

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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## Council to study way to keep pool open through September next year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A petition of close to 60 names was presented to city council at its meeting September 6 asking for the pool to be kept open through September given “longer and hotter” summers. It was the latest in a wave of requests.

The pool’s post-season ended with Labour Day when long line-ups of people

waited for a last swim (see story, p. 5).

“City council has decided we are not happy with this situation and are studying other ways of staying open longer next year,” said Councillor Rosalind Davis in an opening statement before the petition was deposited.

“It needs to be re-looked at,” added Mayor Peter Trent.

Davis said, as previously reported, the pool had been closed after the last swim the .....

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## Sticky wicket?



Photo: Ralph Thompson

The Quebec Open Croquet Championships took place September 9 to September 11 at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club. Brian Cumming, left, the Canadian croquet champion hits the centre peg, while Nick Mitchell lines up on the croquet pitch. Both were from Elora, Ontario.

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## Refurbishment of soccer fields approved by council

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount’s two soccer fields, one off Melville, the other one fenced in on Academy Rd., are to undergo complete re-sodding and repair this fall at a cost of \$57,437, council agreed at its meeting September 6.

The contract was awarded to 9032-2454 Quebec Inc., described as operating under the business name Techniparc. It was the

only quote received.

While the fields have “periodic re-sodding” as a preventive measure, “they took a beating this summer from intramural and inter-city teams, which used them excessively,” according to operations manager Andrew Maislin of the Sports and Recreation department.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham in moving the resolution for the re-sodding explained that .....

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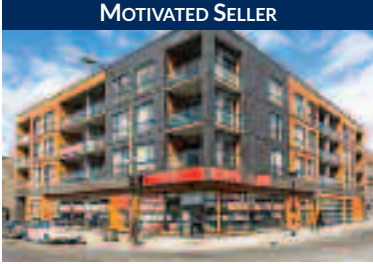
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# Summit Circle work approved for this fall

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work to dig up the north side of Summit Circle was given the green light by city council September 6 to remove the pavement and install required infrastructure this fall.

Council unanimously approved a \$1.4-million contract to Aménagement Côté Jardins Inc. after receiving confirmation from the Quebec minister of Culture to pay some 50-percent of the work.

An amount of \$657,226, including tax rebates, was immediately authorized to be charged to the capital works budget for 2016 though landscaping and the planting of many trees is planned for the spring, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said.

“We’ll be setting up hoarding, which will remain in place over the winter,” she later explained. During that time, a way would be found to keep open a passage through the worksite for the north-south pathway to and from Ridgewood.

Announced in May, the project involves replacing the north stretch of Summit Circle by a wide primary path of gravel, “naturalizing” the area by removing invasive plant and tree species, and planting new vegetation and trees (see story March 8, p. 1).

A call for tenders was delayed from the spring to now following several changes recommended by Hatch Ltd., consultants hired to prepare the tender plans, according to Lulham.

## Plans for fall work

Work to be done before the winter includes removing the pavement, installing new electrical wiring for illuminated bollards along the primary path, and creating concrete areas at its two ends. These are at Oakland to the west and Summit Circle to the east, where a “viewpoint” is also to be built.

The primary path itself is to be built featuring the installation of a new drainage system of culverts able to absorb heavy rain run-off from Summit Woods.

“My understanding is that only the planting will be left to do in the spring,” said Lulham, who has spearheaded the project as commissioner of Parks and Sustainability. It is an important component of the three-year restoration of Summit Woods and surroundings.

She said many elements of the initial plan had been moved around and some new ones added at the advice of the tender consultants.

Among the additions are enlargement of catchment basins and increased wiring along the primary path to light each bollard rather than every second one as originally planned.

The provincial grant for the project “is thanks to a lot of door-knocking by Councillor Lulham,” said Mayor Peter Trent.

John Fretz, a mem-

ber of the Summit Woods Advisory Committee also congratulated Lulham for her work on the project.

City background documents showed the contract quote from Côté Jardins was the lowest of five, the highest being \$3 million from Les Entrepreneurs Bucaro Inc.



*The western end of the closed-off portion of Summit Circle, September 9.*



*The eastern end of the closed-off portion of Summit Circle, September 9.*



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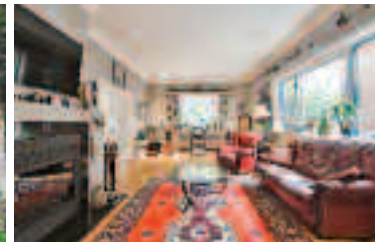


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A fundraiser was held for the Y's Camp Kanawana August 27 behind Royal West Academy. The annual Sam Jam, in its 13th year, raised \$26,458 for the Sam Lazarus Fund, which helps families not otherwise able to afford summer camp to send their kids to "experience the magic of Kanawana!" according to Vanessa Valente, coordinator, corporate partnerships and camp alumni relations. The fund is named after Sam Lazarus, a longtime camper and staff member. From left, top: Noah Seltzer, Westmounters Nick Jonas and Gabriel Chetrit, Adam Black, Jack Waddell, Christina Kaminski, Ayanda Keith Dubé; crouching: Danielle Shemie and Justin Shemie.



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# Well used but too hot to swim? Pool reaches capacity only on Labour Day

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Despite the hot dry summer, Westmount's pool capacity of 350 was reached only once, Labour Day Monday (September 5), when swimmers had to line up to take their turn on the last day.

"There were many days when we came close to capacity, but we kept a close watch on it, and there was only the one day when we had to temporarily close the pool," said Sports and Recreation's facilities manager Bruce Stacey.

He attributes this to the weather being simply too hot for some people to leave air-conditioned comfort to go to the pool. "There were more heat warnings in effect than I ever remember."

These are typically issued by Environment Canada for temperatures in the 30 degrees. When these are issued, the regular schedule is abandoned, and the pool is opened up for general swim as a way for people to cool off.

"We had to cancel one evening swim meet in order to open up the pool because

of a heat warning," he said. Organizers were told that public health came first, he explained, "and they understood."

Due to the warm weather but a lack of pool closures due to thunder, he said, it was consistently well used. A higher enrollment in lessons than last year was maintained throughout the summer, especially among the younger ages. Three swim meets were held, as well as four diving meets.

While capacity was reached on several occasions during the pool's first summer of operation, Stacey attributes that to the "novelty" factor.

## Activities at closed ice rink

Over the summer, when the ice from one of the two rinks at the Westmount recreation centre is removed, the area is used for the city's summer camps and other activities, Stacey said. It was also used for other purposes such as lacrosse and by tennis instructors, if forced off the courts by rain. It was also rented for ball hockey.



Photo taken September 9 around 2 pm shows the lowered water level in the pool. Some water is left to prevent cracking over the winter.

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## 'Social' factor big draw for girls

# Soccer season scores from dry summer, high interest

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's youth soccer program had one of its best years, as interest in the game continued to rise, especially among the girls' youth teams, Sport and Recreation officials said last week. The dry weather caused few game cancellations.

"The girls' teams have really taken off," said operations manager Andrew Maislin. "The girls' soccer is the real story."

At total of 34 girls' intramural teams took part in spring and summer play – up from 30 last year. Another 48 teams of boys brought the total enrollment to more than 1,100 youth aged 5 to 16. "I don't know if it's a record," he said, "but it's pretty close to it."

"Word of mouth" and "sociability" are attributed by sports coordinator Michelle Dodds for some 50 more girls enrolling to play the game than last year. It's a continuing trend also seen in hockey.

"Women's sports in general continue to grow," she explained. "If you get a strong group of girls playing, others want to join. It's more about being with friends and less

about being competitive."

Maislin points out that increased interest among girls results in part from increases in family participation in sports and a greater emphasis being placed by schools on sports in general. "It's all about being active."

One of the highlights of the soccer season, according to both Maislin and Dodds is how it ended with a number of both girls' and boys' teams tied for first place in several of the age divisions, indicating how well balanced the teams were, they said. These consisted of Novice, Atom, Peewee and bantam teams.

### Inter-city teams

Westmount's inter-city soccer teams for youth also played over the summer but as part of the Lac St. Louis league run by the independent Westmount Soccer Club.

While this a parent-run organization headed by Doug Hamilton and colleagues, it acts as the city's arm for players looking for competitive play in what Maislin describes as an "intertwined partnership" with Sports and Recreation.

This year, the club had 190 members: 140 aged 8 to 16 played competitively on four boys' teams and three girls' teams; 50 were involved in the club's new training program called "Skill Squad" geared to

younger kids. Fifty of the inter-city games were played at home in Westmount Park and King George (Murray).

The club is already registering for the 2017 season at [www.westmountsoccer.org](http://www.westmountsoccer.org).

## City joins others marking global 'Park(ing) Day,' Sept. 16

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For the first time, Westmount will participate in "Park(ing) Day," Friday, September 16 from 10 am to 3 pm.

A variety of attractions by community groups dedicated to sustainability will be featured.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham made the announcement September 6 at the city council meeting saying the annual event is marked by cities across Canada and the world during which citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks.

Participating groups include the Healthy City Project, the Association of Pedestrians

and Cyclists of Westmount, the Horticultural Advisory Committee and the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club.

Among the locations selected are two in the area of Greene and de Maisonneuve and two in the Sherbooke and Victoria district.

The creation of Prince Albert square, Lulham said, is "a perfect example" of the philosophy behind Park(ing) Day to convert parking into parks. Some five parking spaces were removed to create the small park while new street parking was established nearby, she explained.

The public awareness event, which occurs on the third Friday of September, had its beginnings in 2005 in San Francisco.

# Available lifeguards needed to keep pool open

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previous day, because the lifeguards had already returned to classes and the city's blue collar workers were making the ice for the second indoor rink.

Emails sent to numerous city officials the day after the council meeting, however, stated the pool had already been emptied even as the issue was under discussion.

"I was very disappointed to learn today that the pool was emptied in spite of expected 27-degree weather this coming Friday and Saturday," Councillor Patrick Martin, one of the email recipients, told the *Independent*.

He said there was "no technical impediment to keeping the pool open since the water was heated "for free" using recycled energy from the ice-making system. "It had always been my hope when the WRC was built without an indoor pool that the season could be extended through our ever-warming Septembers."

The petition and preamble, presented by Andrew Sharp, proposed the city hire a greater number of lifeguards at the start of the summer providing a "larger pool" from which to draw in September, or hire some

from the YMCA or other community pools that close.

Davis suggested the possibility of split shifts but explained that "every pool" had different procedures, which worked against hiring lifeguards from other pools.

One of those adding her voice to the petition, also told council the design of the women's changing room, the showers and lack of water pressure needed upgrading especially "when you get kids in there playing with the showers for a long time."

Peter Weldon, one of the petition signatories, later told the *Independent* the original request to several council members was "to keep the pool open this September, if feasible on a limited basis."

Others, however, said they realized it was too late for this year and required forward planning for next year.

## Guests leave door ajar on Wood

Public Security patrollers on Wood Ave. found a front door ajar at 12:51 am September 4, department officials said. A man at the house told them he had had guests who had just left and must have left the door open.



Andrew Sharp, right, of de Maisonneuve, presents a pool petition to city clerk Martin St-Jean during the council meeting September 6, as director general Mike Deegan looks on.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## SIDEWALK SOON?

August 30 was the first day of school at the École Internationale de Montréal, and the students realized the missing sidewalk segment has not been prioritized nor constructed to provide a continuous pedestrian network and ensure a safe walking environment. (“City might consider re-configuring path east of cenotaph,” March 1, p. 4.)

Another winter is coming, and during peak school periods, the high level of pedestrian activity will result, for another

year, in pedestrian spillover onto the roadway against a permanent snow wall along the street of the Garden Point in front of the cenotaph (see the photo in the letter “Still...need a sidewalk,” March 22, p. 6).

Nonetheless, the road work at the corner of Argyle and Côte St. Antoine shows evidence that the abrupt discontinuity of the fresh section of sidewalk must be continued to improve safety and sidewalk connectivity in the school zone.

Maybe only the support of elected municipal officials as well as the senior man-

agement team of the municipality is needed to ensure development and sustainability of a safe and accessible sidewalk system in this school zone.

VICTOR CRUZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

## KEEP LOOKING AT EXTENDING POOL HOURS

The administration at every level has been approached to rationalize the pool hours and opening dates to maintain the regular pool hours, i.e. 7 am to 8 pm through the last two weeks of the schedule. (On August 29, the new pool hours were announced – 12 noon to 7:15 pm – for the

remainder of the season.)

The matter was discussed at the council meeting of September 6.

At this time, the administration expressed its intention to study the problem of pool opening dates for next year. The question of what to do this year remained an unresolved issue.

Overnight on September 6, the pool was drained, making any further discussion of extending pool availability moot.

Would the council and the mayor care to explain their actions in generally limiting pool availability to the greater Westmount population?

PETER WELDON, ACADEMY RD.



Côte St. Antoine looking south to Sherbrooke.

Photo courtesy of V. Cruz

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## History quiz



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## Google map truck? Nope



This truck, with its tall GPS mast, may have been seen on streets throughout Westmount in the last few days as it measured road quality. Councillor Patrick Martin told the council meeting September 6 the device would provide an independent analysis of the condition of each street. Governments are now requiring this scientific approach to assessing road quality when it comes to infrastructure grant applications, he said. From left are Elisa Gaetano, assistant director, Public Works, and SNC technicians Simon Rhéaume and Benoit Carrier.

Photo courtesy of Patrick Martin

## Neighbours, PSOs manage to get dog inside home

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Neighbours and public safety officers proved September 1 that “where there’s a will, there’s a way.”

Public Security officials said patrollers answering a call for barking dogs on Springfield at 12:11 am found a large dog running up and down the street and people trying to catch it. When they approached the dog, however, it bared its teeth and became aggressive.

One of the neighbours knew where the dog lived though no one was home. When it was cornered on the front porch, the man was reported to have offered to go inside and open the front door to let the dog in, if a way could be found.

A window was finally opened, but the man’s entry was prevented by a similar dog inside. When he finally managed to

distract it with dog treats, he climbed in and accomplished the mission: The door was opened, and the errant dog ran in.

Residents of the house, who had been contacted, stated they were on the way home and suggested the dog had escaped through a known hole, which was subsequently blocked. Two \$77 tickets were to be issued: one for barking dogs, the other for a dog running loose.

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# Roslyn playground partly done



On September 9, the Roslyn School playground (taken from Grosvenor) is both under construction (foreground) and in use by students (barely visible in background). Photo: Westmount Independent

## Comin’ Up

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Westmount Historical Association’s lecture “The Rise of Sherbrooke St. in Westmount,” presented by Lorne Huston is 7 pm to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Members free; \$5 non-members. Info: [www.westmounthistorical.org](http://www.westmounthistorical.org).

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

City of Westmount’s “**Park(ing) Day** in Westmount,” 10 am to 3 pm. Locations: St. Catherine St., Greene Ave. and Sherbrooke/Victoria commercial districts. See story, p. 7.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Women’s Canadian Club of Montreal lecture series opens with “**Volunteerism: Local and Global**,” with Beth Symansky and Diane Bussandri, 12:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Light lunch 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Members free; non-members \$10 (season’s fee \$50). Info: 514.932.4005.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Westmount Healthy City Project presents “A Carless Family in Westmount,” with McGill professor Karl Moore, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free.

### TUESDAYS

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# Ice in the making



A Zamboni, working its way around the ice of the second rink at the Westmount recreation centre September 9, is part of the final stages of preparing the ice surface. The ice was used for the first time this season September 10. The other rink has been open all summer. Photo: Ralph Thompson

# More trees in trouble?

Photos: Westmount Independent



This tree, photographed at Montrose and Argyle on August 31, looks unwell.



This tree on Prince Albert above Chesterfield, photographed on September 9, is dead.





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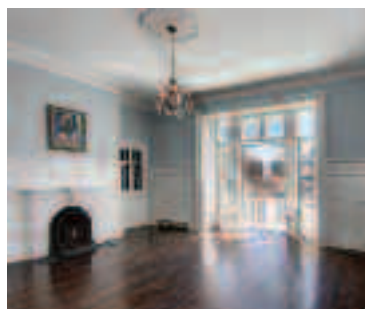
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# Spring/summer sports banquet full of awards, antics

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The city’s sports banquet showcasing spring and summer sports took place the evening of September 7 in its usual venue, Victoria Hall. Awards were given for soccer, baseball and lacrosse.

The bi-annual event kicked off at 6 pm

with an estimated 350 kids and adults squeezed into the hall for pizza, soda and chips, served up by Sports & Rec. operations manager Andrew Maislin and others in the department, along with Mayor Peter Trent, councillors Rosalind Davis, Nicole Forbes and Christina Smith, and a large number of volunteers.

The excitement was palpable as pizza slices were quickly devoured amid playful paper fights and lots of laughter.

A well-coordinated team soon had all the youngsters fed, and then Dave Lapointe, director, Sports and Recreation, managed to reduce the noise level sufficiently to introduce Trent, who opened the

proceedings.

Award winners and teams quickly paraded onto the stage to receive their medals and trophies. Within an hour, parents were shuffling the proud winners home.



The Pee wee girls soccer sportsmanship awards were presented by Councillor Nicole Forbes, back, to, from left: Jacqueline Babczak, Sophia Dimitrakopoulos and Isabella Sioufi.



A creative way was developed by Team Dartmouth to hold their trophy as Novice girls soccer champions.



The Atom boys’ soccer sportsmanship awards were presented to, from left: Elliot Beaudoin, Rhys Farkas, Luke Chang, Clive Raza and Liam Shea. Councillor Christina Smith gave out the awards.



After the pizza was all gone and the awards were handed out, kids burned off energy outside Victoria Hall, vigorously pedalling backwards on the Bixis outside Victoria Hall.



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For parents, being able to provide their children with an opportunity to master two languages is a priority that The Study has supported for many years. Repeatedly, in parent surveys, both francophone and anglophone parents indicate, that by far, their primary reason for choosing The Study is the unique mother-tongue bilingual education programme.

As Jean-Sébastien Monty, father of two Study students, says, "My daughters are not learning French and English fortified; they are learning *in* French and *in* English. In addition, by placing an emphasis on oral presentations, The Study helps to ensure that the girls become perfectly bilingual. Like many parents, I love The Study's global educational approach, as it truly expands our daughters' horizons."

Another reason for choosing The Study, and one that has been emphasized repeatedly in parent satisfaction scores, is The Study's small class sizes. "Smaller class size creates an environment that is both stimulating and warm, in

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"For over 100 years, The Study has been a leading Montreal school where we 'teach things that really matter' says Head of School, Nancy Sweer. "What really matters for The Study is that we continue to provide an education that prepares young women to be at their best in both Quebec and global society. It starts here and now, with a highly enriched French and English mother-tongue program, preparing our students to reach their full potential in whatever their passion may be.

To preserve the mother-tongue bilingual education program, unique to English schools in Quebec, The Study recently became financially autonomous from the Quebec government. Since an eligibility certificate is no longer required, The Study can continue to maintain a strong and diverse student body from elementary school to end of high school, and to remain true to its mission.

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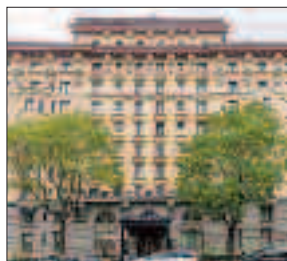
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## Merchants' second sidewalk sale takes place



The second of the Victoria Village Merchants' Association's summer sidewalk sales took place from August 26 to 28. Shoppers are seen here browsing the merchandise along Sherbrooke St., just east of Prince Albert Ave. August 27.

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# The Priory School

## Happy Children Learn Best



### Enthusiasm for Learning

Committed to best practices in early childhood education, The Priory is a place where children are encouraged to be children, where childhood is cherished, and where meaningful learning takes place in a nurturing and caring environment. Excellence in teaching and an enthusiasm for learning is at the heart of the school's mission. According to Headmaster, Tim Peters, "at our school we recognize that children learn because it is rewarding, interesting, fun and gives them a sense of pride. The most important indication of The Priory's success is the genuine love that students have for learning, for coming to school, and for each other."

With a firm belief that children excel when provided with small group learning opportunities, The Priory's class schedules allow for instruction in groups of 12 students to take place throughout the day. The school's strength in small numbers provides small group learning situations in Math, French, English Language Arts, Visual Arts, and project based learning, addressing each student's individual strengths and interests.

Peters explains, "This teacher-student relationship in small sizes enables students to be engaged as they actively construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world, through problem solving and reflecting on their experiences. Only a small school can promote the prosocial and academic skills that certify success and confidence for every student. Our small class sizes ensure that each student's individual academic and social needs are met."

The Priory provides diverse opportunities for all students to flourish. The curriculum is not confined to the classroom and varied activities are organized allowing students to further develop social and cooperative skills and

self-confidence. Some of the school's enriched opportunities include our Public Speaking Celebration, Band and Mentorship Program, Student Leadership Program, athletic teams and tournaments, Enrichment Expeditions, STEAM/Makerspace, Robotics, Theatre and Gardening Clubs. Peters declares, "Our strong student participation is a clear indication that our students are engaged, enthusiastic, and motivated to keep learning."

### A Profoundly Positive Community

Since its inception in 1947, The Priory, a co-educational, child-centered elementary school, has always believed that it must provide an extension of the home and foster a close relationship between parent, teacher and student. "With this in mind," says Peters, "the little schoolhouse on the Boulevard remains a place where everyone knows your name and a place that provides support, a sense of belonging, and a connection to others."

According to Headmaster, Tim Peters, "at its core, The Priory

School is a profoundly positive community, and all Priory stakeholders believe that 'Happy Children Learn Best'. Our inviting family atmosphere has become a hallmark at The Priory allowing children and parents to feel safe and responsible for one another while learning to be the best that they can be. We have families who are actively engaged in the enhancement of our school community. We have hundreds of parents and children who come together, as part of our school events, simply because they enjoy each other's company. Worthy of mention, we have had families who have fallen into financial difficulty only to receive immediate support from our Priory parent community."

Influenced by the success of the strong and united partnership between families and the school, students are empowered to think locally, nationally, and globally. Throughout the year, students participate in a number of community service initiatives, learning a sense of responsibility and the joy of giving. "As The Priory School makes the term 'helping hands' a part of everyday vocabulary, our school can proudly say that 100% of the

student body participates in regular community service projects." Whether initiated by a single student, a group of students, a parent, a teacher, or the school, each child at The Priory understands the value and need for helping others. Peters continues, "When children share their helping hands stories in class or in assembly, they empower others to join the cause. This year alone, our school community participated in a lemon-aid fundraiser to support the Fort McMurray Fire Relief, hosted the MUHC Toonie Challenge for the purchase of hospital equipment, donated gently-used winter clothing for Syrian refugees, and baked purple cake-pops for World Prematurity Day, only to name a few."

Peters concludes, "Here, at The Priory School, young children learn to view their world as a welcoming place to explore, enjoy, and celebrate as individuals within a supportive community. This profoundly positive outlook of themselves helps our students become not simply life-long learners, but rather, life-long contributors."

If you would like to see firsthand what makes The Priory unique, you are cordially invited to attend:

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# Global-Minded LCC Preps Students For An Ever-Changing Future

By Mark Boghen

Established in 1909 in the heart of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Lower Canada College seems like the kind of time-honoured independent school one sees in the movies: beautiful old buildings, a leafy campus replete with busy playing fields, uniformed students striding about with purpose. With its long list of eminent graduates and sterling reputation as one of the top schools in Canada, LCC could easily rest on its laurels. Instead, it is constantly upping its game, embracing the future with an enthusiasm that is both impressive and inspiring.

Get headmaster Christopher Shannon started on all that's on offer at his school and the excitement rises in his voice. "First, you have to realize that we have made a real commitment to bilingualism. Our elementary program is in both French and English, our Middle School features enhanced French, and our senior students take part in interdisciplinary programs like P.R.E.P., where they study the core ideas of the Western tradition in both languages.

We've been a coed school for over 20 years, but we've also pushed to diversify our student body, understanding that exposure to many cultures benefits all our students in untold ways even as it prepares them for the real world."

When Shannon says real world, he literally means the whole world. LCC has become a true global school. It is the only English high school in Quebec to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP), recognized in over 160 countries as an exceptionally challenging and rewarding course of studies. Since implementing the IB DP in 2013, there have been two cohorts of graduates and, with an impressive near-perfect pass rate, students are going on to study at prestigious universities around the world. LCC is also a member of the Round Square Organization, which includes 70 international schools whose students attend conferences and participate in service projects in various countries aimed at developing leadership skills and en-

gaging in the free exchange of ideas. Taking a holistic approach, LCC puts the full breadth of its many resources at the disposal of every student from kindergarten through their grade 12 Pre-University program. Drawing on up-to-date pedagogical research, they've built an entire learning enrichment and development centre to support differentiated learning. Each child traces a unique path through the expansive academic, sporting and co-curricular offerings available. From a very young age, each student is also introduced to community service, learning to engage fully in the society around them.

With its deep commitment to excellence in teaching, LCC's emphasis on academic achievement is unsurprising. Perhaps more unexpected is that this venerable institution is equally committed to 21st century ideals like sustainability and innovation. "Not only are our students finding untold ways to express their interest in and concern for their environment," points out assistant head of student life Mark

Salkeld, "but all new facilities are built to very high standards. The new Assaly Arts Centre, for instance, is Gold LEED certified. And in our Innovation Centre, students used devices like 3-D printers to create new products which they pitched to parents. They wouldn't have looked out of place on Dragons' Den!"

Having just put the final touches on a completely renovated Junior School, LCC's facilities can't help but impress: a gleaming new 540-seat auditorium; a rejuvenated math and science wing; the state-of-the-art Glenn J. Chamandy indoor arena; an ultramodern media lab. Whether a child's interests lie in athletics, music, art, robotics or virtually anything, LCC seems to have them covered.

"Everywhere you look, our focus on excellence, on opportunities for each student and on a responsive, responsible, forward-looking culture, seems to shine through," says Shannon. "While we pride ourselves on our traditions, in our second century we're truly exploring what a great school can be."



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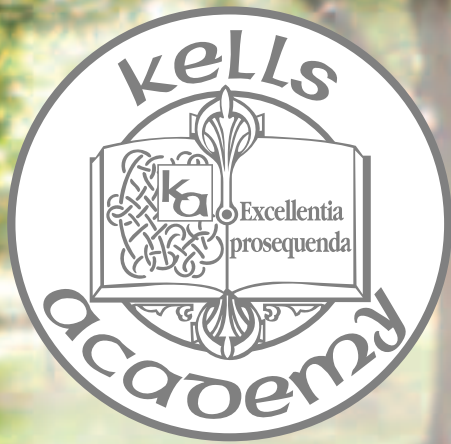


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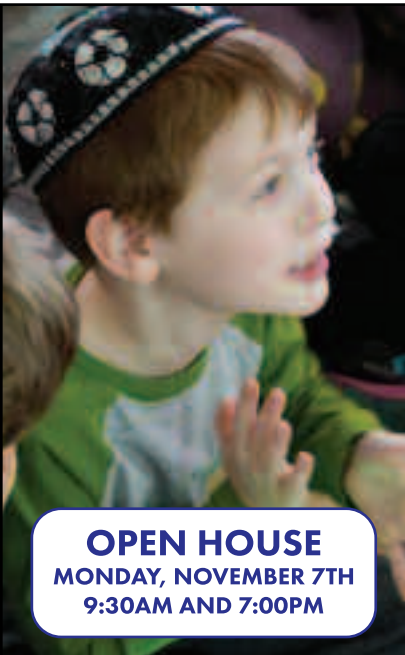
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## Beer Review: The Connoisseur and the Philistine

# Venue: Le Saint-Bock

Le Saint-Bock, September 1, 2016.  
1749 St. Denis St., between Ontario and  
de Maisonneuve.

*David Price*, The Philistine; Beer drinker.  
Ideal beer: stronger-than-average lager,  
even it's commercial Canadian beer.

Favourite beer: Harp or Sapporo (re-  
search is still under way).

*Greg Dunning*, The Connoisseur; Beer  
drinker, brewer, and hunter.

Ideal beer: one that is manufactured by  
people who care more about the beer than  
the money.

Favourite beer: Too many to mention.

Rather than visit another new kid on the  
block (there actually is one), we embarked  
on a pilgrimage to a pioneer in the Mon-  
treal brewpub scene. Owner, manager, bar-  
man and brewer Martin Guimond single-  
handedly opened Le Saint-Bock on  
October 13, 2006. His intent was to provide  
the best selection of imported and micro-  
brewery beer from everywhere, however,  
our ridiculously antiquated alcoholic be-  
verage laws made that goal almost impos-  
sible.

Veteran beer hunters will recall defunct  
beer bars Futenbule (Bernard Ave., now  
occupied by HELM) and Funanbule (St.  
Denis, corner Roy) as testament to how  
hard it was to get any decent imported  
beers. So, to survive, Martin began brew-  
ing on site to supplement his effort to offer  
variety.

Today, Le Saint-Bock has the largest se-  
lection of imported bottled beer in the city  
(take note, upstart, Toronto-based fran-  
chise Bier Markt) in addition to 16 of its  
own taps and 24 guest  
taps from booming  
Quebec craft brew-  
eries.

**THE PHILISTINE:** Creamsicle (5.0%,  
cream ale, Le Saint-  
Bock)

I started with a  
cream ale, which I  
think the men of beer  
thought that I would  
avoid because the  
brewer had added an  
orange soda flavour to  
it and I am (locally) fa-  
mous/notorious for  
not liking “additives” in  
my beer. Little did they  
know that “orange  
cream soda” is not an  
additive to me, but  
number four on my

personal Five Food Groups List (right after  
French fries), and – just the night before –  
I had tried a St-Ambroise Cream Ale and  
liked it. I liked this one, too. My main issue  
with cream ales is that I cannot imagine  
drinking more than two at one sitting.  
They are often so filling, given all that (fre-  
quently present) nitrogen.

**THE CONNOISSEUR:** Session d'Été  
(4.0%, IPA sûre, Le Saint-Bock)

After the Bixi ride with my men-of-beer  
colleagues, it was the ideal moment for a  
sour IPA. Corona has cheaply circled the  
“beach thirst” square for years by showing  
you on TV how to stuff a lime into a bottle,  
and you can chug a Bud Lime-A-Rita if you  
are looking for that sour/sweet rush. But to  
a craft brewer, producing a zesty, sec-  
ondary-fermented sour IPA is the authen-  
tic way to satiate the palate after breaking  
a sweat. As always, experiencing the equi-  
librium of bitter (hops), sweet (malt) and  
sour (yeast) is the path to nirvana and Ses-  
sion d'Été delivers. Ahhh. . . But I just  
wouldn't call it a session ale because after  
three sessions of this lactic acid assault, I  
would throw up.

**THE PHILISTINE:** King James (4.7%,  
bitter anglaise, Le Saint Bock)

My next beer was a bitter, which tasted a  
bit like a blonde ale. Not great, but very  
drinkable for this lager lover, and ale lovers  
too, I am guessing.

**THE CONNOISSEUR:** Offence (5.0%,  
ale rousse, Le Saint-Bock)

Red ale could be Quebec's adopted tra-  
ditional ale; every microbrewery has one  
and you know them if you shop at Metro  
(Boréale Rousse, St-Ambroise Rousse,  
Belle Gueule Rousse). Offence is perfect:  
smooth, caramel and lightly hopped. This is  
a gentle, palate-warm-  
ing ale that is not too  
strong. This is always a  
session ale, even  
though it's never called  
one. If you are shop-  
ping for beer, you will  
often find this style go-  
ing by “Irish ale,” as in  
Smithwicks from Ire-  
land or Coaticook Irish  
Red Ale from closer to  
home.

**THE PHILISTINE:** École Buissonnière  
(4.5%, lager blonde,  
Brasseurs de Nord –  
Guest Tap)

I was promised by

Greg that there would  
be lagers at Le Saint-  
Bock and it did not dis-  
appoint, mostly from  
its bottle “bible” (yes,  
they call it that). On  
tap, I tried a Boréale  
lager, which we were  
told was a Boréale  
brand distinct from its  
more well-known, bot-  
tled varieties (Blonde,  
Rousse, Blanche etc.)  
and brewed uniquely  
for Le Saint-Bock. Our  
very kind waitress  
while delivering it said  
something to the effect  
of “It's just a lager,” a  
theme she later re-  
turned to with other  
lager offerings... The  
disdain that lager  
lovers have to endure...  
This one (the beer) did  
not have a lot of body,  
but some taste, like a (Brasseurs RJ) Trem-  
blay + 1. Drinkable, but I wouldn't write  
home about it or for the local paper ... ex-  
cept it's my job. At 4.5%, you've got to love  
the name of this lager, coined after a local  
elementary school in Outremont.

**THE CONNOISSEUR:** King Kunta Shi-  
raz (8.0%, saison noire imperiale, Le Saint-  
Bock)

It's a bit early to go to an 8% before din-  
ner, but most of the taps here are pretty  
strong and dark, and I have nowhere else  
to go. It had a beautiful aroma of black cur-  
rants and cherry, and was surprisingly  
smooth for so much alcohol. As is the ser-  
vice standard in Montreal, an 8% is served  
in a half-pint vessel, which is okay since I  
wanted to avoid making a general fool of  
myself and not join the 8,000 frosh-week  
UQAM students stumbling and singing  
up and down St. Denis that night. An im-  
perial porter is usually sipped politely  
when in the company of the sovereign that  
it was brewed in honour of, but it would be  
impossible for me to respect this custom  
with this crush-able dark ale. Paired it with  
nachos – perfect.

**THE PHILISTINE:** Organic Celia  
Gluten-Free (4.5%, Craft Czech lager, Za-  
tec Brewery, Czech Republic – Guest Bot-  
tle)

Next for me was Celia, a Czech, light-on-  
gluten lager offering in a bottle, selected by  
our waitress. Why was I taking advice from  
our appointed anti-lagerite? Did those first  
three beers affect my judgment? Who



knows? As might be  
predicted, it was not  
stellar. It was a little  
sweet with a weird af-  
ter-taste. The Czechs  
can do better, and usu-  
ally do. Upon further  
research, I discovered  
that this brewery pro-  
duces six different  
beers under the Zatec  
brand and this is their  
only gluten-light offer-  
ing, which is the rea-  
son they brand it sepa-  
rately and perhaps why  
I'm underwhelmed.

**THE CONNOIS-  
SEUR:** Sweet Jesus  
(10.5%, Scotch Ale, Le  
Saint-Bock)

Trying to stay with  
the house offerings, I  
can only head north to  
“spirits” territory. The  
weird thing about the

Scotch-ale style is that versions brewed in  
Scotland are the least alcoholic (Innis and  
Gunn Original 6.6%, available at the SAQ)  
and if you encounter anything called a  
“Wee Heavy” know that you are having a  
Scotch ale. Sweet Jesus is a stronger,  
maltier and sweeter version of King Kunta  
Shiraz and really too sweet for me. Next  
time, I will sip this ale accompanied by a  
sharp cheddar or Oka to cut the sugar  
blast.

**THE PHILISTINE:** Kellerbier (5.5%,  
German lager, Trois Mousquetaires,  
Brossard)

Last to be considered by me was Les  
Trois Mousquetaires' Kellerbier. It was  
good, like a mild IPA. Very drinkable, but  
this was not the lager-fest night that I was  
promised. To all those who share our wait-  
ress' anti-lager views, let me say this: there  
are great lagers out there, which have a lit-  
tle (or a lot) more *oomph* than a Tremblay  
and are not mega-corp, mass-produced  
malt beverages that Greg despises, e.g. on  
tap: Sapporo, Harp, Carlsberg, Stella Artois  
and, more locally, Beau's Lug-Tread (I  
know, actually a lagered ale); in a can: Far-  
nam Ale and Lager's Pilsner, 27; and in a  
bottle: anything by Creemore. And there  
are others...

**THE CONNOISSEUR:** Blithering Idiot  
(11.0%, barley wine, Weyerbacher Brew-  
ing, Easton, PA – Guest Bottle)

I am now entering the universe of 500+  
bottles at Le Saint-Bock; .....  
mostly craft beers from *continued on p. 28*



Photos courtesy of Willem Westenberg.



# Lang and Kiernander: Painterly perspectives



## Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK

Exhibitions of Montreal artists Mark Lang at Galerie de Bellefeuille and Trevor Kiernander at the Visual Arts Centre walk viewers through art history. Lang's realistic museum scenes and portraits evoke Warhol and Picasso, while Kiernander's abstract designs suggest the colour field canvasses of Perehudoff or Motherwell.

### Lang: Art stars

Well known for his realistic yet thought-provoking museum scenes, Lang's recent work also includes portraits of artists from Vincent van Gogh to Francis Bacon or Lucian Freud. Entitled the *Anachronistic Portrait* series, all are easy to identify due to Lang's painterly skill. Yet by representing

an artist within the style of a Modern and Old Master, these works generate commentary as well as humour.

In "David/Picasso," Lang's cubist portrayal reflects David Hockney's use of polaroid collage, as well as textured shapes. In "Francis/Van Gogh," a multicoloured Francis Bacon set against "Starry Night" scene signals the Dutch expressionist, while the Old Master technique used for Vincent van Gogh's portrait, "Vincent/Van Eyck," prompts viewers to consider the reality of his tragic life.

Cleverly conceived and crafted, these witty parodies of famous artists can also be considered a respectful tribute.

Lang returns to museum commentary for the self-portrait "The Point (Seurat)" by posing himself in front of Seurat's sunlit "Bathers at Asnières."

For "Taste Test (Commodities)," a gallery goer in a cubism-inspired dress faces two large, Warhol-like pop can canvasses set between two cubist paintings. As the name Picasso appears on the blue can with

Braque on the red, Lang links art commercialism with soft drink branding. This entertaining and illuminating exhibition continues until Tuesday, September 20 at 1366 Greene Ave.

### Kiernander: Ideas of abstraction

Lines, shapes and textures converge in Kiernander's exhibition entitled *Event Horizon: This Must Be The Place*.

Painted in oils and acrylic on raw canvas, textured colour dominates

each composition. Flat surfaces suggest geometric planes, while overlapping colour-washes hint at multi-dimensional space. The mix of straight flat lines with gestural brush strokes creates a musicality which unifies the series.

In the composition "B Side," a lime zig-zag line transverses vibrant peach. Accented with cobalt blue, dynamic hues recall William Perehudoff's colourfield paintings.

For the composition "Show Me The Way," fine black lines against tan and yellow suggests boundaries in time or space as well as directional collapse and psychological confusion.

Like Robert Motherwell's "Elegies to the Spanish Republic," ominous black forms twist and turn in the dance between positive and negative space in "Spare Me Over Just Another Year."

In contrast, a grey and mustard composition, "Ever Since," evokes black holes where light never reaches the observer.

Kiernander's lively exhibition continues until Saturday, September 24 at the McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave.

### Something borrowed, something new

In these exhibitions, Lang and Kiernander reconcile subject matter with surface and style, with message.

Creating individual works of interest through representation or abstraction, each artist answers the age-old question: Is it possible to create a painting that resists traditional categories without



Trevor Kiernander "Show Me The Way"

rejecting tradition?

Heather Black is a Westmount communication designer.



Mark Lang "Taste Test (Commodities)"

### Fields cont'd. from p. 1

the city had three issues related to keeping the fields in good condition. These are maintenance, enforcement and amount of use.

She said the Sports and Recreation department is preparing a proposal with recommendations for ways of improving the fields. To help regenerate the fields when

not in use by the city, Public Security has been asked to strictly monitor the non-permitted use of the fields by so-called rogue teams.

Damage that occurred to the irrigation system has since been repaired, Lulham told questioner Mavis Young of Melville Ave.

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## How is it spelled?



These street signs are at opposite corners of Mount Pleasant on de Lavigne/Delavigne. They were photographed in the city of Westmount August 31.

Photos: Andy Dodge

BY ANDY DODGE

Delavigne? de Lavigne? de la Vigne?

Signage on these two signs on opposite corners of Mount Pleasant Ave. suggest options to the spelling. Even worse, the city of Montreal valuation department lists the Westmount street under “L,” while the small section reaching into Montreal is listed under “V.”

In a list of Westmount street names from the city clerk's office, it's “de Lavigne.”

The answer may reach back to the original “priests’ farm,” which was given up by the Sulpician order when the area to the north of Sherbrooke – just to the east of Rosemount – was developed in the mid-1920s. Many of the streets were appropriately named for members of the Sulpician order, including St. Sulpice, Delavigne, de Casson and Barat. Jules Claude Delavigne was a superior of the Séminaire de Philosophie at Collège de Montréal.

In fact, Canada Post has nothing under “Delavigne,” preferring to call it “Chemin de Lavigne, with the “Chemin” being an essential part of the street name.

Real estate agents advertising houses appear to be divided, with some of the agents calling it “Delavigne” while others split the word into two.

To make matters worse, fashionistas and movie buffs, as well Google, will hearken to former model Cara Delevingne, who recently starred in *Suicide Squad*.

## St. Stephen's to host to benefit for Syrian refugees

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

St. Stephen's Anglican's Church will be holding a concert on Saturday, September 24, featuring the People's Gospel Choir of Montreal to raise funds for a Syrian refugee family the church is sponsoring.

The fundraiser, open to the public, is taking place in conjunction with Action Refugee Montreal, said Janette Braun, a church member and Traudau area resident who is helping coordinate the concert.

“The church has a strong history of helping less fortunate people,” said Joyce Pickering, a Chesterfield Ave. resident, who is chairing the organizing committee.

She noted that St. Stephen's also operates the Open Door drop-in centre for the homeless.

“Our sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family is another way we want to contribute as a community to a better world,” she said.

According to Pickering, one of the church's members has sung with the gospel choir for many years, and it was

through this connection that the choir agreed to put on the benefit concert.

Information on the event, which begins at 7:30 pm, can be obtained by emailing [st.stephens.anglican.church@gmail.com](mailto:st.stephens.anglican.church@gmail.com) or by calling the choir's Katie Cram at 514.771.2250.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, seniors and children under age 12. They can also be purchased at the door the day of the concert. St. Stephen's is located at 4006 Dorchester Blvd.

## 4 found in QE park at 2 am

Four young people were informed about the park's midnight curfew when found in Queen Elizabeth Gardens September 4 at 2 am, Public Security officials said. No tickets were issued due to a lack of prior warnings and good cooperation from the group. They live in Montreal and the town of Mount Royal.

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## 15 skateboarders warned in park

Fifteen skateboarders were found jumping in the maze area of Westmount Park September 4, Public Security officials said. They were answering a call at 3:50 pm from a resident of the condo building at 200 Lansdowne about a single boarder. He was found among the group of 15 who were warned against skateboarding in the park.

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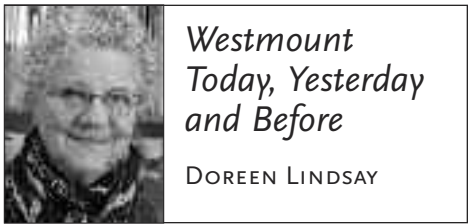
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# The first bridge in Westmount



Question (from p. 8): *Where was the first bridge in Westmount?*

Research suggests the first bridge in Westmount was built on Western Ave. (today de Maisonneuve Blvd.) to allow people to cross over a stream running south to the Glen.

I noticed two bridges were marked on

the Goad map of 1890 – one on Lansdowne Ave. and the other on Western nearby – but I found conclusive evidence of one bridge over a stream running down to the Glen in the photo files of the Westmount Historical Association. (The archives are a wonderful source of images from the early days of our city.)

There is no sign of this bridge today, but it would be a positive gesture towards preserving our heritage if a sign could be erected at the site.

The original streams running down through what is today the 26.19 acres of Westmount Park created deep ravines throughout the densely wooded area.

It was because these ravines made the

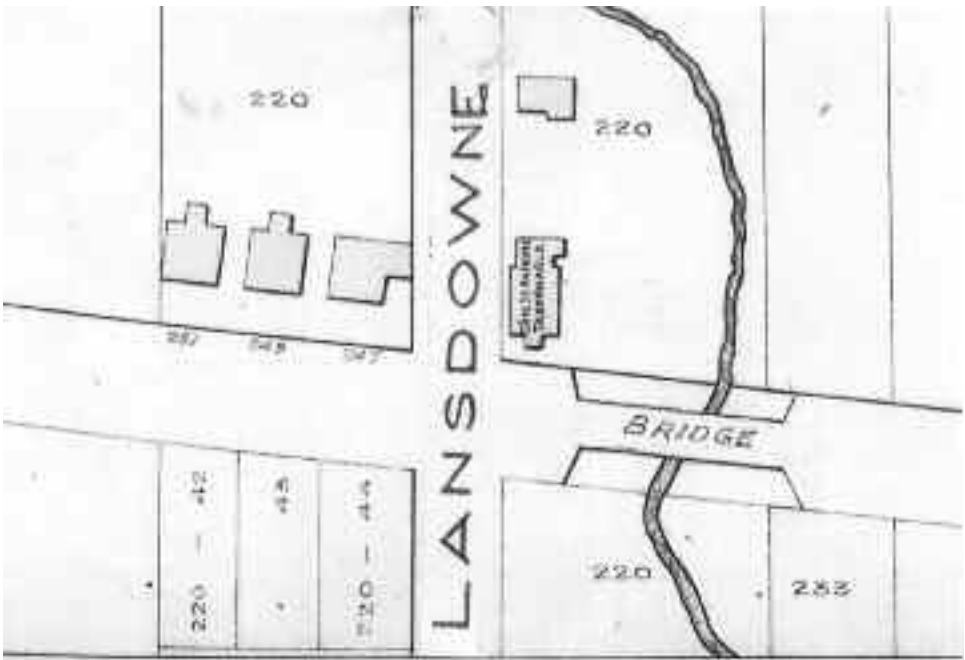
land unsuitable for constructing houses or developing streets that a group of concerned citizens formed the “Côte St. Antoine Improvement Committee” and advised the town of Côte St. Antoine council (today Westmount) to create a park in the middle of the city. This was inspired by other cities in Europe which, at that time, wanted natural parkland for residents to enjoy fresh air for walking and spaces for children to play.

The town council purchased 16 acres of land from William Murray, J. H. Shearer, Thomas Badenach, H.L. Penny and Smith & Watson, naming it Victoria Jubilee Park in commemoration of Queen Victoria’s diamond jubilee, which had taken place in

1897. (The Westmount Public Library and the first Victoria Hall were also opened to the public in 1899 in honour of the queen.)

Our third bridge is the well-known CPR arch, built by the town of Côte St. Antoine in 1892 to replace a wooden trestle. It allowed trains to travel over the Glen in an east-west direction and for people, bicycles, cars and busses to go under in a north-south direction, following the original stream which, through hundreds of years, cut the deep ravine through the escarpment at the southern edge of Westmount.

*Doreen Lindsay, past president of the Westmount Historical Association.*



Pinsonneault map of 1906 showing “Bridge” on de Maisonneuve Blvd. The map also shows how the stream flows around the Côte St. Antoine Tabernacle church at the corner of Western (now de Maisonneuve) and Lansdowne.



Goad map of 1890, plate 56, showing a bridge on Western Ave. (today de Maisonneuve Blvd.) over a stream flowing from Westmount Park down to the Glen.

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## Beer review cont'd. from p. 25

around the world. Weyerbacher was represented this June at Le Mondiale de la Bière and I learned that they are high alcohol specialists, so let’s go the classic route. Even though its name implies a wine treatment in a barrel, barley wines are not wines but are named, by custom, “wines” so that you know you will be drinking something really strong, probably the strongest ale the brewer makes. As it turns out, Weyerbacher makes only one other more powerful ale than Blithering Idiot and it is called Insanity 365, clocking in 12% (but not available here). I am drinking it really slowly because I cannot drink it fast. And you have to have it with food because unlike an after-dinner spirit at 1

ounce (Scotch, port, etc), a barley wine comes in a 12-ounce serving. Weyerbacher tastes too “green” because it has not matured in the bottle long enough, but that’s my fault. Barley wines should be aged in the bottle for years before you open them and I should have asked our waitress when it was bottled (always indicated on a quality beer) before ordering it. On the subject of beer freshness, don’t believe any of that propaganda about not drinking a beer after its best-before date. That’s just corporate messaging to get you to buy more so The Company can make more profit. A beer bottle or can is a germ-free, airtight transportation and storage container, equipped with a buffering layer of CO<sub>2</sub>,

which guarantees freshness. Keep any beer in a constant environment, out of the sun, like a kitchen shelf, a garage or a basement, and it will last for years and will improve with age, especially the high alcohol varieties.

### THE PHILISTINE

Of all the places we have been on our micro-brew tour, Le Saint-Bock was the most typical Montreal bar – even the bathrooms (unlike Harricana, see August 23, 2016, p. 15, and Isle de Garde, see February 10, 2015, p. 19). It did not seem different for being a micro-brewery. The terrasse was open and lively, and – for those looking to relive their youths – there were the university freshmen parading up and down St.

Denis chanting, whom Greg has already alluded to.

### THE CONNOISSEUR

I’m more enthusiastic about this establishment than The Philistine; so much to explore and so much variety covering Quebec craft and house creations. It has a more than adequate wine, spirits, and cocktails list. In spite of its out-of-fashion, dark pub interior, and being a typical bar, it does just about everything pretty well. It’s got a varied menu from nachos/wings to vegetarian to Trappiste-style beer hamburger platters. As a beer hunter, you can’t find a better venue.



# Santini sculpture donated to IRCM

By MARTIN C. BARRY

An intricate bronze sculpture depicting one of the world's most fundamental crops – maize, a.k.a. corn – was donated by Westmount artist Laura Santini, the sculptor behind the piece, and her husband Ken MacKinnon to the Montreal Institute for Clinical Research (IRCM), where it was unveiled on June 14.

According to a press release issued by the organization, “Maiz” pays tribute to a long history of genetic research, beginning with the work of Gregor Mendel in the 19th century up to today.

In a statement describing the 6-foot-high by 9-foot-wide piece, Santini recalled that, historically, corn intermingled or was made to intermingle with other species.

“Its ability to incorporate different elements into its genetic make-up has made it stronger, more resilient and a staple of North American agriculture and culture for centuries,” she wrote, while noting that corn offers a perfect example of how genetics work.

Why the IRCM? Santini said she chose it because another of her art works had previously been donated by an art collector to the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, with which the IRCM is affiliated.

She explained the elaborate technique she developed to create “Maiz.” After gathering corn plants, roots and all, from fields in Italy, where she also maintains a studio, they were disassembled.

“The corn – every leaf, the roots, the stalk – were cut into small pieces,” she said. “I dipped everything in wax three or four times until I got the right thickness, and then I put each plant together the way I want. That's the fun artist's part.”

A ceramic mold, made of cement, water and plaster, was then placed over the wax-covered plants and the whole was put in a



Photographed on August 20, Laura Santini is seen in the ground floor lobby at the IRCM next to her sculpture, “Maiz,” which is on permanent display there.

kiln for a week during which the plant material and the wax burned off. Following this, the ceramic mold was filled with molten bronze. Acid was applied to the bronze to produce a suitably organic colour on the final work, which took a year in all to complete.

“It's very tricky,” Santini said of the process, while adding that the owners of the Italian foundry who were collaborating with her had their doubts. “They thought I was crazy and said ‘You're losing your

time, our time, forget about it.’ But I pushed and pushed. At first, we tried with small sections. As you can see in the end, it worked.”

At least one of Santini's works may be familiar to Westmounters. Her sculpture, “Veritas,” sits on the front lawn at Selwyn House school on Côte St. Antoine Rd. at the corner of Stanton St.

See November 16-17, 2010, p. 22.

## Skateboarders remove tree cage, intercepted

A call to Public Security September 3 reported that five skateboarders had “destroyed” city property and were practising on de Maisonneuve west of Greene. When officers responded at 8:19 pm, they found a protective cage had been lifted from a tree and was being used as a jump. The boarders stated the idea had come from an online posting. The five, aged in their early 20s, lived in Montreal, St. Agathe and Van-kleek Hill, Ontario.

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# Westeros or Westmount?



This face, photographed on August 31, is on a tree on Victoria Ave. above Westmount Ave. Is it inspired by the heart trees in the godswoods of Game of Thrones?

Photo: Westmount Independent

## Boy's hammering too noisy on Abbott

When public safety officers investigated a complaint about noise emanating from a home on Abbott September 5, they found "a young boy" hammering nails into wood at the rear. His mother was told about the complaint at 9:43 am. This was one of several complaints about construction and noisy parties received over the Labour Day weekend.

## School's brick work stopped Saturday morning

A noise complaint was logged by Public Security regarding heavy equipment in operation at Westmount Park School September 3, a Saturday morning, officials said. Patrollers found a large fork lift in use at 8:25 am for redoing bricks on the façade. Workers stopped when informed of the by-law.

## Police Report

# Bank thief sees red after robbing Greene Ave. branch

By MARTIN C. BARRY

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

A recent incident at a Greene Ave. bank shows there are still criminals willing to take risks to steal significant amounts of money.

On August 31 shortly after 10 am, a male suspect entered the bank at Greene and de Maisonneuve and handed a cashier a note demanding cash. The teller handed over a bound packet of money to the robber, who promptly fled on foot.

However, what he seems not to have realized was that the packet was rigged with a small explosive charge designed to splatter red dye on the cash to make it traceable, as well as on the thief's clothes so police might easily spot him.

After the police arrived, a man who was passing by outside found cash stained with red ink in a laneway behind the bank. "The police officers investigated and found more bills," said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, while adding that they also found items of red-stained clothing that had been discarded.

The suspect is described as a thin white male, around 5' 7" tall. According to Pimentel, video cameras in the bank captured clear images of his face, although they were not released to the media since an investigation was still in progress.

Pimentel said it was one of the few bank heists he's dealt with in recent years. "We used to get a lot of bank robberies before, but they went drastically down with the security measures that are now in place," he said.

A police officer for 23 years, Pimentel said this type of crime was common up until the early 1990s. Since then, better security was introduced, he said, including glassed-in teller booths and customer exit doors that can be locked remotely during robberies.

But perhaps the factor that contributed most to the decline in bank robberies, he added, is that bank branches now typically keep much less cash on hand, while electronic transactions have increased.

## Car broken into on Prince Albert

The owner of a car parked on Prince Albert just south of Sherbrooke, which was broken into, learned the hard way what the police are constantly saying: never leave valuables where they can be seen.

On August 25 during the early evening, according to a police report, a patroller was approached by the car's owner who complained that his vehicle had been broken into. The driver's side window was smashed, and a sports bag on the back seat was stolen.

"How many times do I have to say this?" Pimentel commented. "Leave nothing in view. It's always the same pattern in such cases." The point he makes is that thieves only break into a car if they see something they believe is worth the risk.

In this case, the most valuable item in the bag might have been a watch, although there were also running shoes, a t-shirt and other pieces of clothing.

## School safety measures under way

With the school year off to a new start, officials at Station 12 are warning that the police will be conducting a security campaign up to September 23 aimed at maximizing the safety of students on streets near elementary schools.

Students, parents and drivers are being asked to pay close attention to crossing guards, stop signs, traffic lights and speed limits. The police will also be paying visits to grade schools and meeting with crossing guards and school bus drivers.

According to a press release issued by Station 12, the police will be conducting special operations in school zones to enforce speed limits, as well as regulations for pedestrians, at traffic lights, stop signs and in areas where parking is forbidden.

"With school just started, there is now a different dynamic in the streets," Pimentel said, noting that drivers may tend to forget about school zones over the summer when there are no students.

"We want people to know that around schools speed will not be tolerated. Thirty-kilometre per hour zones must be respected. There will be a lot of police officers present, and there will be fines for people who commit infractions in school zones."



# Leo loves the attention



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having their bellies rubbed, so he is definitely an exception as he is constantly rolling over for a tummy scratch.

Leo is very healthy; he has had all his vaccinations updated and he is neutered.

Please contact the clinic at 514.935.1888 or stop by at 3400 St. Antoine St., corner Greene Ave. The clinic is open every day. Samantha, one of the technicians in charge of adoptions, looks forward to meeting with you and introducing you to Leo!

Now, I would like to share this cute poem, written by vet staff member Lindsay Rae.

*Your neighbour, Lysanne*

## Sweet Leo

My name is Leo  
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Or so I'm told  
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If I'm as cute  
As the people say  
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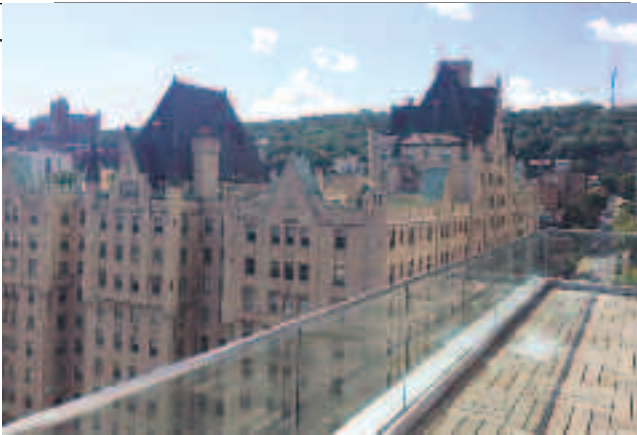
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From left: Norman Steinberg, Suzanne and Jeffrey Orr, Michele Dionne, and Pascal Mathieu.

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From left: Marc DeSerres, Pierre Beaudoin and Alain Bouchard.

and thanked guests for their loyalty and generosity.

The evening's MC **Claude Lussier** also mentioned the poignancy of the Alberta fires, as well as the 1998 ice storm, and stressed how relevant the Red Cross is in today's world.

Westmounters noted as the evening light fell included **Mary Dailey** and **Paul Desmarais III**, VP, Power Corp. and Power Financial; **Vanessa** and **Guy Laframboise**, president Subway Quebec; and **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**, as well as **Kathleen Weil**, provincial minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness, with **Michael Novak**; **Bill Morneau**, federal minister of Finance and his wife **Nancy McCain**; **Liza Frulla**, director general of the ITHQ; **Pierre Beaudoin**, executive chair of the board, Bombardier Inc.,

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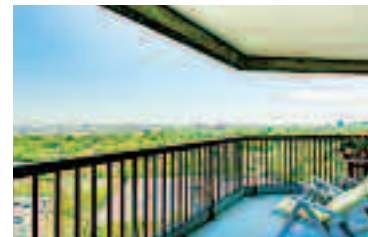
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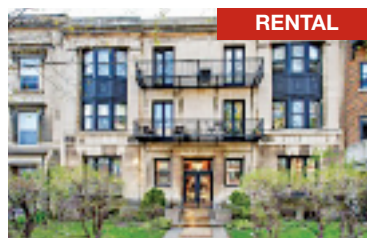
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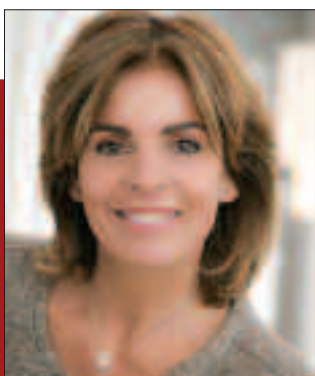
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