

WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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Wood Ave. next up for total reconstruction

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a contract July 4 to TGA Montréal for the complete reconstruction of Wood Ave. from de Maison-neuve to Sherbrooke.

One feature of the project is the building of a first-ever sidewalk on the east side of the street alongside the Dawson College property, where only a worn footpath exists.

The work is expected to kick off with the installation of a temporary water supply network, Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, said last week.

Included in the project is replacement of the 6-inch water main dating from 1892 by one of 8-inch diameter. Three new fire hydrants will be installed along with new water services, street lighting and a new roadbed and sidewalks.

While the addition of a second sidewalk will narrow the roadway to one traffic lane in each di- *continued on p. 9*

From California to Maryland



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Westmounter Nicholas Martire (in white), NDG resident Jean-Pierre Genereux (centre left) and their team recently completed the 3,000-mile Race Across America. They are seen here July 4 with crew chief Christopher Hendriks, left, and Steve Dennis, right, manager of Martin Swiss. See story, p. 2.

Westmounters treat dogs like family: Cllr. Lulham

No legislation planned on breed-specific bans

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

No breed-specific dog legislation or other changes appear on the horizon in Westmount relating to pit-bull types, it was revealed at the city council meeting July 4. Among the reasons: the city has only four licensed pit bulls and already has tight dog regulations that are enforced.

"I don't think it's an issue we should spend time on," Mayor Peter Trent said.

Members of the council, he said, were divided on measures being taken in some municipalities to restrict certain breeds of dog. As well, he explained, legislation from the province expected in the fall would

render local regulation academic.

While Trent said he personally favours breed-specific legislation based on scientific data, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said she does not agree. "Westmounters treat their dogs like members of the family," unlike some areas where some people keep dogs for security reasons.

Well-behaved

Lulham, whose council responsibilities include dogs, added that pit bulls are well behaved in Westmount and did not seem to be a problem in this municipality (see story June 28, p. 3). "So *continued on p. 2*



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Bike route trial data collected for fall meeting

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public meeting is expected to take place in September or October to present findings from the commuter bike route trials along Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave., Councillor Philip Cutler announced at the council meeting July 4.

Data collection machines are operating 24 hours a day on both bike routes, he said.

Sewer re-lining to start on 4 streets

Notices from Public Works were distributed last week to some residents to inform them of work to reline the sewer starting the week of July 10.

Traffic and parking may be restricted and residents cannot discharge anything into the drain, according to subsequent notification. Affected are:

- Argyle (Côte St. Antoine to Thornhill);
- Côte St. Antoine (Stanton to Argyle);
- Metcalfe (Côte St. Antoine to Sherbrooke); and
- Glen Rd. (St. Catherine to south city limits) for July 17.

Bruce Anderson of the Côte Rd. asked whether the machine on that street recorded cyclists using the one-way bike lane to go both ways as well as on the sidewalks. “I’m pretty sure it does,” Cutler said. “But we’ll get back to you.”

Cutler also said the school crossing guard at the intersection of Côte Rd. and Roslyn felt the safety of the students had “significantly improved” after installation of the bike lane.

Anderson said more cyclists seemed to be using the bike route to go east rather than west, the direction of traffic. They were also riding on the sidewalk. “It’s a real zoo out there...a very dangerous situation.”

He questioned how the bike route on Westmount Ave. would be impacted by sidewalk bump-outs with planters at Roslyn that were now being installed during reconstruction of the street.

They were narrowing the driving lane by

one car-width, he said, and suggested school buses would have difficulty making turns.

Cutler and Councillor Cynthia Lulham said the whole purpose of the street’s re-design was to improve the safety of school children.

It had been revealed and discussed at a city meeting on the reconstruction project, he explained (see story May 17, p. 1).

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is more appropriate” rather than singling out certain breeds.

On the other hand, she said, she had a friend in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve who does not feel safe walking on the street in her neighbourhood, where dogs are off leash and may appear menacing.

Westmount already has powers to remove vicious dogs, she pointed out. The city, some 20 years ago, had already banned one dog from living in the municipality. Some readers may recall the owner of this Rottweiler chose to move elsewhere rather than part with the dog after the city had obtained a court order to this effect based on the dog’s history and the biting of

a public safety officer.

The issue was raised in question period by Paul Marriott, a dog owner and president of the Westmount Municipal Association. Trent and Lulham also own dogs.

Laptop falls off car?

A woman took a laptop into the Public Security office June 29 after finding it on the street at Côte St. Antoine and Lansdowne around 9 am, department officials said. It was traced to the owner who lives on Westmount Ave. It was believed to have fallen off a car when someone drove off.

Martire completes Race Across America

Westmounter Nicholas Martire was part of a small group of cyclists who were back in Montreal on July 4 after completing the 3,000-mile Race Across America cycling race. According to Martire, the four-man team, sponsored by Aldo Group, raised over US\$200,000 in the process. He said it will be going to the Two Ten Footwear Foundation to help launch a new cancer care fund. They completed the race in 7 days, 12 hours and 22 minutes from Oceanside, California to Annapolis, Maryland.

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Roslyn redo under way



With the Roslyn schoolyard dug up for a major overhaul, the city's chief building inspector, Chris Rogers, left, confers July 8 with Silvino Marcelino of Un Architecture. The project is taking place at a construction value declared on the city permit June 28 of \$934,000. The work is planned to go on throughout the summer (see story June 7, p. 1).

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Pay station print can be hard to read: Kiely

City council was asked July 4 to improve the readability of displays on the pay stations installed for the new pay-by-plate parking system.

Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard said the size of the print seemed to be smaller or narrower than that used on pay stations in Montreal and was sometimes made even more difficult to read by glare from the sun.

Councillor Philip Cutler, Public Security commissioner, said he would look into a possible solution.

Car immobilized after hitting median

A car hit the median at St. Catherine St. and Lansdowne June 30, Public Security officials said. The accident occurred while the car turning west off Glen Rd. The impact bent the left wheel at 90 degrees to the car. An officer secured the area at 3:04 pm until the arrival of a tow truck. The driver was described as a 78-year-old Montreal man.

Anwoth wall falls

A small brick wall on Anwoth was found to have fallen June 28, according to Public Security reports. It was believed to have been weakened by heavy rain.

Lifeguards cool

Claire Sherwood, an adult swimmer at the Westmount pool, told the city council meeting July 4 she wanted to "commend" the lifeguards for the way in which they handled the "Share the Pool" protest June 28. A resident of Irvine, Sherwood said the lifeguards remained calm and were "extremely cool" when parents ordered their children to jump back in the water, which they did, after being whistled out at the start of adult swim. The parents were protesting the rule requiring children to leave the water and deck during adult swim (see story June 5, p. 3).



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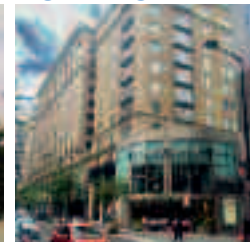
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Storywalk launched in park



Marie-Louise Gay, left, kicks off the Westmount Public Library's version of the Storywalk at 6 pm outside the library June 30. She proceeded to lead participants through Westmount Park, revealing illustrated pages one by one from her story "Stella, Fairy of the Forest," much to the delight of the children.

By RALPH THOMPSON

With the smell of Japanese lilac and catalpa blossom wafting through Westmount Park and the sun falling behind the trees, an excited gaggle of children awaited the arrival of renowned children's author and illustrator Marie-Louise Gay. It was also the launch of the Westmount Public Library's children's library's "Story Walk," which took place the evening of June 30 outside the library.

Organized by children's librarian Wendy Wayling and her staff, the walk down past the library and along to the playground included printed extracts from Gay's "Fairy of the Forest," a 2002 story from her Stella series.

"I spent a lot of my childhood in West Vancouver and would walk through the forest," said Gay. "I loved the animals, butterflies and nature and imagined fairies in the forest."

"What could be better than reading a book in the park?" she said.

Storywalk is a concept that was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, according to Wayling. It involves placing a page of the book on podiums along park paths. There are 20. "I loved the idea so much and thought it fit perfectly into our TD Summer Reading Club theme about nature. I decided to do it in conjunction with the Westmount camp-out."

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Residents oppose possible temporary trailers for St. Léon overcrowding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A group of residents on Clarke and Kitchener urged city council July 4 not to permit the installation of module classrooms for St. Léon as a temporary solution to its overcrowding.

Residents said they feared the temporary measure might be extended, that the trail-

ers could deflate their own property values, deprive students from the use of the playground and add to existing traffic congestion and parking woes on Kitchener.

The residents had been reacting to information distributed to 40 of them living around the school by Maura McKeon of Clarke, who invited them to voice their opposition.

Leading off five questioners on the issue, McKeon cited their concerns, then asked: "Will the council now definitely abandon that proposal and actively look for other short-term solutions?" She suggested using other schools such as Westmount Park School.

City not opposed to trailers

The city, she was told, is not opposed to the temporary trailers in order to prevent families being divided in the event some Westmount students had to be sent to schools outside the community. For more on the city's position, see Councillor Nicole Forbes' letter to the editor, p. 6.

This was the reason why the city had been actively working to urge officials from the school board (Commission scolaire de Montréal), provincial government and even Montreal mayor Denis Coderre to find a location for a new school in Ville Marie to serve that area (see story June 28, p. 4).

If the city persists in allowing trailers, "Is there a mechanism whereby citizens can stop it?" asked André Dascal of Kitchener. He was told the interim solution would not require a zoning change or referendum.

Another resident asked for the city to provide an officer on Kitchener to prevent traffic woes arising from parents who park indiscriminately and who "have no respect for the neighbourhood."

The more that people come to St. Léon from outside Westmount, the more the traffic increases, Mayor Peter Trent noted. There was a direct relationship between the two.

The overcrowding is said to be a result of the lack of a French elementary school in downtown Montreal.



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André Dascal of Kitchener Ave. asks council July 4 how residents can prevent the installation of module classrooms.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POOL HOURS ARE FAIR

In reference to the article “Parents, Kids gather for ‘swim-in’ to decry no kids on deck rule” (July 5, p. 3), I agree with Ms. Vineberg that our new community pool is a facility for all to enjoy and share. But sharing the pool cannot mean every swimmer in the pool all the time.

The current schedule correctly reserves the pool at set times for specific groups and activities: lifeguard training, children’s swimming lessons, Dolphins, Westmount’s youth swim team, Masters’ classes, aquafitness, adults’ swim and general swim.

The weekly breakdown is roughly: 58 hours for general swim, 18 hours for lessons and Dolphins (four hours shared with lifeguard training and aquafitness), and 17 hours for adults’ swim (three shared with Masters’ class).

The city has allocated about as much time to kids alone as adults alone and more than eight hours on average a day for family fun.

As any serious swimmer (I am one and also the mother of two growing children) has noted, the Westmount pool has few wave control measures for turbulence.

The schedule is fair, responds to the needs of the whole swimming community and was changed this summer to provide for more hours of general swim.

SONIA STRUTHERS, WINDSOR AVE.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT HIGH RENTS?

Cromwell Management has been bad news for anyone who rents space, be it an apartment or small business [space].

On Greene Ave., the lovely book and music store, Nicholas Hoare* was [among those who have had] to leave because of high rent increase. Since then, Greene has been in a state of flux, with openings and closings.

Victoria village has the same problem. In fact, anywhere that Cromwell stakes a claim, rents become untenable.

Monopolies are always a cause for concern: the small player is shut out.

I don’t know what avenues Mayor Trent has so far explored to prevent this takeover of a very liveable, small city**, but I believe everyone would like him to, if not stop, at least impede the growth of this usgly weed, Cromwell.

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*** When our reporter asked, Mayor Peter Trent gave an answer to this very question last month (June 14, p. 16), “We are upset by this monopoly, but there’s absolutely nothing we can do. We’ve looked at every single legal angle and the city can’t control ownership or occupancies.” – KM*

CLARIFYING TRAILER TALK

Regarding the letter to the editor from Maura McKeon (“Trailers not the solution,” July 5, p. 6), council has been concerned about the overpopulation problem at St. Léon school. Why? To start with, some Westmount children cannot attend this local school because it’s too full; meanwhile, it continues to accept students from downtown Montreal.

Naturally this overpopulation problem results in more traffic for the neighbourhood, especially since many students come from outside Westmount. This is why Mayor Peter Trent and Councillor Theodora Samiotis met with Montreal mayor Denis Coderre to convince him of the need for a francophone school downtown to take pressure off St. Léon.

As for temporary solutions, the city, some months ago, had refused a request for modular classrooms to alleviate the overpopulation problem. The city was open to their temporary installation during construction. At this point, there is no request for any new construction coming from the school board.

And furthermore, no decision would be taken before a consultation with the residents. We do not unilaterally make decisions.

I would have been happy to provide this information to your correspondent had she contacted me before writing her letter.

NICOLE FORBES, CITY COUNCILLOR, WARD 6

KIDS THE PRIORITY

On apprenait dernièrement que l’école St-Léon était devenue trop petite pour sa population d’enfants. Je n’en suis pas autrement surprise: nous avons la chance d’avoir une école publique extrêmement bien gérée avec de formidables professeurs, et les parents de Westmount – non seulement les parents francophones – sont heureux d’y inscrire leurs enfants.

En tant qu’ancienne élève de St-Léon, mère d’un ancien élève de St-Léon, et nièce de deux anciens élèves de St-Léon (du temps où St-Léon était une école de garçons), je suis fière de mon école de quartier et prête à aider pour trouver une solution au manque d’espace. Je veux aussi remercier monsieur le Maire Trent de faire tout en son possible pour aider la jeune génération à s’épanouir dans son propre quartier.

[Une lettre d’une de vos lectrices (“Trailers not the solution,” July 5, p. 6) disait] qu’une addition à l’école* nuirait à la valeur immobilière de sa maison et aggraverait son problème du stationnement.

Je n’ai pas de temps à perdre avec des gens pour qui l’avenir des enfants passe après la valeur de leur cour, mais je voudrais apporter quelques correctifs:

1. La ville de Westmount compte une seule école publique au primaire francophone et aucune au secondaire (abstraction faite de l’école internationale). En passant, ses trois écoles [publiques] anglophones accommodent, comme le fait St-Léon, les élèves des quartiers limitrophes qui se trouveraient autrement trop éloignés de leur propre école.

2. Les résidents des alentours, en achetant leurs maisons, étaient bien conscients de la proximité d’une école puisque celle-ci fait partie du paysage depuis des décennies.

3. L’école St-Léon a des consignes très strictes pour ce qui est du stationnement et de la circulation des voitures et les parents y sont généralement très fidèles.

Enfin, nous avons la chance à Westmount d’avoir un maire qui se soucie des vrais problèmes et qui place l’intérêt des enfants parmi ses priorités, et je suis toujours choquée de voir qu’il reçoit infiniment plus de reproches que de félicitations.

Alors j’en profite pour dire: merci, monsieur le Maire, de votre appui pour garder nos enfants heureux dans notre école de quartier.

CATHERINE BEAUBIEN, HOLTON AVE.

** Editor’s note: For clarity, the letter writer was talking about trailers, not an addition to the school. – KM*

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What's going on in the parks



Councillor's Column

CYNTHIA LULHAM

With summer upon us, I thought this would be a good time to give an update on the plans and work taking place in our parks in Westmount.

Council agreed last year to increase the capital budget for parks by nearly 50 per cent. We also boosted spending on parks maintenance. All parks in Westmount are seeing increased use – this is a good thing – but it does mean increased maintenance and more frequent replacement of equipment.

I'll start with Summit Woods, where the landscaping around the depot area has been completed with the planting of wild seed mix and the introduction of a border to absorb and impede run-off onto the road. Invasive tree species are being removed from two areas adjacent to the de-

pot and the trail on that side of the es-carpment has been refurbished with natural stone steps, which were added to stop erosion and facilitate accessing the trail. The work on naturalizing Summit Circle road will begin in September. You can see the plans at westmount.org/summit-woods.

In King George (Murray) Park, the pond was repaired, a concrete table tennis table has been added (bring your own ball and racquet) and a new play structure will be built this fall. The dog run will be redone with the same fencing and surface as was used in Westmount Park.

In Devon Park, a new swing set has been installed, the leaking pipe was repaired and the main pathway was reconstructed.

A splash pad and new concrete walkway will be added to Prince Albert Park this fall; a new swing set has been installed.

In Westmount Park, a tennis table and chess table were added; flower beds in the park and around the Westmount recreation centre have been planted and maintained by our greenhouse staff. Some areas of the park have been seeded and fenced

off. Our first city orchard was planted south of the new tennis courts with pear and plum trees. This fall, new perennials will be planted in the flower beds around the playing fields and in the bump-out on Academy Rd. Shrubs will be planted around the dog run.

South of the Westmount Athletic Grounds, the dog run will also be redone this fall and new equipment has been added to the playground. The Bruce tot lot will be redone this fall to address drainage problems and add new play equipment (consultation with residents is being scheduled).

Throughout all the parks, regular maintenance continues with hedge trimming, tree replacement and seeding. Picnic tables have been added and the Incredible Edible program has been expanded. Check out the map at westmount.org/edibles.

I do wish you a wonderful summer – and hope to see you in the park!

Cynthia Lulham is city councillor, Ward 7, and commissioner of Sustainability and Parks

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DEMANDE D'OUVERTURE DU REGISTRE EN VUE DE
L'APPROBATION PAR VOIE DE RÉFÉRENDUM
SECOND PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1500

AVIS PUBLIC est donné de ce qui suit :

1. Suite à la consultation publique tenue le 22 juin 2016 sur le premier projet de règlement 1500, le conseil municipal a adopté par résolution lors de sa séance ordinaire du 4 juillet 2016, le second projet du « *RÈGLEMENT 1500 AFIN MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – USAGE COMMERCIAUX – CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT* ».
 2. Ce second projet de règlement contient un article. Cet article modifie la grille des usages et types de bâtiments permis pour la zone P1-37-02 afin d'y officialiser la présence d'un édifice municipal et de régulariser les usages commerciaux actuels : l'exploitation d'un café et d'un atelier.
- Cet article du projet de règlement est susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
- Outre cette brève description, une copie du second projet de règlement 1500 peut être obtenue sur demande au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.
3. Toute personne intéressée, de la zone concernée ou d'une des zones contiguës, peut signer une demande d'ouverture du registre visant à ce que la disposition du second projet de règlement 1500, susceptible d'approbation référendaire, soit soumise à l'approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.
 4. Une demande visant à ce que la disposition du règlement 1500 soit soumise à l'approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir de la zone concernée P1-37-02 ou des zones contiguës suivantes : R9-37-03, R9-32-01, C2-37-04, R4-37-05, P1-37-08, R4-37-06, R4-37-01, R3-30-04, R4-30-03, R3-30-02 et P1-23-03

L'illustration de ces zones peut être consultée à l'hôtel de ville, de même que sur le site internet de la Ville à l'adresse suivante :

http://westmount.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Plan_zonage_09-01-2015.pdf

5. Pour être valide, une demande d'ouverture du registre doit remplir les conditions suivantes :
- a) être signée par au moins 12 personnes intéressées de la zone d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans la zone n'excède pas 21;
 - b) indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l'objet et la zone d'où elle provient;
 - c) être reçue au bureau du greffe au plus tard le 20 juillet 2016 à 16 h 30.
6. Est une personne intéressée :
- a) toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le 4 juillet 2016 :
 - être domiciliée dans la zone concernée ou dans une des zones contiguës;
 - être domiciliée au Québec depuis au moins six mois;
 - b) tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le 4 juillet 2016 :
 - être depuis au moins 12 mois propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone concernée ou dans une des zones contiguës;
 - avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande, un écrit signé

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION TO OPEN A REGISTRY IN VIEW OF
APPROVAL BY WAY OF REFERENDUM
SECOND DRAFT OF BY-LAW 1500

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the following:

1. Following the public consultation on the first draft of By-law 1500 held on June 22, 2016, the Municipal Council adopted by resolution at its regular meeting held on July 4, 2016, the second draft of "*BY-LAW 1500 TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – COMMERCIAL USES – WESTMOUNT RECREATIONAL CENTRE*".
 2. This second draft by-law contains one section. That section modifies the Table of permitted building types and uses for the zone P1-37-02 to formalize the presence of a municipal building in the zone and to regularize the current commercial uses: the operation of a café and a pro-shop.
- This section of the draft by-law is subject to approval by way of referendum.
- In addition to this brief description, a copy of the second draft of By-law 1500 may be obtained upon request at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West
3. Any interested person from the concerned zone or one of the contiguous zones, may sign an application to open a registry in view of submitting the provision of the second draft By-law 1500, subject to approval by way referendum, to the approval of certain qualified voters.
 4. An application requiring that the provision of By-law 1500 be submitted to the approval of qualified voters may originate from the concerned zone P1-37-02 or from the following contiguous zones: 9-37-03, R9-32-01, C2-37-04, R4-37-05, P1-37-08, R4-37-06, R4-37-01, R3-30-04, R4-30-03, R3-30-02 and P1-23-03.

The sketch of the zones may be consulted at City Hall or on the City's website at the following address:

5. In order to be deemed valid, an application to open the registry must :
- a) be signed by at least 12 interested persons of the zone from which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21;
 - b) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates;
 - c) be received by the Office of the City Clerk, no later than July 20, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.
6. Is an interested person :
- a) Any person who is not disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of July 4, 2016:
 - is domiciled in the concerned zone or in one of the contiguous zones;
 - has been domiciled in Québec for at least six months.
 - b) Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment who is not disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of July 4, 2016:
 - has been, for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment situated in the concerned zone or in one of the contiguous zones;
 - has filed or files at the same time as the application, a document signed

Huge tree limb crashes on Westmount Ave.

A limb fell off a city tree outside a house on Westmount Ave. June 29 damaging a natural gas service line on the house next door, Public Security officials said. The branch was described as 25 inches in diameter and 25 feet long, or in the words of Stephen Takacsy, the homeowner: “a huge

branch from an enormous elm.”

“It was so heavy it crushed the bricks on the corner of our garage roof and broke the gas line on the side of the house, which Gaz Metro promptly repaired thanks to the quick response by PSO Marc Franceschini.”

He said it also punctured a hole in the main roof and caused scratches and cracks to the façade. Patrollers called firefighters and blocked the street between Argyle and Aberdeen while repair work was under way. Public Works was called to remove the tree limb. “It’s just lucky no one was killed,” Takacsy said. His son was inside at the time, however – about 1 pm – but was not injured. Takacsy was away, and no car was in the driveway, which also sustained scratches.

– LS

Leaf blower used contrary to by-law

A contractor was issued a ticket for \$149 June 21 for using a leaf blower out of season outside 556 Roslyn Ave., according to Public Security officials. He was discovered by a patroller at 11:32 am. The company he worked for had received previous warnings or tickets.



Photo courtesy of Stephen Takacsy

This large section of a city tree on Westmount Ave. fell across the driveway and front lawn of the house next door.

Wood cont'd. from p. 1

rection and one parking lane on the west side, Martin said he was “disappointed” a technical solution couldn’t be found to install the sidewalk on city land closer to the Dawson fence. “Public Works tells us this would cut through the roots of the trees, however.”

The TGA contractor is scheduled to complete his work on the reconstruction of Prince Albert Ave. this week with the application of a final coat of asphalt.

TGA was the lowest of four bidders on the Wood project. The contract was awarded in the amount of \$745,050. The quote listed by Public Works from TGA, however, was \$856,621. A correction to reflect this difference is expected to be made at a subsequent council meeting, Martin said.



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par le propriétaire ou l’occupant demandant l’inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;

- c) tout copropriétaire indivis d’un immeuble ou cooccupant d’un établissement d’entreprise qui n’est frappé d’aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le 4 juillet 2016 :
- être depuis au moins 12 mois copropriétaire indivis d’un immeuble ou cooccupant d’un établissement d’entreprise situé dans la zone concernée ou dans une des zones contiguës;
 - être désigné, au moyen d’une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois comme celui qui a le droit de signer la demande en leur nom et d’être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite avec la demande.

Dans le cas d’une personne physique, elle doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d’une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le 4 juillet 2016, est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n’est pas en curatelle et qui n’est frappée d’aucune incapacité de voter;
- avoir produit, ou produire en même temps que la demande, une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer la demande et être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d’une personne désignée à titre de représentant d’une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d’un titre et ce, conformément à l’article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (RLRQ, chapitre E-2.2)

7. La disposition qui n’aura fait l’objet d’aucune demande valide pourra être incluse dans un règlement qui n’aura pas à être soumis à l’approbation des personnes habiles à voter.

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by the owner or the occupant requesting to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

- c) Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment who is not disqualified from voting and who fulfils the following conditions as of July 4, 2016:
- has been, for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the concerned zone or in one of the contiguous zones;
 - is designated, by way of a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as the person having the right to sign the application in their name and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed or be filed with the application.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age, a Canadian citizen and not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution, from amongst its members, directors or employees, a person who, as of July 4, 2016, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, who is not under curatorship and who is not disqualified from voting;
- have filed or file at the same time as the application, the resolution designating the person authorized to sign the application and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated as the representative of a legal person, no one may be considered an interested person in more than one capacity, in accordance with section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, chapter E-2.2).

7. The provision in respect to which no valid application is received, may be included in a by-law that is not required to be submitted to the approval of qualified voters.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this July 12, 2016.

Me Martin St-Jean
Greffier de la Ville / City Clerk



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Horaire estival

Entre le 30 mai et le 2 septembre, les bureaux administratifs de la Ville sont ouverts **du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30** et **le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h**.

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Cette nouvelle initiative offre aux membres de la Bibliothèque plus de 50 variétés de semences de plantes, incluant fines herbes, fleurs et légumes, dont plusieurs variétés patrimoniales. Info : 514-989-5409.

Club de lecture d'été TD

Le thème cet été est *fou de nature!* **Les inscriptions pour le Club de lecture d'été TD sont en cours.**

Origami nature en folie (7 ans et +)

Le vendredi 15 juillet, 16 h à 17 h, Avec Pat Machin. Apprend à faire des créations en origami inspirées par la nature. Info : 514-989-5229.

Cinéma en folie : Zootopia (4 ans et +)

Le jeudi 21 juillet, 16 h. Salle Westmount. Inscription requise. Info : 514-989-5229.

Bestioles, bibittes et asticots (5 ans et plus)

Le jeudi 28 juillet, de 16 h à 17 h, Jardin du conte. Avec Amy Creighton. Munis-toi de ta loupe; nous allons à la chasse aux bibittes! Savais-tu que tous les jardins grouillent de petites bêtes comme des vers, des mille-pattes, des escargots, des fourmis, des araignées, et bien d'autres encore? Rejoins-nous lors d'une excursion sur le terrain qui sera tout sauf terre-à-terre! Sois rassuré, toutes les bestioles et bêtes rampantes seront retournées dans leur habitat naturel. Inscription requise. Info : 514-989-5229.

Vogue-à-la mer et navigue sur l'étang Westmount (5 ans et plus)

Le vendredi 12 août, de 16 h à 17 h 30, Salle de l'heure du conte. Avec Amy Creighton. Suis les

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 1^{er} août

traces, ou coups de rames, du classique canadien de l'ONF *Vogue-à-la-mer*. Vis l'expérience captivante de fabriquer et de décorer ton propre mini canoë, pour ensuite le faire voguer sur l'étang Westmount. Inscription requise. Info : 514-989-5229.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Les concerts d'été au parc Westmount

Tous les dimanches à 14 h, du 10 juillet au 14 août, pavillon d'entrée du CLW (en cas de pluie : Café Mouton Noir). Concerts gratuits de musique jazz, classique et populaire. Info : 514-989-5226.

Shakespeare en plein air 2016

Les 12, 13, 30 et 31 juillet, 19 h, parc Westmount. La troupe Repercussion Theatre présente la pièce *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* (en anglais). N'oubliez pas d'apporter votre chaise. Info : 514-989-5226 ou www.repercussiontheatre.com.

Galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

Du 14 juillet au 13 août 2016. La galerie est fière de présenter l'exposition de groupe mettant en vedette les artistes suivants : Philippe Commier, Harvey Corn, Francis Lipari, Mair Millington, Giuseppe Pascale and Paola Ridolfi. Info : 514-989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Le Cinéma sous les étoiles

Le jeudi 11 août à 20 h, parc Westmount. *Bikes vs Cars*, un film de Fredrick Gertten. Gratuit! Présenté en collaboration avec le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée. Info : 514-989-5226.

Mots et musique

Le dimanche 21 août, de 14 h à 16 h, pavillon d'entrée du CLW (en cas de pluie : Café Mouton Noir). Apportez votre pique-nique pour un dimanche après-midi de musique et de poésie. Gratuit! Info : 514-989-5226.

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Summer schedule

From May 30th to September 2nd, the City's administrative offices are open **Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** and **Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

LIBRARY

Instagram Challenge

Calling all Families! Follow the Library on Instagram: @BiblioWestmount. Post a picture of your favourite spot to read outdoors in nature. Use the hashtag #WPLreading2016. Info: 514-989-5229.

Seed Lending Library

This new initiative offers Library members more than 50 varieties of herb, flower, and vegetable seeds, including heirloom varieties. Info: 514-989-5409.

TD Summer Reading Club

This year's theme is *Wild!* **Registration for the TD Summer Reading Club is underway.**

Wild Origami (7 years +)

Friday, July 15, 4 to 5 p.m. With Pat Machin. Learn how to make origami designs inspired by nature! Info: 514-989-5229.

Movie Day: Zootopia (4 years +)

Thursday, July 21, 4 p.m. Westmount Room. Registration required. Info: 514-989-5229.

Bugs, Worms, and Beasties (5 years +)

Thursday, July 28, 4 to 5 p.m., Storytelling Garden. With Amy Creighton. Get out your magnifying glass – we're going on a BUG hunt! Did you know that all gardens are full of minibeasts like worms, millipedes, snails, ants, spiders and more? Join us for an action-packed, down-on-the-ground bug hunt. But don't worry, all the minibeasts and creepy crawlies will be safely returned to where they were found! Registration required. Info: 514-989-5229.

Paddle to the Sea and Float in the Westmount Lagoon (5 years +)

Friday, August 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Storytime Room. With Amy Creighton. Follow in the footsteps - or paddle strokes - of the NFB's Canadian classic *Paddle to the Sea*. Experience the thrill of making and decorating your own mini canoe and then launching it in Westmount's lagoon. Info: 514-989-5229.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, August 1st

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. from July 10 to August 14, WRC entrance pavilion (rain location: Café Mouton Noir). Hear live jazz, classical and popular music in the park. Free! Info: 514-989-5226.



Shakespeare in the park 2016

July 12, 13, 30 and 31, 7 p.m., Westmount Park. Repercussion Theatre presents Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*. Bring a chair and enjoy the bard under the stars. Info: 514-989-5226 or www.repercussiontheatre.com.

Gallery at Victoria Hall - exhibition

July 14 to August 13, 2016. The Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring artists Philippe Commier, Harvey Corn, Francis Lipari, Mair Millington, Giuseppe Pascale and Paola Ridolfi. Info: 514-989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Movies under the stars

Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m., Westmount Park. Bikes vs Cars, a Fredrik Gertten film. Free. Presented in collaboration with the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée*. Info: 514-989-5226.

Words and Music

Sunday, August 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., WRC entrance pavilion (rain location: Café Mouton Noir). Bring a picnic and hear performances of poetry and music. Free! Info: 514-989-5226.

PUBLIC WORKS

Incredible Edible Westmount

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Soccer time in the city



The Lakeshore goalie winces as Westmount Soccer Club U14 player Konstantinos Vassili (#13) makes goal number three for his team during a game July 5 around 7 pm in Westmount Park. The final score was 3-1. The team was at the top of its league at the time, with seven wins, one draw and one loss. The club, which is advertised and supported by the city of Westmount's Sports and Recreation department, has seven inter-city teams playing throughout the summer and includes 180 players including the development program, according to Doug Hamilton of the club.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Mint & Goma



9 Lives

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Mint and Goma are a bonded pair of loving tabbies who need to go to a new family together.

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Your neighbour, Lyssanne

Kittens abandoned

Public safety officers were flagged down at 12:15 pm July 2 by a man who handed over three kittens abandoned in Summit Woods, Public Security officials said. Officers took the young tabbies to the SPCA. Another kitten found July 3 at 58 Academy Rd. was also taken to the animal shelter.

Beagle hard to catch

A female beagle was finally caught by a resident June 27 at 1:30 am after it had been wandering around loose at the Roslyn lookout and Upper Lansdowne and Belfrage, Public Security officials said. Patrollers had attempted to catch it a few hours earlier but were unable to. It had no identification and was taken to the SPCA.

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Woman locked out on Weredale Park

Public safety officers managed to help a woman gain access to her home on Weredale Park June 30 after she had become locked out. Public Security officials said a lock box containing a master key had jammed but that an officer had managed to open it. The woman was anxious to get inside since she had been cooking and had left the oven on. Firefighters were also called to help assess the situation at 6:15 pm.

Stranded motorist depends on resident, PSO

A resident and a public safety officer came to the aid of a stranded motorist June 24 outside 85 Sunnyside, Public Security officials said. The driver was unable to find an open garage on the St. Jean Baptiste holiday when a bracket broke holding up the muffler and tail pipe. The local resident supplied a lengthy piece of wire that officers showed the motorist how to wrap around the frame of the car to hold the fallen assembly in place. The incident was recorded at 4:51 pm.

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Ticketed in Stayner

A 20-year-old Toronto man was ticketed \$77 June 28 for possessing alcohol in Stayner Park, Public Security officials said. He was found in the park at 1:20 am.

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Art Scene
HEATHER BLACK

Recent exhibitions of paintings dazzle with vibrant colour and forms. Westmounter Jaswant Guzder's series at the McClure Gallery conveys human interaction, while Gregory Hardy's large canvases at Han Art recreate the drama of prairie skies. In both exhibitions, fluid lines express an everchanging moment.

Guzder's expressive figures

The exhibition *Navigating East West Hybridities* showcases Guzder's figurative series, from the bright "Life Journeys" to the black-and-white "Conversation in New York City." Painted in watercolour or ink, the artist's painterly technique expresses life stories and emotions in flux. Although representative of specific cultural experiences, fluid forms and expressive colours convey the universality of human interac-



Jaswant Guzder "Prayer Spaces and Portrait #2"

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Guzder and Hardy: A fluid situation

tion.

The series "Conversation in New York City" illustrates the ebb and flow of dialogue. In "#21," two overlapping heads communicate a commonality, while in "#38," a figure peering over another's shoulder appears dominant and controlling.

In the series "Exile & Attachment," the intertwined form of a woman and three infants in "#24" conveys maternal love, joy and endless possibilities. But the posture of a man holding a child in "#30" communicates emotional or situational friction and discord.

For "Life Journeys," Guzder presents painted figures in an accordion-like folded booklet. The rhythm of bright colours and contours recreates a sense of memorable moments, separate yet joined as in a story. In "Prayer Spaces and Portrait #2," black script and an outlined woman's face painted on a white-dotted, red background conveys Asian culture, the veil and confinement. Through her art, Guzder communicates shifting situations and self concepts.

Hardy's vibrant landscapes

The exhibition *Shattering Skies II* captures the unique and everchanging light, weather and vistas of the Saskatchewan landscape. The artist's technique of thin washes combined with thick, fluorescent-orange or metallic-gold brushstrokes enlivens each scene. Yet in this exhibition, Hardy's subject of storm clouds over fields has evolved to include lake and forest scenes reminiscent of the Group of Seven.

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Many ‘encores’ at Montreal Chamber Music Festival’s 13th



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal Chamber Music Festival held its 13th annual fundraising gala on May 5. It was particularly noteworthy with audience members calling for *encores*.

Honorary chair was **Paolo Pizzuto**, senior VP, Banque Nationale, the gracious sponsor of the event. He was also chair of the gala committee.

Board members present were president **Michael Boer** and executive vice president **Michael McAdoo**, executive VP, BDC Advantage (attending with his wife **Theodora Samiotis**, Westmount city councillor); **Dominique Bélisle**, associate, Lavery de Billy; **Sylvie Demers**, VP, Quebec region, TD Canada Trust; **Pierre Desrochers**, president, executive committee, city of Montreal; **Pierre Lefebvre**, associate, Avisaio, **Gilles Jarry** and **Denis Brott**, founder, executive and artistic director Montreal Chamber Music Festival, who welcomed

guests with his wife **Julie**, elegant in a beaded gown accessorized with a heavenly pale green orchid.

Speaking of orchids, as in other years, guests were offered the elegant plants from the table settings.

Internationally renowned tenor **Ben Heppner** sang accompanied by pianist **Michael McMahon**. Schumann and Liszt were on the program, as well as contemporary music by composer John Greer. The Andara Quartet performed with **Marie-Claire Vaillancour** and **Jeanne Côté** (violins), **Vincent Delorme** (viola) and **Dominique Beauséjour-Ostiguy** (cello).

Westmounters noted in the crowd included **Cornelia Nihon**, **Robin Quinlan**, **Pamela** and **Anthony Layton**, as well as **Rosemarie Landry**, **Hakam Hmiddouch**, CEO Mabi Group; **James Parkyn**, PWL Capital, and **Danièle Henkel**, 2016 festival ambassador.

Chilled asparagus soup, grilled shrimp and filet mignon were paired with a Robert Mondavi white wine and Alvaro Palacios red, both donated by SAQ.

Some \$160,000 was raised to support the ongoing activities of the Montreal Chamber Music Festival.



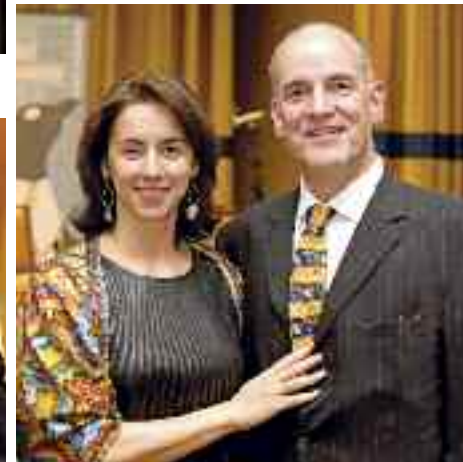
Julie and Denis Brott.



Ben Heppner, left, and Michael McMahon.



Cornelia Nihon, left, and Robin Quinlan.



Theodora Samiotis and Michael McAdoo.

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A dramatic cloud formation dominates the bold, monochromatic composition “Towering Cumulus.” In contrast, cotton-candy clouds sail across the canvas to create the light and bright image “Heat Wave.”

For “Rumble over Canola Field,” Hardy relies on the contrast of purple skies over bright yellow fields to create a dynamic and memorable composition.

Painting within the tradition of Canadian landscape, the skyless painting of or-

ange foliage and rocky shore “Dark Forest, Shoreline” recalls the Group of Seven’s Algonquin Park imagery. Yet the linear composition of lake, fir trees and sky, “Nut Point” retains the artist’s distinctive style. Known for vibrant colours and flowing brushstrokes, Hardy creates a moment in time that expresses the distinctive prairie landscape.

Moment of change

For writer Pierre Bénichou, “The art of all arts is to capture a 3-dimensional contextual moment.” And both Guzdar and Hardy do exactly that. Through memorable and fluid depictions of ever-changing clouds or conversation, these artists express and communicate life as spontaneous and perpetual movement.



Gregory Hardy “Nut Point”

Roofer fined for Sunday work

A roofer was given a ticket for \$271 July 3 for working on a Sunday at a house on Landsowne, Public Security officials said. The company had been told the previous

day it would not be able to work the next one. A noise complaint had been made concerning the work at 8:44 am.

Publisher’s note

CanPost? We can’t risk it

The two sides of the Canada Post labour dispute came to an informal truce over the July 9-10 weekend, but it is not solid enough – in my unprivileged understanding of it – to risk putting our newspapers into the postal system this week. Please remember our papers are printed on Monday and go through a four-day, Tuesday-to-Friday delivery cycle. We must make final decisions on Monday at noon and we don’t like risking having all to one third of our copies caught in Canada Post buildings in the event of a lockout or strike on one or more of those days.

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Please call me if you have any suggestions. As usual, we will take a break in July. This is our last issue. Our first issue back is August 9. Thank you for your help and patience at this time. We wish management and labour at Canada Post the best of luck in their negotiations.

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Youngster cuts lip in fall

A Westmount boy, turning age 4, cut the inside of his upper lip in Westmount Park June 20, Public Security officials said. Officers had been dispatched to the playground at 5:25 pm for a child who had fallen. His mother was given ice to reduce the swelling, and no further treatment was deemed necessary.

Police Report

Police working on leads to find in-vehicle theft suspect

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.

Police at Station 12 on Stanton St. say they have clues as to the identity of a suspect responsible for a rash of thefts from within vehicles in upper Westmount, although they've had less success solving some recent car thefts.

"There are elements that are going to help us push the investigation," Station 12 community relations officers Stéphane Laperrière said regarding one of the latest theft-within-vehicles incidents.

On June 23 on Sunnyside Ave. around 1 am, two individuals were seen going about the street checking for unlocked car doors. Although a witness called 911, by the time the police showed up, the suspects were no longer around.

The following morning, according to Laperrière, the owner of one of the vehicles found that his driver's licence and medicare card had been placed in his home's

mail box. After verifying in his car where he kept his wallet, he found it was missing.

But at the same time, there was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle. Laperrière said whoever stole the wallet probably disposed of it after removing contents such as the ID pieces, which may later have been found by a passerby who placed them in the mailbox.

Around noon on June 28 on Devon Ave. near Summit Cr., another car was broken into and a number of items were stolen, including a hat, pieces of clothing and some electronic devices. The report didn't specify whether there were any signs of forced entry.

The pattern of thefts from vehicles in Upper Westmount continued into July. The owner of a vehicle that was left parked on Upper Belmont from July 1 to 3 reported several pairs of sunglasses stolen from inside the car upon his return. In this particular case, the police investigators found damage to the driver's side door lock.

In a separate incident on July 3 around 5:30 am also on Upper Belmont, an item of clothing, eyeglasses and loose change were

stolen from a vehicle, which was entered without any sign of force. Laperrière said this latest incident contained "elements which would hopefully lead us to a suspect."

During the same time frame, there were several car thefts. On June 28, sometime between early evening and the early hours the following day, a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser SUV parked on Claremont Ave. near Windsor Ave. was stolen. The owner became aware of it on the morning of June 29 when he reported the vehicle missing.

According to Laperrière, there was no evidence of force being used, such as broken glass on the ground from shattering a window. Also on June 28 between 8 pm and the following day around 7:30 am, a 2014 Infinity QX80 parked on the street a short distance away on Prince Albert Ave. near Winchester Ave. was stolen. As with the previous case, there were signs of forced entry.

Laptop from apartment stolen

A thief who broke into an apartment in lower Westmount by forcing a door open with a tool sometime between 11 am and 4

pm on June 10 stole a laptop computer but nothing else.

According to Laperrière, the investigators concluded that the thief made his way around the dwelling without causing any disturbance, then apparently decided to take the laptop.

The police report noted that the victim claimed he spotted someone outside his building prior to the robbery looking in as if they were casing it.

"Someone was hanging around outside waiting for them to leave," said Laperrière.

Lock car doors even in driveway: PSOs

Public Security officials are warning residents to lock the doors of their cars even when parking in a driveway. The alert comes after patrollers found car doors wide open in two incidents overnight July 4 and 5. No signs of forced entry were noted when the glove compartment of one car on Belvedere Rd. was discovered to have been rummaged through at 3:40 am while the next day at 5 am papers were found to have been strewn about inside and outside a car on Aberdeen.

Upset with one ticket, gets another

Four Montreal residents in their twenties were issued \$77 tickets June 30 for possessing alcohol in Sunnyside Park, Public Security officials said. The two women and two men were described as uncooperative when seen sharing a bottle of vodka at 10:14 pm. One of the women subsequently "earned" another \$77 ticket for littering when she tore up the first one and threw the pieces on the ground.

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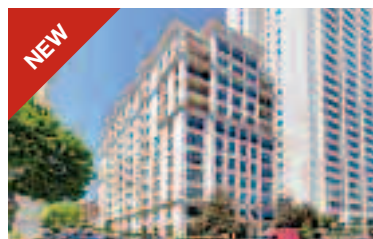




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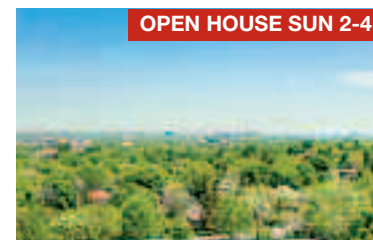
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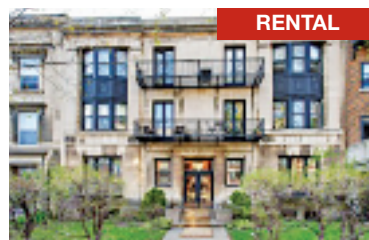
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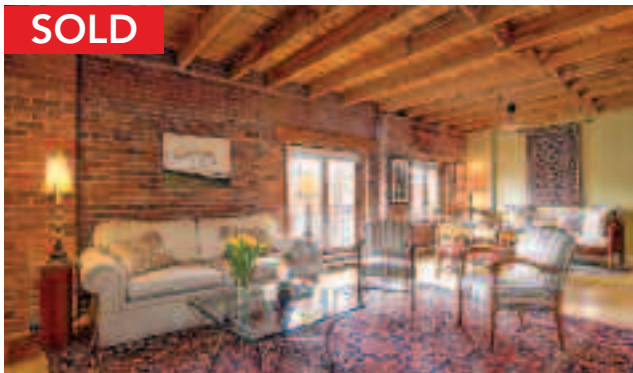
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