bag carried by the *Independent's* reporter was taken to a secure office during the presentation.

Taking pictures of Atwood was allowed, however, during the book-signing segment afterwards. A Global TV crew conducted a closed-door interview with the author, and the network's videographer was allowed to record the opening minutes of her presentation. Everyone in the small auditorium was told to remain seated after the presentation had started.

It was a mostly older and female audience, with a handful of younger women

and men.

Canadian filmmaker Peter Pearson, an old friend of Atwood's from their days at University of Toronto (and a former Westmounter, he told the *Independent*), joined her onstage afterwards to help read out written questions that were pre-submitted by the audience.

Atwood made it clear that an important reason for her being there was to urge everyone to support the Atwater Library with donations. She delivered a summary of *Hag-Seed*, a book she agreed to write as part of Penguin Random House Canada's Hogarth Shakespeare Project, which involves eight bestselling novelists. She also read out a passage, including some playful lyrics obviously inspired by rap music.

One questions submitted to Atwood was was she a vegan? "Not quite," she replied. She went on to describe the living conditions of people in Canada's far north, where vegetable gardening isn't possible and where the inhabitants often have no choice but to subsist on a diet consisting largely of meat obtained by trapping.

On US presidential candidate Donald Trump's chances, Atwood said he made a mistake by alienating women voters and that he would know it for certain on voting day.

As a parting gift, Atwater Library executive director Lynn Verge presented her with a book from the library's late 19th century works: *Birds of Montreal*.



Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood speaks with fans and signs copies of her latest book, Hag-Seed, during a visit to the Atwater Library October 28. She is assisted by writer Elise Moser, who is coordinator of an Atwater Library project fostering Quebec's English-language writers.

#### Comin' Up

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

City of Westmount's **Remembrance Day** service, 2 pm at the cenotaph.

#### Monday, November 7

Special meeting to present the city's capital works budget, 7:30 pm at city hall.

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

"Guess the Giller" with Shelley Pomerance and library staff who will discuss the books shortlisted for the Giller, 7 pm to 9 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. Tickets required.

#### Tuesday, November 8

"The Wonderful World of Indoor Gardening" lecture offered by **Westmount Horticultural Society**. 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Wesmount Public Library. Cost; \$5 at the door. Info: 514.233.2788.

#### Wednesday, November 9

Public information meeting on the **Turcot project**, 7 pm, city hall.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Westmount Municipal Association roundtable featuring MP Marc Garneau, federal Transport minister, 7:30 pm, Victoria Hall. Reception 7 pm. Free.

Contactivity Centre's craft sale and bazaar, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Info: 514.932.2326.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**St. Matthias' Church Christmas fair**, 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch served from 11:30 am to 1:30 om. Tickets \$11. Entrance at 12 Church Hill.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AND 13

Artisans Festival, 10:30 am to 5 pm, Victoria Hall. Admission: non-perishable food item or \$2 for Public Security food drive.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"An Innovative Discussion About Life, Music and Much More" by Denis Brott, 12 pm at Shaar Hashomayim. Cost: \$5, includes light lunch. Reserve.





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## 'Flower show opening' honours volunteers, newcomers

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

"This is what our community is," Mayor Peter Trent said October 26, after thanking volunteers attending the fall reception that recognizes volunteerism and celebrates newcomers.

Trent also introduced members of city council as well as the city staff representing the administration who served wine and juice to the invited guests.

The event was held as usual at Victoria Hall but without the traditional opening and touring of the fall chrysanthemum show following the temporary closure of the greenhouses a year ago over safety con-

Restoring the conservatory and adjoin-

ing frog pond area will be a city priority for 2017, Councillor Cynthia Lulham told those assembled in her capacity as commissioner of Parks and Sustainability. The work will also include creating an educational greenhouse out of one of the complex's growing greenhouses.

Lulham also thanked the greenhouse staff who mounted a large floral display on the stage of the concert hall for the recep-



Among newcomers attending the Victoria Hall reception October 26 were Alana and Mike Milner and their 3-year-old daughter, Mia. The family moved to Hallowell Ave. six months ago from Dartmouth, NS, attracted by the proximity to parks.



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Richard Gawley, centre, a mainstay of the Friends of the Library, was one of many volunteers invited to the reception. His wife, Linda Leith, is a Westmount publisher of fiction and non-fiction books. Offering them hors d'oeuvres is Evan Villavera of Mouton Noir catering.

#### **Edgehill** cont'd. from p. 3

erty extends alongside Edgehill.

At the council meeting July 4, 2011, Schwartz presented a petition of other residents asking for the city to install a speed bump or permanent stop sign at the intersection of Upper Lansdowne with Edgehill, claiming the speed and noise were "unbearable."

#### Stop sign temporary

At that point, he had been asking for speed control measures for more than a year. While a temporary stop sign had addressed the problem, it had been removed on grounds it contravened traffic regulations (see story August 9, 2011, p. 9).

Following completion and recommendations of the city's Master Traffic Plan, the city's position to cease adding new speed humps/bumps or stop signs further derailed his requests. Enforcement of the 30 km/h speed limit was left to the discretionary judgment of police officers.

Now, however, the recommendation of the city Traffic Advisory Committee to purchase and install mid-street bollards, mainly to deter speeding around school zones, has come as a partial answer, Schwartz said. "It's an attempt."

## Library's annual pre-Hallowe'en party has Star Wars theme



The Westmount Public Library hosted its annual Hallowe'en party "after hours" the evening of October 29. In its 19th edition, this year's theme was Star Wars. Participants were asked to arrive dressed up and bring decorated pumpkins for the decorating contest. According to children's librarian Wendy Wayling over 150 pumpkins were submitted in the contest and over 400 people attended. "Special guests" included Darth Vader, a stormtrooper and Chewbacca. The event was designed for children aged 6 and older. Ashton Virasith, foreground, won first prize in the 5-7 category. Ankita Jain stands Photos courtesy of Wendy Wayling



Part-time desk clerks play Star Wars characters: Molly Bower as Chewbacca, left, and Jacquelyn Sundberg as Rey.

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## Ritz-Carlton hosts le Bal Rouge



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) Foundation held le Bal Rouge August 25, its first fundraising gala, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Many couture-clad ladies and dapper gentlemen in black-tie left their cars double parked as Montreal's rush hour traffic, accessorized with the familiar orange cones and the chaos of closed streets,

meant valet parking was more than a challenge.

However, the evening was so splendid that the parking problem was quickly forgotten.

Two young women wearing long red dresses blowing in the wind (aka huge industrial fans) twirled outside the famed Ritz doors. Many arriving guests took a fashion cue from Queen Elizabeth II and wore black shoes and a matching black purse with whatever gown they wore. VIP guests were ushered to the penthouse of the Ritz Residences, where they enjoyed French champagne (Lallier) and hors d'oeuvres while exclaiming over the faraway views of the river and Square Mile.

Sponsors enjoyed a cocktail reception in the Ritz-Carlton's Blue Room.

Co-chairs were **Giuseppe Borsellino** (there with his wife **Elina**) and **Luigi Liberatore** (with **Janette**).

The foundation presented its first award of excellence to the MUHC's Catheterization Laboratory team. "The hospital continues to attract internationally-renowned specialists and thanks to the gala supporters and the dedication of the event's cochairs, we will ensure that the MUHC re-

mains a leader in cardiovascular medicine," said Foundation president **Julie Quenneville**, radiant in red.

Noted amidst the elegance was Gaétan Barrette, provincial minister of Health and Social Services, and Côte des Neiges-NDG mayor Russell Copeman, as well as Westmounters Dr. Ariane Marelli, MUHC cardiologist; Dr. Nadia Giannetti, chief of cardiology at the MUHC (with Marcel Behr); and Peter McConnell.

Also seen were Phyllis and John Rae, VP Power Corporation; Anna Martini, president Dynamite, with François Hardy; Transcontinental's president/CEO Olivier Marcoux and Isabelle Marcoux, board chair;

Alexandra and Sam Reda, board chair MUHC Foundation; Alice and Jonathan Goldbloom, and Beverly Akerman.

The evening honoured the outstanding achievements of the interventional cardiac

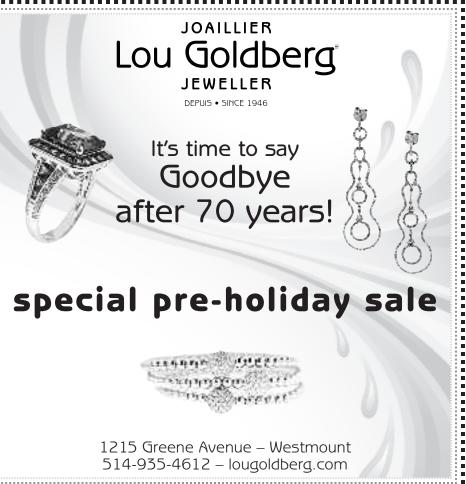


Gaétan Barrette, left, and Luigi Liberatore.

catheterization laboratory, led by physicians Nicolo Piazza, Giuseppe Martucci, Sonny Dandona, Jean-Phillipe Pelletier, Stéphane Rinfret and Jean-Pierre Beaudry.

The beautiful eve .....

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raised more than \$800,000, \$300,000 of which is to support the MUHC's cardiology department. The hospital's cardiac catheterization lab is said to have advanced technologies that are transforming the way doctors diagnose, treat and monitor patients with heart disease.

Sponsors were SAQ and Saputo, the famed philanthropic family represented by Saputo board chair, CEO Lino Jr., with Amelia; Montreal Impact pres Joey and his wife Carmie; and Patricia Saputo, CFO, Placements Italcan Inc., with her fiancé Angelo Caparelli.



Elina and Giuseppe Borsellino flank Dr. Nicolo Piazza.



Carmie and Joey Saputo.



Alexandra and Sam Reda.





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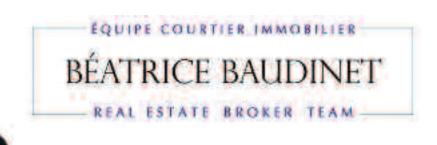
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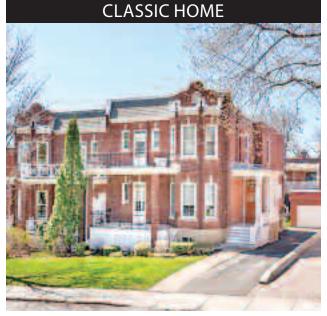
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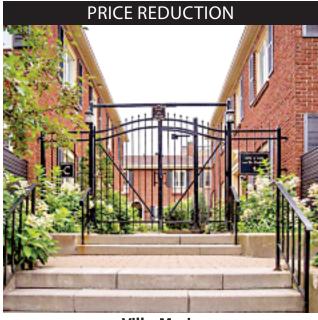




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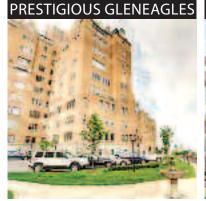
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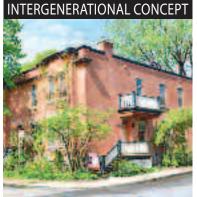
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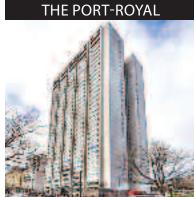
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