

Greenhouse reconstruction likely as study of future needs nears completion

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's greenhouse complex appears headed for total reconstruction – at least the historic conservatory and frog pond portions, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

A long-awaited inspection report from MBA Architects was received by the city at

the end of June, providing several repair options after a falling glass pane on September 20 forced closure of the complex.

The options ranged in cost from \$300,000 for a "superficial intervention" to \$3 million for a "full repair," Public Works director Patrick Raggo said.

But even replacing a substantial amount of the framework and glass in the more expensive option is no guarantee the work would last and not lead to more repairs of the 1927 buildings, he said. "It's not very realistic."

"If we're going to do it, we want to do it properly," Lulham said.

That would require "a total rebuild," she explained. It would also provide an opportunity for reorganizing the production greenhouses and modernizing systems such as heating and irrigation. She suggested exploring the cost benefits of sustainability features such as geothermal heating and water re-use.

Needs assessment underway

A needs assessment of the city's requirements is nearly complete, Raggo said. Consultation with user groups regarding the educational use of the production greenhouses houses is still required.

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Next Olympics for Chamandy?



Westmounter and Olympic hopeful for 2020 Olivia Chamandy demonstrates a back one-and-a-half pike off the spring board, August 14. See p. 10.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Bus shelter, phone booth disappear from Sherbrooke/Grosvenor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Users who wait for eastbound busses on Sherbrooke at Grosvenor have lost their bus shelter – at least temporarily. A Bell public phone booth has also gone from the southwest corner.

"We had to remove the bus shelter because it encroached on a private property whose owner had requested the removal – which he had the right to do," explains Amélie Régis, a spokesperson for the Société de transport de Mon-

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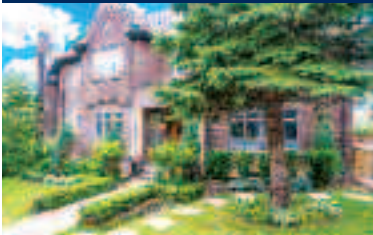
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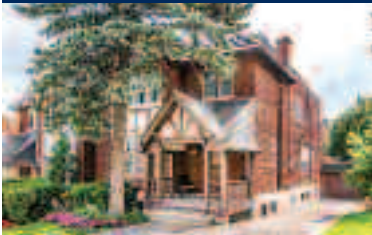


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PSOs arrest ‘wanted’ suspect for breaking into cars

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man suspected of stealing three children's schoolbags from a parked car on Victoria south of The Boulevard was caught by public safety officers August 3, Public Security officials said. He had started to flee during questioning by officers.

The suspect was arrested, read his rights

and held for police. He was also reported to have been in possession of stolen credit cards and was wanted in connection with other car break-ins, said Public Security director Greg McBain. These included one on the Montreal portion of Roslyn.

The incident began when a resident of Victoria walking his dog called Public Security at 10:52 pm to report that someone was going onto private property and checking out parked cars.

Moments later, responding patrollers found the back of an SUV open and a man sitting on the sidewalk on Victoria outside a house at the southeast corner of The Boulevard. The man was “rummaging through the school bags in plain view with papers scattered all over the sidewalk,” McBain said.

He bore facial cuts described as from a previous incident and became confrontational when instructed to provide identification.

‘Leaving now’

“Okay, I’m leaving now,” he said in slurred speech, and suddenly took off running north. He was caught by two officers, who placed him under arrest.

The suspect was put in a seated position and his wounds cleaned while awaiting police who arrived soon after. Identified as a 23-year-old, he was taken away to be “processed” in connection with the incident. McBain said he did not know where he lived.

A search of the surrounding area found no other cars had been broken into other than the one in a driveway a few houses south of the corner. The owner confirmed the loss of the knapsacks but said he had locked the car. No traces of forced entry were found.

“It’s important for anyone spotting suspicious activity to call Public Security and police, McBain said, explaining the role the dog walker had played in the arrest.

Commercial uses at WRC unopposed, site rezoned

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre was rezoned by city council August 1 to allow for two commercial uses, following the adoption of a by-law amendment moved by Councillor Christina Smith, commissioner of Administration.

No opposition had been recorded at the public consultation meeting June 22, and no petition received to hold a referendum register.

The purpose of the By-law 1500, was “to regularize the current commercial uses: the operation of a café and a pro-shop” at the centre.

The only uses allowed at the site, which is located in the park zone P1-37-02, are as a community park or municipal building as well as the newly adopted measures listed as a workshop or restaurant. The Café Mouton Noir opened in January – officially February 4 (see story January 26, p. 2).

Cyclist falls going wrong way on Côte Rd.

A cyclist going the wrong way down westbound Côte St. Antoine Rd. August 3 was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé after falling from her bike, Public Security officials said. Answering a call for medical assistance at 10:29 am, public safety officers found the woman had injured her left shoulder and treated her for cuts and scratches on the knee and arm. She stated she had been travelling east when her wheel hit something making her fall. She was not wearing a helmet. Fire department first responders also arrived, and the PSOs took her bike back to their station for safe keeping. She was identified as a 67-year-old NDG resident.



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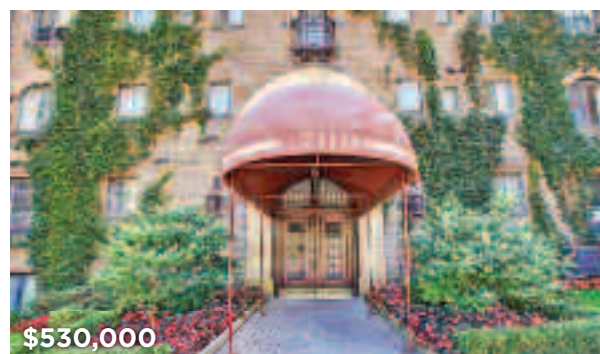
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THANKS TO PSOs, PASSERS-BY FOR HELPING

My appreciation to passing strangers and two members of Westmount Public Security. On July 1, while doing my usual walking routine, I fell at the corner of Westmount and Victoria, where the pavement was under reconstruction. Several people did stop to help and assisted me to move to a safe place.

In particular, three ladies, including a medical doctor, stayed with me offering me comfort until the Public Security department, which they called, arrived and took over in helping me. I am sorry that I did not ask for their names to thank them personally.

However, I want to thank the team of Tina Lanzon and Marc Francheschini of Public Security, who arrived in no time to help me.

They were very professional and exceptionally sensitive in the way they comforted me until an ambulance arrived to take me to the hospital.

My sincere thanks to all of them!

ARETI GLIMI, NDG

LIBRARY, COMMUNITY EVENTS RESPONDS ABOUT CONCERTS

Re: Joan Marien's letter "Can the concerts be moved back to the park? (August 9, p. 6), the Sunday concerts have been held in various areas in Westmount Park, notably the gazebo and the lagoon. This year's series was moved to the Mouton Noir Café so that more people would become familiar with this new area by the Westmount recreation centre. This location also offers people the opportunity to purchase refreshments at the café and serves as a rain venue, which we took advantage of on the first Sunday of the series.

Several participants have been giving us their important feedback about the concerts throughout the summer. We will certainly take their comments into consideration as offering better service remains our main objective.

DONNA LACH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Editor's note: See story, p. 8.

TO THE FLOWER THIEVES

Hey you, respectable grey-haired ma-

tron, and you, paterfamilias-type guy! I don't know you but when you read this, you will recognize yourselves: clippers of flowering bushes and uprooters of flowering plants.

When I saw you, I was going to say "shame on you," but the shame is on me for not having reacted quickly and raised a hue and cry to stop you from defacing our beautiful Westmount Park.

Next time I catch you mutilating plants I hope I have the presence of mind to do something about it. What makes Canada a beautiful country is that its citizens, with a few egregious exceptions, are by and large respectful of their environment.

MAYA KHANKHOJE, METCALFE AVE.

NECESSARY TO HAVE STREETLIGHTS ON 24/7?

On three different occasions recently, I have notified Hydro Westmount that there are a number of areas in the city where the streetlamps are on 24 hours a day. Specific areas that have been pointed out by me are: The Boulevard, east of Victoria; Edgehill; and Sunnyside, east of Lexington. There are probably other areas as well.

With all of the concern that the city administration professes to have about environmental issues, the fact that they should waste electricity, contribute to light pollution is shameful.

Why is no one – citizen or civic administration – concerned about this? I guess that the city administration has worked out such a great deal that all the electricity we use for these streetlights is free.

ALLEN RUBIN, LEXINGTON AVE.

ON BEE-ING DETERMINED

In my garden, I noticed a large deceased bee being towed away by a tiny ant (see photo). I'm not sure, and shudder to think, what he'll do with it. But the determination is to be admired.

PATRICK MARTIN, THE BOULEVARD



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And then there was one



On July 15, eight little chicks are seen with their visibly protective mother duck (left). On August 14, she swims with one chick. According to Ducks Unlimited, "It takes 50-70 days for ducklings to attain flight status, and survival during this period is highly variable, ranging from less than 10 percent to as high as 70 percent. The most common causes of duckling mortality include predation, adverse weather conditions, starvation, disease, and parasites. Ducklings are excellent fare for nearly every type of predator, including fish, amphibians (bullfrogs), reptiles (snakes and snapping turtles) and mammals (foxes, raccoons, mink and feral cats). Likewise, other birds such as hawks, owls, gulls, herons, and crows will make a meal of ducklings."

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Of note for the fall calendar

Following Gerdy's Rescue's most recent June events, just a note to remind you of the fall event is already being organized for Sunday, September 25 at 12 pm. A spaghetti fundraiser for the whole family will be held at the Brasserie des Rapides, 7852 Champlain Boulevard (Place Lasalle). There will be lots of prizes to be raffled, and all proceeds are directed to helping the rescue animals. Tickets, at \$20 per person, will be available at the door on the day of the event or can be purchased through Sustina at ssacratini@hotmail.com or through Gerdy at info@gerdysrescue.org.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



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Team Ian rides in its 5th year



The fifth annual Team Ian ride is scheduled to take place August 19. At the cheque presentation July 27 at Royal Bank's Sherbrooke/Victoria branch were, from left: Greg Dunning, branch manager Michael Côté, John Van Toch and Guy Melhuish. Van Toch, father of the late Ian Van Toch, said that Côté had gone "above and beyond the call of duty after challenging pedestrians at the Victoria village street festival to 'pie the bank manager' in exchange for a donation to Team Ian" (inset photo). The ride goes from Kingston to Montreal in support of cancer informatics research. The team's goal is to raise \$85,000 this year, which will put the total raised to date at close to \$400,000, according to Van Toch.

Photos courtesy of John Van Toch



Victim of falling wall?

Public safety officers were flagged down by two men August 7 at 4:42 am, saying someone needed medical help outside 4451 St. Catherine. The man in need was found sitting on the steps of the Proxim pharmacy bleeding profusely from the

forehead and arm. He said a brick wall had fallen on him and was described as confused. The 25-year-old Pierrefonds resident was given first aid while awaiting Urgences Santé, who took him to the Montreal General.



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Dubrovsky getting ready for 'OneWalk' Aug. 20

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

After 11 years and thousands of kilometres, Westmounter Elaine Dubrovsky, 67, will be taking part on Saturday in yet another One Walk to Conquer Cancer to benefit the Jewish General Hospital.

Responding to a need she felt when a close friend was suffering from breast cancer, Dubrovsky started walking more than a decade ago.

A small teddy bear she carries on her fanny pack each year during the walk has a pink ribbon wrapped around it with the names of many of the people she's known who died of cancer or survived it.

As Dubrovsky explained, each year during the walk, participants are seen wearing either a blue or pink lanyard around their necks. Pink is for those with cancer while blue is for others. Why does she walk?

"There are many, many people who walk with those pink lanyards – and if you don't get touched by that, I don't know what," she said.

However, on the first cancer walk she undertook more than a decade ago, she spotted an old acquaintance who was wearing a pink ribbon. She decided to accompany her that day, and they've been doing it every year since then.

"The truth is you walk because you can, thank God," added Dubrovsky. "But there's those people with the pink lanyards in front of you, behind you, beside you – you walk for them so that they will get better."

So far this year, she has raised more than \$3,000 in pledges for the 2016 walk. "I hope the money we raise will eliminate the need for those pink lanyards," she said.

Beginning and ending in the Old Port, One Walk to Conquer Cancer will take participants on a 25-kilometre journey through Montreal's historic and cultural neighbourhoods. Participants can register as individuals or by creating a team at www.onewalk.ca.



Westmounter Elaine Dubrovsky, seen here on August 10 with her special teddy bear, is taking part in the OneWalk to Conquer Cancer for the JGH on Saturday, August 20.

Man scoots out of hospital for tobacco

A Public Security patroller noticed an "elderly" man heading south on Claremont August 6 riding a scooter while wearing a hospital gown. Department officials said the man was stopped at Winchester and admitted he had left the Royal Victoria Hospital at the Glen site to buy tobacco without authorization. It was not the first time he had done so. He was being treated for asthma. Police were called to take him back to the hospital. He was identified as a 70-year-old downtown resident.



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“Organizational Culture: Managing the High-Intensity Workplace” by Erin Reid Lakshmi and Ramarajan in *Harvard Business Review*, June 2016, p. 84-90. Employees should not feel obliged to devote themselves single-mindedly to work. Learn why not and how to reduce the pressure for 24/7 availability.

“Japon: l’empire des traditions” dossier cordonnée par Jean-Christophe Servant dans *Géo*, May 2016, p. 62-107. Des artisans au savoir-faire séculaire prisé des designers, des légumes anciens choyés comme des trésors, des bains en plein air qui rivalisent avec les meilleurs spas...Ici, on puise dans la culture et le patrimoine pour inventer l’avenir.

Ebooks – Overdrive

A Country Road, A Tree by Jo Baker – Samuel Beckett is a young writer living in Paris, intoxicated by new friendships with James Joyce and the other writers and artists making the vibrant city their creative home. But when war breaks out in 1939, he puts his life in mortal danger and joins the Resistance. The novel illuminates

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Shanghai Grand: Forbidden Love and International Intrigue in a Doomed World by Taras Grescoe – It tells the true story of a British aristocrat, an American flapper and a Chinese poet, who found themselves trapped in an unlikely love triangle amid the decadence of Jazz Age Shanghai.

Livres numériques

Le Grand Marin by Catherine Poulain – In this best-selling autobiographical novel, the narrator gets hired on an Alaskan fishing boat. She discovers the rough life aboard, the cold and the fatigue and shares the life of a team of men who will come to accept her as an equal.

Trois Jours et Une Vie by Pierre Lemaitre – The new novel by the Goncourt-winning author tells the story of a boy who murders his neighbour’s son and buries the body in an old-growth forest. Years later, still haunted by his crime, he learns that the forested area is being targeted for development.

Adult non-fiction – Flower power

The Bee-Friendly Garden by Kate Frey – Regardless of the size or location, this book will help you design an abundant, flower-filled yard that nurtures bees and supports biodiversity.

Styling Nature: A Masterful Approach to Floral Arrangements by Lewis Miller – Let horticulturist and landscape designer Lewis Miller show you how to create beautiful flower arrangements.

French biography – Movers and shakers

En Mouvement: Une Vie by Oliver Sacks – Physician and writer Oliver Sacks recounts his experiences as a young neurologist; his physical passions – weight lifting and swimming; his love affairs, both romantic and intellectual; his guilt over leaving his family to go to America; his bond with his schizophrenic brother; and the writers and scientists who influenced him.

Ma Vie en Mouvement: l’histoire de la Première Femme à la Tête du Mouvement Desjardins by Monique F. Leroux and Benoit Gignac – As a child, Leroux dreamed of being a pianist. After years of studying music at the conservatory, she realized she wanted to interact with people and work collegially. Now considered one of the most influential women in Canada, she heads a team of close to 48,000 employees and 5,000 elected officers.

DVDs – Quebec filmmakers

First Contact directed by G. Scott MacLeod – In this short animated film, set at the turn of the first millennium on

the island now called Newfoundland, native North Americans and Europeans chance upon each other for the first time. Their meeting goes smoothly at first but turns hostile within the year due to misunderstood intentions. When a chance to return to good relations presents itself, both sides must weigh the risks.

Uyghurs: Prisoners of the Absurd directed and produced by Patricio Henríquez – This feature documentary recounts the in-

credible odyssey of 22 men from China’s Uyghur minority, who were detained in Guantánamo as terrorists. These Turkic-speaking Muslims escaped to the Middle East, where they were captured and sold to the American forces.

TD Summer Reading Club Reads for kids

Finding Wild by Megan Wagner Lloyd – This beautiful picture book is perfect reading for

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Dolphins host last diving meet for season



Westmount Dolphins assistant head coach Jeanne Ménard, left, and coach Marie Pierre Lachance perform a synchronized spring board dive to big cheers from fellow divers.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Early Sunday morning August 14, the Westmount recreation centre pool was buzzing with activity in spite of the drizzle and overcast skies. The Westmount Dolphins were taking on Beaconsfield in a diving competition. By 9 am, excited young divers were doing pikes and back flip tucks under the stewardship of Westmount’s diving head coach Meagan Butters; Helen Campbell, president of the parents’ committee; three judges and a host of helpers and volunteers.

Talented divers, as young as 7, were confidently leaping back and up then tucking in to swoop down into the water without a splash. “We encourage all children to take part; they don’t have to be Westmounters. We presently have 225 children participating with the Dolphins, and 100 are under 10 years old,” said Campbell.

The Dolphins were the victors but the intention, as Campbell pointed out, is to have fun.

Diving coaches Jeanne Ménard and Marie Pierre Lachance demonstrated several well-excuted synchronized dives while two swimming coaches demonstrated how not to dive, in a fun twist.

Westmounter Olivia Chamandy, about to turn 16, was also present to support the event. She has been diving for eight years, formerly with the Dolphins but now focusing on the 2020 Olympics. She said she trains 23 hours a week in a rigorous program that includes weights, trampolines and spring boards. Her preferred discipline is the 10-meter board. She performed several dives, leapt high off the spring board, tucked into a tight ball and dove straight down in a graceful and easy way. See photo, p. 1.

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Bus shelter an ‘eyesore,’ merchant says

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tréal.

“We are presently in talks with the city of Westmount to re-install the bus shelter entirely on public property.”

Bell Canada spokesperson Caroline Audet said more time was needed to look into the circumstances regarding the removal of the phone booth. It was understood that it had also been located on the property of the corner building.

The residential/commercial building contains stores on the Sherbrooke side while the entrance to the apartments at 396 Grosvenor has a setback consistent with the row houses and a “front” lawn.

The *Independent* was unable to reach the building owner, identified as René



The corner the way it looked August 8 without the bus shelter.

Beaudry, through the building's management company, Cromwell.

“The bus shelter was an eyesore,” said Denis D’Etcheverry, co-owner of Flore, which recently moved into the building and is positioned directly behind where the bus shelter had been. It was in poor condition, he explained, covered with graffiti and scratches. He said it was removed at the end of June.

Shelter in the doorway

More people seemed to seek shelter in the doorway of his store than in the shelter itself, he noted. “We’re

putting up a nice awning, which people can use.”

D’Etcheverry, who said he was working with the building owner to landscape the property, understood the STM was considering installing its new-model of bus shelter immediately east.

Public Works director Patrick Raggo,

who chairs the city's Transportation Advisory Committee, confirmed that his department and the STM were indeed discussing the replacement proposal but he didn't yet know details about the type of shelter being sought.

Its size and placement, he said, affects street cleaning, snow removal and the safety of pedestrians and cars.

The city, up until now at least, has opposed shelters containing advertising, Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said.



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This bus shelter shown on Google Earth, circled, was removed from the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor in late June.

Source: Google Earth

Pool extends general swim during heat wave



With the temperature hovering around 32 degrees C and humidity over 50 percent on August 10, according to MétéoMédia, the hottest day of the year to this date, the pool at the Westmount recreation centre was the place to go. According to Andrew Maislin, operations manager with the city's Sports and Rec. department, “When a heat warning is issued, we open up the pool for everyone. If we had a scheduled event such as adult swim or a swim competition, those would be cancelled and general access is granted to everyone as if it would be general swim. The heat warning is decided by Environment Canada and has to be above 40 on the humidex and above 30 degrees.”

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Cost benefits to be explored in updating greenhouses

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The next step, based on the needs assessment, he said, is for the city to obtain a professional services feasibility report to provide costs and detailed plans for carrying out reconstruction work so professionals could be appointed next year.

To help fund this professional services portion, the city has already applied for a grant under the Canada 150 Community

Infrastructure Program, which supports the renovation, expansion and improvement of existing community and cultural infrastructure. It could provide up to \$500,000.

“We have already been doing due diligence to try and find qualified professionals so we can retain the aesthetic look and feel of the architecture as closely as possible,” Raggo explains. Different options for the production greenhouses is where the city will have more flexibility in deciding the extent of the work.

Times have changed

When the complex was built, the city grew all the plants it used. The annual report for 1954 states 35,000 were specially grown for exhibits. A total of 41,000 perennials and annuals were also produced for summer planting, as well as 12,643 tulips. The city now purchases most of the plants it requires but grows many used for display and other purposes.

Built in 1927, the complex used 300-year-old cypress for the structure, which is no longer feasible to obtain, Raggo said. “We could scour the Earth and maybe find it somewhere, but that’s unthinkable.”

Using other wood would be cheaper than aluminum but not as durable or cost effective given the weather and difficulties of accessibility represented by repairing



The conservatory and frog pond greenhouse to the right remained closed August 15, as the sign indicates on the door.

the conservatory wedged between the library and Victoria Hall.

Because of the congested area, a drone inspection March 13 was required as part of the MBA report (see story March 22, p. 1).

Since the complex was closed, the pro-

duction greenhouses have been re-opened to the gardening staff using netting and other safety measures. The public, however, has not had access since the closure (see story October 20, p. 1).

Man warned not to hang around staff

A man alleged to have been “lurking around” staff at the Second Cup restaurant at Sherbrooke and Claremont August 2 asking personal questions at closing time was checked out by public safety officers and warned not to do so, Public Security officials said. Following the complaint at 10:30 pm, officers said the man was found hiding in the washroom at the nearby McDonald’s outlet. He was not believed to pose a threat.

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the summer! Two children set off on an adventure away from their urban home to discover the beauty of the natural world.

Sauvage par Emily Hughes – A little girl who was brought up in nature is taught how to eat by bears, how to speak by birds and how to play by foxes. One day, she meets a new animal that looks a little like her!

Book club in a bag

Euphoria: A Novel by Lily King – Frustrated by his research efforts and depressed over the death of his brothers, Andre Banson runs into two fellow anthropologists, a married couple, in 1930s New Guinea and begins a tumultuous relationship with them.

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Maeve Muldowney on Dawson, community

Community member

Muldowney enjoys the sense of community spirit within Dawson and Westmount, and hopes that the exhibition *After Hours* will become an annual event. She also encourages Westmounters to peruse the centre's online course catalogue. Her message is: "Dawson's doors are open to all!"

Voices too loud at 4:20 am

People talking loudly at 4:20 am in a backyard on Upper Lansdowne August 6 were asked to go inside, Public Security officials said. They complied with the request initiated by a neighbour's complaint.

In conversation

HEATHER BLACK



In June, the group show *After Hours* was held at the Warren G. Flowers Art Gallery at Dawson College. Featuring hand-painted photographs, water colours and acrylic paintings, this was the first time that work by participants in the non-credit art classes was exhibited at the CEGEP. To learn more of the event and courses open to the community, I spoke with Westmounter Maeve Muldowney, manager of the college's Centre for Training & Development (CTD).

The exhibition

Dawson's art gallery first opened its doors in 2002, named for Warren G. Flowers, chair of the board of directors at the time. Since then, the gallery has grown in size and scope. Exhibitions of juried artists, graduating students in photography and Fine Arts, as well as the Faculty Biennale are routinely scheduled and well attended. For Muldowney, the addition of an exhibition of work by those in the non-credit courses, many of whom live in Westmount, is equally exciting.

Entitled *After Hours*, the June exhibition included a mix of figurative, landscape, and abstract art works. Curated by gallerist Olivier Forgues and instructor Melanie Matthews, colourful and dynamic art lined the walls of the recently expanded gallery. According to Muldowney, "participants were encouraged by the fact that their art was displayed, and some of the exhibited work was even sold."

Throughout the year, Dawson offers a variety of non-credit studio courses from



Maeve Muldowney, manager, Centre for Training & Development, at the Warren G. Flowers Art Gallery at Dawson College June 14.

drawing and cartooning to watercolour or acrylic painting. Many, like "Acrylic Painting: From Photos to Paintings or Painting – An Adventure in Colour," include innovative techniques while another, "On-Site Sketching," allows participants to sketch various Montreal landmarks during the spring months. For Muldowney, the exhibition *After Hours* reflected "the variety of courses offered to the community as well as the diverse interests of participants."

Community outreach

Many of Dawson's non-credit courses are limited in size to encourage participant dialogue and engagement. Besides art and photography, the college also offers non-credit courses from creative writing or

adult ballet to financial markets and investment strategies.

Muldowney, as manager of CTD, is responsible for all non-credit courses, as well as professional certificate upgrades or language courses including those sponsored by Emploi-Québec.

A former CEGEP English and literature teacher, Muldowney moved to Westmount 10 years ago before joining Dawson's faculty. Since then she has held several positions within the CTD and enjoys championing opportunities offered by the centre. She is proud to work at Dawson's culturally diverse and enriched educational environment.

As the mother of three, Muldowney is also pleased to be part of an institution that her children, when older, can attend.

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VIP event pays tribute to Goldbloom family



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

There was plenty of security at Westmount's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on May 26 when Quebec premier **Philippe Couillard** and Montreal mayor **Denis Coderre** attended the elegant event honouring the Goldbloom family. It was represented by **Sheila Goldbloom** and sons **Jonathan** and wife **Alice** (with their daughter **Alexandra**), **Michael** and wife **Fiona MacLeod**, daughter **Susan Goldbloom Restler** and **Peter Restler**, and cousin **David Goldbloom**. The noted psychiatrist came in from Toronto and acted as the very witty emcee.

The gala was chaired by Westmounter **Jewel Lowenstein** (there with **Paul**) assisted by the gala committee including Westmounters **Felicity Blatt** (there with **Howard**), **Penny Echenberg** (**Gordon**), **Martha Oppenheim** (**Mark**), **Sara Riesman**, **Leslie Alcorn**, **Rona Davis** (**Robert**), **Nancy**

Engels (**Stephen**), **Cynthia Telio**, **Susan Levine**, **Nancy Maklan** (**Martin Smith**), **Lynn Waxman** (**Ron**) and **Sally Yaffe**, along with **Vivian Grant**, **Marilyn Green**, **Susan Greenberg**, **Helen Kahn**, **Sandy Martz** (with **David**), **Lillian Mauer** (with **Billy**), **Lillian Vineberg** (with **Morris Goodman**), **Elaine Paperman Woolner**, **Lillian Shiller** (with **Bryant**) **Nancy Pedvis Strohl** and **Denise Grossman**, Temple president, attending with **Steven Klemptner**.

Tribute committee members were **Bruce Kent**, **Meryl** and **Sheldon Elman**, **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**, **Marvin Corber**, **Nancy Cummings** and **Marc Gold**, **Ronald McRobbie**, the **Molson family**, **Phyllis** and **John Rae**, **Cookie** and **Larry Rossy** and family, **Shadeed** and **Assi family** and **Louise** and **Mark Saykaly**.

Westmounters noted in the packed rooms included Westmount mayor **Peter Trent** and **Kathryn Stephenson**, Israel consul general **Ziv Nevo Kulman**, **Judy** and **Paul Echenberg**, **Stella Samuels**, **Jonathan Wener** and family, along with **Rhoda** and **Joel Pinsky** and former McGill chancellor **Gretta Chambers**.

Clergy present were Temple senior rabbi **Lisa Grushcow** and rabbi emeritus **Leigh Lerner** there with his wife **Loren**.

Cocktails were at 5 pm with the tribute commencing at 6, and the gala dinner at 7:30.

Couillard headlined the list of speakers that included former premier of Ontario **Bob Rae** (there with **Arlene**) as well as the hilarious **Terry Mosher** and **Josh Freed**.

The sold-out crowd of temple members and other Goldbloom admirers, including federal and provincial legislators, mayors and other dignitaries, thoroughly enjoyed the delicious gourmet meal as they supported interfaith programming and in particular the **Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Annual Symposium**.



The Goldbloom family, top, from left: Jonathan, David, Alexandra, Michael, Peter Restler; front: Alice, Sheila, Susan Goldbloom Restler and Riona MacLeon.



From left: Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, Philippe Couillard and Ziv Nevo Kulman.



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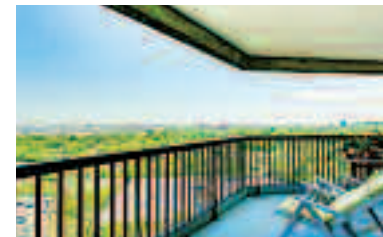
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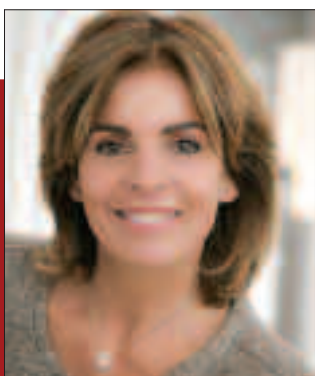


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