

'Frustrated' by last year's condition

City to take over daily maintenance of soccer fields

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's hoped that a do-it-yourself approach to maintaining the city's soccer fields on a daily basis will improve their condition over last year, according to Andrew Maislin, operations manager for Sports and Recreation. The city had been contracting out the field maintenance in recent years.

"It will enable a more streamlined operation," he said March 1. "The equipment arrived today so we can do our own maintenance. We'll also be getting more staff –

boots on the ground – to be able to do this ourselves."

The receipt of a line-painting machine and related equipment, for example, will enable the lines to be redone every two days or as needed "so they will be nice and crisp," he explained.

The city work is to be carried out in a combined effort by Sports and Recreation, Public Works and horticulture personnel. Staff is to be moved around as needed but more major maintenance, such as that required by the sprinkler system, will still be contracted out.

"We were frustrated by the condition of the fields last year," Maislin recalled. They had taken "a beating from excessive use" by intramur- continued on p. 3

Birds busy as spring approaches



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Though still two weeks away from the first official day of spring, increased signs of bird activity are the harbinger. The afternoon of February 13, a plethora of sparrows, chickadees and crows were witnessed, as well as four woodpeckers. They were seen flitting around the trees in a local backyard. A male and female northern cardinal clucked at each other, as an American robin quietly surveyed the scene. As spring approaches, bird calls should increase, as well as signs that migrating species are returning.

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City declines offer to buy vacated Hillside armoury, now up for sale

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Before the vacant Hillside armoury hit the real estate market recently, the city turned down an option to purchase the property, District 7 councillor Cynthia Lulham told the *Independent* last week.

"We don't need it," she said. "We have enough buildings."

Located at the corner of Hillside Ave. and Hillside Lane, across from the Westmount Athletic Grounds, the armoury's potential sale had given rise as long ago as 2009 to suggestions it was a natural venue for an indoor pool or other use by the city's Sports and Recreation department.

But Mayor Peter Trent reiterated last week his continued on p. 14

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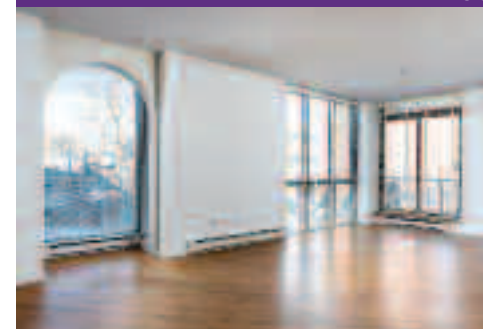
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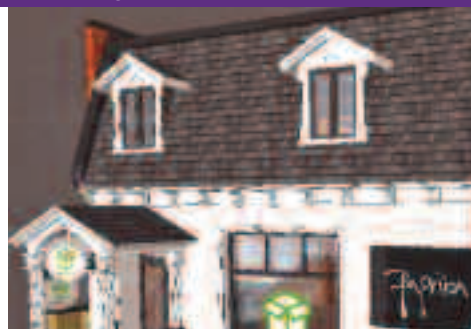


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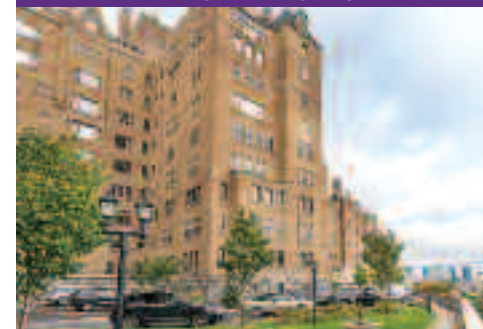


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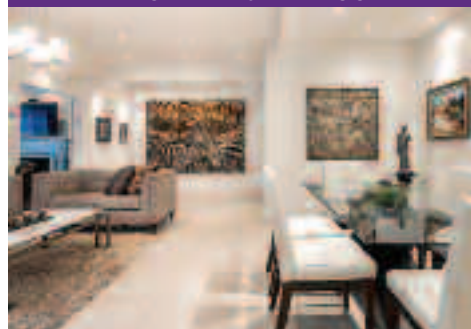
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One library entrance closed during repairs



The original Findlay entrance to Westmount Public Library was blocked for a two-week project to replace a drain and the steps which rise over it, as seen March 2.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Access to the original Findlay entrance of the Westmount Public Library and part of the driveway was blocked off last week so workers could bring in excavating equipment to replace a sewer pipe that leads under the front steps.

“We had a major problem with one of the library’s sewer pipes that is no longer functional,” explained Benoit Hurtubise, the city’s assistant director general for infrastructure and engineering.

“This sewer has also created some is-

suues in the past and, under the circumstances, we decided to replace it completely once we saw its very poor state after doing the excavation work.”

This was undertaken earlier last week and was completed, he said. Temporary wood stairs were expected to be built this week.

Work to redo the stairs will be completed this summer as already planned under the city’s 2017 capital works program, Hurtubise said. “Plans are almost completed to go out on tender” for that portion of the work.

Fields cont’d. from p. 1

ral and inter-city teams (see story September 13, p. 1).

As a result, city council had approved the resodding and repair of the fields, at which time Councillor Cynthia Lulham had said that Sports and Recreation would

be preparing a recommendation for this year. This has led to the change to caring for the fields “in-house.”

Westmount riding unchanged

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount-St. Louis provincial riding will remain intact, according to a decision announced March 2 by the Quebec electoral commission.

A proposed redistribution of ridings on the island of Montreal had called for Westmount to be removed from the downtown riding and added to NDG.

“I’m very happy,” said Mayor Peter Trent. “I am still unhappy they have not grasped the nettle of over-representation in the re-

gions.”

Trent had opposed the proposed change, in part because the aim of the reform was to reduce the number of ridings on the island by one at the expense of adding one off island. Meanwhile, ridings in “the regions” typically contain fewer voters than those on the island (see story February 28, p. 1).

Under the new redistribution, however, Mount Royal and Outremont ridings will be combined, resulting in the elimination of one island riding.

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Healthy City Project partners with MUHC

Spring series to focus on new work at Glen

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Healthy City Project (HCP) is teaming up with the MUHC Foundation to present a joint-venture lecture series based on medical research, new technology and care at the new super-hospital on Westmount's border.

The idea was proposed to the city by the foundation as a way to feature some of the new treatments being used at the new Glen site, according to Margaret Jackson of the HCP environment sub-committee.

The spring series of three Thursday monthly lectures will take place at 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library, starting March 30. That's when Westmount resident Susan Doherty will relate her personal experience with "Healing beyond Traditional Medicine."

Doherty, Jackson said, "will tell us about her experience receiving a life-saving stem-cell transplant at the MUHC for a rare autoimmune disorder." This was for hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis known as LHL, Jackson said. Doherty is expected to explain how she learned to "own" her illness, have faith and stay 100 percent

positive.

The second lecture, April 27, will feature researcher Penny Chipman, manager of oncology for the Centre for Innovative Medicine at the Research Institute of the MUHC.

She is scheduled to describe how participating in a clinical trial offers a patient the opportunity to be treated with novel and state-of-the art therapies. She will also introduce examples of how new equipment such as a 3D printer is advancing treatment.

The series will wind up May 30 when Dr. David Fleischer and Nancy Posel, PhD, co-directors of the Patient Education Office, will focus on the importance of educating patients.

This office was created in 2006, Jackson said, to create understandable health information for patients and their families. Changes in the delivery of health care today "can be more challenging for both clinicians and patients," she explained, "but there are also more opportunities for partnership and a shared mandate for health promotion and disease prevention."

The lecture series is being organized by

Dr. Miguel Burnier of the MUHC Foundation and Richard Bond, of the foundation's fundraising committee, in conjunction with Jackson.

Car rolls down Ramezay onto sidewalk

When public safety officers received a call at 10:23 am February 27 for a car parked on the sidewalk in front of 24 Ramezay, they discovered it half on the sidewalk and half on the property, Public Security officials said. Since it was "extremely close" to a legally parked one and facing south, the car was believed to have rolled down the street from near Montrose and jumped the curb rather than having been left there intentionally. Police were called to contact the owner, who was found to be working at a house nearby. He stated he had no idea what had happened. No damage was reported.



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Anderson fêted at vernissage



A vernissage was held for well-known local architect Bruce Anderson March 2 at the Gallery at Victoria Hall. The exhibit contained drawings, models and photographs of many of his projects in Westmount and beyond. Anderson closed his Westmount-based architectural firm January 1 after 37 years. "He was a hard-working perfectionist who never slept," said former McGill classmate and landscape architect Ron Williams. Mayor Peter Trent thanked him for his many contributions to the city and for his work on the Planning Advisory Committee. Several city councillors were in attendance, including Victor Drury, Patrick Martin, Theodora Samiotis and Nicole Forbes. His wife Bissera and one of his daughters, Diana, were also there. Photographed were architects Mary Venditti and Kimberly Boychuk, to Anderson's left and right, presenting him with a draft copy of his book *City Houses and Country Estates, Book II*. Councillor Martin and his wife Jane look on.

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OPEN LETTER TO JACQUES CHAGNON

It has now been five years since I first wrote you regarding the sound barrier along the southwest corridor in Westmount. I no longer feel that I need to repeat the ongoing issue, which I know you are already acutely aware of.

As the elected member of the National Assembly representing the citizens of Westmount since 1994, I fail to understand why your involvement has been non-existent in this important matter, especially considering the ongoing health hazard in the form of noise emanating from the Ville Marie expressway and its effect on the citizens living within close proximity to it.

The Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) has now informed the citizens of lower Westmount that the new highway 720 will no longer reduce the noise sufficiently by being lowered on the western portion of lower Westmount and therefore we are “back to square one.”

Why are we left to suffer endless delays? Why was the sound barrier not included in the planning of the new highway 720 when the government, your office, the MTQ and Westmount were very aware of the situation? Why must we endure one more year (most likely at least three to five years) of

excessive noise, which has had a tremendous negative impact on our health? Why has your office been non-existent in this very important file? When will you finally get involved and contact the MTQ on our behalf as our duly elected representative and address this matter as a priority?

We would like you to intervene as our provincial representative. Your non-involvement in this file is unacceptable. We must regain our right to live within acceptable urban noise norms and enjoy our homes and neighbourhood to its fullest.

The residents of Prospect St. as well as all the residents of lower Westmount are losing their patience. Must we resort to a public display of our frustration and contact the media to get your attention? We need a resolution to this problem immediately.

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BAD FALL

On February 15, my husband and I walked from Thornhill to the Westmount Y. We noticed the sidewalks had not been cleaned and no snow removal equipment was in sight.

The next day, I attempted to cross Redfern on Sherbrooke. There was a huge puddle of water with an unforeseen sheet of ice under it, which resulted in a very

nasty fall. I was helped by three wonderful strangers. [There was an] ambulance, ER, surgery, hospitalization and 10 weeks of immobilization.

Where were the cleaning crews as [has

been] noticed by others? (Letters, February 21, p. 6.)

MARIE ANDRÉE CANTILLON,
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Returning to one's old haunts



Image courtesy of S.

Little Burgundy resident Susan Cooke wrote to the Independent on February 21 with thoughts of the past and to share her artwork. “I did this sketch of Westmount High, where my friends and I graduated from in 1977, just before our reunion last summer,” she wrote. “I was feeling nostalgic, so I decided to visit my old neighbourhood. It was a beautiful sunny day and I had my art supplies with me, so I sat on the grass across the street and did this watercolour. As is common when sketching on location, a few people approached me offering a friendly ‘hello’ and to ask to see what I was drawing. I chatted with one elderly person about the local shops and found we had such a common story to tell. Such wonderful memories to share!” Cooke grew up on Metcalfe Ave. “I love to capture old and ornate architecture like the homes where I grew up, plus the shops and the people engaged in their day to day,” she said.

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Seniors benefit from ‘Radical Resthomes,’ Torge tells Women’s Canadian Club

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Jane Jacobs was once asked where old people should live. “Everywhere,” the world-renowned writer and urban planning critic is reported to have answered.

Montreal-based writer and documentary producer Janet Torge, who likes to quote Jacobs, told members of the Women’s Canadian Club of Montreal at Victoria Hall on February 21 about a new way of looking at retirement.

According to Torge, her vision, which she calls “radical resthomes,” could offer seniors on the brink of poverty the opportunity to improve their bottom lines, while they live a less restrictive lifestyle than is currently possible in most seniors’ retire-

ment residences.

The seed for the idea was sown some 30 years ago when some of Torge’s friends asked her to help develop some seniors’ housing for them. While conceding that her vision has changed, she said she never strayed far from the original idea and remains determined to help foster more self-directed housing projects for seniors.

Torge said “baby seniors,” who range in age from 55 to 75, fit in particularly well with the concept. What they tend to have in common is that they don’t want to live in a traditional seniors’ residence. “They are looking for alternative housing for aging,” she said.

Added to the fact that the number of senior citi- *continued on p. 10*



Janet Torge presented her vision of “radical resthomes” to the Women’s Canadian Club at Victoria Hall February 21.

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Westmount-based YMCA Residence impacted? CIUSSS claims no increase in asylum seekers

By ISAAC OLSON

With the recent reports of asylum seekers crossing the border into Canada, one would think the YMCA Residence on Tupper St. would be filling up. But it appears that is not the case for the building just west of Atwater Ave.

A spokesperson for the umbrella health organization, CIUSSS West Central Montreal, says there has not been a substantial increase in asylum seekers despite recent media reports, however a session for media is scheduled for March 8.

Given the recent reports of refugees coming across the snow-covered land border with the US, Emmanuelle Paciullo issued a statement reading, "The increase in claims to the Regional Program for the Settlement and Integration of Asylum Seekers (PRAIDA) by asylum seekers is not out of the ordinary."

While there are reports of people, sometimes with children, crossing the border with plastic bags over their shoes and insufficient clothing for cold winter weather, she says this trend has existed since the Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the US was implemented in 2004.

The agreement is part of a border action plan. Refugee claimants must request protection in the first safe country they arrive in and this helps both governments better manage access to the refugee system in each country for people crossing the Canada/US land border, according to a federal webpage outlining the agreement.

There have been many reports over the last month or so, quoting border agents talking about the sudden increase of refugees. Some reports indicate border

agencies are overwhelmed by the influx in some places. While the popular belief is people are fleeing the newly elected US president Donald Trump and his plans to crack down on illegal immigrants, Paciullo says there is no evidence that there has been a sudden spike in refugee seekers in Canada since he took office.

She concluded, "No interviews are granted at this time by PRAIDA or by the YMCA."

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Rugby club starts new U15 and U18 program



Seen here February 25 at the Melville field in Westmount Park, where the teams sometime practise in the summer season, Morgan Konz, co-vice president of the Westmount Rugby Club, said she hopes to help young players develop their game with the club's new teen program.

By RUBY PRATKA

High school-aged rugby players will have a new opportunity to try their skills this summer with the Westmount Rugby Club (WRC).

The club, which has had programs for kids under 12 and for adults for many years, is launching a new junior program. New under-15 and under-18 boys and girls teams will take to the field in May, and the club is actively seeking new players. The program is included in the city of Westmount's Sports and Recreation spring/summer booklet.

"The program is aimed at kids who are too old to play in the Minis (6-12) program and too young for seniors," said Morgan Konz, co-vice president of the WRC. "We were approached by high school girls' coaches, particularly from ECS, about starting a junior program, which would allow the kids to play outside of the school season in their area, instead of going to Beaconsfield or St. Anne, which many of

them do now. That's why we're doing this."

However, the program is open to all young athletes, not only current high school rugby players. "We are looking for people who want to learn the sport. I come from a swimming background, and many of our players come from basketball, soccer or track. One woman is a former elite ballerina. It's useful to have good hand-eye coordination and to be fast and strong, although if you're fast but less strong, there's a place for you."

Practices are to begin in early May and will be open to any interested players. After several weeks of practice, starters and subs will be chosen for the travel teams, which will play around the Montreal area.

They normally practise at the field in King George (Murray) Park at the beginning of the summer and then switch to Westmount Park midway through depending on the condition of the fields, Konz said. Home games are normally held in Westmount Park.

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Police Report

Drinking and driving, break-ins included in recent criminal activity

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 home on Holton Ave. which was vacant since the owner's death several months ago, was found burglarized on February 21 when the estate executor returned for a regular inspection visit.

According to a report by police at Station 12 on Stanton St., the break-and-enter incident is believed to have occurred sometime after February 14, which is when the executor was last at the house.

"The executor goes back to the house once a week to check," said community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière. "On this one occasion, he found that the rear door had been broken and the house had been searched."

However, he added, because the executor wasn't completely familiar with all the late owner's possessions, there was no immediate way of knowing for certain what was stolen.

Car window broken

Police from Station 12 are seeking a middle-aged white male suspect following a forced entry and theft incident on a car that was parked on Summit Circle just after noon on February 23, which was witnessed by a passing motorist.

According to Laperrière, the witness saw the suspect break a window on the vehicle and then proceed to steal something from within.

Noticing that he'd been spotted, the suspect fled in a northerly direction towards the municipal limits of the city of Montreal. The vehicle's owner later reported that his wallet was missing. Because of

the witness's description, Laperrière was optimistic the suspect would be found.

Impaired driving near Carleton

Around 2:15 am on February 15, a 28-year-old man who was spotted by Montreal police driving erratically near the corner of Westmount and Carleton avenues was arrested on suspicion of impaired driving.

After being intercepted, the driver was asked by police to provide a breath sample to test for alcohol impairment. It failed, according to Laperrière.

"Once he failed on the roadside detection device, he was brought to the detention centre, where he was read his rights and allowed to call an attorney according to detention procedures," he said, while adding that the detention cells are at the police department's south-sector operations centre on Guy St.

Laperrière said the suspect was tested twice and was over the 0.08 legal limit in both instances. He was placed in a holding cell until evening that same day when he was released. The suspect has a court appearance scheduled in a few months.

Transported to hospital by police

On February 11 around 1:30 am, officers from the Montreal police had to transport a 71-year-old woman who had been in a car accident at Metcalfe Ave. and Sherbrooke St. to hospital after waiting a half hour for Urgences Santé.

Police were called to the scene of a collision between two cars at the intersection, in which one vehicle had rear-ended the other. Medical assistance was summoned when the 71-year-old driver appeared to be suffering from breathing difficulties after the crash. Laperrière said the woman was suffering from shortness of breath.

He said she "started feeling wheezy af-

terwards; she was upset because of the accident. And then an ambulance was called to take care of her. It wasn't known if it was because of the accident or because of the stress of the accident that brought on this wheeziness and this sudden sickness.

"But after 30 minutes of wait, the police officers couldn't wait for an ambulance to arrive so they brought her directly to the hospital at the Montreal General instead."

Laperrière said the police on the scene considered there was a possibility she was starting to show symptoms of stroke, "so the officers took care of that real quick to make sure her situation did not get worse."

The other driver, a 35-year-old female, wasn't injured in the accident. Neither of the drivers was a Westmount resident.

Belvedere break-in fits recent pattern

Sometime between February 7 around 11

am and February 8 at 10:30 am, thieves broke into but didn't manage to steal anything from a home on Belvedere Rd.

The incident fits a recent pattern of break-ins in Westmount. Several previous incidents involved suspects gaining access through a second-storey rear window or door. However, in each case, nothing was stolen.

In this latest incident, according to Laperrière, a window in a door leading to a rear balcony on the second floor was broken. "There's no mention in the report of anything being stolen," he added.

His advice to anyone who won't be home during the evening or overnight is to leave lights on so that neighbours would be able to see if there is any unusual activity taking place inside.

Retirement homes cont'd. from p. 7

zens is increasing each year, Torge noted that the outlook for retirement pensions has changed considerably since the days when a pension was expected to last only about 10 to 12 years following retirement.

Today's pensioners are also living much longer, and many are wondering whether they will outlive their savings. At the same time, they don't like what they see at conventional retirement residences "and they won't go," Torge explained.

Among the types of "radical resthomes" she described are co-housing and cooperatives, both of which can be multigenerational, and where seniors co-habit with children, families and individuals in a single community. As well, there are "intentional communities," which are groups of people living together who share lifestyle

and values, be they spiritual or based on sexual orientation.

Torge suggested that retirees living on low fixed incomes stand to benefit the most from these and other variations of the concept. "If you get the guaranteed income supplement which is \$16,000, it's really hard to live on that by yourself," she said. "But if you keep on increasing the number of people that you live with – for instance if there are four of you living in an apartment – you're bringing in" a lot more.

The Radical Resthomes organization holds workshops, where the nuts and bolts of forming a retirement community are discussed by up to a dozen people. "We want to make sure that people on fixed incomes have choices," Torge said.



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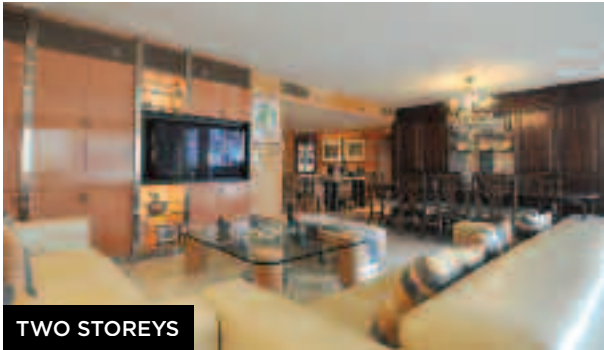
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TRENDSETTERS

NICOLAS RACINE

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Recently, I noted an interesting looking young man in the neighbourhood. I learned that the 19-year-old is studying finance at Concordia. Along with studying (“hard!”), he said he loves to travel and “explore new places, see new things and understand how people live in other areas around the world.” Meet Nicolas Racine.

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Nicolas Racine, lightly dressed on a bright but chilly morning February 20, stands in front of one of his favourite street art works on St. Laurent Blvd., created during Montreal's 2016 International Mural Festival by Meggs from Australia.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Trendsetter cont'd. from p. 12**LIVING**

If you had a choice, where would you live, money being no object?

If I had a choice to live anywhere in the world, I would choose to live in Los Angeles. I have visited California multiple times throughout the past 10 years, and every time I go back I always feel the same desire to stay. Especially in Venice. I love how everybody stays fit and active there. Also, what I like the most about California is their lifestyle. People always seem to be very laid back and relaxed, yet still very connected to everything that is happening. What catches my eye is that everybody seems to have their own style and way of life.

Whom would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone from any era?

If I could invite anyone in the world for dinner, it would be Elon Musk. I would want to be able to understand his way of thinking and try to see how a visionary such as himself sees the world. I find it would be interesting to have a glance inside the mind of such an important and intelligent figure, who seems to be able to see years ahead into the future.

What do you think of men's fashions today?

I find it is very diversified, which is a very good thing. I really like the idea that everybody has their own style and their own little touches to the way they wish to dress. Obviously there will always be people who follow the mainstream trends. However, as long as people feel open to express themselves through their clothing and not feel judged, men's fashion will head in the right direction.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

It varies considerably depending on the

situation. When I'm going to school every day, although I like to wear fairly casual clothes, I try to keep a professional look. Whenever I have special events at night, I like to wear a blazer along with jeans and nice shoes, of course.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

I tend to have a more laid-back look as I often go up north to ski. There, I will mostly be wearing my black snow boots along with more comfortable pants or sweatpants and my everyday winter jacket.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

My favourite way to dress is definitely casual with a tailored twist.

What music do you like?

There is a wide variety of different types of music that I enjoy depending on my mood. For example, when driving to school in the morning or when coming back home late at night I like listening to more relaxing music such as alternative rock. A group that I often listen to is Red Hot Chili Peppers. However, during the day, I listen mostly to hip hop. One artist that I currently really like is Travis Scott.

What are your thoughts on street art?

I really do enjoy street art, especially in Montreal. We have several incredible murals that have been made by different artists from around the world. I find that having street art around Montreal truly gives life to our city. I support the arts and appreciate artists' creativity. I enjoy visiting museums and galleries.

'Fighters' really 'cool'

An altercation between two men at St. Catherine and Hillside February 25 was quickly resolved when a patroller intervened, Public Security officials said. The two were found yelling at each other at 1:44 am when the officer informed them police would be called. They said they were friends "play fighting" and were "cool" with other. They left in a blue Hyundai.

Shovelling leads to heart attack

A 65-year-old was taken to hospital February 16 after reportedly suffering a heart attack while shovelling his car out of a laneway behind 4421 St. Catherine, Public Security officials said. He had already left when officers arrived on the scene but they called a tow truck to relocate the car to the street where it was given parking toleration until police were able to contact family members of the owner to remove it. He was a resident of Verdun who had been working at a house nearby.

Peewee player taken to hospital from WRC

A 12-year-old hockey player was reported to have been taken to hospital around 8:15 pm in an accident at the Westmount recreation centre, Public Security officials said. He was transported with his father by Urgences Santé, to be checked out for a possible concussion after being bumped accidentally, Sports and Recreation officials said. This was in accordance with the department's protocol. He is a Westmount resident.

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Scrap container flipped on its side

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Swan song for instrument case?

A case for a musical instrument was found February 25 in Westmount Park, Public Security officials said. The large case was empty and had been placed on a bench next to a garbage can. It was not known whether it was intended to have been discarded or had been forgotten. It was taken to the Public Security station. According to a label inside, it had come from Surrey, BC.

Car hits snowbank

A car hit a snow bank outside 483 Victoria February 13 at 12:28 am, Public Security officials said. Patrolers were alerted to the incident by Public Works crews who found the Kia obstructing traffic just south of Windsor. The driver, a resident of Côte St. Luc, was checked on and reported to be uninjured. The car's bumper was damaged and a tow truck was called. Public Works salted the street.

Ends in snowbank

The driver of a car that became stuck in a snowbank February 17 at The Boulevard and Murray Hill was helped out by public safety officers, according to Public Security officials. It was discovered by a patroller at 3:44 am who assisted a woman in shoveling. It was reported to have run into the snow while making a U-turn.

Drivers 'aggravated'

Two cars collided at the intersection of Sherbrooke and Claremont February 15 at 9:57 am, Public Security officials said. Neither driver was injured but both were described as "aggravated" about the situation and provided different versions of how the accident had occurred. Police were called and gave them an accident report to fill out.

Armoury up for sale

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long-standing position that if the city were to contribute to the capital costs of an indoor pool, its operating costs would have to be borne as part of a joint venture with the Westmount Y, which had experience in running a pool.

In the case of the armoury, however, his recommendation to turn down adding another property to the list of 50 already owned by the city was also based on the likelihood of finding "significant soil contamination" at the armoury site.

The department of National Defence had offered the city the right of first refusal

to purchase the property last October but no monetary amount had been proposed, Trent said.

Built in 1910 as a horse stable and riding academy, the building had been used mainly as a military establishment throughout the years.

The 34 Combat Engineer Regiment relocated to Longue Pointe in 2014.

One of the reasons cited was that the building required "a lot of work" to bring it up to fire code standards, the regiment's commanding officer told the *Independent* at the time. It also required brick work (see story April 1, 2014, p. 1).

The property is now listed by Royal LePage at \$2.8 million.



The Hillside armoury looking northwest from Hillside Ave. and Hillside Lane March 2.

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City gets many inquiries

City Urban Planning officials told the *Independent* last week the department had been receiving many inquiries about the Hillside Armoury since the sale sign was posted.

"They're asking about the zoning and what can be done with the building within the parameters," said Urban Planning director Tom Flies.

"It's a very unusual site," he explained. "It has vested rights which no longer apply if the building is not used within 365 days for the same purpose" or undergoes demolition. It's also located in a small residential zone. This comprises only the armoury and the adjacent condominium building at 11 Hillside Ave.

Under its vested rights as a Category II "assembly" building, it is understood the building could be reused by a group such as a badminton club.

Current zoning permits for R6-34-14 permits residential use for single- or two-family and multi-family dwellings and a seniors' residence.

The zone's height is limited to three storeys (35 feet) while the site coverage is 65 percent. As well, any new building would be required to conform to 10-foot setbacks on Hillside Ave. None are required on Hillside Lane, where the armoury is now built right up to the sidewalk.

The nature of Hillside Ave. has changed considerably since Mount Royal Stables Ltd. applied for and received city council approval to erect a horse stable and riding academy in April 1910. At that same time, the council is reported to have redesignated "the artery" as "a business street," according to city records.

Sales analysis

November transfers: Highest price on Forden Cresc.



Real Estate

ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in November 2016, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

The second-highest residential price for Westmount this year came in the November sale of 45 Forden Cresc., which sold for \$5,487,500 to a French real estate management company. The house shares an exclusive block of land between Forden Ave. and Forden Cresc., with only four houses on it, including the former residence (until 2015) of former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

That sale led a group of five houses to go for more than \$2 million in November, which saw 16 sales pass in front of notaries, up from 12 in November 2015, and in fact the most transferred in a November since 2007.

Only one house sold under \$1 million, as 73 Columbia Ave. sold for the eighth-lowest price of the year (in Westmount), \$765,000.

The highest residential price so far in 2016, with December transfers still to come, involved 61 Aberdeen Ave., which sold for \$5,780,000 in June.

The 16 sale prices averaged seven percent more than their combined (2014) municipal evaluation, but inside that figure there is a wide range of mark-ups and mark-downs, notably, on the plus side, 4266 Dorchester Blvd., which sold for almost 50 percent more than valuation, and on the

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73 Columbia, lowest price, \$765,000.



18 Severn, biggest mark-down, 48.8 percent.



4266 Dorchester, biggest mark-up, 48.2 percent.



45 Forden Cresc., highest price, \$5,487,500. Photos of houses were taken March 2.

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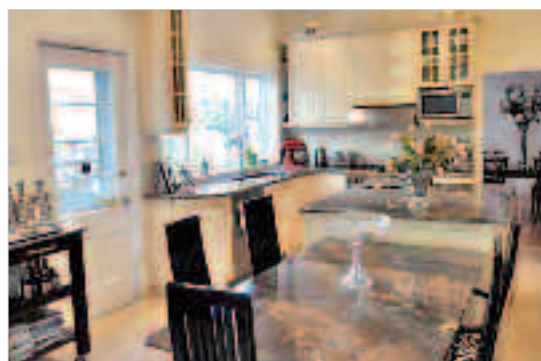


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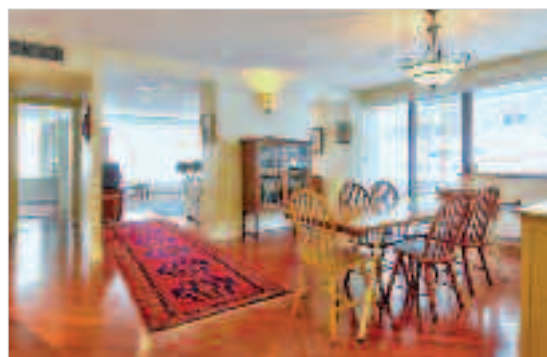
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Golden Sq Mile: 3450 Redpath Apt A1
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- WOW FACTOR -

NDG: 2221 Marcl Ave
Renovated Lower duplex with parking
\$549,000 - MLS# 15454829



- LOCATION, GARDEN, GARAGE -

NDG: 4103 Marlowe Ave
Ideally located family home
\$875,000 - MLS# 12033653



- EXECUTIVE RENTAL -

Westmount: 381 Olivier Ave
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA
MLS#24671109 - \$5,800/month



- EXECUTIVE RENTAL -

Adj Westmount: 4691 Bonavista
Stunning 3+1 BR with garage and garden
MLS#24858893 - \$3,950/month

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Bought & Sold – real estate transfers in November 2016

For list of transfers, please consult the paper archive.

November sales cont'd. from p. 15

minus side, 18 Severn Ave., the western half of the onetime Rosemount estate,

which sold for almost 50 percent less than valuation. It was the first sale of that house since 1980.
Also sold in November was a resale of a condominium apartment at 11 Hillside

Ave. and two share sales, one in a duplex and one in a triplex on Grosvenor Ave. and York St. respectively for nearly equal amounts. The final sale was for substantial commercial space in the basement of the

1 Wood Ave. condo building, with the address of 4055 St. Catherine St., to an advertising agency.



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\$ 1,749,000 DOWNTOWN | REDPATH | MLS 25173718

\$ 2,349,000

Segal Cancer Centre celebrates 10th anniversary



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Arsenal was transformed for the Segal Cancer Centre's 10 anniversary gala on November 8. The gigantic space sported spectacular floral arrangements suspended from the ceiling and a chic dining area, thanks to event coordinators **Annette Goldman** and **Stephanie Roza** of the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) Foundation and **Barbara Plotnick**, chair of the gala dinner, attending with her husband **Stanley**.

The eve was produced by **Lorne Levitt** and **Danielle Bitton**.

Patrons of honour were **Emmelle** and philanthropist **Alvin Segal**.

Co-chaired by Westmounter **Jonathan Wener** (chair/CEO Canderel), there with his wife **Susan Wener**, along with **Charles Sirois** (chair/CEO Telesystem), with his wife **Susan McPeak**, the posh party paid tribute to the Segals and to the Segal Can-

cer Centre.

Words of welcome were offered by Westmounter **Eddy Wiltzer**, JGH Foundation chair, (attending with his wife **Heleena**).

Rounding out the evening was a hilarious comb-overed-crayon-coloured-toupee-topped **Donald Trump** impersonator (orange is the new black?) who acted as a talk-show host. Among the 550 glam guests at the sold-out black-tie affair were doctors **Lawrence Rosenberg** (president and CEO of the Integrated Health and Social Services University Network for West-Central Montreal) and his wife **Donna Rosenberg**; JGH physician in chief **Ernesto Schiffrin** and his wife **Alicia Schiffrin**, also a doctor; director of Lady Davis Institute **Roderick McInnes** and his wife **Daniele McInnes**; Segal Cancer Centre director **Gerald Batist** with his wife **Lynn Batist**; **Ruth Chaytor**, JGH director of surgery,



Susan McPeak and Charles Sirois.



Alvin and Emmelle Segal.



Myer and Carole Bick.



Susan and Jonathan Wener.



Heleena and Eddy Wiltzer.

and her husband **James Parkyn**; and director dermatology-oncology, Sir Mortimer B. Davis-JGH **Manish Khanna** with **Catherine Michaud**.

Also noted were local res **Roni and Leo Kolber**, **Alta and Harvey Levenson**, chair JGH capital campaign; **Angie and Tony Loffreda**, **Penny and Gordon Echenberg**, **Joelle and Bruce Kent** as well as the immediate past president JGH corporation **Allen Rubin** and his wife **Sarah**, **Gloria**

and **Alan Maislin**, **Beverly Chaimberg** and **Howard Dermer**, president JGH corporation; **Carole and Myer Bick**, president/CEO JGH Foundation; **Lillian Vineberg** and **Morris Goodman**; **Eileen and Joel Segal**; **Renée and Barry Voronoff**; **Barbara Segal**; **Vivian Konigsberg**; **Rosemary and Frank Niro**; **Lawrence Bergman**; **Diane and Sal Guerrera** and **Rucsandra Calin**.

The event raised \$1,400,000, for the Segal Cancer Centre.

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WESTMOUNT

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2 Chelsea Place \$2,250,000
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MLS 24027789, 2925 SF, 5 Bdr



WESTMOUNT

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Ideal family home of 5 Bdr MLS 14681732



WESTMOUNT

3 Westmount Square \$1,895,000
MLS 11571055 Panoramic views, 3 Bdr



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Le Canal \$1,350,000
MLS 23441249 Amazing views of Canal Lachine



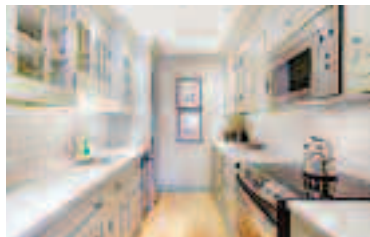
NDG

4385 Royal Ave, \$839,000
MLS 16139562, 3 BDR, semi-detached



PLATEAU MONT-ROYAL

4361 Christophe-Colomb \$665,000
MLS: 17032176



OLD-MONTREAL

283 de la Commune O \$592,000
historical building, MLS 21744331



NEW
RENTAL

GRIFFINTOWN

1500 rue Basin, #401 \$3,900/mo
MLS 16822115 Bright & spacious



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



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MOUNT-ROYAL

383 Chester Ave \$2,895,000
MLS 17820503 Tudor cottage, 14740 SF



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MLS 25118868 2540 SF



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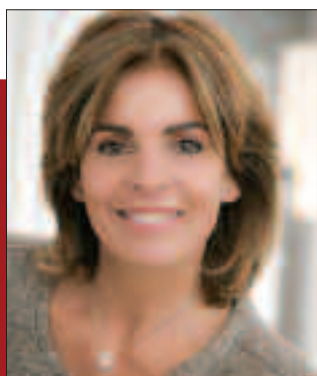
2 Westmount Square \$1,450,000
MLS: 14188743



SOLD

WESTMOUNT

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NEW EXCLUSIVE!

Westmount, 500 Mountain Ave.
Prime mid level location! Renovated, exceptionally spacious 4 bdr home. Central A/C, 2 car garage. Large garden. Views! **\$2,100,000**



ANOTHER JUST LISTED!

Westmount Adj., 5082 Glencairn Ave.
PRIME Circle Road location. Glencairn Ave. is as good as it gets! This delightful 3 + den (or 4 bedroom) home offers so much. Garage + parking. **\$945,000**



ACCEPTED OFFER!

Westmount, 520 Argyle Ave.
Majestically positioned overlooking the southern slope of Westmount, this handsome 1906 heritage home retains all of it's EXQUISITE original character. **\$2,350,000**



ACCEPTED OFFER!

Westmount, 657 Victoria Ave
A "John Hand" built home defines quality, craftsmanship and design. This well loved 5 bdrm home retains much of it's original charm. Great value! **\$1,175,000**



ACCEPTED OFFER!

Westmount, 810 Upper Lansdowne
Prime Upper Westmount location, just opposite Devon Park. This quality built 4 bdrm home offers leaded windows + oak wdwrk + floors, a great layout. **\$1,200,00**



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Majestically positioned overlooking the southern slope of Westmount, this handsome 1906 heritage home retains all of it's EXQUISITE original character. **\$2,350,000**



ACCEPTED OFFER!

Westmount, 494 Argyle Ave.
RARELY available + HIGHLY desirable! PRIME mid-level location. Spectacularly spacious + amazingly bright 4 bdr home. Impressive views + gardens! QUALITY construction. **\$1,565,000**



Westmount, 109 Sunnyside Ave.
Desirable Upper Westmount address! Handsome, quality built 6 bdrm home in great condition! Garage + parking. **\$1,365,000**



Westmount, 160 Metcalfe Ave.
Exceptionally spacious, flooded with light and LOADED with charm, this lovely 1895 Victorian townhouse will absolutely delight you. **\$829,000**



Westmount adj., 4089 Highland Ave.
Country chic/City living! A tranquil, hidden gem. Impeccable DETACHED 4 bdr heritage property complete with the white picket fence! Lovely garden. Garage. **\$1,139,000**



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Westmount adj., 5124 Cote St-Antoine
FABULOUS sun filled 5 bedrooms, 3+1 bathrooms, FULLY renovated by owner/ designer. Gorgeous architectural features. **\$8,500 furnished**



SUCCESSFULLY **SOLD!**

Westmount Adj., 4799 Grosvenor Ave.
Fabulous 1920's duplex, dramatically transformed + renovated into a now SPACIOUS, stunning, single family home! Ideal location, near Marie de France. **\$979,000**



SOLD!

Westmount, 701 Victoria Ave.
EXCEPTIONALLY bright + spacious home. **\$1,790,000**



ANOTHER TROPHY PROPERTY **SOLD!**

Westmount, 537-543 Victoria Ave.
One of the finest revenue properties ever. **\$2,395,000**



SOLD!

Westmount adj., 3015 The Boulevard
FULLY renovated, STUNNING. **\$1,298,000**



SOLD!

NDG, 4274 Hingston Ave.
SPACIOUS, impeccably maintained. **\$849,000**



OTHERS FAILED, BRIAN TRIUMPHED! **SOLD!**

Westmount adj., 3105 The Boulevard
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