

Nomination unopposed at press time

Cllr. Christina Smith poised to become interim mayor April 24

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Barring unforeseen developments after press time Monday noon, April 24, it appeared that District 5 councillor Christina Smith was on her way to being acclaimed Westmount's next mayor.

Smith was the only member of council to confirm she intended to file required nomination papers for the role of interim mayor by the 4:30 pm deadline Monday.

All others told the *Independent* they were not going to seek the position left vacant by the official resignation April 13 of former mayor Peter Trent.

"I am very excited about this possibility," she said.

"While it is daunting to step into the role after Peter Trent, I feel fortunate to have worked so closely with him and the administration in this past mandate."

Since this remaining six-month interim term is so short, it is believed that the person filling it would be wanting to seek re-election in the November 5 general election. *continued on p. 7*

New owner won't tear it down

No condos set for Hillside armoury, Cllr. Martin says

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Contrary to some concerns that six-storey condos might rise at the site of the vacated Hillside armoury, Councillor Patrick Martin told the *Independent* last week he has heard from the new owner's architect that this is not in the plan.

"I'm told that the new owner wants to retain the existing building and use it as an athletic facility," Martin explained. He said

Elites clinch provincial victory



The Lac St. Louis Elites Extreme were gold medallists at the 2017 Dodge Cup. Seen here April 16 are from left, top: Coaches Mika Malloch and Eugene Plawutsky; Layla Razek, Helen Bitz, Ali Rosenoff, Charlotte Lalonde, Alexa Scalia, Lola Gilmore, Ariel Rosen, Annisa Burgos and Madeleine Michaud; and coach Rick Burgos; bottom: Catherine Plawutsky, Jeanne Martel-Thibault, Clare Aitken, Lindsay Saad, Lauren Saad and Emma Hason. See story, p. 2.

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After press time: Christina Smith was acclaimed as interim mayor.



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he was unable to divulge names or other information until the sale of the property is notarized.

Speaking as a city councillor, however, Martin said he wanted to dispel reports from nearby residents that the owner might want to develop the property under the city's by-law for projects that do not conform to current zoning. This is the by-law governing Specific Construction, Alteration *continued on p. 4*

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Two Westmount Midget teams win regionals



Westmount's Midget B Wings beat the Riverains de l'Île Perrot 4-1, winning the regional championships April 8. Seen here at Pete-Morin arena in Lachine, from left, top: Coaches Emmanuel Elie and Zach Filion; William Biron, Kallio D'ermo Mavipzis, Charles Richards, Ryan Garber, Gregory Walfish, David Kalichman, Sam Lee-Howes, Michael Robb, Harry Macfarlane, Sam Mittag, and coaches Lucas and Daniel Fox; bottom: Luca Viens, Matthew Madar, Mamadi Conde, Ben Harnad, Michael Bitz, Max Mashaal, Paul Westenberg, and Anthony Kolacek. "The Wings had a remarkable season of no losses," said Willem Westenberg, father of Paul. On the same night at the same place, the Midget A boys' team won its respective regional championship game. "Each team returned to Westmount with its banner, for hoisting to the ceiling of the Westmount recreation centre, proudly!" said Westenberg.



The Midget A Wings won the regionals on April 8 in Lachine.

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Armoury's vested rights could permit 'assembly' use

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or Occupancy of an Immovable (SCAOPI/PPCMOI).

The armoury is located on Hillside Lane

and Hillside Ave. across from the Westmount Athletic Grounds. It was put up for sale last fall by Canada Lands Company on behalf the federal government at a price of \$2.8 million.

Dating from 1910, the brick building was vacated three years ago after longtime use by the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment (formerly called 3 Field Engineers). The reason provided to the *Independent* at that

time was the deteriorating condition of the building. It needed major brick renovation and "a lot of work" to bring it up to fire code (see story April 1, 2004, p. 1).

Assembly building use

At that time, now retired Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier suggested that the existing building could likely be used by a group such as a badminton club if its vested rights as an assembly building were retained and it were not demolished. She cited its large gymnasium.

According to the department's current director, Tom Flies, the current zoning (R6-34-14) limits the height of new buildings to three storeys (35 feet) and requires a 10-foot setback from the street on the Hillside Ave. side. Its use is limited to residential, which includes a seniors' residence and multi-family units.

In the event the city were to allow demolition of the Category II heritage-rated armoury, it would therefore require any new structure to conform to current zoning.

This building and the adjacent condos at 11 Hillside are the only buildings in the zone.



The main hall of the armoury – a gymnasium and/or parade hall – shown April 21.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORT SMITH, BUT WITH PROCESS RESERVATIONS

Though I had reservations about the imposed process for selection of an interim mayor, I support the election* of Councillor Christina Smith with the hope of achieving these objectives:

1. Concrete measures toward an accelerated programme of renewal and maintenance of long-neglected infrastructure: sidewalks, streets, parks, water supply, hydro and our 27 municipal buildings. The city has a huge financial deficit in this regard.
2. An end to over-taxation of home and business owners. Renters are also affected through a history of rental increases caused by high taxes. Many shops stand empty. Regular un-budgeted surpluses totalling almost \$35 million over the last seven years are unacceptable, particularly given the state of our infrastructure.
3. A more service-oriented approach from Urban Planning, advising residents about renovation projects rather than blocking them with unclear and sometimes unrealistic regulations, and with undue delays for permits.
4. The Planning Advisory Committee plays

an important role in preserving our architectural heritage. But it should revert to its proper legal role of advising Urban Planning and council rather than dictating.

5. Immediate steps toward a pre-feasibility study for building a public indoor pool: community support, location, size, cost, operation and ownership.
 6. Completion of a professional, transparent Southeast development study, with full consideration and respect for the concerns of those who currently live in the area. A plan must not be imposed.
 7. A scientific re-analysis of the proposed sound barrier. The barrier height necessarily must vary from the proposed 20 ft., depending on the new and varying heights and distance of the highway.
- I anticipate a busy and productive six months ahead.

DISTRICT 1 COUNCILLOR PATRICK MARTIN,
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** Editor's note: The election was to take place after press time, so this statement is a prediction, albeit a very informed one by a councillor with knowledge of his colleagues' intentions to run and intentions to vote.*

– KM

Local Rotarians serve dinner to Welcome Hall clients

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

While the Westmount Rotarians have made efforts in recent years to be involved in international projects, they haven't forgotten the importance of also being present locally, says Peter Starr, president of the chapter.

One of the Rotary Club of Westmount's latest local endeavours saw five members serving evening dinner on March 29 at the Welcome Hall Mission's emergency men's shelter on St. Antoine St. downtown.

Some other recent local efforts involved doing painting and renovation work at the Chez Doris women's shelter, at St. Columba House and the Nazareth House.

According to Starr, the Welcome Hall Mission reached out recently to the Rotarians to see whether they'd be interested in sponsoring and serving a dinner to the mission's clients.

On the evening that the meal was served, the menu included cream of vegetable soup, garden salad, chicken stew served on rice and fruit crumble for

dessert.

"It was all delicious, with a strong accent on providing fresh and healthy food," said Starr. "Welcome Hall Mission has done a lot of innovative things to help their clients, and serving great food is important to them."

Apart from their local projects, the Westmount Rotarians are also involved in international projects, Starr said. Earlier this year, according to Starr, they began providing support for a project in Kenya to help provide solar water purifiers that can produce two gallons of water per day.

Kathryn Stephens, Welcome Hall Mission's senior manager for development and public relations, said they greatly appreciated the Rotarians' support.

"Each night, our emergency shelter serves hot, nutritious meals to up to 250 homeless Montrealers," she said. While noting that the Rotarians seemed to appreciate the experience, she added that Welcome Hall Mission also "appreciated their involvement."



Westmount Rotarians, seen here on March 29 minutes before serving dinner at the Welcome Hall Mission's emergency men's shelter, are, from left: Jane Starr, Andy Durso, Don MacKinnon, Peter Starr and Nadia Chidean.

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Correction

As the photo caption correctly stated in the issue of April 18 (p. 5), Peter Trent returned to office in 2009 after the demergers, not in 2013, as mentioned in the story on the same page "Trent hands back the chain for his successor April 24."

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'Much left to do': Smith

Christina Smith told the *Independent* April 23 that in planning to file her mayoralty nomination papers the next day she believes her councillor role as commissioner of Administration "will help me in this interim role as mayor."

It not only gave her the opportunity to work with the different city departments, she explained, but to be part of the budget process.

"We have much to do in the last six months of this mandate. We are committed to invest in infrastructure, parks and green spaces and promote active transportation. District 5 [which she represented] is one where the commercial area of Victoria village meets the residential neighbourhood, which has given me the opportunity to work with the commercial and retail sectors as well as residents.

"I have always felt at council that we achieve more when we work as a team to find the best outcome for residents. I am very committed to this community; it is where I am raising my family, and I hope to build on what we have achieved in the first three years of this mandate."

If chosen as interim mayor, she added, "I will work hard with council and the administration to ensure the citizens have the services that make this a wonderful city to live in."

District 5 seat stays vacant with Smith as mayor

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Christina Smith April 3.

Smith, a resident of Grosvenor Ave., was elected to city council in 2013 on concerns for safety around school zones. She had interrupted a 13-year career as a government, communications and public affairs professional to raise a young family and carry out community service.

She quickly became immersed in municipal politics through the pressures of construction, traffic and other issues faced by her Victoria village constituency and through her role as council's commissioner of Administration.

While councillors Patrick Martin and Theodora Samiotis had been expected to seek the interim position, it appeared that both had instead decided to support Smith.

"A lot of people approached me, and I haven't excluded a decision to run for mayor in November," Samiotis explained. "My focus in the next few months is to bring forward a vision for the southeast since we're so close."

Martin said he was supporting Smith but hoped she would address a list of his concerns. (See Letters, p. 6.)

So, while the new mayor leaves the position as councillor, what happens to that

person's role as a district representative?

"That council seat would remain vacant for the remainder of the term," city clerk Martin St-Jean explained. A by-election for a council seat would take place only in the event a vacancy occurred before the 12-month period prior to a general election.

In the case of the mayoralty, however, if the vacancy occurs within the 12 months, the council has the option of holding a by-election or electing one of its members through a process of "cooptation."

Under conditions adopted by the city clerk, councillors choosing to become candidates on April 24 had only eight hours – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm – to submit their nomination papers signed by at least 10 electors of the municipality.

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Westmount Square denies blocking evening access to Metro

By MARTIN C. BARRY

In spite of a complaint made by a long-time patron, a Westmount Square official denies mall management is restricting access to the Metro during evening hours, but admits they don't tolerate loitering when the stores are closed.

A Greene Ave. resident who works near Westmount Square and has been a patron of the mall for the past 25 years told the *Independent* that mall management was no longer allowing access to Westmount Square during the evening for persons wishing to walk through to the Atwater Metro station through the pedestrian tunnel.

"They don't let us go through Westmount Square after a certain hour. They lock all the doors so you can't get in, you can't get out," he said, while asking that his identity not be published.

In addition, he maintained that one recent evening around 7 pm as he was sitting in the centre court at Westmount Square, security personnel told him he would have to "move on" as the stores were shut at that hour and that area of the mall was closed.

Lori Johnson, property manager for Westmount Square, acknowledged that



Westmount Square's Greene Ave. entrance, seen here April 20, is locked after the stores close, although Metro passengers can use the Wood Ave. door, according to mall management.

mall management locks the Greene Ave. doors when the stores have closed. But she denied that access to the Metro is being restricted.

"When the stores are closed then the Greene Ave doors are closed, but there's

still access through the Wood Ave. side for anyone who wants to go to the Metro," she said.

Johnson confirmed that Westmount Square doesn't allow visitors to use the centre court area after store closing hours.

"If the stores are closed, there shouldn't be anyone in the mall sitting around," she said. "We don't allow any loitering, just as they don't at Alexis Nihon Plaza."

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16 Bellevue: to enclose the basement under the existing balcony;

18 Severn: at a Category 1* house, to do masonry repair.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the April 18 meeting of the city council.

65 Forden: at a Category I house, to carry

out landscaping in the back yard and block two doors and a window;

259 Melville: to replace the front balcony door and modify the balcony provided the door is a French door with a higher base and that the soffits are in wood;

1358 Greene: two permits, one to modify the front facade of the building and another to build a fire escape, modify window openings and replace windows and doors on the rear;

317 Metcalfe: to rebuild a rear balcony, build a new accessory building (provided it has a flat roof) and install a new swimming pool;

505 Mountain: to landscape front and rear yards and to install new hand rails;

590 Côte St. Antoine: to replace doors and windows and rehabilitate an old window opening on condition the front balcony door is wood;

614 Belmont: to landscape at the front and rear, modify front steps and build a back porch with pergola;

494 Victoria: at a Category I house, to rebuild the front porch and steps and redo the landscaping in the front yard on condition the railing and handrail are revised as shown in the design plan;

818 Upper Bel-

mont: at a Category I house, landscaping;

386 Roslyn: to rebuild the front porch and steps and landscape the front yard;

730 Upper Roslyn: to remove a secondary chimney, replace the slate roof and install new mechanical equipment on the roof provided the slate roof matches the original detailing of the ensemble and that the flashing is copper;

59 Forden: to replace some windows and modify an opening;

1375 Greene: at a Category I building, to repair the rear balconies;

658 Lansdowne: to replace a window and modify an opening at the rear;

618 Victoria: to build a small extension at the rear and install new windows and doors provided the patio door has a higher base;

156 Metcalfe: at a Category I house, to replace the windows on the second storey and the door on a back balcony;

21 Stayner: to replace a front soffit on condition the panel divisions line up with the building's architectural details;

25 Winchester: to replace five windows;

100 Arlington: to replace some windows provided

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386 Roslyn, April 24.



658 Lansdowne, April 24.



259 Melville, photographed April 24.

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The recently named Vimy Park, the triangular green space to the east of Westmount city hall, was originally part of the once vast Decarie farm, granted to the family by the Sulpicians. It was overlooked by a huge elm tree and was said to be a meeting place for Amerindians.

In the 1850s, when the Grey Nuns were planning to build their motherhouse in Westmount, they acquired this segment. The motherhouse never materialized, and the land continued to be cultivated by various owners. A photo from c. 1900 shows it being ploughed.

The irregular point shape was created in 1893 when Sherbrooke St. was extended west to Côte St. Antoine Rd. This lot was purchased by the city in 1911 from a Judge Ouimet and was given the name Garden Point.

The cornerstone for a war memorial, to commemorate soldiers from Westmount who had died during World War I, was laid in 1920. In 1922, Westmount city hall was built facing it to the west, and the cenotaph was unveiled. Designed by the prominent sculptor George Hill, it features the bronze figures of a soldier and a guardian angel, with marble reliefs of women in wartime below.

In 1948, local architect Percy Erskine Nobbs designed an elevated platform, added granite tablets with the names of Westmount’s fallen military personnel



Garden Point c. 1900.

Photos courtesy of Westmount Historical Association

from the World War II, and planned landscaping.

At the April 3, 2017 meeting of Westmount city council, Garden Point was re-named Vimy Park, in honour of Canada’s World War I victory at Vimy Ridge. The grassy expanse of Vimy Park will be landscaped to provide a place for quiet contemplation.

Caroline Breslaw is president of the Westmount Historical Association.



Garden Point in 1937.



Vimy Park, April 8, 2017.

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- one so designated is double hung;
- 7 Edgehill:** to build a back fence;
- 768 Upper Lansdowne:** to replace windows and storm windows on the side;

- 38 Edgehill:** at a Category I house, to replace a side door;
- 3217 The Boulevard:** to do landscaping in the front yard.



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Victoria LeBlanc, left, and Ron Harris at the Gallery at Victoria Hall April 20.

BY HEATHER BLACK

On April 20, curator Victoria LeBlanc was busy setting up the *Exhibition of Works by the City of Westmount Employees* at The Gallery at Victoria Hall. Held every few years, the 2017 exhibition will feature, paintings, drawings, photography and sculpture from eight participants until May 18.

For Ron Harris with Community Events, this is the third opportunity to exhibit his photographs. Said LeBlanc, “This is such

a creative community with so many talented individuals.”

She has been the gallery’s curator since 1999 and said she is pleased to maintain her link with the Westmount community. An artist herself, she found: “It was time for me to indulge my own creativity” and now paints daily.

Although LeBlanc stepped down as director of the Visual Art Centre in December, she will return to teach a course at the school in September.

New Visual Arts head Reid pleased with student exhibition

BY HEATHER BLACK

The Visual Arts Centre’s new director, Natasha Reid, was on hand to great visitors to the art school’s recent *Annual Student Exhibition 2017*. The exhibition, which included student drawings, watercolours and paintings, as well as sculpture, ran from March 31 to April 15. For Reid, who became head in January, “This year’s exhibition is representative of the passion, sophistication and creativity that is nurtured at the centre.”

She first taught at the school in 2012-13 and described the centre as “a dynamic community that I am thrilled to return to.”

Enrollment for spring workshops and the youth summer program is currently taking place at the Victoria Ave.-based centre.



Natasha Reid at the McClure Gallery, April 12.

Comin’ Up

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

“Westmount Remembers **Expo67**,” 7 pm to 9 pm at Victoria Hall. The city of Westmount is hosting the English language premiere of *Expo67 Mission Impossible*. Audience members are asked to bring Expo mementos or anecdotes to share at the proceeding open mic event. Free. Reserve or pick up tickets at Victoria Hall or the Westmount Public Library. Info: 514.989.5226.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Montreal police’s station 12 is to unveil a “security action plan,” 7 pm at an information meeting at Victoria Hall. The plan follows a public consultation meeting officials had with residents in November and December. RSVP: 514.280.0312.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Artist’s talk with **Frédérique Ulman-Gagné** at the McClure Gallery, 7 pm. 350 Victoria Ave.

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This manor features heated marble window sills to the handcrafted Italian kitchen, mother-of-pearl inlayed window hardware, heated quarter-cut oak and marble floors all overlooking Murray Hill Park.



GEOTHERMAL | DOUBLE GARAGE

RAMEZAY ROAD, WESTMOUNT \$3,695,000

This geothermal-heated home has gone through a major make-over in which no expense was spared. Bright and open spaces in which almost every room is drenched in sunlight.



STUPENDOUS PENTHOUSE

“TRAFALGAR”, WESTMOUNT ADJ. \$2,750,000

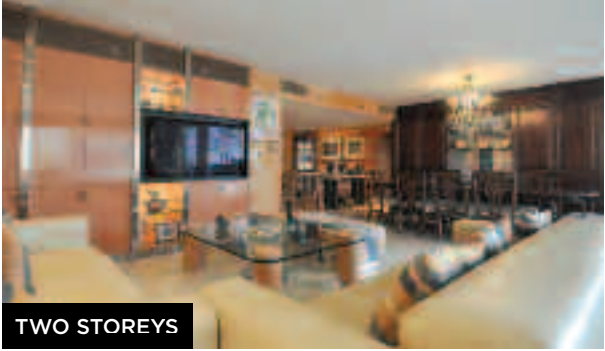
Superb penthouse in the venerable Trafalgar building. Spread over two floors, this manor in the sky features splendid views, two terraces and all the square footage you and your loved ones will ever need.



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TWO STOREYS

“FORT DE LA MONTAGNE”, WESTMOUNT ADJ. \$1,195,000

South-Western exposure, beautifully open and spread over two floors: This penthouse-style unit features two balconies, gorgeous views, a superb exposure and two garages



IDEAL LOCATION

“215 REDFERN”, WESTMOUNT \$859,000

This fabulously spacious and airy unit offers two bedrooms, custom finishes throughout and a quaint and luxurious private terrace. Rich woods, ceramic and soaring ceilings create a wonderfully bright unit



PEACEFUL GARDEN VIEWS

“FORT DE LA MONTAGNE”, WESTMOUNT ADJ. \$799,000

An ideal layout, superbly quiet and peaceful eastern exposure onto the protected greenery and forest. Two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a beautiful terrace overlooks the Sulpicians garden and has a splendid view onto downtown.



BEAUTIFUL CORNER UNIT

“TRAFALGAR”, WESTMOUNT ADJ. \$519,000

A beautiful corner unit overlooking both the peaceful Mount Royal and vista of western Côte des Neiges Boul. where the stunning sunsets fill this beautiful and open space with light. A perfect unit in a prestigious building !



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RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$3,450,000†

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RANDY NAAMI** 514.743.5000

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\$3,295,000†

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SUSAN RANSEN* 514.815.5105

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\$2,598,000

PICTURE PERFECT | WESTMOUNT
Bright & spacious detached residence perched in Upper Westmount. This peaceful property offers sun-filled rooms with gracious proportions. Sitting on a large and private lot. 2-car integrated garage. MLS 28813477

LIZA & ALFEE KAUFMAN† 514.771.7463

INTRODUCING

\$2,125,000

LUXURIOUSLY RENOVATED HOME | WESTMOUNT ADJ.
Located in the sought out Priests Farm. This 3 story home boasts an expansive open concept living. Large modern kitchen, spacious master suite with en suite bathroom, walk-in closet, office and private balcony. MLS 17798305

ROCHELLE CANTOR* 514.605.6755

RECENTLY REDUCED

\$1,495,000

TRIPLEX | WESTMOUNT ADJACENT
Located in Victoria Village and just a few minutes to the new hospital, this renovated triplex has been overhauled from top to bottom. This is the perfect turnkey investment with excellent revenue potential. Not to be missed. MLS 13972254

KAREN ROSSY** 514.963.6311

RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$1,219,000

FORT DE LA MONTAGNE CONDO | WESTMOUNT ADJ.
Splendid condominium on two floors 2 bedrooms, 2+1 bathrooms. Views of the pool and downtown Montreal. Experience the high power and get spoiled by the multitude of services this building has to offer, all just minutes from downtown. MLS 28696088

GÉRALDINE LIBRATY* 514.962.5563

RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$1,185,000†

LOCATION | WESTMOUNT ADJ.
This lovely sunny and spacious home boasts 4 bedrooms, cross-hall living room and dining room, renovated kitchen and bathrooms, superb landscaped garden, patio off the kitchen.

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JILL SHPRITZER* 514.691.0800

INTRODUCING

\$4,000/mo

MANOIR BELMONT | WESTMOUNT ADJ.
Luxurious furnished condo for rent on the 5th floor of Manoir Belmont's historic front building. 2 bdrms/2 baths. Ideal for mature couple. High ceilings, tall windows, skylight in kitchen. One interior parking incl. 24/7 doorman. MLS 26502811

GHISLAINE ADELAND* 514.731.6378

INTRODUCING

\$3,200,000

STUNNING PENTHOUSE CONDO | GOLDEN SQUARE MILE
Beautifully redesigned, this elegant 3,591 sq.ft. Penthouse condo located in the Trafalgar spans across 2 floors. Boasting an unrivaled living space with 4 bedrooms and 4+1 bathrooms, 1 parking space & private terrace. MLS 15194644

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RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$2,195,000

PH AT LA TOUR DES CANADIENS | DOWNTOWN
You want to feel that you are connected with the world this is it. This PH has 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms and 1 powder room, very well thoughtout finishings, an unbelievable view (especially at night) and 2 garages on level 1. MLS 14586241

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RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$1,475,000

TRIPLEX | DOWNTOWN
Centennial building located in the sought after Shaughnessy village; high ceilings, exposed brick wall, superb staircase, 2 fireplaces. Rare on the market with 3 outdoor parking spaces. Great income opportunity! MLS 20680345

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RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$1,449,000

ALTITUDE | DOWNTOWN
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MELISSA CARO* 514.606.7200

RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$1,089,000

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Stunning and meticulous, this home offers a welcoming atmosphere. Located in the heart of Shaughnessy Village in downtown Montreal, this elegant stone residence dating back to 1885 is a true gem. Lovingly maintained and renovated. MLS 18001006

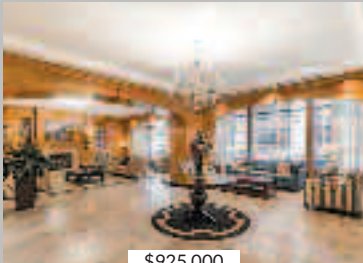
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RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$949,000

ONE OF A KIND TOWNHOUSE | DOWNTOWN
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\$925,000

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Spacious and sunny 2+1 bdrm corner apartment. Quality without compromise, this prestigious address is the ultimate location. 24H security, sumptuous lobby, gym, sauna, heated pool, party room, magnificently landscaped terrace. MLS 26786350

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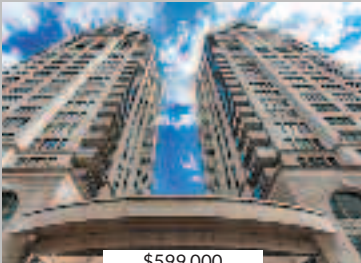
INTRODUCING

\$829,000

THE LINTON | CLASSIC BEAUTY

Linton Apartments – One of Montreal's finest Grande Dame's built in 1907 in prime Golden Mile location. This 3 bedroom facing Sherbrooke Street offers large master suite with in en-suite bathroom & dressing room, open concept living, dining & kitchen. MLS 12896919

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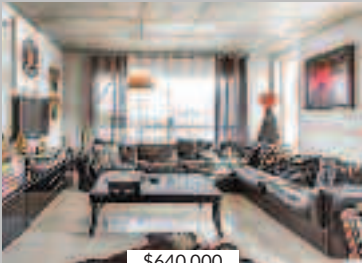


\$599,000

LE 1200 OUEST | DOWNTOWN

Center of the city, great location! Walk to universities, museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. The 1200 Ouest is a prestigious skyscraper with 24h doorman service, beautiful lobby, heated outdoor swimming pool & gym. MLS 26725640

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ELIZABETH COX* **514.577.2737**



\$640,000

QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES | DOWNTOWN

Contemporary design 2 bedrooms, 1+1 bathrooms, 1,000 sq.ft.+. Parking and pool. Experience the freedom to live life with a difference in an inspired and inspiring environment. MLS 11533600

JOHN R. DOW* **514.586.3032**



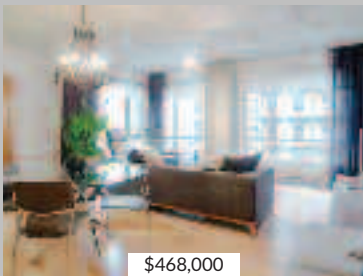
INTRODUCING

\$600,000+ txs

TOUR DES CANADIENS | DOWNTOWN

Spectacular view at the 35th floor on the west side and the Mont-Royal. 2 bedroom condo (1 closed the other open) sold furnished, 1 bathroom, 1 garage, locker. Must see, immediate occupancy possible. MLS 17734983

FREDERIC LE BUIS** **514.953.9058**

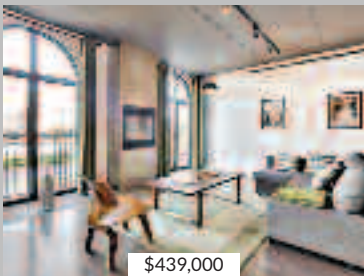


\$468,000

LE CONCORDE | DOWNTOWN

Modern condo for sale in the prestigious building Le Concorde. 1 closed bedroom, Italian style kitchen and spacious bathroom. 24/7 doorman and complete gym. In the heart of urban activity the Quartier des spectacles. MLS 25261602

MONICA GENEST* & VICTORIA MARINACCI* **514.400.0280**

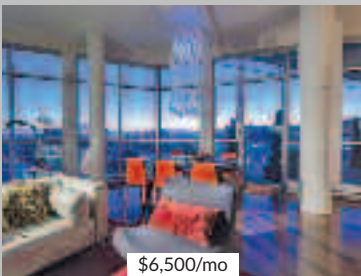


\$439,000

OXFORD | DOWNTOWN

Stunning loft, contemporary design with an industrial look, large windows, concrete and brick wall, beautiful kitchen with refined lines, bathroom with glass shower. Live the urban life in a prestigious surrounding! MLS 11277576

KEVIN PERREAU* **514.774.5932**
VINCENT G. BUSSIERE^ **514.816.3231**



\$6,500/mo

EXECUTIVE RENTAL FURNISHED | DOWNTOWN

Luxurious condo located in Hotel Le Crystal, architectural gem in the heart of Downtown Montreal. Featuring 2 bedrooms and a spectacular open concept Living/Dinning room 11'ceiling with panoramic views of the city and the mountain. MLS 20097696

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\$3,499,000

PRESTIGIOUS COTTAGE | MONT-ROYAL

We can say, without a doubt, that this spacious property has an exquisite style. The architect was inspired by an old French chateau to design their mezzanine. MLS 22233751

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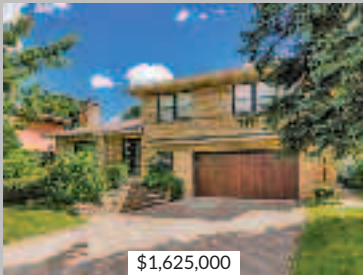
INTRODUCING

\$2,590,000

SPECTACULAR HOME | MONT-ROYAL

Fully renovated state of the art TMR home. Includes: high-end appliances, cinema room, plasma screens, marble counter tops, and spectacular landscaping. This home sits on a corner lot of a very quiet street. A rare gem! MLS 25179395

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\$1,625,000

SPACIOUS SPLIT | MONT-ROYAL

Spacious split-level 3+1 bdrm, 3+1 baths. Quiet street located close to schools, parks, commuter trains. Lovely family room leading out to fabulous manicured garden with pool. MLS 23715492

JJ JACOBS** **514.817.7020**

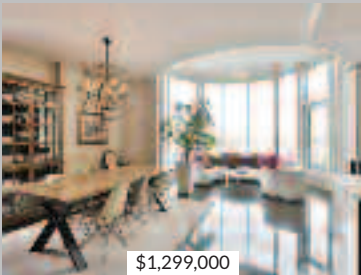


\$1,395,000

GREAT HOME ON AMAZING STREET | HAMPSTEAD

Fabulous 4 bdrm cottage extensively renovated on one of the most desirable streets in Hampstead. Spacious and bright with great living spaces and a beautiful pool size backyard. The perfect family home. MLS 15432969

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\$1,299,000

PENTHOUSE | LE PLATEAU-MONT-ROYAL

Unique 2,105 sq.ft. Penthouse located in the heart of the Plateau. 4 bedrooms, huge private terrace on the roof with a panoramic view of Montreal, incredible open kitchen, rotunda living room, plenty of daylight. MLS 21461357

VINCENT G. BUSSIERE^ **514.816.3231**
KEVIN PERREAU* **514.774.5932**



RECENTLY REDUCED

\$1,299,000

SUPERB SUNSETS | CÔTE-DES-NEIGES

Le Sanctuaire: Magnificent condo completely renovated with high-end materials. This apartment located on the 11th floor offers panoramic views of the city and Mont-Royal, 2 bedrooms, 2 complete bathrooms, 2 indoor parking spaces. MLS 19063455

CATHERINE ROCHON* **514.244.3602**



\$1,195,000

RENOVATED REVENUE PROPERTY | LE PLATEAU-MONT-ROYAL

Completely renovated semi commercial building in great location. Renovated with high-end finishings and no expenses spared. Reputable resto/bar with 2 residential units with stable tenants. Turn key property with good revenues. MLS 11284287

SAGUY ELBAZ* **514.892.7653**



RECENTLY PURCHASED

\$998,000*

WATERFRONT | NUNS' ISLAND

Stunning 1,741 sq.ft. corner unit, south orientation with unobstructed river views. 3 bdrms, 2 bthrms, superb kitchen. 2 garages, complete sports center, doorman 24/7.

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\$865,000

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\$850,000

MAGNIFICENT TOWNHOUSE | NUNS' ISLAND

This elegant contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom property offers a spacious living area with plenty of natural light. Walking distance to bike paths, parks and school. You will find the best of everything by living on Nuns Island. MLS 25316378

JOHANNE TURENNE** **514.909.9029**



\$839,000

CITÉ DU HAVRE | TROPIQUES NORD

Spectacular river view from this 7th floor sun filled, oversized 2 bedroom + den, 3 walls of windows, 2+1 bathrooms, 2 garages, doorman, indoor/outdoor pools, tennis, 5 min shuttle to town, 2 condos per floor. See garden video. MLS 14649618

DAVID WILKES* **514.947.5152**



INTRODUCING

\$749,000

SPLIT-LEVEL HOME | CÔTE-SAINT-LUC

Property in great condition, boasting many upgrades and plenty of storage space throughout. 3+1 bedrooms and 2+1 baths. New roof in 2016, new baseboards, framing & interior doors in 2013 and new electric furnace in 2008/2009. MLS 14960990

JOHN DI PIETRO* **514.726.1400**



\$649,900

VILLERAY
Superb cottage, 3 bedrooms, sunny open concept, great location, renovated. Garden, parking. MLS 21732895

MYRIAM GÉLINAS* **514.972.3215**



\$585,000

TRIPLEX WITH BACHELOR | LACHINE
Solid triplex w/ bachelor well located in quiet neighborhood close to transportation and amenities. Main 4-bedroom apartment includes master with en-suite, finished basement and double garage. Owner occupant or investment. Roof 2015. MLS 13241987

PENELOPE VILAGOS** **514.779.5122**

RECENTLY REDUCED



\$2,900,000

WATERFRONT | CARIGNAN
This home is designed to offer you some of the bests spectacular panoramic views in an outstanding comfort. The definition of luxury and quality certainly applies to this magnificent property. MLS 11780923

MARTIN BILODEAU* **438.871.1030**

INTRODUCING



\$1,700,000

MONTREAL WATERFRONT PROPERTY | BEACONSFIELD
Beaconsfield lakeshore property in Montreal's West Island private community of Gables Court. Next to private club: park, pool, beach, boat launch and tennis. Build your dream home in an ideal location. 10 minutes from airport. MLS 21463637

BARBARA BAUDINET** **514.825.9890**




\$989,000

EXCEPTIONAL UNIT | ROSEMÈRE
Truly an exceptional elegant and prestigious property located along the Mille Îles River, Manoir Bleury le Bouthillier. This extraordinary unit on 4 floors with 2,891 sq.ft. of living space offers you the out most in modern living. MLS 17444864

PINA PIZZI* **514.781.4826**

INTRODUCING



\$899,000

EXQUISITE ESTATE ON 2 ACRES | SAINT-LAZARE
Stunning backyard offering heated in ground pool, spa with waterfall, custom fire pit. Extremely private backyard with mature trees. MLS 27147239

CASSANDRA AURORA** **514.293.2277**



\$789,000

BRIGHT & SPACIOUS | DOLLARD-DES ORMEAUX
Prominent Westpark location! This gorgeous fully renovated home (2014 & 2015) has quality finishings throughout. Large 5 bedrooms, 3+1 bath. Child safe area, close to schools, parks. MLS 19618261

FLORENCE LEZMY* **514.699.9448**

INTRODUCING



\$780,000

STUNNING PROPERTY | SAINT-LAZARE
Luxurious home with separate guest aisle and a magnificent backyard with inground pool. 4 bdrm, 4 bath, 3 fireplaces, double garage + 4-stall barn on 70,000 sq.ft. lot. MLS 9668394

BEA JARZYNSKA^Δ **438.989.8912**

RECENTLY REDUCED



\$719,000

MODERN & CONTEMPORARY | SAINT-VINCENT-DE-PAUL
Optimal layout, close to 3,000 sq.ft. of living space, 9 ft ceilings, view of the water & majestic Oak trees, dream master bdrm complete with luxurious ensuite and custom closet system. Stunning main floor atrium with 18 ft ceilings. MLS 15682326

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\$7,900,000

LAC MANITOU WATERFRONT | IVRY-SUR-LE-LAC
Stunning waterfront property on prestigious lake Manitou. This magnificent home boasts 3+4 bdrms, 6+1 baths, gas and wood fireplaces, a/c, audio/video system, intercom and more. MLS 26357047

JILL SHPRITSER** **514.691.0800**
MAUREEN BROSSÉAU* **514.935.4597**



\$7,481,600

TRANQUILITY BAY | LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD
Nestled next to Mont-Tremblant National Park, this 330-acre property w/ 4,400' of waterfront on lake Tremblant can be sold as a private family estate or may be subdivided. MLS 19772480

HERBERT RATSCH^{††} **819.429.9019**



\$5,700,000

PRESTIGIOUS LAC DESMARAIS | MONT-TREMBLANT
Magnificent country domaine. This grandiose architectural creation of a true timber frame construction is apparent throughout the house with high ceilings, massive Douglas fir posts and beams. 6 bedrooms, 4+1 baths, with 2 separate guest quarters. MLS 10646091

RAYMOND DALBEC** **819.425.4568**



\$1,770,000

SENSATIONAL PANORAMA | SHEFFORD
Fully automated and equipped with cutting edge technology, offering full control at your fingertips. The majestic fenestration and the spacious open-plan spaces offer unique views on Mount Bromont. MLS 14607584

STEPHANE CLOUTIER* **819.578.7507**



\$1,289,000

LARGE GEORGIAN-STYLE PROPERTY | MAGOG
The property sits high on 10 acres overlooking majestic lake Memphremagog. Very private. Possibility to be divided intergenerationally. Intimate upstairs master suite and guests quarters w/4 bdrms. South facing solarium. MLS 21088039

MARIE-PIERS BARSALOU** **450.577.0272**
JOHANNE MEUNIER* **514.926.5626**



\$1,035,000

LAC CONNELLY - MOTORIZED LAKE | SAINT-HIPPOLYTE
Breathtaking private beach and boat ramp. Open concept, 3+1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, jacuzzi, sauna. Great back yard with terrace, pergola, waterfall/private dock. 45 minutes from Mtl. MLS 12490583

STEPHANE LARRIVÉE* **514.809.8466**



\$998,000

WATERFRONT HOME | SAINTE-AGATHE-DES-MONTS
Extraordinary custom home bordering the majestic lac Azur with a large lot of 2.7 acres. Warm inviting interior with a contemporary style. Only 1hr 10 mins from Mtl. MLS 28730960

MICHEL DAVIDSON* **514.239.7399**

INTRODUCING



\$980,000

WATERFRONT HOME | SAINTE-MARGUERITE-DU-LAC-MASSON
Magnificent sun drenched home with 360' of shoreline on the majestic lac Croche, facing South West. Large, private lot of 3.6 acres, 4 bdrms, garage. Only 1 hour from Montréal. MLS 16935274

MELANIE CLARKE* **450.694.0678**



\$818,000

ROYAL LAURENTIEN GOLF COURSE | SAINT-FAUSTIN
Waterfront custom built Viceroy home w/over 2,000 sq.ft built with high quality finishes, 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms + 1 bedroom apartment on the garden level. Part of the lower level to finish to have a family room plus bedroom. MLS 18058846

MARSHA HANNA* **819.425.0619**

INTRODUCING



\$395,000

GOLF FAIRMONT | MONTEBELLO
Beautiful Canadian style 4-season home, 50,700 sq. ft. lot, inground pool, 60-75 minutes from Ottawa, Montreal and Mont-Tremblant. This 5 bedroom, 3 bath home provides the ultimate in year-round country living. Worth the visit! MLS 24139639

RACHELLE DEMERS* **514.378.8630**

On the Lighter Side

Remember the days when...

Humour

INGRID KOVITCH-
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“Hey!” screeched one of the kids, “This watermelon has SEEDS!”

“You know,” I began, “In my day, *all* watermelons had seeds.”

Eyes widened. I went on, “After all, what do you plant to grow a seedless watermelon?”

There was global befuddlement as four children contemplated the fate of their beloved oversized fruit mule.

At the same moment, I began to ponder, with considerable horror the notion that none of our progeny had ever gloried in the immeasurable satisfaction of pinging a sibling with a well-aimed “*phtoo!*”

And with that wistful thought, I surrendered to the inexorable pull, the seductive lure, of ... nostalgia.

Was it possible that our kids had never tasted the delicious deviousness of listening in – I mean, inadvertently catching snippets of – conversations on “land lines”? Worse, that they had never known a world prior to the invention of the term?

Never had their gum purchases been driven by the relentless life-defining mission of generating quarters in order to feed pay phones. They knew nothing about collect calls. Reversing charges. Having to remember phone numbers!

Mixing tapes

No hours were consumed waiting, with finger poised over the record button of a tape deck, for a coveted song to finally play on the radio. No “mix tapes” were ever made for special events, for running or as gifts for friends.

These moppets knew not from paper maps; crucial areas rubbed off at the folds. Nor road atlases. Nor getting lost.

They had never relished the titillating excitement of waiting for film to be developed. The devastation of an overexposed

roll. Flash cubes.

None had ever passed notes – *actual paper notes* – in class!

When I was a kid, my parents used to call us for supper with a wonderful, sonorous brass bell. These days our nefarious go-to strategy to guarantee that teens will surface when summoned is to unplug the modem. Sure enough, the panicked urchins spring up instantly; much like alarmed prairie dogs or like narwhales with their blow holes corked.

Unplugged and on fire

Luckily, as enthusiastic campers, our children were always able to embrace – for brief periods, at least – a life unplugged. Although pretty much everything about the senseless-suffering-in-the-open-air appealed to them, they were particularly enamoured with all things campfire-related.

From the moment they could walk, my husband began instructing them in Optimal Pyre Construction. This included sharing his nifty technique of fanning the

flames using a (usually clean) plastic camping plate, and a very technically precise series of wrist flicks.

No matter how exuberant the flames, the kids revelled in flicking, flapping, swishing and waving, using any and all plates that were not already laden with camping mush. More, I suspected, in an effort to drive smoke into siblings’ eyes than to bolster the blaze.

So, many years ago, when a friend gave us a lovely, antique bellows for our cottage, 5-year-old Gabby eyed the odd contraption with great interest.

“What’s that?” he asked.

“It’s called a bellows,” I answered. “It’s an old-fashioned gizmo that blows oxygen on the fire and feeds the flames.”

“Come and see,” I continued. I held his hand in front of the nozzle end and squeezed. “Can you feel that?”

“Mmmmmmm...” he hummed appreciatively. “I guess they didn’t have plates back then.”



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Livre : Un portrait de la Ville de Westmount
La photographe Jaroslava Miler a su capturer les parcs, les rues, les maisons et les bâtiments municipaux de Westmount dans toute leur splendeur et au fil des saisons. Le livre est en vente au prix de 15 \$ et est disponible au Victoria Hall, à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount, ainsi qu'au bureau du maire à l'hôtel de ville.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Club de films documentaires
Le mercredi 3 mai, 19 h, Bibliothèque.
Seymour: An introduction (2015). Billets requis.
Info : 514 989-5299.

Série Récits de voyages
Le vendredi 5 mai, 10 h 30, Bibliothèque. Une activité hebdomadaire qui simule le fait de voyager dans un pays étranger pour les individus atteints de la maladie d'Alzheimer ou d'une autre forme de démence. Inscription requise. Info : dmiguez@westmount.org ou 514 989-5409.



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Conférence : Innovation, technologie et médecine
Le 27 avril, 19 h, Bibliothèque. La recherche se présente sous de nombreuses formes, tailles et dans de nombreux types de maladies. La recherche a montré que la participation à un essai clinique offre au patient la possibilité d'être traité avec des thérapies novatrices et à la fine pointe de la technologie. Présentée par le Projet Ville en santé Westmount et la Fondation du CUSM. Info : 514 843-1543

Prochaine séance du conseil
le lundi 1^{er} mai

Projection spéciale
Le samedi 29 avril, 19 h, Victoria Hall.
Expo 67: Mission Impossible. Présentation d'un film sur l'Expo 67 avec conférenciers invités et un segment d'écomusée pop-up qui permettra au public de partager de bons souvenirs. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5226

Conférences-midi
Le mardi 2 mai, 12 h 15, Victoria Hall. *What Does It Mean to Live Sustainably* avec Kelly Hawke Baxter, directrice générale, *The Natural Step Canada*. En collaboration avec Le Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal. 10 \$/conférence. Info : 514 989-5226.

Soirée dansante avec l'orchestre Ballroom Blitz
Le samedi 6 mai, 20 h, Victoria Hall. Un orchestre vous fera danser toute la nuit aux rythmes de rumba, swing, valse et salsa. 25 \$ à la porte, 20 \$ en avance. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall, à la Bibliothèque et à eventbrite.com. Info : 514 989-5226.

Galerie du Victoria Hall
Du 21 avril au 18 mai. La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une exposition des employés. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche 10 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de résidus domestiques dangereux
Le samedi 29 avril, de 9 h à 17 h, Bibliothèque. Beaucoup de produits sont très dommageables pour l'environnement quand ils sont mal éliminés. Débarrassez-vous de ces matières de manière sécuritaire. Info : 514 989-5390.

Restauration du bois Summit
De la fin mars au début mai, bois Summit. Plus d'un km de sentier sera aménagé et couvert de copeaux de bois. 4 espaces de stationnement seront fermés au stationnement sur Summit Circle pour la durée des travaux. Info : 514 989-5291.

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Book: A portrait of the City of Westmount
From parks, streets, houses to civic buildings, Westmount is captured in all of its glory, throughout the seasons, by photographer Jaroslava Miler. The book is priced at \$15 and is available for purchase at Victoria Hall, Westmount Library, as well as the Mayor's Office at City Hall.

LIBRARY

Documentary Film Club
Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., Library.
Seymour: An introduction (2015). Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5299.

Tales and Travels Series
Friday, May 5, 10:30 a.m., Library.
A weekly activity that simulates the act of travelling to a foreign country for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Registration required. Info : dmiguez@westmount.org or 514 989-5409.



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Next Council Meeting
Monday, May 1

the art therapies, Westmount Healthy City Project and MUHC Foundation Joint Venture. Info : 514 843-1543

Special Screening
Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Expo 67: Mission Impossible* film screening event with guest speakers and a pop-up ecomuseum segment that will permit the audience to share their Expo 67 memories. Tickets required. Info : 514 989-5226.

Afternoon Lecture Series
Tuesday, May 2, 12:15 p.m., Victoria Hall. *What Does It Mean to Live Sustainably* with Kelly Hawke Baxter, director of *The Natural Step Canada*. In collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10/lecture. Info : 514 989-5226.

Ballroom Blitz Big Band Dance
Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. Dance the night away at this evening of rumba, swing, waltz and salsa with a live band. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Tickets available at the Library, Victoria Hall, and eventbrite.com. Info : 514 989-5226.

Gallery at Victoria Hall
April 21 to May 18. The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present an employee exhibition. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info : 514 989-5521.

PUBLIC WORKS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library. Many household products are harmful to the environment if improperly discarded. Hazardous or toxic products must not go in the regular garbage nor down the drain, but should instead be brought to the Hazardous Waste Collection. Info : 514 989-5390.

Restoration of Summit Woods
From the end of March to early May, Summit Woods. Over one km of main trails will be laid with wood chips. 4 parking spots will be closed off in the parking lot on Summit Circle for the duration of the work. Info : 514 989-5291.



Akiva learns to 'spin the music'



Grade 2 students at Akiva participated in a special music program March 23 with DJ Yo-C (Yossi Ohana), who is seen showing them how to "spin the music," said the school's Cindy Warren. The program included learning about percussion, keyboards, guitar, vocals and mixing on a music table. Guest speakers also included the band Lakes of Canada, musician Sam Paige Schwartz and Shaar Hashomayim cantor Gideon Zelermyer.

Photo courtesy of Akiva.

Batshaw Children Needing Homes Meet toddler siblings

A foster home is being sought for an aboriginal sibling duo between the ages of two and three years old.

The children are presently in an emergency foster home and are in need of a permanent home, where they must stay together. The siblings are coming from an unstructured home life, i.e. lack of routine, stimulation and medical neglect. Developmentally, they are functioning below their age level, lagging behind in the area of speech. They are awaiting assessment for speech and language development.

However, since coming into foster care with nurturing, structure and consistency, they have made significant gains in that their health status and nutrition have improved, and they are more active and are adjusting to rules and daily routine.

Caring for Matthew and Morris will be challenging as they have medical issues that will require follow-ups. They have shown resiliency and have responded well to medical interventions.

The siblings have developed into smiling interactive toddlers – giggling, babbling and initiating conversations with their parents and peers. They will require

foster parents who are outgoing and loving.

The ideal family for Matthew and Morris would be an aboriginal family that can make the commitment for as long as they need.

For more information about these siblings, please contact Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, extension 1139.



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The Study hears from Westmouter Havelka at career day



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The Study hosted "Our Women In Leadership" March 30. Amongst the 16 speakers at the career day was keynote speaker Françoise Lyon, who works in finance, "and, at the same time, [is] an advocate for women and finance in Quebec," according to the school's director of communications Susan Orr-Mongeau. Lyon spoke, along with Westmouter and architect Susane Havelka and Jana Taylor. Havelka, who stands between grade 10 student Justine Henrichon-Goulet and her daughter, grade 11 student Morgane Dackiw, is a PhD candidate in engineering and architecture at McGill, known for her investigative work on Inuit self-built houses and building systems in the eastern Arctic.

Contractors caught blowing leaves onto street

A landscaping company was issued a ticket for \$271 when caught blowing leaves onto the street at St. Catherine and Metcalfe on April 17, Public Security officials said. Its three gardeners were observed using leaf blowers at 4:45 pm and were about to leave when the patrollers intervened

and informed them of three infractions: using a blower on a legal holiday (Easter Monday), leaving the leaves in the street and failing to have a legal permit. They were described as cooperative, had no prior warnings and were ticketed with the one offence.

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History by the house

‘Where have all the flowers gone?’ The story of the Hillside armoury



Real Estate

ANDY DODGE

The announced sale in early March of the Hillside armoury, 1-3 Hillside Ave. corner Hillside Lane, may bring a new use to a property, which started out as a flower garden and later was home for a variety of different users, from horses to automobiles to soldiers.

When Notre Dame de Grâce was incorporated as a town back in 1874, the small plot of land was a “floral nursery” owned by John Smith Murray, who lived on Dorchester St. and had a retail outlet at 822 Dorchester, corner University St. He had purchased the land from three plumbers, Richard Patton, David Glen and William Hughes, in 1872. By 1887, he had moved to Greene Ave. in the growing village of Côte St. Antoine but kept up the nursery, which was off “Sissons Lane,” which eventually became St. Catherine St.

Lovell’s Directory first shows the existence

of Hillside Ave. in 1894, reporting that it stretched from Hallowell St. to Abbott Ave., where the local railroad station had been built to welcome the new CPR right-of-way. Two years later, the easternmost section of Hillside became the huge stadium and playing grounds of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association (MAAA). Murray, it appears, kept his nursery operating on the west side of the MAAA grounds despite the fact that Evans Bros. Coal and Wood appeared across the street, at 10 Hillside, backing onto the railway tracks.

The railway attracted other industrial enterprises, as well, including John Stewart, a builder who set himself up at 153 Hillside, corner Metcalfe Ave. Stewart’s wife, Catherine Fraser Coupland, finally purchased the nursery from Murray in 1906, paying \$4,819.50 or about 30 cents per square foot. She turned it over three

years later to the newly-formed Mount Royal Stables Ltd., a riding instruction organization, which set about building a huge brick structure, which boarded horses in the basement.

Apparently Stewart was not the actual builder of the Mount Royal Stables (it was designed, according to some accounts, by R. Montgomery Roddon and built by the Roebling Construction Co. of New York), but Coupland more than doubled her money by selling the land to the organization for \$10,500.

Some have suggested the building cost upwards of \$100,000 to build, with huge arched windows offering light to a central enclosed courtyard, stables for 100 horses and four storeys of offices and rooms on the south end. One riding enthusiast who blogs under the codename “sidesaddlegirl” reprinted the promotional article in the *Montreal Standard* of June 25, 1910 and

commented, “It must have been an impressive site in it’s [sic] day with all the grooms in attendance and all the gleaming saddles in the tack room!”

No doubt one of the major advantages was the proximity to the MAAA grounds, which included a huge showing area and circular track so members could ride outdoors when the weather allowed.

With automobiles rapidly replacing horses as the main mode of transportation, in 1919 the building was sold to Richard Weir Grant, an



The front-page “kicker” for the feature about the new Mount Royal Riding Academy, from the 1910 *Montreal Standard*. “expert me- continued on p. 21



Hillside armoury photographed March 31.

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chanic,” for \$65,000; he quickly transferred it to his company, Grant Garage Ltd., but by 1921 it was sold to His Majesty The King and the military use of the building was established, according to *Lovell's*, simply as “military stores.”

Over the years the name of the occupant in *Lovell's* changed from “military stores” to “ordnance stores depot” to “Royal Canadian ordnance depot.” By 1945, at the end of World War II, it sported the name “Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Depot” and apparently the 3 Field Engineer Regiment moved in, in about 1949, followed a few years later by the 11 Signal Regiment.

The engineers had a long association with the city, often participating in the city of Westmount's Family Day celebrations by building bridges and zip lines across the

Westmount Park pond, as they still do despite their departure from the armoury, and participating in Remembrance Day celebrations. In 1981, one of their own, Mayor Donald MacCallum, who was by then honorary colonel of the regiment, offered them the “freedom of the city,” which allowed the troop to march “with bayonets mounted” in Westmount.

Mayor Michael Tucker (1965-68) had been commanding officer of the regiment back in the 1940s before they moved to Hillside. And in 1963, one of their bomb disposal experts, Walter Leja, successfully dismantled two bombs in Westmount mailboxes, planted by the Front de Libération du Québec before being seriously injured by a third bomb at the corner of Lansdowne and Westmount avenues.

Some 10 years ago, the regiment began



The Montreal Standard of June 25, 1910 had a large feature article on the exciting new building being built on Hillside Ave., the Mount Royal Riding Academy, which featured “smoking rooms” with large windows looking out on a central parade area.

Images courtesy of Patrick Martin.

to ponder the future of the site and approached then Mayor Karin Marks about the possibility of turning it over to the city, according to city councillor Patrick Martin, but the question was left in abeyance until early this year, when again the regiment offered it to the city (see story March 7, p. 1). Though Martin said he favoured making the building into an indoor swimming pool and recreation centre, he was voted down by other members of city council who felt the cost of operating such a centre would be too high to warrant the cost of conversion.

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The Central parade area, as shown in the 1910 Montreal Standard article about the Mount Royal Riding Academy. A photo in the realtor's listing for the most recent sale of the property shows it has changed little over the past century-plus.

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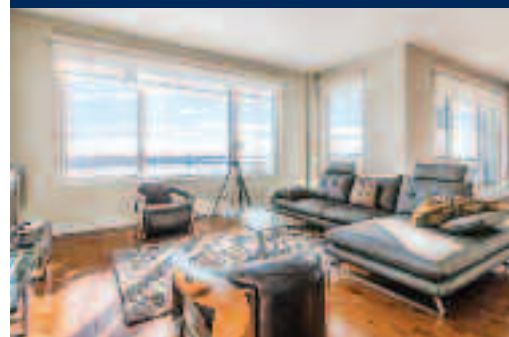
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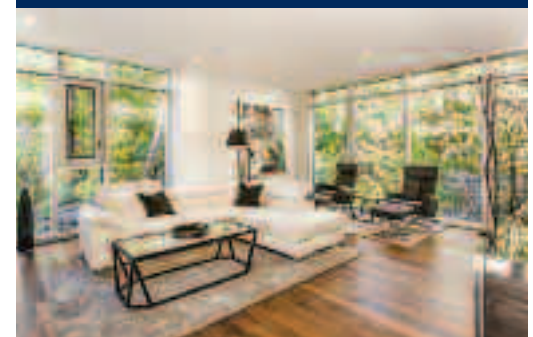
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Grosvenor reconstruction contract to be awarded \$1.5M on May 1

LAUREEN SWEENEY

A contractor who has never worked on road reconstruction in Westmount is expected to be awarded a \$1.5-million contract May 1 for the challenging Grosvenor Ave. redo, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner. It involves the entire block from de Maison-neuve to Sherbrooke.

The quote of CMS General Contractors

was the lowest conforming bid of four and was found to meet the city’s specifications, Martin said last week.

The CMS quote for \$1.468 million (tax credits included) was less than expected, he explained. “While this contractor has never worked on our roads, they have a good reputation on the island.”

Because of the complexity of the project, he expected the contractor would want to start work as soon as possible to be able

to complete it on time – all within this year.

The project, as had been outlined by Councillor Christina Smith, involves new water mains, electrical conduits, street lights, sidewalks, concrete road base and asphalt surfacing. The long, narrow street has no lanes or access side streets (see story April 11, p. 1).

Chocolate Lab goes wandering

A chocolate-coloured Labrador was found running loose near the Summit lookout April 16, Public Security officials said. The dog is well known to officers, who leashed it and returned it to the owner, who lives in the area. The resident was issued two \$77 tickets: one for the dog being off leash and the other for failing to obtain a valid permit. He was reported to have been warned and ticketed “on numerous occasions” for the same by-law offences.



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AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

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AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande pour un permis de démolition et un programme de remplacement pour le bâtiment situé au **475, avenue Roslyn**.

Ce projet implique une démolition substantielle du bâtiment. En vertu du règlement 1317, puisque le projet entraîne la démolition de plus de 10 % de la superficie de la façade principale de l’immeuble en cause, le projet doit être examiné par le Comité de démolition. Le projet proposé consiste à la transformation du volume d’entrée actuelle pour créer une addition au bâtiment existant dans la cour latérale sud.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de permis de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés au bureau du directeur du Service de l’aménagement urbain, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d’ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Toute personne qui veut s’opposer à la démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l’avis public, ou à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l’affichage de l’avis sur l’immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition motivée à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l’adresse ci-après.

De plus, toute personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée ou présenter toute autre proposition, doit également le faire, par écrit, à l’intérieur du délai de dix (10) jours, à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l’adresse suivante :

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Toute personne (ou son représentant dûment autorisé par écrit) qui aura déposé auprès du greffe, une opposition motivée par écrit ou fait une proposition par écrit, à l’intérieur de ce délai pourra être entendue par le comité de démolition au cours de la séance publique qui se tiendra **le 15 mai 2017 à 17h15** dans la salle du conseil de l’hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 25 avril 2017.

Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe de la Ville / Assistant City Clerk

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application for a demolition permit, and for a replacement program for the building located at **475 Roslyn Avenue**.

This project involves a substantial demolition of the original building. In accordance with by-law 1317, as the demolition work exceeds 10% of the area of the main façade of the building, the project must be submitted for consideration by the Demolition Committee. This project consists of transforming the volume of the current entrance to create an addition to the existing building in the south side yard.

All relevant documents concerning this demolition application, including plans, may be consulted at the Office of the Director of Urban Planning located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A person wishing to oppose the demolition must do so by writing to the Assistant City Clerk, giving the reasons for objecting, within 10 days of publication of the public notice or, failing such notice, within 10 days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned.

Likewise, any person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition, or make any other comment in this regard, must also do so, in writing, to the Assistant City Clerk, within that period of ten (10) days, at the following address:

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City of Westmount
4333 Sherbrooke Street West
Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2

Any person (or their representatives who have been duly authorized in writing) who has filed, in writing, objections or comments with the City Clerk’s Office, within the specified delay, may be heard by the Demolition Committee at its public sitting to be held on **May 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this April 25, 2017.

ON THE SHELVES

Among new arrivals at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines

“Love as practice” by Tara Brach in *Mindful*, April 2017, p. 66-67. The author and her husband have developed a regular meditation practice for keeping the lines of communication open and maintaining a deep and loving connection.

“Unlocking the vault” by Carlin Flora in *Psychology Today*, March/April 2017. Many people harbor lifelong secrets too painful to confront, let alone disclose. But examining the context in which such secrets develop is key to vanquishing their power.

“Le sexe féminin, terra incognita?” in *Québec science*, March 2017, p. 13-31. Un dossier spécial qui s'intéresse à la santé des femmes en plusieurs chapitres.

E-audio (from Overdrive)

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders – Read by 166 actors and musicians, as well as a number of Saunders' family and friends, including Nick Offerman, David Sedaris and George Saunders, this mesmerizing historical novel is also a moving ghost story as it traces a night of solitary mourning and reflection as experienced by the 16th president after the death of his 11-year-old son at the dawn of the Civil War.

Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman – Read by Gaiman himself, it's a retelling of the three main Norse mythological figures: Odin, the highest and oldest of the gods; his son, Thor, who makes up in brawn what he lacks in brains; and Loki, offspring of giants and a wily trickster.

Livres numériques

Romain Gary s'en va-t-en guerre by Laurent Seksik – Before inventing Émile Ajar, a person who never existed and under whose name Romain Gary wrote and even won the Prix Goncourt, Gary invented

himself a father. Building his own legend, the author inferred that this imaginary father was Ivan Mosjoukine, the most famous Russian actor of his time. It turns out reality had nothing to do with this fairy tale. This book retraces 24 hours in the life of the young Romain, a day which turns his life around.

La vie secrète des arbres: découvertes d'un monde caché by Peter Wohlleben – Forester and author Peter Wohlleben makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending dangers.

Adult books – Refugees in fact and fiction

Exit West by Moshin Hamid – The internationally best-selling author of *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* presents the story of two young lovers whose furtive affair is shaped by local unrest on the eve of a civil war that erupts in a cataclysmic bombing attack, forcing them to abandon their previous home and lives.

The New Odyssey: The Story of the Twenty-First-Century Refugee Crisis by Patrick Kingsley – Europe is facing a wave of migration unmatched since the end of World War II. Throughout 2015, Kingsley traveled to 17 countries along the migrant trail, meeting hundreds of refugees making epic odysseys across deserts, seas and mountains to reach the holy grail of Europe. This is Kingsley's unparalleled account of who these voyagers are. It's about why they keep coming, and how they do it.

Adult French: French political figures

Dans la tête de Marine Le Pen by Michel Eltchaninoff – On the eve of the 2017 pres-

idential elections, this essay examines the main elements of the ideology carried by the Front National's leader.

Jacques & Jacqueline: un homme et une femme face à la raison d'Etat by Laureline Dupont and Pauline de Saint-Rémy. – Jacqueline Chabridon was prime minister's Jacques Chirac's mistress and was interviewed for this book.

DVDs: The award for best actor goes to...

Chocolat directed by Roschdy Zem – Omar Sy won a *Globes de cristal* award for his portrayal of the first black artist of the French stage, Rafael (stage name: Chocolat). His performances as a clown and actor during the *belle époque* took him from obscurity to great popular success, but celebrity, easy money, gambling and discrimination eventually took their toll on his career.

Manchester by the Sea directed by Kenneth Lonergan – After the death of his older brother Joe, Lee Chandler (played by Casey Affleck, who won an Oscar for his performance) is shocked that Joe has made him sole guardian of his teenage nephew Patrick. Taking a leave from his job as a janitor in Boston, Lee reluctantly returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea, the Massachusetts fishing village where his working-class family has lived for generations.

Animal stories for children

Moo Dog by David Milgrim – Moo Dog and Moo Bird are different from the other animals. They laugh at Dog when he moos instead of barks, but Dog and Bird show the others that being different can be fun.

Those Pesky Rabbits by Ciara Flood – Bear lives on his own in the middle of nowhere, and that's just the way he likes it. But when a family of rabbits builds its house right next to his, he isn't pleased. They keep knocking on his door and asking for things! Will Bear ever learn to like his

pesky new neighbours?

Book Club in a Bag

The Break by Katherena Vermette – When a Métis woman sees a possible crime she telephones the police. Told from the perspectives of various people connected to this violence in a Métis community, we hear their stories leading up to that fateful night.



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Book of Westmount photos launched



A compilation of photos of Westmount taken by photographer and Westmounter Jaroslava Miler was unveiled March 29 in the council chamber at city hall. Westmount – A portrait of the City was published by the city. Looking at the book, from left, are: Mayor Peter Trent, Miler and her husband Claude Archambault. Copies can be purchased at Victoria Hall or the mayor’s office for \$15.
Photo courtesy of the city of Westmount.

Mashaal publishes poetry book

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

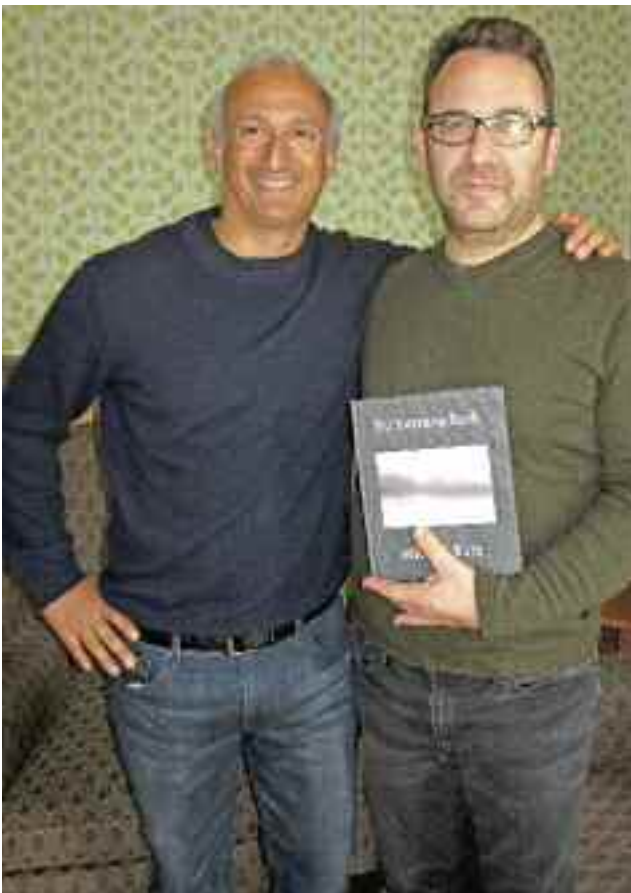
Westmounter Richard Mashaal values friendship so much he opened a new company. He created the publishing house Thirty Torches to launch *No Turning Back*, a poetry book by Michael Katz, a friend of Mashaal’s years ago when they both attended LCC.

Today, Katz, now a lawyer, lives in LA. “I wrote my first book of poetry to celebrate Montreal, and for my son Samuel, who is 12, so he knows my roots.”

That friendship supports the publication is also evident in the book’s foreword. It is written by A.O. Scott, literary reviewer for the *New York Review of Books*, and also an old friend of Katz from when they studied at Harvard.

“I love the references to the Laurentians,” said Mashaal. “I re-lived times past: the bittersweet poignancy of nostalgia. As the title implies, there is, indeed, no turning back.”

Some of the verses are written in prose, others rhyme. The poems are illustrated with photographs, some from family al-



Richard Mashaal, left, and Michael Katz at the Westmount Public Library April 7.

bums, as well as some taken by Athena Arnell. The book is available at the Museum of Jewish Montreal until the end of June.



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Mystery alarm traced to garbage

A call April 15 for an alarm heard ringing on Aberdeen triggered a search for the source by public safety officers, Public Security officials said. It was finally tracked down to a dumpster outside a house at 68 Forden. Inside was a smoke detector that had been discarded along with other debris. The owner of the house had been ordered by Quebec Superior Court to clean it up as required by the city (see story September 6, p. 9).



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Tuques Bleues' cold trek a hot success



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Although everyone complains during frigid winter weeks, Montrealers really know how to enjoy winter. The 20th edition of the annual Tuques Bleues celebration, held on Mount Royal February 16 to benefit Les amis de la montagne, was another sold-out success.

Presented again by Manulife, the crisp clear night event attracted 400 snowshoers, 75 runners and a multitude of cheering fans. Inspired by the treks of the 19th-century founded Montreal Snowshoe Club, the fun outdoor event combined an athletic climb up the mountain with fine food, music and entertainment.

Guests arrived warmly muffled as were the mounted police on their magnificent *Black Beauty* horses, admired for their icicle-lashed but lovely attentive eyes.

Westmounter **Peter Howlett**, president/founder of Les amis, welcomed

guests with his wife **Morag Howlett** and daughter **Jane**.

Honorary co-presidents were **Michel Leblanc**, president/CEO, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, who was represented by **Michelle Llambias Meunier**, director corporate affairs and community relations; and **Robert Tellier**, regional vice president, Group Retirement Solutions and Group Benefits Québec, Manulife, who attended with 85 Manulife employees.

Local residents noted having fun on the cold night included co-presidents of the Tuques Bleues fundraising committee **Phil Belec**, president, Ben-Jac Capital Inc., and his wife **Anna Belec**; and **Jeff Drummond**, president, DNA Capital, with his wife **Kathryn Lund**; as well as other Westmounters **Sam Scalia**, president, Samcon, and **Diana Ferrara Scalia**, honorary president of Les amis' upcoming Benefit Luncheon Chapeau Mont Royal in June; and **Ricky Hart**.

They were joined by warmly-clad country-chic guests including **Vincent Prager**, maritime lawyer at Denton; **Françoise Lyon**, senior VP, Pembroke Private Wealth Management; and **Érik Moisan**, VP and portfolio manager, RBC continued on p. 26



From left: Peter Howlett, Michelle Llambias and Robert Tellier.



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Other guests included **Leslie and Christopher McGilvray**, **Linda Bonneville**, **Frank Csik**, **Matthew Price-Gallagher**, **Lisa Chamandy**, **Mark Roper** and **Frank Marinello**.

Winners in the women's category were **Lindsay Slater** (gold), **Sarah Christiani** (silver) and **Amelie Desroches** (bronze).
The men's snowshoe race winners were **Clément Coste** (gold), **Chris Blanchard** (silver) and **Vincent Felteau** (bronze).

Rosy-cheeked participants enjoyed a gastronomic buffet by **Java U Catering** and sipped offerings from **Coureur des bois**, **Dornier Wines** and **Bierbrier Brewery**.
Westmount's **St. George's School's** assistant head **Nathalie Bossé** was presented with the **Manulife Volunteer Award** for her outstanding commitment to **Les amis** over the past six years.
The memorable evening raised **\$145,000** for **Les amis'** environmental conservation programs on **Mount Royal**.



Sam Scalia, Diana Ferrara Scalia, Linda Bonneville, Frank Csik, Frank Marinello, Matthew Price-Gallagher, Mark Roper, with Lisa Chamandy, front middle.



Phil and Anna Belec.



From left: Sarah Christiani, Lindsay Slater and Amelie Desroches.



From left: Chris Blanchard, Clément Coste and Vincent Felteau.



Two Montreal police mounted patrol officers are seen on their patrol route on Mount Royal the evening of the event.

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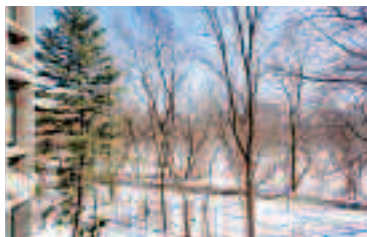
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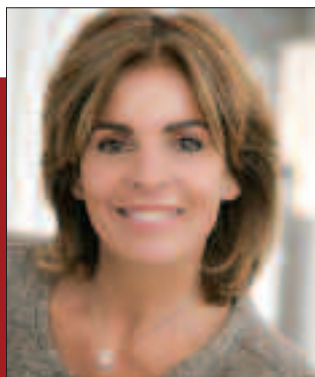
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