

15 candidates at the ready as official election period draws near

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the drop of the municipal election writ coming Friday, September 22, to mark the official start of the campaign period, a total of 15 candidates had either filed their intent to run, as authorized by the Quebec Director General of Elections September 15, or had announced their candidacy in the *Independent*.

At this time, however, none of those who officially filed nomination papers are required to specify the intended position – mayor or councillor – or even in which of the city's eight electoral districts they intend to run.

This information is required by the close of nominations at 4:30 pm on October 6, the Friday of the Thanksgiving weekend. It's at that time that any who remain unopposed can be declared acclaimed.

Meanwhile, to be eligible to vote in the advance poll Sunday, October 29 or the election a continued on p. 14



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November 5 municipal election

Fourniotis declares for mayor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

George Fourniotis, a lifelong resident of Greene Ave., has become the fourth mayoral candidate to announce "formally" his candidacy, as he described it in a press release issued September 14. Others are Kirk Polymenakos, interim mayor Christina Smith and Beryl Wajzman.

"I am concerned by what I see is happening to my Westmount," he states. He cites "unsightly" and dangerous sidewalks, run-down parks, benches needing re-



Westmount co-hosts Quebec open

Westmounter Andrew de Courcy-Ireland nudges the red ball towards the hoop at the Westmount Lawn Bowling club house, seen in the background, September 16. See p. 8.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

painting, "burning hot" sand on dog runs, windows and doors left in disrepair when building owners face the "hardship" required to meet heritage-related criteria.

"At the end of the day, there should be less government involvement in homes and businesses," he states. "I want to bring fairness back to all residents and business owners."

He said his campaign is "all about real issues that affect all residents and business owners in Westmount" as well as tenants continued on p. 8



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Vic village 'unique' in Montreal area

50 hear, make input into ideas for shopping districts

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A process aimed at stimulating economic activity on Westmount's commercial arteries was unveiled at a city information meeting September 13 to merchants and owners of other businesses, as well as property owners.

Starting with the creation of structured merchant associations, other revitalizing recommendations included creating a commissioner of economic development, dedicating a section of the city website to the commercial districts, identifying and branding shopping areas as "destinations," along with other marketing promotional tools and events.

"We want to help you be online, take

advantage of funding programs and move forward," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who organized the event at Victoria Hall. "We have to all work together."

She said the city knows that online shopping had been making it very difficult for local merchants and had engaged a specialist in revitalizing commercial arteries to research and diagnose the strengths, weaknesses and needs of the districts characterized by Victoria, Sherbrooke, Greene and St. Catherine.

"I was expecting to speak to about 20 people but there are close to 50 here," said consultant Pierre Boudreault of Artères. This in itself indicated the need and willingness of many to remedy the situation, he said.

Citing some of his own findings, he said some 48 percent or more of merchants stated that economic activity was declining. Parking was a common complaint.

He also said he found Victoria village to be "so Westmount." He told the *Independent* it was "unique" not only in Westmount but in all of Montreal. Its proximity to such a mix of businesses makes it "one-stop shopping" for anyone who wants to

get a lot of things done on a Saturday, he added.

Bitter or hopeful

While some who asked questions from the audience described themselves as "bitter," others spoke about "the potential," one of the reasons that restaurateur Paolo Oliveira had moved his
Brasserie Centrale busi- *continued on p. 15*

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Katie Pothier, representing the Victoria Village Merchants' Association, speaks up from the audience of close to 50 people at the meeting September 13 at Victoria Hall.

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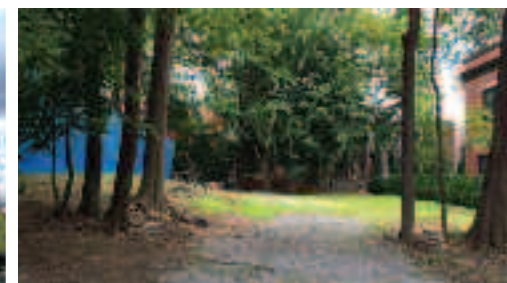
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Council asked why ‘new’ Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The stretch of Westmount Ave. reconstructed a year ago is being described by some as one of the nicest streets in Westmount, given the wide sidewalks, raised pedestrian-friendly crossings at intersections and floral display beds built into the bump-outs and sidewalks. It is located between Lansdowne and Victoria.

So why then, has the same design not been extended to the newly completed sector west of Victoria to Claremont, asked Kirk Polymenakos at the city council meeting September 5.

“There are a lot of homes there,” he said.



Kirk Polymenakos questions city council September 5.

“It would have been nice and uniform,” he explained. As well, most of the property on the north side is taken up by Marianopolis.

“I share your opinion,”

continued on p. 5

replied Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works. “It would have benefitted from a wider sidewalk.”

The street simply isn’t wide enough for wider sidewalks when accommodating

parking on both sides, city officials told the *Independent* last week. This summer’s work created only the one bump-out at Victoria, the city’s current configuration around school zones such as Roslyn.



Some of the floral additions worked into the design of the sidewalks on Westmount Ave. last year are in full bloom September 13 during their first year of summer planting.



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Looking for a way

“I’m going to see if there isn’t something that can be done,” Martin said last week. “I’ve been back to see where the drains are, and I intend to look into finding a way to introduce a wider sidewalk with flower beds just like in front of Roslyn.”

Marianopolis, he pointed out, has some 2,000 students.

The city’s design policy for raised and narrowed pedestrian crossings in proximity to strategic places such as schools is expected to be created at Claremont when that street is reconstructed, explained Christian Sipos, a member of the city’s

Engineering team, who spoke in the absence of its director Elisa Gaetano, who was on vacation.

He pointed out that where Westmount Ave. has parking on both sides of the street as it does between Victoria and Claremont – as well as east of Roslyn, there isn’t enough space to accommodate wider sidewalks along with the bike path and two traffic lanes.

He said the city did not want to “cut into property” to widen sidewalks.

The new “narrower” sidewalks between Victoria and Claremont were built at the “regular” width of 1.5 meters (5 feet).

The wider sidewalks between Roslyn and Victoria (essentially in front of Roslyn School) are 2.4 meters wide (7.8 feet). This



There is now no parking on either side of Westmount Ave. between Roslyn and Grosvenor, in front of Roslyn School (at the upper right of the photo), leaving lots of space for sidewalks of nearly eight feet.

is made possible by the absence of parking on at least one side.



Westmount Ave., looking west from the newly reconstructed intersection at Victoria: One can see in the distance (at the top of the photo) how much narrower the new sidewalk becomes as it continues to Claremont.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEAK UP IF YOU WANT AN INDOOR POOL

The p. 1 article on the indoor pool in the August 8 (“More than 1,100 pool-user surveys received”) suggests that the city has little inclination to build one. In this article, the mayor is quoted as saying “While other results would take more time to tabulate, the city’s next step would be to examine what indoor pool already exist in or around Westmount. A number of apartment buildings for example are known to have private indoor pools.”

Are more examinations really needed about “what indoor pool facilities already exist in and around Westmount”? Westmount is surrounded by less affluent boroughs, all of whom have modern facilities with many hours of free swimming time. I’ve researched the hours of access of virtually every public pool on the island with emphasis on free swimming hours per capita per week. I undertook to do this because of a statement by the administration on the need for an indoor pool when this issue was being debated prior to construction of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC). “Westmount is well equipped in terms of indoor aquatic facilities compared to the average in Quebec,” says the section on the city of Westmount website

called “Executive summary of needs analysis/overview of the current situation with respect to indoor aquatic facilities.”

Actually, Westmount compares very poorly with other municipalities. We have the Y, which offers about one and a half hours of free public swimming on Sunday afternoons. In contrast, the southwest borough has five large, public indoor pools and has thirty times Westmount’s access to free public swimming per capita per hour per week.

Why should the city waste time determining how many apartment buildings in the city have private pools? What relevance does this have with respect to community needs? Regarding the comment by Mayor Smith that indoor pools are “very costly” to operate (“City to conduct user study on interest for indoor pool,” May 23, p. 1), cost did not appear to be an issue when the city approved the WRC project.

The administration should hold public meetings on this issue and do it in September or October prior to the upcoming municipal elections. Every demographic in the city should be encouraged to present its interest in an indoor pool. Without strong public demand it’s doubtful that the city will move forward on providing this community with the sort of facility

that is the norm for most communities on the island.

I and others would like to express our thanks to councillors Patrick Martin and Rosalind Davis for their efforts to promote an indoor pool for the entire community.

PETER WELDON, ACADEMY RD.

IT’S PRETTY FULL-TIME, ‘MAYORING’

One of your correspondents recently asked “isn’t being mayor of Westmount a full-time job?” (September 5, p. 6). First of all, being mayor of Westmount is a vocation for those wishing to give back to, and to build, their local community. It is not a bully-pulpit, a launch pad, a convenient door-opener – nor just a coveted title.

And while very difficult work, the job of mayoring pays only a very modest salary. In spite of that (or, really, because of that) Westmount has always had superb mayors – the undersigned admittedly excepted.

Aspirants to the mayoralty must be completely disinterested and ensure any other work they do cannot give rise to conflicts of interest. Former mayor May Cutler, for example, was a publisher of children’s books. While council debate sometimes bordered on the childish, her profession hardly constituted a conflict of interest. And May had given over to others a lot of her work as publisher when she was mayor.

While not so long ago, the mayor’s job was truly part-time (and, before 1968, unpaid), the growth of regional structures has made it – if not a full-time job – something very close to it. Westmounters have a right to expect their mayors to be regional leaders, be it at the Montreal Metropolitan Community, the agglomeration, the Association of Suburban Municipalities and the Union of Quebec Municipalities – and especially in dealing with Montreal, the city that completely surrounds us.

Leading the city of Westmount *tout court* is probably a half-time job; but involvement in the regional government machinery outside Westmount’s borders (where more than one half our taxes go) is also a half-time job. Today, very few do the job of mayor and hold down another full-time job, as it becomes an extremely difficult juggling act.

And, I can tell you, during the years I was fighting against forced mergers and

then engineering demergers, being mayor was more than a full-time job. Unpredictable crises that demand full-time attention do happen in municipal politics.

In short, I have difficulty with the idea of a mayor of Westmount who is saddled with another, demanding, job – especially any job that could conceivably give rise to conflicts of interest.

PETER TRENT,
FORMER MAYOR OF WESTMOUNT

IS CITY PLANNING ON CONSULTING RESIDENTS?

The story on p. 7 of the *Independent’s* September 5 issue (“St. Léon to get five more classrooms, new gym”) cannot help but raise deep-seated anxieties. Such new construction will pose serious difficulties, including more air and noise pollution, increased traffic congestion, major additional parking difficulties and, quite possibly, a decline in property values, particularly for the residents of Kitchener and Clarke avenues.

One notes that no prior notice of this planned construction has been given to Westmounters generally nor to those most likely to be affected by it.

One wonders about the wisdom of expending millions of provincial taxpayers’ dollars on such new construction without examining other solutions, such as arranging for sharing unused English Montreal School Board (EMSB) classrooms by the Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM) to accommodate the student overflow in question – arrangements the EMSB has already implemented elsewhere and has stated it is prepared to consider again, on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Christina Smith is quoted as saying that the city of Westmount “... looks forward to working with the CSDM to make sure this investment integrates well into the community.” With respect, it would seem that the city’s elected officials should first strive to work with the Westmounters who elect them and who have views to express on that integration.

With this in mind, will the council organize a public consultation meeting on this important matter to inform the citizens more fully about what exactly is being contemplated and listen to questions and concerns?

If no such democratic consultation is held, perhaps Westmounters should keep this in mind when deciding how to vote in the forthcoming municipal election.

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Correction

The only person that should have been listed as the vendor for 332 Wood Ave. is Jane Edwards (“Bought & Sold,” September 5, p. 17).

CONCERNED, NOT OPPOSED

I was taken aback by your “Planning vision deferred to incoming council” article of September 12 (p. 4). In it, citizens concerned by the city’s southeast project are labelled “project opponents*.” Nothing can be further from the truth.

True, we concerned citizens opposed the city’s initial plan, proposed in June 2016, to enlarge the Tupper lots and cram them with up to six-floor condo buildings, drastically narrowing Dorchester Blvd., causing traffic gridlock (as a city-commissioned traffic study warned) and removing a band of green space with mature trees. Plus destroying a pleasant green area where Dorchester meets Clarke, all this to turn a curve into a 90-degree intersection, further increasing gridlock.

Nothing of what was proposed by the city was discussed at the initial residents’ consultation in January 2016. Instead residents had suggested ideas like low-density townhouses, parks, underground parking, bike paths and community centres.

Late in 2016, our group of concerned citizens circulated a petition asking the city not to narrow Dorchester, keep the curve and green spaces, and if they must develop the Tupper lots, do so with low-density buildings that would reflect the height and architecture of the south side of the boulevard. We gathered 240 signatures from local residents and presented them to council in December.

We are not “project opponents” – we are concerned citizens who seek transparency and openness from our elected officials when dealing with projects that stand to affect our quality of life for many years to come.

Also, since when does the *Independent* resort to publishing non-events**? – i.e.: the fact that we did not comment at Council.

PATRICIA DUMAIS, GREENE AVE.

*Editor’s note: *You and/or your allies may not be opponents of all possible permutations of the project (and we never wrote that you were), but you and/or your*

allies are clearly opponents of certain specific project proposals (e.g. a 90-degree turn at Clarke and Dorchester, and taking land from the street or median to add to the city’s Tupper lot land on the north side of Dorchester). As far as we know, the subsequent draft plan from the consultants was never made public after rejection by the city, nor was any replacement. As such, we stand by the word “opponent” in the context of the story in question.

*** The Independent considered the lack of comment noteworthy because it is rare, since the project’s unveiling, that concerned citizens do not comment on matters dealing with the southeast project. – KM*

STONES TOO BIG ON SUMMIT CIRCLE WALKING PATH

After two months away, I returned to my home in Westmount, happy to resume my morning walks around the Summit Woods knowing that the “naturalization” project would be finally finished.

The new plantings – trees and bushes – looked very nice and will surely look even nicer when they have become well established.

I was much less enthusiastic about the surface of the path. The large-stone gravel is very unpleasant to walk on, even with thick soled shoes, and I certainly would not run on it for fear of twisting an ankle. I wonder whether it would not be possible to rake off the larger stones leaving the smaller ones. I do hope something can be done.

PAMELA STEWART, SUNNYSIDE AVE.

PEOPLE ON WHEELS CAN’T ENJOY PATH

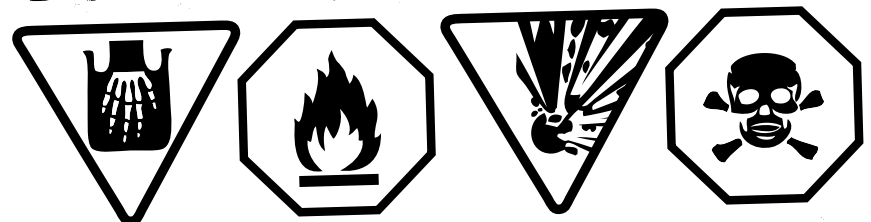
I was disappointed to note that the new Summit Circle path is not practical for people in wheelchairs or children in strollers, for that matter. Although the area is ideal for a stroll for all, with parking nearby and a fairly flat terrain, the gravel is too coarse to allow small wheels to circulate freely.

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Semi-retired teacher, Fourniotis worked for city

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and retailers, “I have seen or experienced it all. And more.”

Fourniotis, who has been teaching auto mechanics since 2007 in the adult education department for the Lester B. Pearson School Board at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High, told the *Independent* he was semi-retired and has been focusing this year “on the election” and refurbishing the three houses he owns in Westmount and a property in Ontario.

Growing up on Greene, he attended Roslyn, Westmount Park and Westmount High schools. Thereafter, in 1982, he worked for the city in “finance, sanitation and hydro” departments.

As a licensed electrician, he worked for Gavin Electric and, as a licensed mechanic, owned and operated a full-service garage. Owning a computer store in Laval, he says, taught him firsthand “the sting and the ins and outs of bankruptcy.”

In refurbishing his properties (on Greene, Columbia and Winchester), he said he understands first-hand the issues Westmount homeowners deal with on a daily basis and understands landlord-tenant issues.



George Fourniotis, September 15.

As the owner of a Shitzu called Duster, he said he is also “dissatisfied with renovations to the dog runs.” The sand is “burning hot” on paws and is uneven for owners to walk on, especially when deep holes are dug in it.

Asked about his position on the city’s efforts to create a southeast development vision involving the district he lives in, he said the issue is too hot right now to take a stand given that residents are on both sides of what has been discussed so far.

“Right now it’s such a hot topic with people on both sides. How do you make a decision in this climate? I’m not taking sides, but when I’m elected and cooler minds prevail, I’ll get people together and make this work.”

A bachelor, he said he has learned how to be “a good team leader,” by working with students and schoolboards alike.

Croquet tourney over

The Quebec Open Croquet Championships took place September 15 to 17 under blue skies on the greens of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club.

Westmount resident Rod de Courcy-Ireland won the golf croquet event, defeating fellow club member KS Tsang in a best two-of-three game final match. The game scores were 7-4, 7-6. Another Westmounter, Roddy Quinlan, won third prize.

The winner of the Association Rules event was Stuart Lawrence of New York.

Some 20 players from across Quebec, Ontario and New York City were competing. Westmount and Town of Montreal hosted the three-day competition with a banquet September 14 at Westmount’s location. *See photo, p. 1.*

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Gas line breaks on Belmont



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The sulfurous smell of gas wafted around Westmount Ave. and Belmont, and surrounding areas, September 11 at around 8 am. The wailing sirens of firetrucks and police cars broke the quiet of the morning, as they towards the corner to secure a gas main that was fractured on Belmont.



Westmount 2017...During a meeting I had with Premier Couillard - prior to the Citizens Committee to Save Mont-Royal Riding, that I Co-Chair with former MP Marlene Jennings, filed suit against the Quebec Elections Commission - it was mentioned that the Commission had suggested eliminating Westmount-St. Louis riding and fusing it with another riding. A few days after that meeting the Westmount Mayoralty became vacant. I believe that the Mayoralty of Westmount requires a strong and passionate advocate for the protection of constitutional rights both as to minorities and language as well as the equity and equality of our votes. These are constantly under attack and Westmount must stand with the other communities already engaged such as TMR, Outremont, CSL and Hampstead.

In fact Westmount must lead. The time for nuance is over.

And as much as I will be a strong and passionate advocate to protect our dignity, I will be just as resolute on the challenges we must overcome within Westmount's borders. I have spent a decade acquiring unique experience covering some 19 city and borough councils. I will bring that experience to bear for the benefit of all Westmounters. We need to encourage robust development, including increased parking, so that we may reduce taxes for all from new revenues and refill our empty storefronts. We need urgent road repairs and traffic light synchronization particularly on our east-west arteries. We need to remember that we are part of the larger community of greater Montreal to which we contribute and from which we receive. We need to bring more common sense to our building permit process and particularly bring the PAC into line with what Westmounters need and want. We need to help the many tenants living in older buildings with regard to their relationship to the city administration and to service providers. We need to make good on the promise of bilingual traffic signs. We need a firm approach to protect our precious architectural heritage but one that is tempered by reason and coupled with an appropriate balance to our sustainable environment.

I ask for your help in meeting these challenges, and trust that you believe as I do, that through our common commitment we can enrich our lives and our community.

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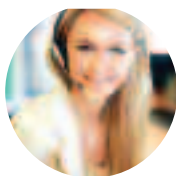
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Mood of the Market

August sales: Cooling off



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The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in August 2017. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

Efforts by the federal government to “cool off” the red-hot Toronto and Vancouver real estate markets might be having their effect on Westmount’s sizzling market, which remained slow in August after

a record spring. Only eight sales were announced in the month, only one over \$2 million, but then, only one under \$1 million and only one selling for less than valuation.

The average price of the eight sales was \$1,837,250, thanks mainly to one sale at more than \$4.5 million, but in fact that was the only August sale recorded at less than its city assessment. The eight sales in August and nine in July are the lowest volume since January 2016 and follow five months in which the number of sales ranged *continued on p. 11*



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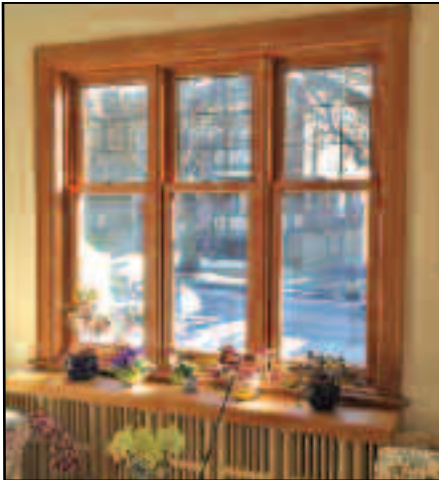
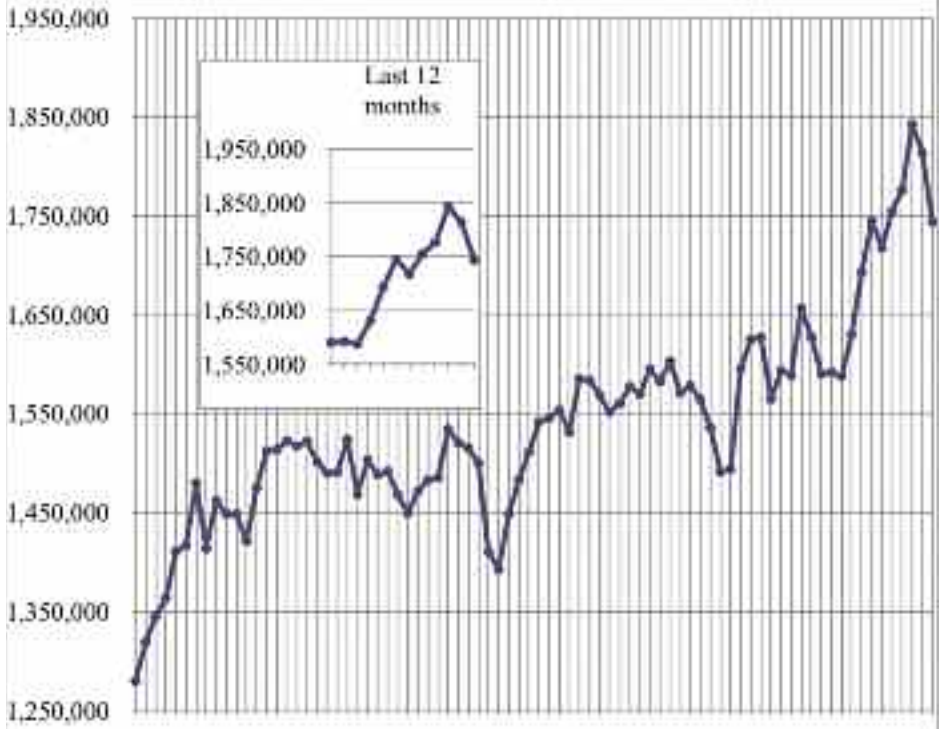
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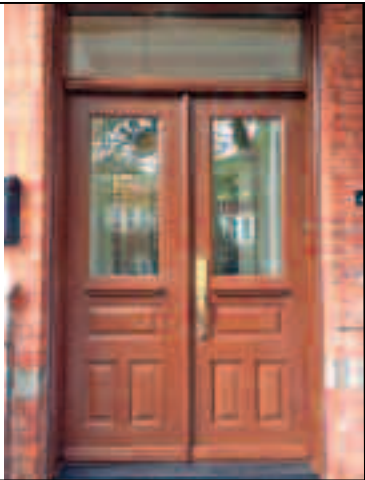
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Listings on market for about 100 days

The average mark-up over city valuation was 6.3 percent, bringing the annual figure to 9.3 percent. On average, listings spent 99 days on the market compared to 184 days in July, and three of the eight August sales went in less than a week.

Drop for condo market

The condominium market fell off sharply in July-August: no sales reported in July, only three in August, after 21 sales were posted in the second quarter of the year. The average mark-up in August was 18 percent, but the sample is so small that the statistic is meaningless.

The number of listings on the market is still startlingly low, but the 61 counted in

mid-September is a slight improvement over 56 a month earlier, hardly the 111 houses available at this time last year. The number asking less than \$1 million has doubled from three to six, while the number asking more than \$2 million is down by one, and in fact there are three fewer houses asking over \$4 million than there were a month ago.

Things were remarkably slow in adjacent-Westmount as well, with only two house sales posted in August, one in the Circle Rd. area and one on St. Sulpice Rd. east of Westmount, along with a couple of half duplexes on Grosvenor Ave. north of the city limits. So far this year, eight sales of houses in the Square Mile area have averaged 31 percent more than municipal valuation, by far the strongest mark-up in adjacent-Westmount districts.

Assaad named in real estate's 'Young Guns' list

Amy Assaad of Royal LePage Heritage on Greene Ave. is among the 100 realtors aged 35 or younger who are regarded as standouts for their accomplishments in the Canadian real estate sector after being named in the 2017 edition of *Real Estate Professional* magazine's Young Guns report.

Despite their relatively young age, the realtors on the list have sold more real estate than most agents manage to sell in an en-

tire career, according to the Toronto-based magazine, which profiles and documents a range of issues involving the real estate industry in Canada.

"It's a great honour to be considered one of the top brokers in the country," Assaad told the *Independent*. "I've worked very hard to achieve results for our clients, and in turn we are being recognized for it"

– MCB

Westmounters for Christina Smith

We are citizens, parents, businesspeople and volunteers. Join us in supporting Christina Smith, Mayor of Westmount. The role of Mayor requires an individual who can lead and inspire but also build bridges in the community and within City Council. Christina understands a Mayor can do nothing alone. As Councillor and as Mayor, Christina has proven her ability to listen, build consensus, and *then* act decisively.

Nov. 5th Vote Christina Smith Mayor of Westmount

Les Westmountais pour Christina Smith

Nous sommes citoyens, parents, gens d'affaires et bénévoles ; joignez-vous à nous en appuyant Christina Smith, maire de Westmount. Le rôle du maire exige une personne qui peut à la fois diriger et inspirer, mais aussi fonder des liens avec la communauté, ainsi que le conseil. Christina comprend qu'un maire ne gouverne pas seul. Comme conseillère et maire, Christina continue de faire preuve de ses compétences : d'écoute, de rassemblement et, ensuite, d'agir de manière décisive.

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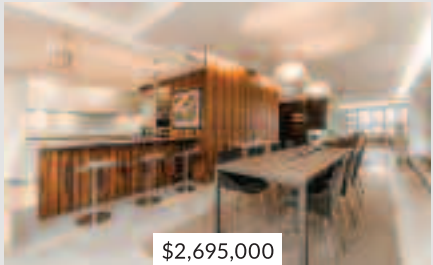
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Teams formed after evaluations

City to retain 11 but ‘smaller’ inter-city hockey teams

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It appears Westmount will now be able to field 11 inter-city hockey teams, the same as it did last year, Sports and Recreation officials said last week.

Operations manager Andrew Maislin provided this more optimistic scenario after player evaluations. It is higher than the figure he had three weeks earlier, before registration figures picked up.

When the city’s evaluations for inter-city teams took place September 9, the number of registrations for the competitive teams stood at 194, he said. This was 30 fewer than last year but still enough to make up the same number of teams. “They’ll just be smaller.”

He said he was still waiting for clarification of a new Hockey Quebec ruling that appeared could prevent players on double-letter teams belonging to both the city and school teams, he said.

“Since we have still not received any written confirmation of the ruling at this late date, we are proceeding as usual,” Maislin said. “We hope when it comes, it will be in our favour. It’s so late, though, it means it won’t likely be enforced.”

He said he had been asking for a copy of the ruling in writing and has been consulting with schools such as Selwyn House and LCC whose “elite” hockey programs could siphon off good players from Westmount’s double-letter teams (see story August 29, p. 3).

Maislin attributed the lower registration numbers to the uncertainty and some confusion over interpreting the new ruling.

“We’re still waiting for the schools to choose their teams, but, for now, there’s nothing to worry about.”

Westmount’s teams play in the Lac St. Louis League against other municipalities while school teams play in an inter-school league.

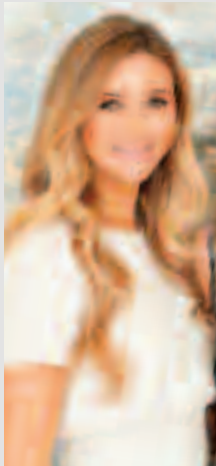
Leaf blowers still not allowed until Oct. 1

Two tickets were issued within a week of each other to people using leaf blowers out of season, according to Public Security reports. One for \$271 was given to a gardening company working on Roslyn September 11 at 10:56 am; the other for

\$149 to an individual on Redfern. The fall clean-up period, during which the use of leaf blowers is allowed, is stipulated in the city’s noise by-law as October 1 to November 15.

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Butterflies on their way



Photo: Ralph Thompson

A sure sign of the end of summer is the sighting of so many butterflies in the area, these ones were photographed outside city hall September 15 around 5:30 pm. Westmount has been bustling with monarch butterflies recently, which are making their long migration trek to Mexico for the winter.

Alexis Nihon work under way after hours

A ticket for \$271 was issued to construction workers September 13 following a noise complaint at 9:05 pm, after permitted hours, Public Security officials said. Officers reported hearing the sound of a mechanical saw in use on their approach

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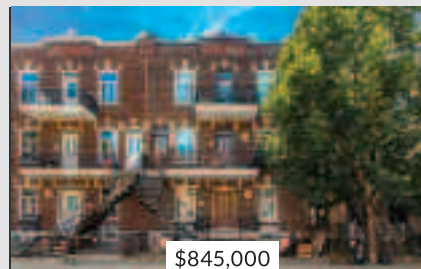
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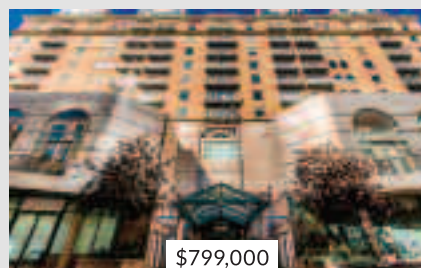
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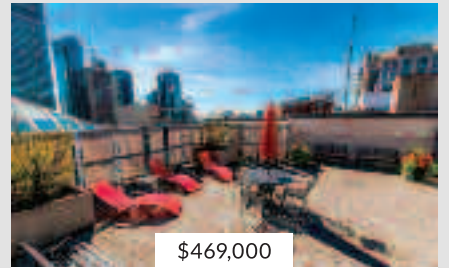
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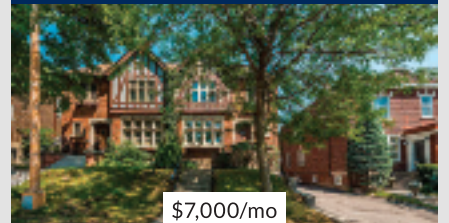


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Then & Now: Westmount Public Library

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repair of a water pipe, and will be rebuilt.

Until 1995, this was the main entrance to the library, which was erected in 1899 to mark Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. The red-brick-and-sandstone building, designed in the popular Richardsonian Romanesque style by Westmount architect Robert Findlay, sat facing the newly-created Victoria Jubilee Park. It featured large arches, steeply sloping roofs, big windows and a tower.

Above the entrance, on one of the sandstone reliefs created by sculptor George Hill, was a quotation from Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well*.

Over the years, a number of extensions were added. The original building featured only one bay window; Findlay balanced it by including another in the 1924 addition.

The dollhouse-like Children's Library, with its own entrance fronting



The Westmount Public Library, April 2017.

Sherbrooke St., opened in 1911 and was also designed by Findlay. It now houses the Westmount Room.

In 1995, a large addition by architect Peter Rose was opened at the rear to replace the 1959 children's annex. This modern pavilion blends with the colours and materials of the original building. The bay windows echo the Findlay bays.

A new front entrance to the library faces Sherbrooke St., with a long passageway extending to the Rose addition.

The restoration of the Findlay building interior was carried out in 1995, with architectural firm Gersovitz Moss in charge of the decoration and furnishings.

Today's Westmount Public Library is a harmonious blend of heritage and contemporary architecture.

Caroline Breslaw is president of the Westmount Historical Association.



Postcard of 1899 Westmount Public Library.

Plans for election heat up on approach of official election period

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week later, November 5, one must be included on the list of electors to be filed "on or about" October 6 and revised October 17 and 18, according to the city's returning officer.

More information is available on the city's website or at the returning office at

city hall.

The 15 candidates who have made their intentions known either by being listed by the Quebec Director General of Elections or announcing to the *Independent* are, in alphabetical order:

Running for mayor: George Fourniotis, Kirk Polymenakos, Christina Smith (incumbent, interim mayor) and Beryl Wajs-

man.

Candidates for council seats are:

- District 1: None declared;
- District 2: Philip Cutler (incumbent);
- District 3: Jeff Shamie;
- District 4: Rosalind Davis (incumbent);
- District 5: Marina Brzeski, Elaine Carsley and Christian Matossian;
- District 6: Mary Gallery;

- District 7: Cynthia Lulham (incumbent);
- District 8: Theodora Samiotis (incumbent).

Also listed, but have not announced details of their intentions to the *Independent*, are Anitra Bostock and Joanne Wallace.

District 1 councillor Patrick Martin is the only current member to have not declared his intentions. Victor Drury (District 3) and Nicole Forbes (District 6) have both announced they will not be running this time.

Martin issued a statement late Friday afternoon, September 15, however, saying he was "submitting on Monday [September 18,] my papers to be an official candidate, with all the signatures. I then will have to obtain an additional set of signatures for September 22, or later, to support my pursuit of a specific council seat." Without being officially registered or having announced any details of the position he seeks, he is not included in the *Independent's* candidate count of 15 as of September 15.

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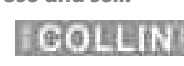


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'Bitter' or energized by ideas at meeting

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ness to Victoria village.

Navaid Mansuri, franchise partner in The Ten Spot, who has just opened his

"beauty bar" on Greene, said he was enthusiastic about the recommendations he was hearing at the meeting.

On the other hand, Katie Pothier, coordinator of the Victoria Village Merchants

Association, related how over the past three years she had been "pounding the pavement" to get help and support from merchants.

The issue of association funding was one of the concerns raised. The audience was told it would typically start out on a voluntary basis for members and later move into mandatory business improvement contributions, which posed a question of how these could be enforced.

Costs were already a concern to one restaurateur who said he had to pay \$10,000 to obtain a city permit for his terrace at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke. This was met by surprise from Lulham, who replied: "I thought we had lowered the costs."

Bourdreault said this meeting was just the start of the process. He reinforced the importance of merchants being able to dialogue with the city through merchant associations.

Providing another dimension to the meeting were representatives from the Royal Bank: Matthew Bufo, community manager at the Victoria branch, and Linda Graziani from Westmount Square. Both also said they welcomed the initiatives heard that evening.



On this eve of Rosh Hashanah, as we usher in the Jewish New Year of 5778, I wish one and all health, happiness and the fulfillment of all your hopes.

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2017 for Mayor Westmount
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Meeting organizer Councillor Cynthia Lulham and consultant Pierre Boudreault present recommendations and ideas.



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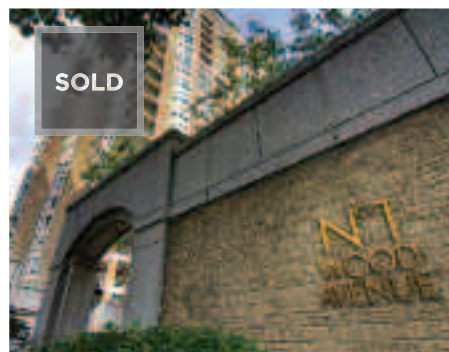
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Tuesday, September 26, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *A United Kingdom*. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

English Book Club

Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m., Library. *Moshin Hamid's Exit West*. Led by Carly Vandergrriendt. 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting Monday, October 2

2 O'Clock Lecture Series: Lyne Bellemare

Wednesday, September 27, 2 p.m., Library. *Seed Saving Workshop*. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

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Park(ing) Day in Westmount

Friday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit parking spaces transformed by local community groups into fun mini-parks during this global event. Consult the parking space map at parkingdaymontreal.org.

Stargazing at the Lookout

Saturday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. Summit Lookout. Join members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to observe the night skies through telescopes. In the event of poor viewing conditions, the event will be cancelled. 514 989-5226.

Ballroom Blitz Big Band Dance

Saturday, September 30, 8 p.m., Victoria Hall. Dance the night away with a live band. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Tickets available at the Library, Victoria Hall, and eventbrite.com. 514 989-5226.

Les journées de la culture

Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Film : *Chagall, peintre de la musique*, presented in French in collaboration with the *Conseil des arts de Montreal en tournée*. Discussion with guest speaker. Free. 514 989-5226.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, September 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library. Safely dispose of toxic household products by bringing them to the HHW collection. 514 989-5390.

Free compost for residents

Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Public Works Yard, Bethune St. Bring a container and a shovel. Quantities are limited. 514 989-5390.



PSOs to be equipped with fentanyl antidote?

The city is looking into the possibility of supplying public safety officers with an antidote to fentanyl, Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security, told the council meeting September 7.

Police, firefighters and ambulance personnel are reported to be in line to administer naloxone, an opioid antidote, to

overdose victims and such kits are being made available free of charge at pharmacies by the Quebec government.

Public safety officers would require a period of training in administering the antidote, according to Public Security Greg McBain. – LS

Leaves starting to fall



Nine-year-old Eric Lui with his sister Emily, 3, examine fallen leaves from a maple tree in Westmount Park the evening of September 14. It's a sign of the approaching autumn.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Truck mounts curb at sharp turn

A back wheel of a moving truck became stuck after jumping the curb September 11 in front of 17 Bellevue, Public Security officials said. The mishap was discovered by a patroller at 10:12 am after the truck had been trying to negotiate a sharp turn at the location. The curb was reported undamaged.



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In this day and age of inclusiveness, Westmount can surely adjust the path with a lane with flattened coating (similar to that of the chemin des Calèches on Mount Royal) to allow physically disabled people to enjoy the path.

ANNE DUPRAT, STAYNER AVE.

VIC VILLAGE CROSSINGS NOT IDEAL FOR SENIORS

I continue to be fascinated by all the complaints about traffic, unsynchronized lights, gridlock and the overly long time it takes to traverse Sherbrooke St. – all of which are accurate. However, my complaint is, as I have observed on a regular basis recently, many vehicles zooming through the red lights at Victoria and Sherbrooke, and Grosvenor and Sherbrooke. These are corners where many seniors are struggling to cross on what should be safe pedestrian crossings. It's not so safe! When there is a supposedly 20-second pedestrian crossing, it is often about 14 to 15 seconds.

We seniors aren't that fast, and also are sometimes visually and hearing challenged. We aren't always completely aware of vehicles heading toward us.

Can this problem be addressed?

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

Final game a loss, but 'great season' for Westmount Rugby Club: co-president



Dima Pidgrushnyi of the Westmount Rugby Club is seen here running with the ball during a break-away play, September 9.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Westmount Rugby Club (WRC) played in a Division 2 provincial final match, losing 24 to 8 against the Montreal Rugby Club September 9 at Concordia University's Loyola campus.

According to team co-vice-president Philippe Dubost, WRC had a "great sea-

son" despite the loss. "We will remain in Division 2 for next year and are going to work hard to be promoted next year," he told the *Independent*.

He said that this fall, WRC will be playing 7S rugby, which is a seven player per team variant of the game's usual 15-player version.

A 7S match is set to be played in West-

mount on Saturday, Sept. 30 at a location that had yet to be determined.

According to Dubost, WRC's 2018 pre-season begins in February, and the team welcomes players from beginners to advanced on two men's teams, two women's and a rising junior program.

AVIS DE DEMANDE DE CHANGEMENT DE NOM

Prenez avis que Skye Gordon Steve Burnett-St-Laurent, dont l'adress de domicile le 4800 de Maisonneuve Ouest, #724, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1M2, présentera au Directeur de l'état civil, une demande pour changer son nom en celui de Skye Gordon Burnett. Cet avis a été rempli et signé à Westmount, le 30-08-2017 par Skye Burnett St-Laurent.





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9 community groups to be at 'Park(ing) Day' Friday

This year's Park(ing) Day in Westmount will take place on Friday, September 22 from 10 am to 3 pm at nine locations.

Each is being presented by a different community group under the theme of environmental "greening" and a look at how existing parking spaces could be used for parkland instead.

The following groups have been confirmed and will have displays set up in the corresponding parking spots, according to the city's environmental coordinator Marina Peter:

- The Horticultural Advisory Committee – two parking spots on Sherbrooke near Prince Albert (south side);
- Summit Woods Advisory Committee – one parking spot on Sherbrooke near Prince Albert (south side);
- Climate Café (Westmount Park Church) – one parking spot Victoria at Sherbrooke (east side);
- Healthy City Project – two parking spots on de Maisonneuve near Dawson;
- Lawn Bowling Association – two parking spots on de Maisonneuve near Dawson;
- Scouts & Community Events Advisory Committee – two parking spots on de Maisonneuve at Greene (by Bank of Montreal);
- Westmount Children's Library and Seed Lending Library – two parking spots on de Maisonneuve at Greene (by the bank);
- Can-Bike – one parking spot on de Maisonneuve at Greene (by the bank).

– LS

Police Report

Ladder used for attempted break-in, bikes stolen

By MARTIN C. BARRY

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

A home on Westmount Ave. near Aberdeen Ave. was nearly broken into on the evening of September 3 after a neighbour left out a ladder.

Police at Station 12 said they received a call about a burglar alarm around 9 pm that had been triggered at the residence.

"When the officers got there, they couldn't find any evidence of intruders inside the house," said community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

However, outside they noticed that a ladder had been placed against the side of the house at the rear, reaching all the way to the roof. And they also found that a second-storey window had been broken.

"The officers went up the ladder to see if there was anything unusual, but they found nothing," added Pimentel.

The owner, who was absent at the time, was contacted and arrived, according to the report. He was able to confirm, after inspecting the home with the police officers, that it appeared nothing was stolen.

But as he couldn't explain why the ladder was leaning against his house, and as a window was newly broken, the police recorded the incident as an attempted break-in.

"A possibility is that when the suspect broke the window, it triggered the alarm and he left," added Pimentel.

His advice to local homeowners: "We always recommend never leaving a ladder in the back of your house or lying around, es-

pecially the type that is extendible. Best to keep it in a shed or locked up in a garage."

In addition, Pimentel suggested that homeowners have their second-storey windows safeguarded with burglar alarm sensors, as this tends to be a weak point in many home alarm systems, often taken advantage of by burglars.

Garage door open, bikes gone

Officers from Station 12 dealt with another household break-in recently, this time at a home on Roslyn Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St.

It occurred sometime between 4 pm on September 1 and noon the following day.

The homeowner told police that after returning to the house, he noticed the garage door was partly ajar and that two road bicycles stored inside were missing.

But the officers could find no evidence of a forced break-in. "They inspected the garage door to see if there were traces of infraction such as minor damage, but they did not find this," said Pimentel.

However, after noticing that three windows could potentially provide would-be thieves with a view of the interior of the garage from the street, they advised the owner to cover them with blinds to prevent recurrences.

Ticketing for unsafe driving around school

There are still a few days to go in a road safety campaign that Station 12 officers have been conducting around Westmount over the past few weeks, coinciding with the back-to-school period.

Until Friday, September 22, police are staking out intersections near schools dur-

ing the morning hours when students are showing up at school, then during the mid-afternoon at the close of the school day.

"We are doing enforcement," said Pimentel, meaning that the police are giving out tickets to anyone caught going faster than the speed limit, passing school buses when the yellow flashers are on, not coming to a full stop at stop signs or not heeding a school crossing guard's stop command.

Station 12 assigns two traffic officers per operation, and additional police (when they are not busy with other calls) to provide assistance.

According to Pimentel, the annual safety campaign has proven to be a great deterrent to unsafe driving near schools by reminding motorists of their obligations. "If we can avoid just one fatality or one person being injured, then all the effort is worth it," he said.




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A rare treat that needed to be shared



Nigel Goddard: "A brief late summer rain had passed Westmount as I turned onto Sherbrooke St. at 7 pm on September 7. News of late had been quite negative, with dangerous Atlantic storms and the constant threat of hostilities between our neighbour to the south and North Korea. When I drove into the Westmount Public Library parking lot, I was astounded to see a giant mood-altering rainbow. It was so beautiful, I wanted to share that fleeting atmospheric rarity with the readers of the Westmount Independent. I knew instinctively that social media would soon be full of images of the rainbow from various vantage points in Montreal, so I wanted to create an image with Westmount landmarks. I was lucky. Both ends of the rainbow had their own gold. The left end landed in Westmount Park while the right end landed over the library. The only challenge was to make sure that the rainbow could be composed in a way to tell a story. The colours were spectacular, and the fact that it was a complete semi-circle made it truly a rare treat. Rainbows are so fleeting. Their beauty ages and disappears with great haste. And they aren't easy to predict, so when they do [occur,] one almost has an obligation to photograph it for those who have missed it.

Photo courtesy of N. Goddard.

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– Kristin McNeill, editor

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Man found bleeding

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Driverless truck leaks oil on Sunnyside

A Public Security patroller was flagged down September 12 for a truck leaking "lots of oil" in front of 14 Sunnyside, department officials said. The unlocked truck was parked at the side of the road but no driver was seen at 7:38 pm. Firefighters spread absorbent material on the spill, which appeared to have already stopped.

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White knights at 'Notte in Bianco'

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Once again, "Notte in Bianco" did not disappoint. On September 7, light winds had blown away the all-day gray in time for the perfect annual event hosted at the Terbonne mansion of **Vince** and **Maria Guzzo**, uber-glam in a pretty peek-a-boo lace bustier and elegant choker. (Vince is Cinémas Guzzo president and CEO, and Maria is VP, operations and charitable donations.)

Blue skies poked through, much to the relief of ladies sporting soaring stiletto heels. Safer souls wore sneakers, the better to stroll over still-slightly-wet manicured grass and lounge in the inviting grouping of Adirondack chairs. And, yes, everyone wore white.

Carrying on the theme, thousands upon thousands of white impatiens contrasted beautifully against the gorgeous greenery. On arrival, ladies and gentlemen were of-

fered a sparkling rosé from sponsor Moët & Chandon, as they sampled delights from Buona Notte, which also served the delicious dinner complete with *primi*, *secondi* and *dolce* in true Italian style.

The emcees, media celebs **Leslie Roberts** (City TV) and **Brigitte Bédard** (TVA), introduced the evening's honouree **Alain Bouchard**, co-founder and chair of Alimentation Couche-Tard, there with his wife **Sandra**.

Westmounters noted amidst the finery included **Michaela** and **Michael Penner**, board chair Hydro-Québec; **Rosie** and **Sal Parasuco** (who just launched his new collection SP in Italy); **Linda** and **Terry Smith**; The Study's head of school **Nancy Sweer**, and **Susan Orr-Mongeau**, director, communications and marketing; Selwyn House head **Hal Hannaford** with his wife **Susan Doherty**; as well as Le Château VPs **Debra Rosenthal** and **Franco Rocchi**, there with **Eva Friede**, clad against the chill in a fur stole (white of course); **Nadia Saputo** and **Patrice Brisebois**; journalists **Sophie Durocher** and hubby **Richard Martineau**; *Stile* editor **Marie-Josée Paradis**; McGill profs **Michaëlle Vincent** and **Danielle Grolea**; and the famed singer **Ginette**

Reno.

After the outdoor cocktail party, dinner was served under an immense tent accessorized with dazzling chandeliers. Local res impresario **Barry Garber** ensured the entertainment was amazing, bringing *En Vogue*, the hot American R&B group, in from LA, to perform at the sold-out event. And boy, what dynamism! Dancing guests kept their energy up with sweet samples from the candy bar.

The event raised \$365,000 for youth mental health research at McGill University and the Jewish General Hospital psychiatry department. The goal of the evening was to spread awareness and promote de-stigmatization of youth mental health issues.

More photos, p. 22.

The Indie's fall social calendar will be published soon. Please send your event information to redgrave@videotron.ca.



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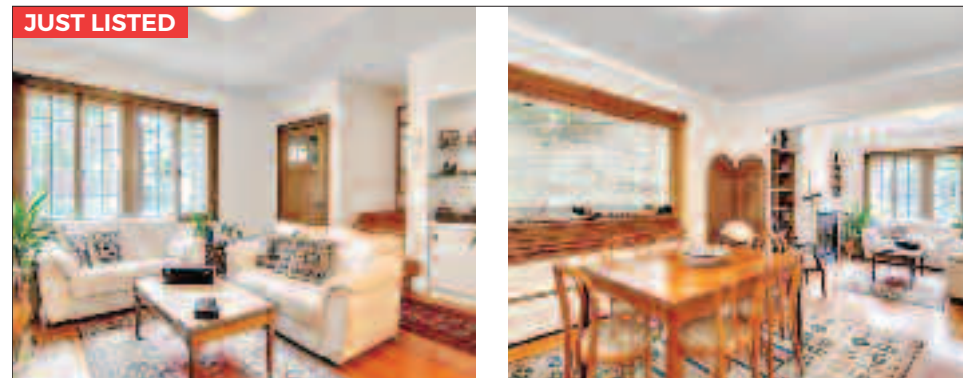


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Dog returned home thanks to tag

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'Brush off' painting winners announced at Westmount Square



From left, Sylvie Adams, Gianni Guiliano, Laura Granata and Westmounter Catherine Benny September 14.

BY HEATHER BLACK

The 6th annual "Brush Off" painting competition awards event was held on September 14 at Westmount Square's mall. Winners of the competition were Gianni Guiliano, who received first prize, Catherine Benny, second, and Laura Granata, third. Sylvie Adams won the People's Choice award.

It was organized by Avenue Art's Marina Cutler, a Westmounter, together with Mountain Lake PBS. "The competition and event will be presented as a four-part PBS series," explained Cutler.

Proceeds from the exhibition and sale will, in part, fund art activities for those living with Alzheimer's at a nearby assisted-living centre.

Hosted for the first time at Westmount Square by Creccal Investments, Westmounter and asset manager Alessandra Crecco was also on hand.

Creccal's Nick Kanevsky said, "Westmount Square is happy to promote local artists and to be part of such a worthwhile cause."

The exhibition and sale is to continue at the mall until September 21.



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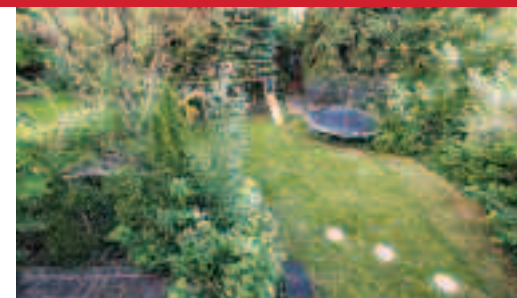


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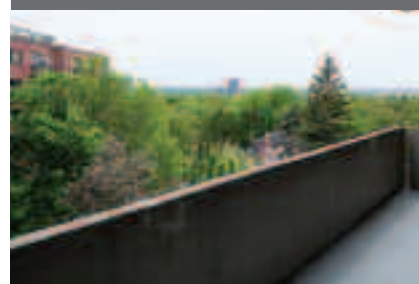
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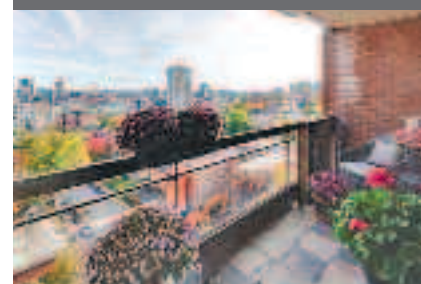
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