

Looks to Quebec for strategy

Westmount awaits impact report on plastic bag ban

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Despite a proposed ban by Montreal of single-use plastic bags January 1, 2018, Westmount and other demerged cities will await an environmental impact report on these bags and their alternatives, according to Bruce St. Louis, director general of the Association of the Suburban Municipalities (ASM).

This life-cycle report being prepared by Recyc-Québec, a division of the Environment ministry, is due in the late fall, said St. Louis, one of Westmount's retired directors general.

"It should crystallize the whole issue," he said. This includes the environmental impact of production and disposal of all types of bags: plastic, paper and cotton. The overall impact can be surprising, he added.

The decision of the ASM, he explained last week, is based on a motion adopted unanimously at the annual general meeting of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) held May 13. This called for an impact study and for the Quebec government to *continued on p. 8*



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He was reported to be uninjured. A patroller had been flagged down at 9:34 pm and told about the accident. The boy was reported to have been riding in the "wrong" direction while looking to cut across the street. Officers said the driver, who did not stop, was probably unaware of what had happened. They contacted the boy's mother.

Cooling off at fountain



August 25 at the fountain in Westmount Park was the scene of kids cooling off on a hot, humid afternoon.
Photo: Ralph Thompson

'Sorry' works magic, 'uncooperative' resident discovers

An "uncooperative" Westmount man, who later apologized, escaped a ticket August 27 for initially interfering with the work of a municipal officer when he and a friend were asked to leave Westmount Park at 1:12 am, Public Security officials said. He instead was issued only one ticket, a \$77 one for breaking the park's midnight curfew. A young Westmount woman also received a similar one. A ticket for interfering with the work of a municipal officer would have cost \$221.

Falcon found in Westmount, rehabilitated, released. See p. 10.



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Fixing crumbling stone walls, a lengthy, costly process

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Anyone who has been noticing the crumbling of some stone walls in Westmount, especially on the steeper upper levels, may be wondering when they will ever be repaired. The answer is: "It takes time." And, it can be costly, too, according to city officials.

When it's a wall on city property, "we can have Public Works fix it," explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. "But when it comes to a private wall, it's a much much slower process than I would like."

In some cases, the process can involve issuing city notices to property owners, which include legal delays. It can take time for the owners to hire a team of experts to assess the problem, provide plans, obtain

city approval where required, find an available contractor and obtain materials.

The cost of resetting a stone wall can also range from \$10,000 to \$70,000 in the case of a long one, estimates Public Works director Patrick Raggo.

"We've had a lot of cooperation from residents, but discovering the cost of repairs is not a nice surprise," he added.

The costs may escalate depending on the source of the problem. Some stone walls actually cover defective concrete retaining ones.

When a crumbling wall threatens public safety, the city installs barricades or other warnings to secure the public's safety, if required, he explained. (See story on rocks falling from private property on Belvedere at Sunnyside, April 5, p. 7.)

While the city budgets about \$40,000 a year in its capital works program to maintain and carry out minor repairs to city-owned stone walls at public steps, lookouts and along some streets, it tries to do major work on walls when other infrastructure work is taking place, he said.

Fill small cracks

And the key to preventing stone walls from crumbling is to conduct regular inspections and repair small cracks or other

faults. Water seeping into the cracks can lead to frost damage and the infiltration of tree roots seeking water.

One privately owned wall on Belmont Cresc. leading down to Côte St. Antoine has been seen cordoned off by the city since the beginning of April. Only recently has it been seen being reset. It's one wall that both Poirier and Raggo said they have been aware of.

Only a stone's throw away, directly south of this *continued on p. 26*



This long, privately owned stone wall on Côte St. Antoine, just east of Belmont Cresc., was being rebuilt August 26. It extends along the entire frontage of the house in front of a bank characterized by tree roots.

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Thanks to lifeguards

Before our too-short summer careens into autumn, we owe a debt of gratitude to the courteous and diligent lifeguards, and others, who oversaw operations at the Westmount pool. Although it looks easy, the truth is that supervising that teeming aquatic domain is serious business. Thank you, from all of us, and our kids, who spent the summer under your watchful gaze.

CHARLES ANDERSON, GREENE AVE.

Park walkers looking for improvements

I hope you will be keeping us informed about completion of landscaping and other work at the southern end of Westmount Park near the recreation centre, tennis courts, dog run and bicycle path. It is disheartening to walk daily through the scruffy unfinished areas. You reported a while ago that flowers and shrubbery would be planted in the fall (at long last!), but there was no mention of painting of pedestrian lines across the bike path (two crossings), nor repair of a bollard/lamp on the path that has been broken for well over a year. Pedestrians using this section of the park have been poorly served since work began several years ago. We can only hope that things will improve soon.

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C'mon drivers! Stop texting

On August 30 at about 6:20 pm, I was walking west on de Maisonneuve Blvd. until the intersection at Olivier. I saw a line of

cars stopped at the stop sign, so it was "safe" to cross the street. Keeping my eyes on the lead vehicle, a white Porsche Cayenne, and the driver with her head down and phone in hand, I clapped my hands several times and said in a very loud voice, "Get off your phone. You're going to kill someone!" She looked up, looked me in the eyes and mouthed the words "F**k you." Now that was rich. She was completely in the wrong. School has started, vacations are over, and there are many more pedestrians, cyclists and cars around. We need to follow some basic rules. Everyone should view on YouTube "Wait for it...this could save your life @SummerBreak4." Indeed, it could change your life

JOYCE ARSENAULT,
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GONNA' CALL POT-BUSTERS?

Cue theme song to movie *Ghostbusters*: "Gonna come a time, When a toke is legal. Smell it in a Westmount Park? Who ya gonna call? Public Security pot-busters?"

Nice try, but once marijuana becomes legal, (and Ottawa seems headed that way) what recourse will Public Security have to act on a complaint? That's reason enough for Westmount city council to heed local resident Anne Robert's prescient recommendation to ban any kind of smoking in Westmount parks ("Prohibit smoking in parks," August 30, p. 8). In a recent letter to the *Independent*, Ms. Robert described a late-afternoon scenario in a local park of three young men sitting at a mini-picnic table in the playground area, "smoking weed in a thick blue cloud of smoke" while a little boy wanted to use the nearby swings. Her suggestion is not without precedent, as Côte St. Luc (CSL) banned smoking in and around play areas in public parks in 2012. By following in CSL's footsteps, Westmount would be giving its security force the ability to keep marijuana and tobacco out of many outdoor recreational areas. Whether a homeowner doesn't want the stink of pot drifting into their house, or a

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Rib fest too big for Westmount, Rotary seeks new ideas

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A proposed fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Westmount has been deferred, at least for this year, after the service club was unable to find a venue large enough to hold a “rib fest” that was expected to generate some \$30,000.

A rib fest is an event organized by “ribbers” from Canada and the US, who drive their huge trucks to an event to cook and sell ribs along with beer and other refreshments.

These events typically attract thousands of people from an area, such as the Montreal RibFest, that was reported to have raised some \$40,000 August 12-14 in Pierrefonds-Roxboro for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the West Island.

“When Westmount refused to give us a permit to host a rib fest, we went to look at Dawson College as a possible site, but we found the layout was not suitable,” said Rotary president Peter Starr.

As a result, the local branch of the international service club is now considering a “Plan B” fundraiser, which Starr said he

hopes to announce in the next month.

For many years, the Westmount club held an annual garage sale to which local residents donated a wide range of saleable items, from furniture to china. The event consumed hours of volunteer hours on the part of the Rotarians, which became an organizational challenge, Starr said.

“The beauty with a rib fest is that it’s already organized. All the ribbers seek is a venue.”

Discussed by council

According to minutes of the general committee of council June 20, it was reported that councillors Rosalind Davis and Nicole Forbes had met with Starr and Rotarian Jim Griffin, along with a representative of the ribbers, to discuss Rotary’s request to host such an event.

Three locations had been discussed. These were the area in front of city hall, the portion of Argyle Ave. from Sherbrooke St. to Côte St. Antoine, and the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG).

The proposed event, the minutes state, would require space for five 30-foot-long

rib trucks, attached in order for water and electricity services to be shared. Secondary trucks would be used as well for selling French fries, blooming onions and other foods. A refrigerated truck would be required as well as space for long line-ups and portable toilets.

It was subsequently agreed by council members that none of the three proposed areas would provide sufficient or suitable space. It was suggested instead that the Rotary Club request Dawson College to permit it to hold the event on the CEGEP’s grounds.

Nevertheless, the minutes conclude, “the city remains open to proposals for a smaller-scale event.”

Starr, who resigned in 2015 as president of the Westmount Municipal Association, took over the Rotary helm in the spring as the first of what is now a two-year term.

“I want to bring new ideas to the organization,” he told the *Independent*. “I think I can do it if anyone can.” He said he wanted people to know more about the work of Rotary to both the local and international communities.



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Library talk on growing seed



Mary Strate with La Grainothèque of Hemmingford Library, at centre left, is flanked by her two young helpers, her children Annabel and Sebastian Strate-Fraser. To their left, Boyd Hamilton of the NDG Food Depot empties a bag of seeds. Strate was explaining the benefits and techniques of preserving seeds, as participants looked on.

By RALPH THOMPSON

The Westmount Public Library hosted a presentation the evening of August 25 by Boyd Hamilton of the NDG Food Depot, and Mary Strate of La Grainothèque of Hemmingford Library on how to preserve and enjoy natural seed.

The speakers emphasized the importance of preserving natural, untainted and non-genetically modified seed and how difficult it is today to achieve this. They gave the example of how a natural corn crop has to be over a kilometre away from genetically modified or hybridized crops to avoid being tainted, as corn seed can be spread by wind.

Boyd pointed out that it's unlikely that plants can be grown from modified seed in domestic gardens. They may not germinate or produce weak plants.

The discussion followed with a presentation on the importance of preserving natural, non-hybridized plants and the fun

involved in sharing seeds with neighbours and friends, then giving back to the community by returning seed to the library the next season.

Boyd pointed out the importance of getting into the habit of documenting the cultivating process so that when the seed is returned to the library, it is clear what variety of plant will grow in the future. However, Strate pointed out that even if the varieties get mixed up in your garden, they will still be good to eat.

There was a demonstration of how to best extract seed and preserve it for use the next season. The speakers were peppered with questions during and after the talk, and the audience of about 30 people in the Westmount Room thanked the speakers with loud applause.

The seed lending library was established in partnership with the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee. (See story May 10, p. 7.)

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provide a province-wide strategy regarding bags.

The resolution, he said, was proposed by Montreal mayor Denis Coderre and worked on beforehand by Mayor Peter Trent, ASM president, and Georges Bourelle, mayor of Beaconsfield.

"Ideally, Quebec will take the lead," St. Louis said. Should the provincial government decline to, then it would be up to the

municipalities and/or the Montreal Metropolitan Community, which has authority in environmental matters.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, who attended the UMQ meeting, told the *Independent*, it was only "wise" to adopt any such ban, if needed, as part of a province-wide initiative.

Court orders clean-up of 68 Forden Cresc.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Quebec Superior Court has ordered the owner of 68 Forden Cresc. to clean up the exterior and interior of the house, which has been the subject of numerous complaints to the city and fire department over several years.

The *Independent* reported on conditions at the house in its September 16, 2014 issue, p. 20.

The owner obtained full ownership of the house in a divorce settlement in 2014. In the divorce judgement, she was described as having a hoarding disorder.

In its ruling, the court in the recent case ordered the property owner to dispose of all garbage bags and refrain from storing garbage. She is also ordered to repair the roof and prevent the infiltration of water, test for mold and hire an exterminator to confirm the absence of vermin.

In addition, all doors are to be secured and locked to prevent access to the basement and house.

As a result, the court found the condition of the house contravened a number of municipal by-laws dealing with zoning, con-

struction, health and maintenance and nuisances and public order.

The court also mandated the city of Westmount to carry out the work if the property owner did not, with the costs to be borne by her.

A resolution adopted by city council at its meeting July 4 mandated the law firm of Irving, Mitchell, Kalichman to take the legal action. It asked that the court “require the owner or the occupant of the immovable to take steps required to abate the unsanitary condition.”

In the same resolution, it also approved similar legal action against the owner of 109 Columbia Ave., alleging both properties were in “a state of decrepitude creating unsanitary conditions which are threatening the safety and security of their respective neighbourhoods.”

By press time September 2, there was no news concerning the case against 109 Columbia, according to Martin St-Jean, the city’s director of Legal Services. “We are waiting for the court to render a judgment by default. It could take days, weeks or months.”

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Injured peregrine released from rehab to adoptive parents

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A young injured peregrine falcon was released to freedom August 25, a month after being captured by public safety officers on Sherbrooke St. and undergoing rehabilitation at the Birds of Prey (Raptor) Clinic.

The female peregrine was reported to have immediately followed another rehabilitated juvenile released at the same time to the nest it had fallen from to be adopted by its parents, a typical trait of the species.

“It’s rewarding to have the feedback,” said Public Security director Greg McBain.

“It’s also nice for everyone who helped along the way to know that it was released back to nature. This includes the initiative of the person who called us, the officers who captured it and all those who ensured it was passed on through good hands.”

The young peregrine had flown July 28 into the store window of Ben & Tournesol, whose owner had called Public Security (see story August 9, p. 5). Officers took it to the SPCA, which contacted Wildlife Quebec since it is a protected bird of prey.

The news of its release was relayed August 25 to a Public Security dispatcher by

Christian Fritschi, who had driven the peregrine to the Birds of Prey Clinic in St. Hyacinthe.

Fritschi is a volunteer with the Union québécoise de réhabilitation des oiseaux de proie (UQROP), a provincial network dedicated to the rehabilitation of birds of prey, which had been called by Wildlife Quebec to pick up the Westmount female.

“Today, I had the pleasure of releasing her where we are sure that the adult couple of peregrine falcons nesting nearby will adopt [her,]” Fritschi stated. “We released her in Laurier Park, just south of the Incinérateur des Carrières, where she immediately flew.” This is the site of the abandoned incinerator in Rosemount-La Petite Patrie.

Known as ‘Anna’

Originally dubbed “Miss Westmount,” the peregrine now goes by the name of Anna, Fritschi told the *Independent* last week. She is believed to have come from a nest on the Montreal Stock Exchange Tower at Victoria Square.

He said that she had joined the young male at the centre during their rehabilitation. When they had been tagged and prepared for release “it was decided to take them to where a couple of adults were nesting.”

Falcon parents tend to adopt babies,” he explained.

They were driven to Montreal by two other UQROP volunteers and joined by Fritschi. “She flew right away and followed



Christian Fritschi releases the Westmount peregrine falcon August 25 after rehabilitation and tagging at the Birds of Prey Clinic in St. Hyacinthe. Photos courtesy of C. Fritschi

the other one,” he said of the Westmount peregrine. “We had an observer on the other side of the railway tracks who confirmed they had joined the adults.”

This “incinerator couple had two male babies this year,” he explained. “One flew out a couple of weeks after the first had fallen.”

How do young peregrines manage to connect or re-connect with nesting adults?

In cases like this, Fritschi said, there is typically a lot of squawking and communicating involved.

He recalls another release near the University of Montreal, where a young peregrine immediately flew to a nest on top of the distinctive tower of the building.

This has been “a tough year” for peregrines in the greater Montreal region, he said.

Two weeks ago, he had collected one from Cavendish near the IKEA store after “a caring truck driver had taken the time to stop and relocate it to a more secure location,” he said.



“Anna,” the Westmount peregrine at the clinic.

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What's new at Westmount schools this year?

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

With the new academic year just starting, the *Independent* checked in with staff and administrators at local schools to get an idea of what's new at their schools this fall.

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This year, according to ECS director of communications Holly Potter, Rennie MacLeod is taking on the role of assistant head of learning, research and digital innovation at the girls' school.

"We're looking at our school from the students' point of view, considering things such as their schedules, lunch breaks and clubs – how they experience them," said MacLeod. "As much as possible, we want students to make their own choices and fully engage in shaping their educational pathways."

For the 2016-17 academic year, new classes and clubs are being introduced, based partly on student requests. ECS is offering new courses, such as the psychology of science, law, creative writing and short fiction. The school is also "ramping up" sciences for grades 4 and 5 students in order to prepare them for secondary studies.

Older students will also have an option to "create" their own classes. They can propose subjects they want to delve into more deeply, and then they put together their own syllabus and suggest how they'd like to have their evaluations weighted. They need to find a teacher who will be their guide through the course.

The curriculum, according to Potter, is supposed to put new emphasis on financial literacy, school-wide – something that may play out in a French class just as easily as economics or math, she explained.

New clubs being added at ECS include a home economics and life-skills club, a math and 3D club (where students will work on things like computer design and

3D printing), and for the youngest students, a circus club.

Grade 11 students' new leadership project is "on understanding that character and leadership go hand in hand," Potter added. They will be working with documentary filmmaker Erahm Christopher

The Study

According to The Study's director of communications, Susan Orr-Mongeau, the girls' school is expanding its robotics and coding program.

The Study's "Makerspace lab," which is home to technology and robotics classes with 3D printers and 3D scanners, and various saws, metal presses and tools, is being expanded to include a new computerized milling machine, which will offer students the ability to create computerized designs and then to "print" them using wood, steel or glass in The Study's machine shop, she explained.

As well, she said, The Study's mother-tongue bilingual program will be enhanced with the school's "Francozone." The early literacy program in the elementary school will be further enriched and its student exchange program in Australia will be expanded to include Ruyton School for girls in Melbourne and Perth College in Perth.

On the athletic front, The Study's senior school soccer team will travel to Bermuda in October to compete in a three-day soccer tournament.

St. George's

According to St. George's School's communications coordinator, Scott Cross, there is excitement at the school this year over the introduction of a new engineering option for grade 10 students.

He said the school is also announcing the implementation of a new "resiliency" program designed to develop students' social and emotional well-being, and

strength of character. The program, known as "Core 5."

With the new school year, St. George's is also introducing a new nameplate and logo.

St. Marcelline

Nives Bazergui, a communications facilitator at Villa St. Marcelline, told the *Independent* that students and staff at the school "are thrilled that we are beginning this year with completely new computer equipment throughout the school. All our Mac desktops in the computer lab have been replaced, and all the laptops available to students are also brand new."

In November 2016, she added, the school's Kamaro VSM, the first all-female robotics team to represent Canada at the World Robotics Olympiad, will be flying to New Delhi with their coaches, Chantal Forget and Robert Sengov. "The entire VSM community is proud of our students, Karyna Ladouceur and Malaurie St. Amour-Bilodeau, who qualified for this competition by winning the silver medal at the Zone01 competition last spring. Various fundraising activities will be organized to support the team. This accomplishment has given new impetus to our strong robotics program."

Villa St. Marcelline is presently preparing to welcome a group of 40 Bavarian students in September. For the last four years, the graduating class has been able to take part in the student exchange. "They are excitedly preparing celebrations to mark the fifth year of this secondary five project," said Bazergui.

Westmount Park School

Westmount Park School vice principal Roberto Di Marco says the "house system" for grouping together students that was started last year "has proven to be a big success and is continuing this year."

The grouping system "aims to give stu-

dents an identity and sense of pride in a supportive, secure environment," he explained. The student body is divided into four houses, each "designed to reflect and enhance the values of Westmount Park School. They also aim to help new staff and new students adapt to the culture of our school," said Di Marco.

Roslyn School

Roslyn School principal Nicholas Katalifos reports several new developments at the Westmount Ave. school at the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year.

"We are proud of the renovations at Roslyn," said Katalifos, noting the school has a brand new yard (see *Indie's* latest coverage in the August 23 issue, p. 1) and outdoor classroom.

In addition this year, they have a school gardening project, three new home rooms, new water fountains and a new autism spectrum disorders class.

Selwyn House

A Selwyn House teacher was one of a group of 25 Canadian educators who travelled through northern France this past July and August for professional development training while seeing first hand the battlefields of World War I and World War II.

John Merritt, a 2004 graduate who teaches middle/senior social studies at the school, took part in the 10-day Summer Institute and Battlefield Tour for Teachers, hosted by the Juno Beach Centre.

The tour included visits to Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel, Dieppe and historical sites in Normandy including the Juno Beach Centre, Omaha Beach and Arromanches. Teachers gained firsthand knowledge of Canada's military history, which they can now pass onto their students in the classroom, explained Jen Sguigna, program coordinator for the Juno Beach Centre Association.

First day back for WPS



The scene at Westmount Park School after 2:20 pm showed hustle and bustle after the bell ended the first day back, August 31.

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More new teachers join
faculties at local schools

By MARTIN C. BARRY

In addition to staff changes reported on last week for Roslyn, The Study and ECS, several new teachers and staff will soon become familiar to students at several other local schools this fall.

St. George’s

The school reports two new members of its staff as the new school year opens.

The elementary school is welcoming Stéphanie Jacques, who will be teaching French and social sciences. Jacques comes from l’École les Jeunes Explorateurs in Granby, where she taught French in grades 1, 2 and 3. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Education from McGill University.

And at the high school, Brandon Romano is coming in as a full-time English and social sciences teacher. He was with St. George’s on a part-time basis since 2014, most recently as a substitute teacher and basketball coach. He received a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s in teaching and learning, both from McGill

University.

Selwyn House

New to Selwyn this year are Geneviève Bachard Boisclair, who will teach grade 5 French. Teaching French and geography to grade 7 students is Maude Bonneville.

Also new are Lisa Cobetto, grade 1 teacher; Gabrielle Deschamps, senior French; Emilie Lee Guillet, middle French; Jean-Guy Langlais, senior French; Christopher LaPerle, physical education and hockey coordinator; Andrea Angelini, administrative assistant, student life; Anna Chang, elementary support.

Villa St. Marcelline

Villa St. Marcelline says several new teachers will join the education staff.

Two of its new teachers are Westmounters. Marney Sobel will be teaching English and Marie-Josée Larue will not only be teaching ethics and religious studies but will also be in charge of supervising the activities of the student council.

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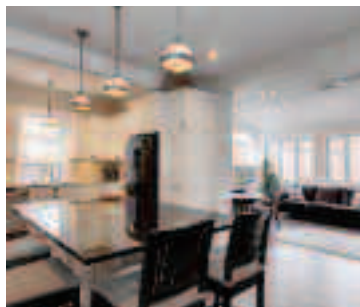
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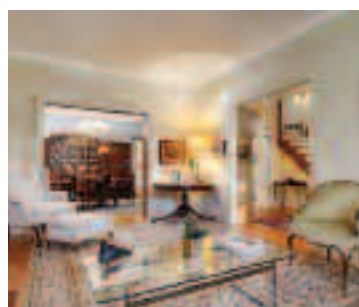
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For more information about Robin, please call the centre at 514.932.7161, ext. 1139.

New teachers cont'd. from p. 12

Teachers on parental leave this year will be replaced with Diane du Temple, who is teaching math, and Adrien Quesnel, a former NASA astrophysicist, who is teaching physics to grade 10 students.

The physical education department has two new members: Marilyne Daoust-Hébert, who will be instructing grades 5 and 6, and Benjamin Mendel, who will be overseeing extracurricular sports and activities. The second grade 5 class is being taught by Céline Pépin.

Said Bazergui, "We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new teachers and to wish them a fantastic year!"

Westmount Park School

According to Westmount Park School vice principal Roberto Di Marco, there are two new teachers on staff this year: Marie Alexiou, bilingual, grade 2; and Nathalie Lavers, English core, grade 3.

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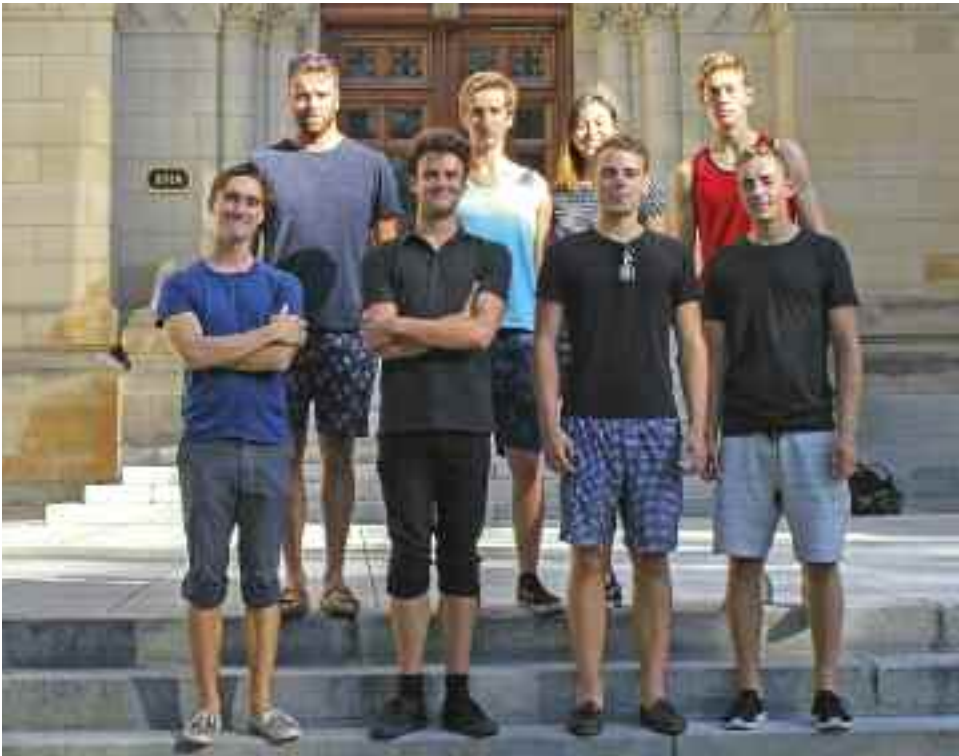
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Dawson rowing makes semis in summer tourney, gears up for new season



Some of the Dawson rowing team stand on the CEGEP's front steps in August. From left, top row: Joseph Rochon (head coach), Declan McCool, Crystal Tsai and Andrew Boeckh; bottom row: Owen Dunkley, J  r  mie Lapikas, Justin Shourbridge and Sam Carmel.

By MATT FAIGAN

On the weekend of June 2-4, the Dawson rowing team sent ten athletes to the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Association championships. Two of the Dawson team boats made semi-finals.

The global competition for participants under 19 was open to collegiate or secondary schools. During the school year, the team trains with coach Joseph Rochon at the Olympic Basin at Park Jean Drapeau, six days a week. The team trained full time over the summer and competed with the Montreal Rowing Club.

After the summer club came to an end,

the school-year team tryouts were to take place between August 6 and 9. The team is preparing for a new season this fall and plans to compete in Ottawa, Peterborough, Boston and New York.

Team members are Declan McCool, Crystal Tsai, Andrew Boeckh, Owen Dunkley, J  r  mie Lapikas, Justin Shourbridge, Sam Carmel, Noah Ferrerado, Sarah Williams, Hannah Johnston, Rebecca Dohnal, Emma Bandia, Micha Pearl, William Chien and Natalia Czaharyn.

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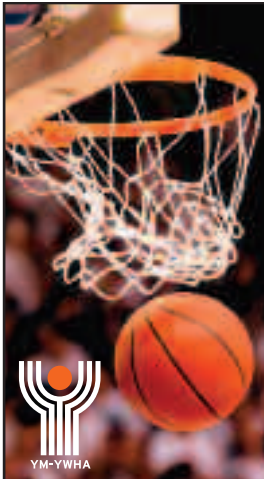
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Was a resident of Grove Park playing music on his radio so loudly August 26 that he could not hear public safety officers and then police at the door? It was at 1:19 am that Public Security dispatched patrollers to the house after receiving a noise complaint from a neighbour. They could hear music from a commercial radio station playing and see lights on inside. When no one answered the door, the lights went out and officers tried the back door without response.

At 1:46 am, after the complainant said

the music had been on since 11 pm, a decision was made to call police who arrived at 2:08 am. In the meantime, Public Security called three phone numbers on hand for the residents to no avail. They also shone the patrol car's spotlight onto the house.

Since no one was believed to be in distress, it was decided not to seek forcible entry. Finally, at 2:18 am, the door was opened by a man, who was issued a ticket for \$149 on the spot. – LS

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Dramatis Personae, Westmount's community theatre, starts a new season. The organization is looking for male actors

aged 20 to 55, "but [we] are also happy to hear from young women," said Ann Elbourne. Info: www.theatre-westmount.com.

Classes of international dances, including dances from Serbia and the Balkans starts again at 349 Melville Ave. in the basement of the Serbian church. Beginner's level: 7 pm to 8 pm; intermediate and advanced levels: 8 pm to 10 pm. Cost: \$5. Info: Zorana Prelevic 514.737.5071 or zorana.prelevic@mcgill.ca.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Centre Greene's **seniors' lunch**, 12:15 pm. Three-course meal is served. Cost: \$5.00. Lunch event occurs every second Wednesday.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

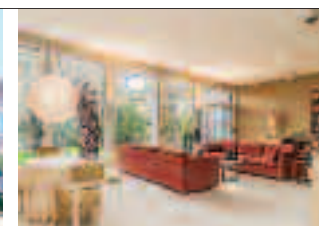
Westmount Historical Association's first lecture of its fall season: "The Rise of Sherbrooke St. in Westmount," presented by: Lorne Huston, 7 pm to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; \$5 for non-members. Info: www.westmounthistorical.org.



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Squawk!

For Andy Dodge's analysis, see p. 22.

PSOs find stolen car

A Public Security patroller recovered a car reported stolen August 27, department officials said. The Audi and licence plates matching the description of a vehicle they were looking out for was spotted in the parking lot of the Metro grocery store at 1:12 am. There were no signs of forced entry. The car's location was reported to police.



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A juvenile blue jay was heard squawking loudly in an Arlington garden August 2, probably to get the attention of its mother, who was pecking at sunflower seeds close by.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

May transfers: Prices stay strong



Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2016, gleaned from non-city sources.

Prices remained strong in Westmount real estate transfers registered last May, with mark-ups over municipal valuation

averaging 10 percent and only four of 13 sales coming in under the tax value.

Individual home prices were relatively low, the highest being \$2,335,000 for 48 Delavigne Rd., the only sale over \$2 million compared to three under \$1 million.

The lowest price involved the small duplex on Metcalfe Ave, near Hillside Ave., which was being marketed as either a one- or two-family dwelling, in serious need of updating. Still, that sale also represented the highest mark-up over valuation, 47 percent, one of three mark-ups over 30 percent in May.



156 Metcalfe, lowest price, \$795,000, highest mark-up of 47.2 percent, photographed same day.



48 Delavigne, highest price, \$2,335,000, photographed August 31.

The 13 sales were up only two from the list for April, with the total amount of money spent to buy Westmount real estate almost exactly the same, hovering around \$17 million, but the average price dropped from \$1,567,659 to \$1,332,115. In both cases, though, the average mark-up brought the value of the “typical” Westmount house to more than \$1,600,000.

Three condominiums, all in apartment buildings, brought the condo volume so far in the second quarter of 2016 to nine, totalling \$5,541,000 while evaluated by the city at \$5,542,500, thus virtual parity. Apt. 606 at 1 Wood Ave., located in the south

tower of the building complex stood out by selling for less than 70 percent of its tax value. It pulled down all of the averages for condominiums.

With the new (2017) valuation roll due to be published in less than a month, homeowners will be watching carefully how the new assessments compare to the actual market of July 1, 2015, which forms the basis for the new roll. Our statistics indicate there has been relatively little movement in prices over the past year, so these sales can be used to compare with the new roll without any adjustments.

7 of 10 dogs had no Westmount licence to use Summit Woods

Seven of 10 people found walking dogs in Summit Woods August 23 did not have the required Westmount dog permits to do so, Public Security officials said. They were checked at 9:10 am. All had valid Montreal dog tags and claimed they did not know a Westmount one was required to use Summit Woods. They were warned that if found a second time without Westmount licences, tickets would be issued. Names were recorded.

Apartment fire closes Sherbrooke

A fire August 24 in an apartment at Chequers Place, 3033 Sherbrooke, was contained to the one unit on the 8th floor, Public Security officials said. Though patrollers were not notified of the incident as they usually are, they came across many fire trucks at the location at 11:39 am and found Sherbrooke closed between Atwater and Elm. Part of the building straddles the Westmount-Montreal border. No other details were available.

Four with alcohol caught on lookout camera

Three teenaged men and one woman were ticketed \$77 for possessing alcohol at the Summit lookout August 28, Public Security officials said. Two were also ticketed \$149 for littering by spreading garbage on the ground. A surveillance camera caught one emptying his backpack full of cans and bottles on the ground between two trash cans and another kicking a can down the stairs, all just after 5:25 am.

Missing woman found on Grosvenor

A woman missing from a group home in St. Hubert was reported found by Westmount public safety officers on Grosvenor in Montreal August 25. Public Security officials said patrollers were circling the block at 12:53 am, when they were flagged down by the woman who appeared to be in distress. She stated she was 37 years old but had the mental age of a 7-year-old. She claimed to have lost her purse after leaving a group home by bus and was now lost. Police were contacted and found she had been reported missing August 24 at 5:10 pm by Longueuil police. It was reported that police transported her home.

Retail Watch



VERONICA REDGRAVE

Librarie Brave Comix opens on St. Catherine St.

Fans around the world are tracking Pokémon. Others are still purchasing comic books and action figures. Luckily, local admirers need only jump on their skateboards – or run, don't walk – as we now have a store in Westmount stocking graphic novels *et al.* Owner Khaled Fattal started “reading comics at age 6. It was always my dream to open a store. I love comics. They are inclusive and positive.”

The new shop is fun! Enter this entertaining world and seek out your superhero (if she or he isn't already in your house!). Brightly coloured statues and masked marauders catch the eye, as well as posters with colourful kodachrome kick.

The day I went I shared space with munchkins marvelling at their favourite figure, as well as an incredibly cool couple (where do they find those sensational sneakers anyway?) combing through the comics. I rushed to the superhero shirts

mum was buying for excited little aficionados. Fattal explained that shoppers range from 12 to “elderly.” In fact, he added, one “lady in her 80s started buying for her grandchildren and now buys for herself.” Many titan traders come in to buy an addition to their collection. Move over Lladro figurines and other knick-knacks: 2016 show-off shelves are newly energized. 4154-B St. Catherine St., near Greene. Open every day.

10 years for Centre Ballroom Dansesport

No need to wistfully watch Robert Duvall's elegant tango moves with envy anymore. And no need to wear a John Travolta white leisure suit to this fun space, now celebrating 10 years just on the border of Westmount. Just go and learn whatever dance you like. Two left feet? No problem. The staff offers private lessons, which are enjoyable and confidence-building. What a great way to hold a special event. Or, instead of settling down to a Netflix binge, make up a group and take a weekly dance class. I loved that you can choose what kind of dancing. Having admired the sultry salsa while vacationing in Cuba – as well as the equally sensual Brazilian sambo – I am buying dance shoes soonest. While I am sure I will not be able to master break dancing any time soon, I do love the elegance of ballroom dancing so am also going to seek out a gown that will flow as I twirl – or at least not rip if I fall.

5034 Sherbrooke St., just west of Claremont Ave. in NDG.

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James Perse expands into space next door

Speaking of flowing gowns, one can also dance in cool urbane attire. This Westmount boutique was the first to open in North America, Amanda Madar tells me. The chain-named “retail stylist” gave me

details about the shop's expansion plans. “Owned by the Mark Edwards Group, which also owns WANT, James Perse is expanding into the former Cavallaro space. The new store will include a café and a menswear section in December 2016.” Designer Perse, located in LA, creates the most comfy-yet-elegant collections. Love, love the colours: Palest pearl greys, white, khaki and of course black, means pieces can easily be coordinated together. I loved the soft fabrics. In fact, I loved all the clothes. Easy to dance in! And just plain wonderful to wear.

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Rudsak moving into old Folklore space

Rudsak is coming to town, taking over the former Folklore space at 4879 Sher-

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brooke St. However, on August 30, Amélie Provost, manager, public relations and social media, Rudsak Inc., explained that “unfortunately we do not have any opening date confirmed at the moment.”

m0851 to open after Labour Day

This leather goods brand is soon launching on what is often referred to as “tony Sherbrooke St. West.” The famed shop is to open just after Labour Day, with an official *continued on p. 25*

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Trees in trouble?

Photos: Westmount Independent

Were these trees unwell anyway, or did this summer’s heat make the difference?



This tree, photographed at Sherbrooke and Kensington on August 31, is looking distressed. It has been cut back in the past.



This NDG tree is visible from the Westmount border at Claremont and de Maisonneuve. It is in the southwestern corner lot, where a grocery store and seniors’ residence was planned and may still be built. The tree at right still has some leaves but is mostly leafless.



This tree at York and Prince Albert has one dead brank and signs of ill health elsewhere. Given its shape, it is salvageable?



This tree, photographed on September 2 at St. Catherine and Lansdowne, is partially dead.



The Westmount Park tree in the foreground, photographed on August 31, is looking worse for wear, while the one in the background looks dead. They are north of the bike path, near the “Shakespeare in the Park” area.



This tree, photographed in King George (Murray) Park near Forden Crescent on August 31, is leafless on top but healthier on the bottom. Is it salvageable?

More retail watch

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launch later in September.

Visionary owner/designer Frédéric Marmabachi has led his collections into an almost-empire. Daughter Faye Marmabachi handles marketing and PR. "We are so happy and excited to bring the brand's much loved leather goods and luxurious scarves into one of Montreal's iconic neighbourhoods and look forward to joining its merchants' traditions of luxury and good taste," she said.

This shop will be their fourth in Montreal. Under their guidance, m0851 has stores across Canada, as well as in Japan, China, Spain and the US. No wonder: The leather quality is gorgeous. All collections are conceived and crafted at the Montreal-based head office. I loved the bags, which travel terrifically. The bomber jackets are board-room and red-carpet ready, adding an edge to any outfit. Although most items are made of leather, comfy t-shirts are wear any- and everywhere. Their silk scarves are not only light but make the perfect accessory to any outfit. And they are "made in Italy."

4925 Sherbrooke St., near Claremont

Pizzeria del nova open every day

This recently opened (August 1) small space offers simple Italian food prepared beautifully: pasta and pizzas. Owner Sabry Bnwn, known as Sammy, showed me the pasta "made fresh daily" and fridges stocked with just-purchased market greens and seafood – giant shrimp, Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout. The pizza oven sits neatly behind the counter. As a few dry leaves rustle underfoot, the outside terrace is popular, as guests enjoy dining *al fresco* as long as they can.

Inside, where the space holds about 30, eaters can enjoy the large TV screen. The US Open was on the day I visited. "We play sports and other entertainment," explained Bnwn.

It is open every day, so I can get my pizza fix – one of my favourite foods. Not only a memory of Italia, it is healthy. His selection ranges from classic cannelloni stuffed with veal sausage and fresh basil, to fettuccine with smoked salmon. But I have to say, the penne, linguine, gnocchi and ravioli are also divine. I loved the aptly-named Westmount pizza. It brought back memories of summers in Nova Scotia, with its lobster sauce. And of course, I

loved the espresso. And yes. There is delivery. *Va bene!*

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A Greek tavern to open near Grosvenor

Westmounters will soon have another dining choice. Adding to the recent opening of PARM and the new pizzeria (described above), now Greek flavours are supposed be at 4785 Sherbrooke St. at Grosvenor soon, the sign states. It will be BYOB, much like the Greek restos on Du-luth. It takes over the former l'Oeufrier.

Made in Italy closed

Made in Italy, the boutique at 4918 Sherbrooke St. near Prince Albert Ave., has closed.

Homes evacuated by gas leak on Wood

A city contractor working on the reconstruction of Wood Ave. between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve struck a two-inch gas pipe August 26, Public Security officials said. When patrollers came across the gas leak at 9:48 am they found that homes had already been evacuated. The block was closed to traffic and the break was capped by Gaz Métro.

3 gates left open at school worksite

Patrollers found three gates had been left open to the worksite around Roslyn School August 21, a Sunday, Public Security official said. After the discovery at 10:22 am, the officers managed to close the two gates on the Grosvenor side and one on Roslyn.

Ticket on Ingleside

Public safety officers were called twice to a house on Ingleside August 28 for complaints of excessive music, Public Security officials said. The first one came just after midnight when the resident was warned. The second one at 2:11 am resulted in a ticket for \$119.

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Stone walls: ‘beautiful but expensive to maintain’

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wall, is another private one, running along the sidewalk on the north side of Côte St. Antoine. It was completely disassembled, revealing a bank of tree roots and a stump, all appearing to have been recently cut. Interestingly, both walls are privately owned even though they are right at the

edge of the sidewalk.
One particularly long city-owned wall that Raggo said he recently inspected, however, runs along the north side of The Boulevard from Victoria to Roslyn. Above it is one that supports the public steps leading up to the Roslyn lookout.
Another large city wall runs along the backs of properties on Holton that holds

up the lower switch-back stretch of Mount Pleasant. The cost of repairing this a couple of years ago was listed in the capital works budget at more than \$100,000.
Built on the side of a mountain, Westmount is one city where walls are needed in many cases, Raggo points out. “The masonry is beautiful but expensive to maintain.”

The *Guidelines to Renovating and Building in Westmount* devotes a section to retaining walls, stating in part: “If visible from the street or a neighbouring property, they should be stone, or stone-faced with Montreal limestone (or match existing walls).”



A wall is seen leaning over on Belmont Crescent April 5. Photos: WI



The same wall on Belmont Cresc. as it appeared under re-construction August 30.



A closer look at the Belmont Cresc. wall, August 16, and a large crack that had formed.

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Westenberg, Dutch celebrate 100 years of walking in four days

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resident is rightly concerned about the environment where children play, Westmount has every reason to start thinking now about how it will deal with the use of recreational cannabis in its parks once the drug is legal.

DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, YORK ST.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE SIDEWALK?

I am writing to you with regards to the new sidewalks on Prince Albert Ave., north of Sherbrooke. The photo (below) is near the corner of Chesterfield. These markings look terrible! They can be found starting from Sherbrooke all the way up to Côte St. Antoine.



A view of a section of the Prince Albert Ave. sidewalk September 1. Photo courtesy of N. Allard

The contractor surely could have used another method to clean up the sidewalks after the work was completed? Or perhaps could have been more vigilant?

Considering the amount of money spent on rebuilding the street this summer, it already looks unkempt.

NATHALIE ALLARD, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

LEAVE THE GRASS ON WOOD

Regarding "Wood Ave. next up for total reconstruction" (July 12, p. 1), while the addition of a second sidewalk would narrow the roadway, the street does not need it.

The other sidewalk is never crowded. The strip of grass and path should be left undisturbed. Do not destroy every piece of natural grassland – we need it in the city, where there is concrete everywhere.

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Westmounter Willem Westenberg, right, with, from left, Nick Hazledine, the VIP team's medic; Colonel Geoffrey Abthorpe; Sheridan Jellingson, selected by the Royal Canadian Legion; Sarah Brown and Kathy Norrie, from Veterans Affairs Canada; and VIP team leader Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Quirion on July 19 in Nijmegen. Inset: Westenberg in Nijmegen on July 22 finishing the Via Gladiola march, a traditional, additional, optional 5-km walk that ends the 4 Daagse. "Think of a ticker-tape parade – the Canadians were particularly well-received, but everyone was applauded for the 5 km, with much hugging and high-fiving as we walked to the downtown," he said.

Photos courtesy of W. Westenberg.

Westmounter Willem Westenberg participated July 19 to 22 in the 100th anniversary of 4 Daagse (Dutch for "4 Days"), a four-day, 45 km-per-day walking event beginning in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. What originated as a primarily military exercise has become the world's largest walking event.

He was nominated to the Canadian military's VIP team by the honorary consul of The Netherlands in Montreal, Westmounter Michael Polak, joining almost 200 soldiers from 15 regiments across Canada. He carried a 10-kg pack during the

march. Twenty-three countries sent military teams, making up 5,000 of this year's 50,000 marchers. Only the Canadian military contingent achieved 100 percent success in completing the event. According to Westenberg, the Dutch were particularly enthusiastic toward the Canadian soldiers, shouting out "We love you Canada!" as they walked by, in remembrance of the important role the Canadian military played in liberating the Netherlands during World War II.

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Le jeudi 22 septembre, 19 h., Bibliothèque. À l'occasion de la Journée mondiale sans voiture, Karl Moore, professeur à l'Université McGill, discutera de l'économie collaborative, telle que vécue par sa famille. Gratuit. Info : 514 989-5284.

Soirée astronomie au belvédère Summit
Le samedi 24 septembre, 19 h, belvédère Summit. Joignez-vous aux membres de la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada pour observer le ciel nocturne d'automne. En cas de pluie ou de conditions nuageuses, l'événement sera annulé. Info : 514 989-5226.



Art Westmount 2016
Le samedi 1^{er} octobre, de 11 h à 18 h et le dimanche 2 octobre, de 11 h à 17 h, Victoria Hall, Bibliothèque et Place Kensington. Aujourd'hui à sa sixième édition, Art Westmount est un événement communautaire biennal mettant en valeur les artistes de Westmount en offrant au public une exposition de leurs œuvres dans les édifices municipaux et foyers pour personnes âgées. Nouveau cette année : nous accueillons des auteurs qui viendront promouvoir leurs livres. Info : 989-5521.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Pour une rentrée scolaire en sécurité
L'équipe de la Sécurité publique de Westmount fait appel à la prudence des automobilistes dans les zones scolaires et leur demande de signaler tout problème de sécurité observé. Info : 514 989-5222.

CITY HALL

City services: regular office schedule
From September 6th, the City's administrative offices will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

WRC swimming pool: end of season
The Recreation Centre's swimming pool is closed for the season. See you there in 2017!

Hockey and skating schedules online
Find the latest schedules online at **westmount.org**.

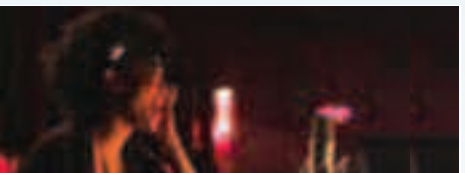
PUBLIC WORKS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, October 8th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library. Save the date. Info : 514 989-5390.

LIBRARY

Fall-winter brochure now online
Now available! The Library, Cultural & Community Events brochure at **westlib.org**.

Registration for fall activities
Beginning Wednesday, August 31st. Please register in person at the Children's Desk with your child's Library card. Info : 514-989-5228.



Documentary Film Club
Wednesday, September 7th, 7 p.m., Library.
20 Feet from Stardom (2013) by director Morgan Neville. Special guest presenter: Maurie Alioff. Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5299.

TD Summer Reading Club closing party
Saturday, September 10th, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Not to be missed: a performance of *The Wind in the Willows* by the Rag & Bone Puppet Theatre. Be there! Prizes, entertainment, food! Registration required. Info : 514 989-5229.

Afternoon Lecture Series
Tuesday, September 20th, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Volunteerism: Local and Global*. In collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10/lecture. Info : 514 989-5226.

Dream a Large Dream
Wednesday, September 28th, 7 p.m., Library. A presentation to engage students and their parents in the process of thinking about what's next after high school. With education consultants Mary Ann Farley and Julie Hooton. Info : 514 989-5386.

Next Council Meeting Monday, October 3rd

Seed Lending Library
As the end of the growing season nears, have you considered donating some seeds from your garden to the Seed Lending Library? Find out more at **westlib.org** or 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Park(ing) Day in Westmount
Friday, September 16th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., several locations in Westmount. Join members of local community groups for Park(ing) Day, an international public awareness event where citizens temporarily transform parking spaces into fun, shared public places. Look for them in the Ste-Catherine-Greene and the Sherbrooke-Victoria commercial districts.

Board Game Night
Thursday, September 22nd, 7 p.m., Gallery at Victoria Hall. Bring a friend or join others for a fun night of classic and brand new board games (ages 18+). Info : 514 989-5226.

Healthy City Series: A carless family in Westmount: life in the sharing economy
Thursday, September 22nd, 7 p.m., Library. Join us on International Car-Free Day for a presentation by McGill University Professor Karl Moore about his family's experience of life in the sharing economy. Free. Info : 514 989-5284.

Stargazing at the Summit
Saturday, September 24th, 7 p.m., Summit Circle Lookout. Join members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to observe the autumn night sky. In the event of rain or poor viewing conditions, the event will be cancelled. Info : 514 989-5226.

Art Westmount 2016
Saturday, October 1st, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 2nd, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria Hall, Library and Place Kensington. Now in its sixth edition, Art Westmount is a biennial community event that has celebrated Westmount artists by providing a weekend of public access to their work, showcased in municipal buildings and seniors residences. New this year is the addition of Westmount authors, who will be featuring their books. Info : 514 989-5521.

PUBLIC SECURITY

A safe return to school
Westmount's Public Safety team reminds everyone to be extra vigilant in school zones and to report any safety issues. Info : 514 989-5222.



Vie des Arts celebration draws key art world



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Everyone agreed. The *Vie des Arts* gala held on May 26 was the best ever. Celebrating 60 successful years as a bilingual art publication, the event featured a silent auction that sold out within minutes.

There were 31 artists present in the wonderful Théâtre St. James with its soaring ceilings reminiscent of an Italian villa, complete with ceiling moldings and architectural columns.

Editor-in-chief **Bernard Lévy** welcomed guests with his usual elegant ebullience. Presidents of honour were **Louise Roy**, chancellor of the Université de



Bernard Lévy

Montréal, and **Sébastien Barangé**, VP, communications, CGI.

Guests of honour were museum directors **Nathalie Bondil** (Montreal Museum of Fine Arts), **Line Ouellett** (Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec), **John Zeppetelli** (Musée d'art contemporain) and **Marc Mayer** (National Gallery of Canada), and Conseil des arts et lettres du Québec's **Marie Côté** (president), **Nathalie Maillé** (director) and **Simon Brault** (director general).

Honorary committee members were **Manon Blanchette**, COO, Musée Pointe-à-Callière; **Nicolas Bergeron**, Hôtel Dieu; **Jean-François Brodeur**; Marcel Frames; **Michel Dallaire**, designer Groupe Provencher Roy; **Jean-Pierre Desrosier**, PSB Boisjoli; **Christiane Germain**, co-president Groupe Germain Hotels; **François Morin**, Morin Relations Publiques; **Niki Papachristidis**, philanthropist; **Charles Parent**, VP, Finan-



Marc Mayer, Christiane and Jean-Claude Baudinet.

cière Banque Nationale; **Jean Saucier**, BMO Nesbitt Burns; and businessmen **François Roy** and **Peter Young**.

Noted amidst the sold-out dinner guests were Westmounters **Andrée Tessier** and her husband artist **Leo Ross-Handler**; **Louise** and **Michel Blouin**; **Dorota Kozinska**, English editor *Vie des Arts*; **Francine Léger** and **Vasco Cecon**; and artist **Gabor**

Szilasi; as well as McCord Museum CEO **Suzanne Sauvage**; **Jean-François Bélisle**, director and chief curator, Musée d'art de Joliette; **Jeanie Riddle**, director Parisian Laundry; **Louise Julien**, UQAM prof and art critic; **Andrée Ruffo**; **Céline** and **Jacques Lamarre**; **Danielle Sauvage**; **Christiane** and **Jean-Claude Baudinet** (a former local res), dancer *continued on p. 30*

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Marie Chouinard, FIFA's René Rozon; Michel de la Chenelière, Fondation de la Chenelière; Caroline Bouchard, president Fondation Jacques Bouchard; François Legault; Georges Laoun, president/CEO Georges Laoun Opticien; and gallerists Roger Lupien; Mark Leibner with his son

Alex; Pierre-François Ouellette; Rhéal Lanthier; François St-Jacques; Noël Guyomarc'h; Louis Lacerterte; Joyce Yahuda; Eric Devlin and Claude Lafitte.



Louise and Michel Blouin.



Louise Julien, left, and Manon Blanchette.



Dorota Kozinska



Marie Chouinard, left, and Andrée Tessier.

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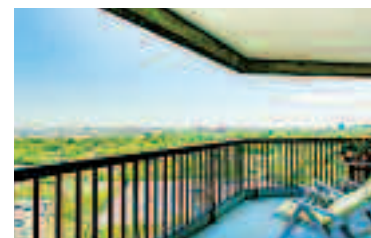
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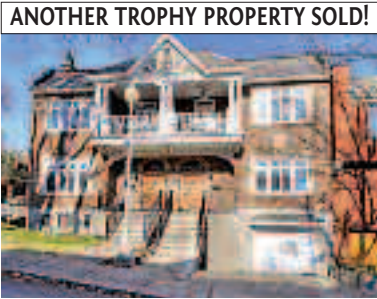
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