

## Online licensing tool to provide two-way dog info

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Lost a dog or found another? Soon Westmount-licensed dog owners will be able to alert hundreds of others registered in the city, along with Public Security, by relaying photos and pertinent information.

This is just one of the features of an online tool to be implemented by the city as part of a dog permits management system announced last week to the *Independent* by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability.

The new web-based platform will enable dog owners to obtain annual licences online and interact with the city. It will also allow the city to send out dog-related reminders or notices on dog run closures and manage data on dogs in Westmount.

The system should be ready to use by November in time for obtaining 2017 dog licences, Lulham said.

"This will give us a great way to communicate with dog owners," she said, "especially next year during phase 3 of the restoration of Summit Woods when we'll be closing off certain trails for rejuvenation."

"It offers a number of good features, and I'm very excited by it," added Lulham, who came across the system while attending the annual conference of the Union of Quebec Municipalities in 2015.

While some municipalities on the South Shore use the system, she said, Westmount will become the first on the island of Montreal.

Called Emili.net, the dog permits management system was developed for the municipal sector. Dog owners can choose ei- *continued on p. 5*

## The future is now



Photo: Martin C. Barry

A time capsule project brings together St. Léon students and the Westmount Public Library. See story, p. 7. From the left on September 9 were Westmount Public Library archivist Lora Baiocco, former St. Léon students Luiza Tatos, Celeste Courchesne and Fu Pei Jiang, city councillor Nicole Forbes, Michael Tomiuk, children's librarian Wendy Wayling and the school's grade six teacher Isabelle Doré.

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## Off-leash dogs take off in 'all directions'

A patroller at the Forden entrance to King George (Murray) Park September 15 spotted a woman with off-leash dogs running "in all directions," Public Security officials said. She finally managed to get three of them back to her car but the fourth one took off running in the street. It took some 10 minutes to bring it back. She was issued a \$77 ticket for the dogs being off leash. The woman was described as a professional dog walker living on Hill Park Circle just off Côte des Neiges Rd. She was noticed at 8:18 am.

## Man found sleeping in Olivier foyer

Public safety officers report being called at 8:15 pm September 15 for an intoxicated man sleeping between the front doors of the apartment building at 267 Olivier just south of de Maisonneuve.

Department officials said the man provided several contradictory stories but claimed to live in the building though he could not produce a key.

Police were called and were reported to have already had three documented incidents of intervention with the man in the last month. He was finally identified as a 37-year-old Montreal resident.

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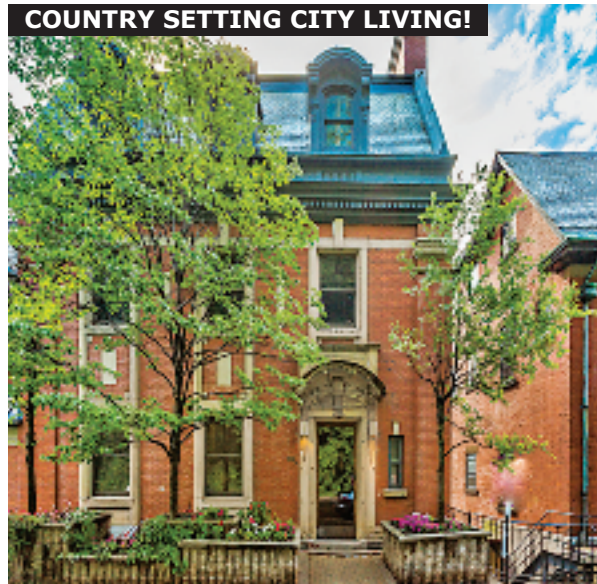


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# 'New-found' Prince Albert parking spots to disappear

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Anyone who may think they have discovered a secret spot to park may be in for a surprise now that no-parking signs have been set up on the west side of Prince Albert from Sherbrooke to the laneway.

The original no-stopping signs at this location alongside the Lululemon building

had been removed for reconstruction of the street earlier this summer, according to Public Security director Greg McBain.

When the work was finished, however, it was thought the small zone might be able to accommodate some parking, he said, which is needed in the commercial district.

But once the city's Traffic Advisory Committee saw that three parked cars narrowed the southbound driving lane too much near the intersection of Sherbrooke, it was decided to reinstate the previous no-stopping zone, said city traffic specialist Jonathan Auger.

The appropriate signage will replace the temporary no-parking ones once poles can be installed in the sidewalk, he explained.

Some new spots had been opened up on the north side of Sherbrooke by the implementation of the pay-by-plate parking system, McBain added. The city is on the lookout for more – but the zone at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke has proven not to be one of them.



Temporary no-parking signs were in place September 23 on the west side of Prince Albert, as seen looking south to Sherbrooke.

## Jumping the gun on leaf blower use

Three more landscapers were ticketed \$271 each September 15 and 19 for using a leaf blower before the start of the fall season October 1, Public Security officials said last week. All three had been warned before and were described as "well aware of the by-law." They were caught while working on Rosemount, Montrose and Upper Belmont. The tickets came on the heels of three others issued the previous week (see story September 20, p. 17).



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# Hydro work ends on Grosvenor near Roslyn School with temporary asphalt

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Hydro Westmount work on Grosvenor Ave. outside Roslyn School was completed recently after closing the sidewalk, which created difficult access for students returning after the summer. Both police and public safety officers have been on hand to assist.

Temporary asphalt was put on the damaged sidewalks on Thursday (September 15), said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise.

While the addition of new hydro cables and conduits was part of the reconstruction of Westmount Ave., a series of complications led to the work coinciding with the return to school, Hurtubise said.

"We re-engineered the back-up network in that area to distribute the load more evenly. This operation was time sensitive as we could not leave that area without reserve circuits." As a result, the sidewalk had to be dug up to install the new under-

ground circuits.

"The sidewalks will be redone in a few weeks," he said. This is to take place "once the school is finished with the playground work as the sidewalks also need to be redone in that section." This work would be "coordinated with school officials."

The school grounds have been undergoing a major facelift since the beginning of July (see story June 7, p. 1).

## Slips off new Prince Albert sidewalk

A resident of Prince Albert fell on the newly built sidewalk outside number 383 September 16, according to Public Security officials. She was reported to have been walking too close to the curb and had slipped off. Urgences Santé took her to the Glen site super-hospital for treatment of a swollen right temple and a cut on the forehead. The mishap occurred at around 3:24 pm.

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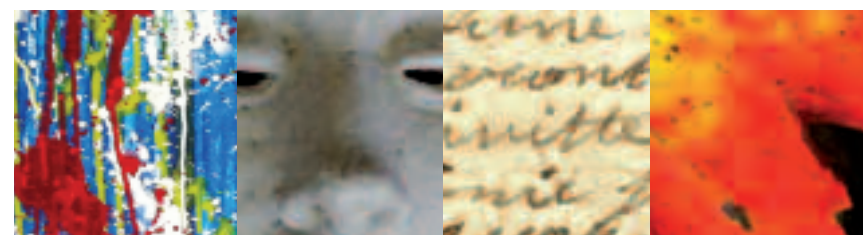
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**Dog licences cont'd. from p. 1**

ther English or French versions.

Westmount currently has 1,189 dogs registered, of which 183 live just outside the city limits but obtain licences here to be able to use the dog runs. Most are reported to live in eastern NDG or in the Ridgewood area.

Lulham said the city is not proposing to increase the cost of dog licences for next year.

After Public Security director Greg McBain and IT division head Claude Valières met with representatives of Emili.net, they reported to council members July 4 during a meeting of the general committee that the system uses an identification tag with an integrated chip. This

enables the tag to be read by an officer using a hand-held device.

The system will cost the city an annual fee of 25 cents per resident for the first year, amounting to about \$5,000. The fee is lowered to 10 cents for the second and third years, estimated to be about \$2,000.

In the minutes of the closed door committee session, it was reported that Councillor Philip Cutler recommended looking into the possibility of offering the system's lost and found program to other pet owners.

According to Lulham there were 1,006 dogs living in Westmount licensed this year at a cost of \$30 each. The 183 non-resident dog owners paid \$50 to obtain a Westmount licence to use Summit Woods and the fenced-in runs.

People who aren't users of the new permits system will still be able to report lost or found dogs to Public Security, as they can now, Lulham said.

**Dog licences, by year, random sampling**

1936	1,423
1937	1,636
1940	1,646
1952	1,024
1954	962
1984	685
1994	705
2000	1,283

Source: City of Westmount annual reports

Dog licences issued	2016	2015	2014
Residents	1,006	834	866
Non-residents	183	201	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,075</b>

Source: Cynthia Lulham

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Household hazardous waste collection**, 9 am to 5 pm outside the Westmount Public Library.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Westmount Horticultural Society presents "Flower bulbs: indoors and out" with David Wees, faculty lecturer at Macdonald Campus of McGill University, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of Westmount Public Library. Cost: \$5 for non-members. Info: 514.233.2788.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

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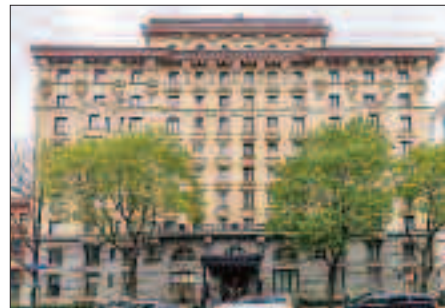
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NICOLE FORBES

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### October

To start off the line-up of fall events, Art Westmount presents over 60 artists and, new this year, authors, on October 1 and 2 in Victoria Hall. The public is invited to come and meet the talented Westmounters and their works, which will be for sale. Some of the authors will be reading from

their books as part of Les Journées de la culture.

The month of October has a variety of events scheduled including a dance with Ballroom Blitz on October 15, a lecture with Alexandre Trudeau October 19 and a tango concert with dancers on October 22.

### November

In November, the longstanding tradition of an artisans' festival continues with a new look this year on November 12 and 13. The library book sale will be held the following weekend on November 19 and 20.

The Gallery at Victoria Hall begins its season with an exhibition by artist, Bonnie Shemie on Friday, Oct 13 with a new collection every month.

There is a lot going on in our community. Events and activities presented by the library, community events, volunteer committees and community groups. Refer to the websites and booklets for more events coming up later on in the fall or call 514.989.5226 to talk to us.

*Councillor Nicole Forbes is commissioner of Cultural Events.*

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WMA WEIGHS IN ON POOL OPENING

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), at its September 19 board meeting, passed a resolution calling for the swimming pool season to be extended. With climate change continuing, we have just experienced one of the warmest summers on record. The final day of summer feels more like early August than late September, with a high of 27 degrees C.

Westmount is fortunate to have a LEED Gold certified recreation centre that uses the waste heat from the ice-making process of the hockey rinks to heat the swimming pool. This essentially allows the pool to be heated without additional running costs.

The WMA therefore believes that it would benefit our increasingly aging population to open the pool as early as April, where we saw temperatures in the low 20s (C) this year, and extend the season into the fall. In the recent past, we have had Thanksgiving Day temperatures in the low 20s (C) also.

The board also supported the idea of keeping the pool open until 10 pm in the evening, one director noting that the old pool used to remain open sometimes until 9:45 pm.

We believe the logistical challenges of staffing the pool with lifeguards outside of the traditional student holidays can easily be overcome as other nearby communities, such as Cote St. Luc, are able to keep their pools open during these proposed extended times.

Noting that the debt incurred to build the Westmount recreation centre has been retired early, we believe Westmount taxpayers should be rewarded for their contributions with a facility that can benefit the community for a much longer period each year than has been the case since the pool was put into service.

PAUL MARRIOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE WESTMOUNT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

## REMEMBERS THE BRIDGE

This is an image of a painting completed in 1955 of a stone bridge in Westmount Park. (see photo.)

This winter scene was the work of Con-

stance Haines (1901-1977). She lived at 222 Prince Albert from 1950-1974 and took lessons from Adam Sherriff Scott.

I saw the recent article ("The first bridge in Westmount," September 13, p. 28) and thought you might be interested in seeing a painting. I remember the bridge as I frequently crossed it on my walks back and forth to school (the old Westmount Senior High School\*).

GRENDON HAINES, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

\* Editor's note: This is now Selwyn House. — KM



Image courtesy of G. Haines

## LOTS TO FIGURE OUT ON MELVILLE/MELBOURNE

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A photo sent to the Independent September 24 shows the signs at Melville/Melbourne.

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# St. Léon ‘time capsule’ archived at library for students in 2050

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Thirty-four years from now, if all goes as planned, a Westmount Public Library archivist with access to a room about the size of a walk-in closet in the library tower will open a box containing writings by a group of grade six graduates who were enrolled in 2016 at St. Léon school.

Four of the former grade six students, who graduated in June and are now in grade 7, were on hand at the library on September 9 when the “time capsule” was placed on a shelf in the archive room by Lora Baiocco, the library’s official archivist.

The box contains letters written to future students who hopefully will open and read them in the year 2050.

According to Baiocco, this was the first time that a time capsule was placed in the archive, which contains a variety of documents pertaining to the history of the library and Westmount.

According to grade six teacher at St. Léon Isabelle Doré “We wanted to create a challenge for our students to imagine what life might look like in 2050, while writing a little bit about what their lives as students are like today and what’s important to them now.”

She explained that the project was one of the last tasks the students completed this past June before they graduated from the school. In all, three grade six classes with a total of 75 students took part.

*See photo, p. 1.*

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## 'Record-breaking' numbers for summer reading club, closes with a party



The Westmount Public Library closed out the children's summer reading club September with a turnout of some 250 people, according to children's librarian Wendy Wayling. "We had record-breaking numbers this summer," she said "with 475 participants who read for 5,815 hours!" An audience is seen here watching a production of The Wind in the Willows by the Rag and Bone Puppet Theatre.

Photo courtesy of W. Wayling

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## WHA 'strolls the streets of Westmount' in fall series

The fall lecture series of the Westmount Historical Association will feature "strolling the streets of Westmount."

In announcing the schedule, the program states that "Westmount's streets have undergone many transformations over the years. This series focuses on three Westmount roads: Sherbrooke, Dorchester and the closed portion of Summit Circle. Their history will be followed, and interesting developments will be highlighted."

The meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 pm in the Westmount Room of Westmount Public Library. They are open to non-members of the public at a cost of \$5 a lecture.

The open first session, which took place September 15, explored the development of Sherbrooke, as discussed by historian Lorne Huston. (See story below.)

At the next meeting scheduled for October 20, District 8 councillor Theodora

Samiotis will explain the council's "vision for restoring the urban fabric" in Westmount's south-east area.

Along with WHA president Caroline Breslaw, she will describe how the Victorian residences on the north side were expropriated and demolished so the street could be widened.

The city's plans for transforming the northern section of Summit Circle are to be discussed November 17 by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, with city arborist Nicolas Mory. This uninhabited portion of Summit Circle was closed to traffic in 2009.

The final event of the season on December 15 will be a social evening at The Gallery of Victoria Hall for WHA members and invited guests to honour past president Doreen Lindsay. — LS

### First on tap: Sherbrooke



Historian and WHA board member Lorne Huston speaks during the WHA's September 15 lecture.

By RALPH THOMPSON

The Westmount Historical Association's (WHA) fall lecture series opened at the Westmount Public Library September 15 with the theme of the history and development of Sherbrooke St.

"The history of Sherbrooke St. can be broken down into four periods," explained historian and WHA board member Lorne Huston: The early period, 1893 to 1914, 1920's and after 1930.

Shortly after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke's return to England in 1818 after his brief two-year term as governor in chief of

British North America, "Sherbrooke St. was a short road running along the top of the Montreal escarpment," said Huston. "...but there were two visions for development of western region of Montreal, which was at the time mainly agricultural. Some preferred that it remain agricultural and others wanted it developed. With the tramline extending only to Greene Ave. and the main road being Côte St. Antoine, there was little chance for development without an extended mass transit system."

In the late 19th century, the tramline was extended to Victoria Ave., looping around

continued on p. 12



# Horticultural society launches fall session

The Westmount Horticultural Society kicked off its fall monthly program September 13 with an address by photographer/gardener Reggie Millette on “How to avoid big mistakes when creating your garden.”

And in keeping with planning for the spring, the October 11 monthly meeting will hear about how to plant flowering bulbs to bloom indoors and outside. The guest lecturer is listed as David Wees of the Macdonald campus of McGill University in St. Anne de Bellevue.

The society’s monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Westmount Room of Westmount Public Library starting at 7 pm. Non-members

are welcomed at a cost of \$5.

The session November 8 will start off with a short annual general meeting. This will be followed by a demonstration by Mark Reynolds on creative ideas for indoor gardening. These will include window gardens using hydroponic systems made from a variety of materials. Reynolds is studying herbal medicine at Concordia’s City Farm School.

The meeting on December 8 will take the form of a holiday party and wreath-decorating workshop, featuring floral arranger Orysia Krywiak. This takes place exceptionally at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club at Sherbrooke and Kensington, adjacent to city hall.

– LS

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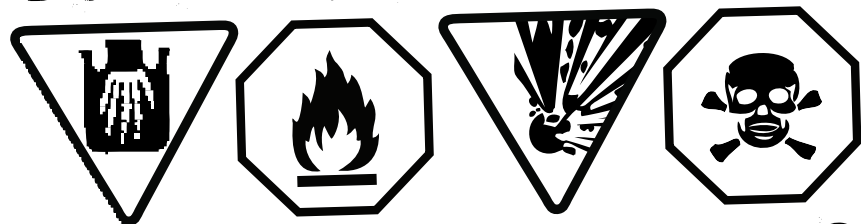
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## WHA lecture cont'd. from p. 10

and back along what is now Sherbrooke St. to Greene Ave. This established Westmount's main shopping areas, Victoria village and Greene Ave. Expansion quickly followed with Westmount Park opening for the Jubilee in 1897, the first luxury apartment building at 4168 Sherbrooke, synagogues and eventually an English Catholic church constructed by bypassing the archbishop of Montreal and obtaining permission directly from the pope. "It's interesting that Westmount along Sherbrooke St. was largely developed by 1930," said Huston who had consulted an aerial

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photograph from the period in the possession of Caroline Breslaw. In the early 20th century, architectural masterpieces by famous architect Robert Findlay and others (the library, Victoria Hall and city hall) were established in Westmount along one of the longest streets on island of Montreal – Sherbrooke St.

The WHA has three more lectures this fall. (See story, p. 10.) The fall walking tour, free, is scheduled to take place Sunday, October 16, starting at Queen Elizabeth Gardens west of Atwater. The English tour begins at 1 pm; the French tour at 1:30 pm.

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## Police Report

## Clandeboyne woman comes face to face with intruder

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 Clandeboyne Ave. woman who left her home unlocked while she stepped out for 15 minutes came face to face upon her return with a man who claimed he entered her house while pursuing a cat.

Following the incident on August 31, the woman told police she became aware of the intruder's presence after hearing noise coming from the second floor of her house.

"She then came face to face with an individual, who was at the top of the stairs," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel with local Station 12.

According to the police report, the suspect told her he entered the house in order to catch a cat that had gone in. "The plaintiff then asked the suspect to leave, which

he slowly did," Pimentel said.

Further investigation by the police failed to turn up any evidence of the presence of a cat.

A few hours after the suspect left, the plaintiff noticed that some money she kept on a table in a hallway was missing. Police are looking for an adult male, 5' 9", around 30 years old.

While Pimentel acknowledged that Station 12 has been dealing lately with more calls in Westmount's southeastern sector for infractions, such as publicly consuming alcohol and disorderly conduct, he said there's been no noticeable increase in burglaries.

On September 7, police from Station 12 succeeded in apprehending two men suspected of stealing a Subaru Outback SUV that had been parked the previous evening and overnight on Sherbrooke St. near the corner of Kitchener Ave.

The arrest was made before the owner of the Subaru was even aware that his vehicle

had been stolen, said Pimentel.

**Daycare broken into**

A heatwave that swept through Montreal in early September, leading many people to leave their windows open, is believed to have been a contributing factor in a break-in that took place during the early hours of September 2 at a children's daycare on Hillside Ave.

According to a police report, a burglar alarm went off at the daycare at around half past midnight. Although an alarm company official responded, he left after finding that everything at the scene appeared to be normal.

But a daycare employee who turned up to open the facility around 6:30 am found two windows on one side of the building were open. While the employee also found a cupboard door ajar, nothing in it or elsewhere in the daycare appeared to have been stolen.

Upon further investigation, police offi-

cers found that an outer screen on one of the windows had been removed. They concluded that because of the weather someone at the daycare neglected to shut the windows at the end of the previous day.

An undisclosed amount of money was stolen from cash registers at a Greene Ave. business during a burglary committed between September 10 and 12, while the staff was away on Sunday.

After closing up around 5:30 pm on Saturday evening, the employee returned on Monday morning around 9:30 am to find that the business' rear entrance door wouldn't open normally. Entering through the front door, she found that the cash registers had been emptied.

"They don't know how someone got in because the alarm didn't go off," said Station 12 officer Stéphan Laperrière. He added that the only sign of forced entry was that the key to the rear door no longer worked as it should, suggesting the lock had been tampered with.



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Toute personne peut prendre connaissance de ce rôle au bureau du greffe à l'hôtel de ville (4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount) du lundi au vendredi durant les heures de bureau.

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# Homage to the Gewurzs raises funds for MADA



*Social Notes*  
VERONICA REDGRAVE

Bob Perras' valet team valiantly managed the Manhattan-style traffic mayhem on Peel St. as guests arrived June 7 at Le Windsor for the homage to Brenda and Sam Gewurz. Some guests simply left their cars and walked a block to arrive on time through the traffic chaos.

In spite of initial disgruntlement around street construction, guests were soon smiling. The eve was amazing; it was held to raise funds for the MADA Community Centre. Arriving ladies wore smart cocktail suits or dresses.

Co-chairs were **Renee Lieberman** and **Helen Cons.** Amid the sartorially stylish were hard-working committee members, local res **Diane** and **Jack Altman**, **Therese** and **Jacob Attias**, **Renee Baltuch**, **Wendy** and **Danny Bensoussan**, **Etty** and **Ralph Bienstock**, **Dale** and **Nat Boidman**, **Susan** and **Steven Cummings**, **David Douek**,

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Westmounters noted enjoying the cocktail hour included **Evi and Ralph Schachter, Susan and Peter Varadi, Meryl and Sheldon Elman, Barbara and Phil Silverberg, Sheila and Arthur Greenspoon, Marvin Epstein, Dana and William Bell, Helena and Eddie Wiltzer, Jane and Herschel Segal, Alta and Harvey Levenson and Arlene and Henri Abitan.**

The Windsor's hallway and main room were decorated with simple bouquets: Charming yellow tulips poked out amidst bright sunflowers and white roses.

Both Gewurzs spoke eloquently about MADA, whose mission is to help people in need with the basic necessities of life while helping them become self-sufficient members of a community.

Emcee **Ilan Gewurz** (son of Brenda and Sam) introduced child prodigy pianist, **Ethan Bortnick**, who reportedly has raised over \$40 million for charities around the world.

The audience of over 600 guests along with generous sponsors helped raise \$2.2 million, which goes to MADA's capital campaign – the financing of its new community centre on Decarie. Last year, MADA served more than 330,000 meals and re-donated more than \$1.6 million worth of food to other food banks and non-profit organizations in the city. Sponsors of the evening included founders (\$500 to \$999,000) – the Cons Family, Helen and Stanley, Debbie and Ronnie and Leslie and Michael) and Brenda and Samuel Gewurz, and benefactors (\$200 to \$499,000) Saryl and Stephen Gross and family, and the Mashaal family.

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# Muriel Gold on Art Westmount and more

## Four get tickets totalling \$745

Three young people at the Summit lookout September 14 were issued tickets for \$149 for consuming alcohol, Public Security officials said. A fourth, who was not seen drinking, was ticketed \$77 for possessing alcohol. One of the group was also given a ticket for \$221 for failing to identify himself, which required police intervention. None lived in Westmount.

In two separate incidents September 14 and 15, patrollers issued tickets for \$77 to four people for breaking the midnight park curfew, also at the lookout.

## Hits parked car to avoid large truck

A patroller came across a northbound car that had hit another parked outside 451 Clarke September 14, Public Security officials said. The driver stated the accident occurred as she tried to avoid hitting a large oncoming truck heading south at about 1:16 pm. She was a Westmount resident.

### In conversation

HEATHER BLACK



This weekend, Art Westmount 2016 will showcase nine authors as well as artists at Victoria Hall. A first for the popular biennial event, I spoke to writer Muriel Gold on what visitors can expect, as well as her own interesting work.

### On stage

At the suggestion of Gold and others, participation by Westmount authors at Art Westmount become a reality. For the first time, visitors to Victoria Hall will be able to browse published works and chat to Gold and her fellow authors: Marie-Andrée Cantillon, Susan Doherty, Mary Hagerman, Sidonie Kazenel (Kerr), Nicole Peretz, Cora Siré, Alfred Garson, and Donna Yates Adelman.

Visitors can attend a reading by each author, scheduled on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library.

As a writer, Gold is recognized for her work on Quebec theatre history. Named to the Order of Canada in 2007 for her contribution to drama and theatre, Gold was the artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman

Centre Theatre from 1972 to 1980. There, with a belief that “drama can serve as a bridge between cultures,” she introduced Michel Tremblay’s novels to English theatre goers. Her book on the centre, *A Gift for their Mother: The Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre – A History*, was published in 2007.

Gold continues to write on Quebec theatre and *The Dramatic Legacy of Dorothy Davis and Violet Walters, The Montreal Children's Theatre 1933-2009* was published in 2010. Her most recent book on Madame Jean-Louis Audet (Yvonne Duckett), “known for her acting studio,” is currently being published in French.

For her books, Gold draws on her own directing experience, such as the 2000 production of Sam Gesser’s *Fineman's Dictionary* at Place des Arts, as well as her academic expertise. She holds a PhD in theatre from Concordia, as well as a MA in developmental drama from McGill.

### Writer's advocate

A former Theatre Arts instructor at Dawson, McGill and Concordia, Gold’s career as a writer started with a paper on her innovative acting technique “the fictional family.” First published in a British drama journal, when a colleague expressed his interest in knowing more, Gold replied: “Why, that would take a

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Muriel Gold at Victoria Hall, September 17.



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4805 de Maisonneuve O. \$1,935,000  
MLS 25118868 2540 SF



NEW

**DOWNTOWN**

1425 Dr-Penfield #1A \$1,625,000  
MLS 19637188 2492 SF



NEW

**STE-AGATHE-DES-MONTS**

Greenshields Point \$1,595,000  
MLS 26290744 Lake front



NEW

**WESTMOUNT**

215 Redfern Apt 205 \$1,210,000  
Magnificent 2 Bdr, high ceiling



NEW

**CDN**

3980 Ch. de la CDN \$589,000  
MLS 9003237 1660 SF



NEW

**MONT-TREBLANT**

Le Plateau \$269,000  
MLS: 10115440, 2 Bdr, Ski in/out



**DOWNTOWN**

Sir George Simpson \$6,800,000  
MLS 20025937 4280 SF



**WESTMOUNT**

215 Redfern, PH3 \$2,750,000  
MLS 10021872



**DOWNTOWN**

1420 Av. des Pins \$2,595,000  
MLS 15856545



**WESTMOUNT ADJ.**

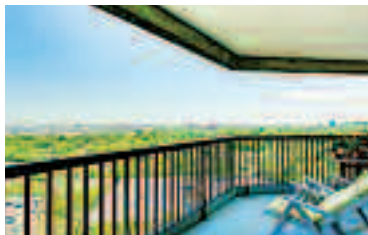
4054 Highland Av. \$1,695,000  
MLS 14308397



CONDITIONAL OFFER

**WESTMOUNT**

89 Holton Av. \$1,475,000  
MLS 18992051



**CDN**

6111 Av. Du Boisé \$949,000  
MLS 23826893



**DOWNTOWN**

1520 Av. du Dr-Penfield \$618,000  
MLS 19338174



SOLD

**WESTMOUNT**

619 Clarke Av. \$4,295,000  
MLS 27373203



SOLD

**MOUNT-ROYAL**

1190 Ch. Kenilworth \$2,475,000  
MLS 14232501



SOLD

**WESTMOUNT ADJ.**

4097 Highland Av. \$1,295,000  
MLS 20827283



SOLD

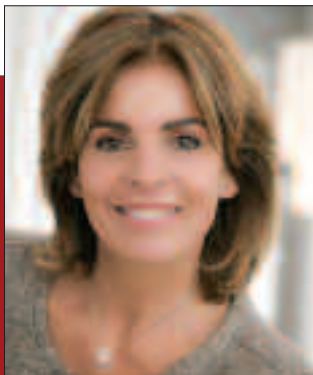
**3 WESTMOUNT SQUARE**

1390 SF \$965,000  
MLS: 24666253 Fully renovated



SOLD

425 Grosvenor Av., \$825,000  
MLS: 13173299



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