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We are Westmount

Talks under way with police, fire Fire station too small for Montreal agglo's new trucks

By Laureen Sweeney

Discussions are in the early stages with the fire and police departments on the future of Westmount's protective services building on Stanton, director general Benoit Hurtubise confirmed last week. The two Montreal agglomeration services use about two thirds of it. Westmount Public Security occupies the rest.

"The situation we're facing is a new generation of higher aerial fire trucks, which would require a substantial investment to raise the ceiling or lower the floor slab," he explained. The truck stationed there now is "a very tight fit."

The fire and police representatives "requested that the city demolish the building and rebuild it," due to the need for substantial infrastructure updating to satisfy



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514 769-3939 drmechanic.com their needs, state minutes of the council's general committee meeting February 19.

Retaining the fire station is important to the council and there has been no question about fire or police services leaving, he added. "It's a good location for them. It's simply how do we address the needs, given the age and state of the building. All options are open."

Maintenance costs are handled by Westmount but split between Westmount, the police and the fire department, he said. If renovations are specific to an entity, such as new garage doors for the fire trucks, they pay. For the whole building, such as the roof, "everyone pays their part."

In 1997, Westmount spent some \$3 million to update the building and enlarge one of the fire doors. Replacing the floor slab in 2000 cost another \$1 million.

Firemen Hopkins, Cunningham retire



Former Westmount firemen Tom Hopkins, left, and Chris Cunningham retired on April 26 from Montreal's Station 76 on Stanton St. See p. 14 for story. Photo: Ralph Thompson

Women win, 44 teams enter championships Westmount Y Masters swim team places 2nd in Quebec

By Laureen Sweeney

The Westmount YMCA Masters Swim Club placed second out of 44 entries at the Quebec provincial championships April 20 to 22 in Quebec City, with the women swimmers coming first in total points. The event attracted 396 competitors at the University of Laval pool in St. Foy. "We were overjoyed," said Christine Cardinal of Murray Hill. "We beat much larger teams, including our arch-rivals Pointe Claire."

While the local club has won first place three times over the years, it came sixth last year so this year was a big jump, she said. "We have not been contenders since 2011 and *continued on p. 24*



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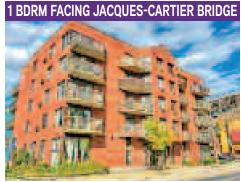
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ECS triumphs at RugbyFest



The Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School (ECS) 7s rugby team won its division of the 28th annual Rothesay Netherwood School's RugbyFest. The tournament took place from April 21 to 23 in St. John, New Brunswick. Forty-five high school teams competed from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Quebec in several different divisions.

The ECS team went undefeated in the round robin and scored a whopping 247

Photo courtesy of ECS points, allowing only 5. In the final, ECS

won 24-0 against the host school. "We are so incredibly proud of our ECS rugby team! Through dedicated teamwork and sheer determination, our girls represented the very best of what ECS fosters in its students. It is through their hard work and training that we've come this far, and as their coaches, we are incredibly impressed with their grit and resolve. We are thrilled to be the undefeated champions of RugbyFest 2018!" said coach Susan Cleary.



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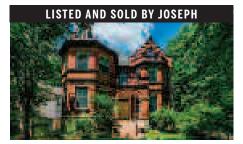








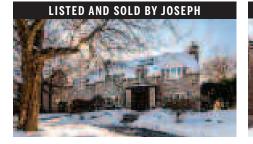
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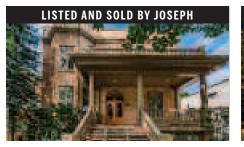


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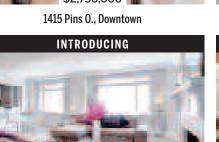
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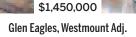


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Overheard

Couple talking to their former neighbour April 24 while looking at their previous Vic village house, "It looks like it could use a bit of a fix-up."

At the Pharmaprix on Sherbrooke at Grey April 26 at 8:30 am, just west of the Westmount-NDG border. Small child to adult: "Can we get a Coffee Crips?"

The answer? "No.

Mid-day April 26 at the Société des alcools du Québec (SAQ) on Sherbrooke near Victoria: a client arrives at the checkout counters, but no staff members are manning them. "Does that mean my purchase is free?" he asks an employee right behind him. "Nothing at the SAQ is free. Except my smile," answered the clerk.

On the Number 24 bus, eastbound, at 5:10 pm April 23. One young woman to another: "Good luck convincing your Nazi parents."

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Signs up, signs and tree down



A recently cut stump on Grosvenor below de Maisonneuve. The Independent noticed some no-parking signs of the city's tree-cutting contractor, Arboriculture de Beauce, at about 7 am on April 30, but they were gone at 10 am, when this photo was taken. Photo: Independent

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The amount of construction activity in Westmount has led to a large number of signs, and some of them have gone rogue. The sign above was seen on April 11 pointing west on the north side of St. Catherine near Prince Albert, where no drivers could see it, since St. Catherine has a median at that point and the eastbound traffic is 30 feet away. The sign at bottom was seen pointing north on February 15 at Prince Albert and York, also where no drivers could see it, since there is a house, not a road, in that direction. Photos: Independent.



World Book Day at library



Organizers Donna Lach (front row, centre) and Colette Connors (second from left) gave everyone a rose to commemorate the Day of the Rose and World Book Day.

By Ralph Thompson

On a beautiful spring morning, April 23, about 20 book enthusiasts got together in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Library. The World Book Day event was organized by Donna Lach, assistant director (library and community events), and library employee Colette Connors for a "readers-to-readers" session in which library staff provided their favourite new books over coffee and croissants.

UNESCO first celebrated World Book Day April 23, 1995. Originally proposed in Catalonia to honour author Miguel de Cervantes, April 23 was the date Cervantes, and also William Shakespeare, died.

"Today is St, George's Day and the Day

of the Rose, celebrated in Catalonia where the men give roses to women, and women give a book to a man. A book is forever," said Lach, "and we will be giving everyone a rose after the event." Recommendations from Connors included *Gentlemen in Moscow* by Amor Towles, *White Houses* by Amy Bloom, *l'appart* by David Lebovitz and *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende.

Lach presented 12 books that she had seen at a recent event in Philadelphia including Love and Ruin by Paula Maclean, The Language of Kindness by Christie Watson, Star of the North by D. B. John, Small Country by Gaël Faye, In the Restaurant by Christoph Ribbat, The Book of Essie by Meghan MacLean Weir, A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder by Dianne Freeman, Clock Dance by Anne Tyler, We're Doomed. Now What? by Roy Scranton, Mary B: A Novel by Katherine J. Chen, Vox by Christina Dalcher and An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green.

Members of the audience made recommendations, including one reminder that it is also National Poetry Month and a beautiful book of poetry is *Love in the Last Days: After Tristan and Iseult* by Dennis Nurkse. Afterwards, everyone gathered outside with their rose for a group photograph. All these books are not necessarily available in the library at this time.





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Residents turn out to reconstruction meeting Small Vic village street presents different challenges

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

While every street has its own unique needs when it comes to its turn for road reconstruction and water work, Burton's characteristic row houses are built so close to the sidewalk that this is presenting a special set of circumstances for this year's work starting soon, city officials said last week.

The houses, many dating back to around 1900, front steps and retaining walls provide very little city property behind the sidewalk that can be used to "play with" the elevation of the sidewalk or slope of the road, according to city Engineering director Elisa Gaetano.

"In a very built-up environment, there is little manoeuvring room," she explained.

These were among many challenges and concerns addressed April 17 at a meeting of 17 residents of the one-block street, which District 5 councillor Marina Brzeski found to be "an excellent turn-out."

Front steps that lead right onto the public sidewalk, no back lane providing other access, a lack of hose connections at the front of some houses for a temporary



These front steps and properties seen April 25 are typical of the many on Burton that come right onto the sidewalk.



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Trees that have been removed and the height and levelling of sidewalks were two

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other questions. "The residents know where the water collects."

While these are particular challenges, they are similar to experiences the city has already encountered in part elsewhere, including on neighbouring Winchester as well as last year on Grosvenor and in some cases on Anwoth, Gaetano said.

Analysis under way

The Burton work starts off in May with setting up a temporary water network to allow for the rehabilitation of the water main. In houses without a front water hose connection to receive the temporary flow of water, one is expected to be connected at the city's cost, she explained. "An analysis is under way."

"Some of our houses have stone foundations," noted Denis Biro. Like others on the south side of the street, his rear yard backs directly onto those on de Maisonneuve. On the north side, Burton houses back onto the rear yards of Somerville.

"It was a good meeting," he said, adding that the colour of the new street lighting to be installed is as yet unknown. He said he had also asked about the cracking of asphalt on some recently repaved streets and was told the city would be experimenting on Burton using an additive to the asphalt.

He also said the retaining wall on his property was right on the sidewalk so would have to be removed.

New electrical conduit and street lighting will be installed in the second phase along with new sidewalks, concrete road base and paving. The actual replacement of public water service entries was undertaken in 2007.

The work is scheduled to take place five days a week 7 am to up to 7 pm from May through October. The project manager is Michel Gagné and the city's on-site point person will be engineer Chris Adamopoulos.



Truck access to site an issue **Turcot closures to affect Clandeboye reconstruction**

By Laureen Sweeney

Turcot street closures and detours affecting the Greene Ave. area are expected to impact this summer's remaining reconstruction of Clandeboye, city officials said last week. This involves replacing electrical conduits, street lighting, sidewalks and roadway.

The work is "pretty straightforward," except for delays that will affect excavation and concrete trucks, Engineering director Elisa Gaetano explained in presenting this summer's work that began last year with the replacement of the water main and water service entries.

"Access is the bigger issue, including parking," she said.

While the city had delivered notices of a presentation meeting for residents on April 18 at city hall, only one person showed up in addition to District 8 councillor Kathleen Kez. The notices went to residents on Clandeboye, Dorchester, Weredale Park and Prospect.

It was not known whether lack of attendance resulted from the major water work already done last year or the fact that the meeting was not held in the neigh-



The stretch of Clandeboye looking south to Prospect and the railway tracks, viewed April 25.

bourhood at Centre Greene, as has been suggested.

Nevertheless, the resident's main concern was "when, how and what would be done," Gaetano said. "We showed her how to go online to view the video we made on the work." This can be seen on the city website under "Resident zone," road and water/roadwork.

The work takes place Monday to Friday 7 am to 7 pm from June to August with Michel Gagné as project manager and Chris Adamopoulos as the city's on-site point person.



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Police Report Police puzzled by theft of Quebec rental board docs

By Martin C. Barry

Police investigators at Station 12 are wondering what might have been the motive behind a burglary on April 19 at an apartment on Park Place where the only property stolen was some documentation about a case pending before the Quebec rental board.

According to Cst. Adalbert Pimentel, community relations officer at the station, the complainant, who rented the apartment, called Station 12 to report the dwelling had been entered illegally, although there was no evidence it was broken into.

While identity theft has sometimes been posited by police officials as a motivation to commit burglary in order to steal documents, Pimentel dismissed that theory.

"The investigators are looking into this and who would have an interest in taking these documents," he said.

"It's the first time I've seen documents stolen," he added, while suggesting that a legal conflict with the tenant may have motivated the perpetrator. "That could narrow down potential suspects," said Pimentel.

Smash-and-grab

The prime suspect in a smash-andgrab break-in during the night of April 24-25 that saw a Victoria Ave. shoe store's front window shattered is most likely to be someone wearing footgear in unmatched styles and sizes, with right-side shoes on both feet.

According to Pimentel, police at Station 12 responded to the scene after receiving a call about the broken window. "They noticed that the glass had been shattered by a rock two inches wide," he said.

The glass was broken just enough to create a hole through which the suspect was able to introduce a hand and remove shoes from the display.

However, they turned out to be in different dimensions: sizes seven and eight, and for right-side feet.

"They were on the same side, and two different sizes – right foot seven, right foot eight – so obviously not of much use," he said.

Pimentel said the investigators have lit-



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tle to go on since, according to the report, there were either no security video cameras in place or they were not functioning at the time.

SAAQ brings safety demos to Dawson

On April 26, staff from Station 12 participated along with officials from Quebec's SAAQ auto insurance corporation, the Montreal fire department and CAA-Quebec in a half-day safety information presentation on the grounds outside Dawson College.

Featured among several interactive activities were virtual reality demonstrations about seatbelt safety, firefighters showing how they extract an accident victim from a wrecked car, and virtual reality goggles allowing users to experience what it's like to drive while impaired.

According to Pimentel, the gathering was "the first of its kind in Quebec. And if it becomes a hit, we'll make an annual thing out of it."

Retail Watch

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at indie@westmount independent.com before the 21st of each month.

Greene Ave. area

Coming

Zar beauty bar is opening in Alexis Nihon Plaza (first floor), said a sign at the mall seen April 24.

Closed location

Kiki & Co. in Alexis Nihon Plaza

Construction under way

1358-60 Greene Ave.

1235 Greene, former site of Babar en ville and, before that, the Double Hook 206-208 Olivier Ave.

Not in retail use

- 1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia
- 1336 (basement) Greene Ave.
- 1215 Greene Ave. (south of de Maisonneuve), former site of Lou Goldberg Jeweller
- 1212 Greene Ave., former site of Marie Dumas, now open at 1234 Greene
- 1201 Greene Ave., former site of Joaillier David Plotnick
- 4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater), former site of Tutti Frutti
- 4026 St. Catherine St., former site of Morning Glory
- 4026A St. Catherine St., former site of Tia Maria prêt a porter
- 4152A St. Catherine St.
- Unit 300 of Westmount Square retail concourse, former site of Galerie la Manière Noire

Victoria village

Coming

Ono Pokii, a Hawaiian poke (raw fish salad) eatery, is "opening soon," said a sign, unchanged since last month, seen April 24 in the basement window of 4914 Sherbrooke St., the former site of Java U, and Marcos and Pepe's.

A location of the Aux Vivres vegan restaurant, at 4896 Sherbrooke, corner Prince Albert, is "coming soon," said a sign in its window seen on April 24 and last month. New this month was a sign soliciting job applicants.

Closing

According to signs seen on the outside of its store April 24, Mochico, at 4945 Sherbrooke, corner Claremont, is closing, changed from "moving" last month.

Construction under way

Judging from signage in its window seen on April 24 and last month, L'Occitane en Provence (4972 Sherbrooke, corner Claremont) is turning into Boutique Sera, but still using the L'Occitane website for now.

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- Gascogne
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- 4883 Sherbrooke St., former site of Iro
- 4918 Sherbrooke St., former site of Made in Italy
- 4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location
- 4922 Sherbrooke St., former site of Parm and, before that, Léa
- 4927 Sherbrooke St. (upper)
- 4930 (basement) Sherbrooke St., former site of Sharyn Scott, now operating at 4916 Sherbrooke St. 4932 (upper) Sherbrooke St.
- 4932 (lower) Sherbrooke St., former site of Flore, now operating at 4818 Sherbrooke St.4 Somerville, former site of Ceïba.
- 370 Victoria, former site of Sous Chef.

Newcomers meet volunteers at city's spring reception



From left: Hongying Jiang (who moved to Upper Lansdowne from Vancouver six months ago); Céline Laferrière (a resident of Chesterfield for two months) and volunteer Ian Moodie (chair of Manoir Westmount and a former president of the Rotary Club of Westmount); and newcomers Rocio Vadillo and Cédric Bolar, who moved to Rose-mount Ave. from France just over two months ago.

The city's spring reception took place April 25 at Victoria Hall to recognize community volunteers and a representation of residents listed as newcomers to Westmount. More than 130 people attended the event.

Mayor Christina Smith, who welcomed the invitees, introduced members of council present as well as city officials, who acted as bar tenders. Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of Sports and Recreation, Library and Culture, spoke about the value of volunteers to the community. The event also provided an opportunity

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for newcomers to meet department heads and ask for information, such as one person who wanted to know where in Westmount she could take French lessons.



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Volunteer Angie Murphy, and former city councillor Rosalind Davis the chief judge of the McEntyre writing competition. Photos: Laureen Sweeney



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Hydro-Quebec's Super Expo-Sciences Dayan, Valasek, Biljan, Mason, Victoria, Hotter win science fair prizes

Marianopolis College student Gabriel Dayan was the big winner at Hydro-Quebec's Super Expo-Sciences, held April 19 to 22 in Shawinigan.

He won the Premier Prix Hydro-Québec for "An Immune Response to ALL." Part of his prize is a trip to James Bay. He also won the gold Médaille du Réseau Technoscience (senior category) and will participate in the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Ottawa later this month.

Eloise Valasek of The Study will advance to a science fair in Auvergne, France for "Snack Attack." She also won the silver Médaille du Réseau Technoscience (intermediate category).

Morgan Biljan of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's will advance to the Canada-Wide fair for "Harvest HelpHer."

Wilfred Mason of Marionanopoliswill participate in the Canada-Wide fair, and won the silver Médaille du Réseau Technoscience (senior category), the Concordia University prize and the Francis Boulva prize for "Self-Assembling Bio-Photocells." Jude Victoria of Marianopolis will par-



From left, Gabriel Dayan, Eloise Valasek and Morgan Biljan on Victoria Ave, April 26.

ticipate in the Canada-Wide fair and won a University of Sherbrooke bursary for "To big or not to big."

Raphael Hotter of Marianopolis won the University of Ottawa prize for "Bloody Imaging."

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Retirement party interrupted by call One last job for firemen Hopkins, Cunningham

By Ralph Thompson

A retirement party was held April 26 for two long-serving firemen at Montreal Fire Station 76. Located at 19 Stanton St, it was formerly the city of Westmount's fire station until merger and demerger in 2002 and 2006 eliminated Westmount as an independent city, and then left fire as a responsibility of the Montreal agglomeration once it was reconstituted.

Tom Hopkins and Chris Cunningham have served as full-time firemen for 30 years and 27 years respectively. In the early part of their careers, the fire station was operated by Westmount, but they both think that the merged fire services with the city of Montreal has provided benefits, with improved safety, more resources and a better response capability.

They both have plans to travel in retirement including trips to Mexico, Palm Springs and golf in Plattsburg at the end of this month.

The party was interrupted by an emergency call and they both left on their last first responder call.

See another photo on p. 1.



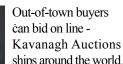
Tom Hopkins (second from left) and Chris Cunningham (third from left) with a few of their colleagues.

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Angus Tasker, Beau Kavanagh

Local resident Beau Kavanagh has followed in his father's footsteps managing Kavanagh Auction House with his business partner Angus Tasker. "I literally grew up in this business," he admits. His role on the TV show 'La Fièvre des Encans' drove recognition of his talent - and his eagle eye -for discovery. "We go throughout the city to find interesting items to sell,"adds Angus. Products range from 18th century furnishings to Art Deco, Art Nouveau and Mid-Century Modern. Every two weeks, Montrealers descend on Kavanagh Auctions to discover - and to bargain hunt. Interior designers, first-time home buyers, restauranteurs, and collectors mingle with families to bid on the rare, the unique, the amusing, and "great deals."

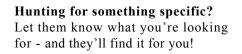


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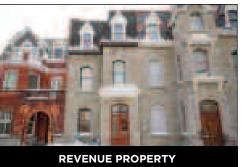
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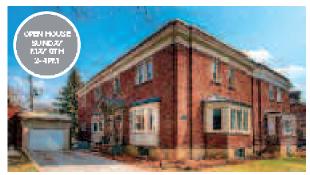








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By Ralph Thompson

A theatrical production of the fairy tale *Prince Ugly* by Matt Buchanan was presented in the Lodge Room at Victoria Hall, April 22 at 2 pm. 100 seat reservations had been made in advance, but other attendees turned up on the afternoon and were ac-

commodated. Admission was free.

The production was put on by junior members of the Teen Tour Theatre directed by Aviva Wolman-Wener with costume design by Alizee Millot.

Buchanan's fairy tale is about a young Prince William, cursed at birth to be the ugliest child on the planet. Children and strong men shudder at the sight of Prince Ugly, as he is known. The curse can only be lifted when he makes a true friend.

Teen Tour Theatre evolved from a tour group started by Aviva Wolman-Wener 12 years ago and has been collaborating with the city of Westmount for 6 years.

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35 art works donated to Manoir Westmount through Art for Healing



Manoir Westmount manager Tom Thompson with "Roses in Silver Pitcher" by Lynda Schneider-Granatstein on April 10.

By Heather Black

Installations of 35 paintings or photographs donated by local artists or their family were installed April 5 at the Manoir Westmount seniors' residence. Among the donated work were paintings by Lynda Schneider-Granatstein and Tibor K. Thomas, as well as photographs by Linda Rutenberg. Manoir resident Anita Shapiro, a well-known artist, also donated three paintings. Located throughout common areas on the ground floor, the art installation followed a bequest of \$10,000 to the Art for Healing Foundation by former resident Ellie Jarvis. Manoir Westmount manager Tom Thompson said, "We are grateful and pleased that she thought so much of the Manoir that she made such a spectacular gift." The non-profit Art for Healing organized the installation and a plaque in her honour, written by Earl Pinchuk and Gary Blair, is located near the front door of Manoir Westmount.

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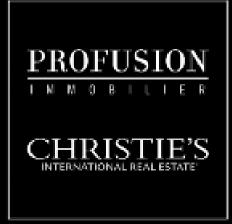
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The three faces of spring

The good



Louise Balin enjoys the sun by the empty lagoon in Westmount Park on April 22. She is originally from France and is living in Westmount while studying at the University of Montreal.



The bad

Rain! on April 26, top and bottom photos.



The tennis courts alongside the Westmount recreation centre were popular on April 22. This gentleman's backhand (the ball is in the top right-hand corner) went a little off track, perhaps rusty after a long winter.



The ugly



This trash was seen on March 30 at the corner of Melville and de Maisonneuve.

Groleau presents 'Color of Emotions' at Women's Art Society

By Heather Black

Artist Anne-Sylvie Groleau, a recent speaker at the Women's Art Society of Montreal (WASM), is inspired by the colours she sees. Her lively, almost abstract, work includes nature compositions painted in unusual colours. Speaking on "The Color of Emotions" at the Unitarian Church of Montreal on April 24, just west of the

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NDG-Westmount border, Groleau introduced members to both her art and synesthesia, her ability to see emotions as colour.

A former illustrator and translator, she now paints full time and is a new society member. Groleau commented: "I am amazed by the WASM and their dedication to women's art education. They were pioneers and deserve more recognition."

Work by society artists, including Westmount members Roxanne Dyer, Maureen Tracey and Louise Donohue, can be seen at their Annual Members' Juried Art Exhibit & Sale during May 11 to 13. Held at Concordia's Grey Nuns' Residence Hall, 1190 Guy St., the vernissage is open to the public from 2 to 5 pm on Saturday, May 12.







In front of Westmount High, shaded from the sun, a huge snow mound was slowly melting on April 27, leaving just the street dirt and garbage.

Masters, cont'd. from p. 1

have been beaten every year since then by Pointe Claire, which this year came third." The Pointe Claire pool is known for having produced many Olympians.

Only the first-place team receives a banner, however, but coming second "gives us bragging rights, as does the top score from our women," Cardinal explained.

This year's champion was the Club Aquatique de Montréal (CAMO) from the Claude Robillard pool, achieving a total of 1,803 points, followed by Westmount Y with 1,512 and Pointe Claire with 1,144.

The Westmount-based team of 34 included 84-year-old Kathy Grauer, along with 14 Westmount residents including Julie Bergeron, six months pregnant.

While the club has 117 members, most are recreational swimmers rather than competitors, Cardinal said. Any swimmers over 18 years can join a Masters club.

Cardinal said the success of the local competitors "highlights the need for Westmount to build an indoor pool because we don't have enough lanes for training at the Y's five and the air circulation there means many can't train well or even use the facility."

Residents excelled

Every Westmount resident in the competition achieved a podium or winning relay-team finish based on points, she said. They were, in alphabetical order: Jacques Adam (1 gold, silver and bronze); Christine Cardinal (4 silver); Arden Furlotte (1 gold, 4 bronze); Katherine Hope (1 silver, 2 bronze); Greg Kalinin (1 gold, 1 bronze); Stephanie Klam (1 bronze); Sylvie La Fontaine (4 gold, 3 silver); Nancy Nelson (6 gold, 1 silver); Lisa Osterland (2 bronze); Sylvia Reiter (1 bronze); and relay swimmers Julie Bergeron, Yves Lussier, Oleg Loutochin and Nicola Elkins.

To nationals, Alcatraz

Next up is the Canadian Masters swimming championship in Calgary May 19 to 21, where Nancy Nelson of Abbott Ave. is





planning to compete.

Six Westmount resident masters swimmers will also participate in the San Fran-



cisco Sharkfest June 9, an event that is already sold out. "We take a boat to Alcatraz and swim back 1.5 miles," she said. They

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51 Delavigne: Formerly Robert Wakeham Pilot's house

History by the House Andy Dodge

The small detached cottage on Delavigne Rd. that is now the subject of a demolition permit application was once the home of Robert Wakeham Pilot, one of Canada's most revered landscape artists, and in fact remained the home of his widow, Patricia Dawes, for more than 20 years following his death in 1967.

The house was the third to be built on Delavigne Rd. once it was transferred by the Ecclesiastes of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, as they began to pare down their huge holdings in Montreal granted to them by the king of France in 1663.

The brothers, of course, had built their seminary nearby on Sherbrooke St. (now Collège de Montréal) and had a farm area further south (now Holton Ave., and de Casson and Barat roads), but by about 1927 the pressure for more housing in eastern Westmount was getting stronger.

In 1928, they ceded rights for traffic, and houses started appearing on St. Sulpice Rd.; Lovell's Directory showed eight addresses in 1928 and also mentions Delavigne Rd., but there were no addresses on the street yet.

By 1931, one house, 60 Delavigne, was listed by Lovell's Directory as the only one on the cul-de-sac off Mount Pleasant Ave., then in 1953 50 Delavigne appeared, and a year later No. 51, the first on the north side of the street, had been built.

The land for the house was purchased from the Quebec government (which the Sulpicians had ceded to them in 1930) by Gordon Alexander Campbell, president of Beaconsfield Steamship Ltd. He paid \$1.35 per square foot for the land (\$6,185.70) in April 1953, and immediately started building, for an estimated \$30,000.

Campbell lived there until 1958, when he sold to Jocelyn McGown, widow of Robert R. Sewell, who owned a company in Hudson Heights earlier in the decade. In 1963, she sold to Patricia Dawes.

Pilot, her husband, had already made a name for himself in the Canadian art world. According to art historian Wayne Larsen, his stepfather was painter Maurice Cullen and he was mentored by another Westmounter, A.Y. Jackson, who invited him to the grand opening of the Group of Seven's inaugural exhibit in 1920. In fact, Pilot showed some of his art at the exhibit and was the only artist to actually sell a painting there.

He served in both world wars and became noted for his artwork, presenting paintings to Winston Churchill and Queen Elizabeth II.

The city of Westmount bestowed civic honours on Pilot posthumously a year ago at the *Vin d'honneur* to recognize his "extraordinary contribution" to the wider community (see story May 2, 2017, p. 28).

In 1988, Patricia Dawes sold the house to Nicolas Matossian and his wife, Martha McMaster. Matossian is (or has been) a senior executive with various land-resource companies in Montreal, including Pure



Minerals, Grey Horse Resources, Great West Oil and Gas Co., and Rosebud River Gas Transmission. Among numerous other appointments and accomplishments, he served on Westmount city council from 1991 until the municipal merger in 2001.

Finally, in May of 2016, the Matossians put the house on the market, asking \$1,682,000 and finally sold it in December of that year for \$1,375,000. The buyer was a numbered company presided over by Mathieu Fortier of Town of Mount Royal.

The home has a 2017 valuation of \$1,610,300.

A hearing for the demolition of the stucco house and its replacement with a much larger, 2½-storey brick house designed by Rhona Goldenberg, is scheduled for Monday night, May 7, at 5 pm, preceding the city council meeting.

HISTORY OF 51 DELAVIGNE (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
3-Nov-1958	Jocelyn McGown-Sewell	\$40,000
17-Jun-1963	Patricia Nora Dawes-Pilot	\$55,000
20-Oct-1988	Nicolas Matossian & Martha McMaster	\$460,000
17-Feb-2017	9352-2704 Quebec Inc. (Mathieu Fortier, pres.)	\$1,375,000



Real Estate Andy Dodge, CRA (Ret.)

Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in January 2018 gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.)

Volume was slightly above average, but the average price of houses was lower in January this year, it seems, as three houses sold below \$1 million and only one sale price cleared \$3 million, the lowest maximum since last September.

A dozen Westmount one- and two-family sales were closed in January for prices ranging from \$820,000 - for a semi-de-



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14 Ramezay.

tached house at 17 Weredale Park - to eight home sales were registered. \$3,325,000 for a sprawling bungalow at 14 Ramezay Rd. The average price of the sales was only \$1,646,750, but involved an average ratio of almost 20 percent above

Looking back to start of year

municipal evaluation, down slightly from the 24.5-percent average mark-up in December but otherwise higher than for any other month last year. The second highest price in the month involved 578 Roslyn Ave., which was 46.6 percent higher than its tax value, highest mark-up of the month. None of the sales were for less than valuation (for the second month in a row), with the lowest mark-up involving 356 Kitchener Ave., only 4.2 percent above municipal value.

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The condominium market was even

January transfers: volume up, prices a little soft

softer, with three apartments selling in January for almost exactly their municipal valuation, and in fact two of the three were for less. The highest price was \$838,500 for a sixth-floor apartment at 200 Lansdowne Ave., some 5 percent less than valuation. The other two were in newer apartment buildings, the lowest price and highest mark-up for a first-floor apartment at 11 Hillside Ave., while another first-floor unit changed hands nearby at 175 Metcalfe Ave.

Condos

The Independent has also recorded the sale of St. Stephen's Church last August (as reported March 6, p. 1), to "Le Jardin



578 Roslyn.

Stephens Inc.," whose president, Jesse Fournier, is executive vice president of Stanford Properties Group, which operates more than two dozen buildings in the Montreal area. Discussions are still ongoing with the city over use of the church building, which is still serving as a drop-in centre for homeless people in the area. The property sold for \$2,400,000, with no legal warranties for quality.

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Mimi's identification number is A38377955.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

A very low supply of houses has led to a record low number of sales in the first three months this year, but the supply appears to be picking up as we move into April and might mean a very late spring market in 2018.

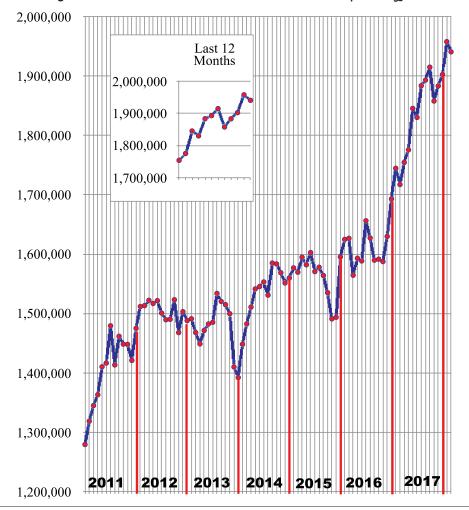
Only eight single-family home sales were posted by agents in March, and though the tally for February has increased to 16, only 28 sales were recorded in the first three months, the lowest volume for those months since we began keeping monthly sales records in 1986. Perhaps more important, of the eight sales in March, the lowest price was \$1,475,000 for a townhouse on Metcalfe Ave. and the highest price was \$2,700,000 for a semidetached house mid-level. The "typical" Westmount house is now worth more than \$1,900,000 and pushing \$1,950,000 in the past two months.

By mid-April, the number of listings in Westmount increased from 69 in March to 81, only four of which involved asking prices below \$1 million, though in fact only one such listing was available in March. The top asking price has leapt to \$13,500,000 for 9 Braeside Place, leading a list of 19 houses asking more than \$4 million, up from 17 in mid-March. All of the sales reported in March had prices higher than municipal evaluation, the highest for a small house in Victoria village, which sold for more than 2½ times its tax value.

Condos

Six condominium sales were reported in March, bringing to 12 the number of sales in the first quarter of 2018, with an average price of \$706,221, an average that has been dropping steadily since the second quarter of 2017, but the average mark-

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up over valuation has climbed to 19.4 percent, its highest level since the new valuation roll was published last year. Top price in March (and for the quarter) involved a \$1,575,000 resale at 1250 Greene Ave., while an apartment at 4855 de Maisonneuve Blvd., corner Victoria Ave., sold for only \$325,000, the lowest price. Only one of the condo sales involved a duplex-type condo, and one other a condo-townhouse on St. Catherine St. in front of the old Westmount train station, which went for more than \$1 million. In March we added 19 more sales to the adjacent-Westmount mix, including four sales on Northcliffe Ave. in eastern NDG, where the average price is closing in on \$1.2 million this year. Almost all of the adjacent-Westmount districts show average prices for one- and two-family homes over \$1 million, and in fact in the western downtown sector the average is \$1,902,500, almost the same as for Westmount, but including one mansion, which sold for more than \$4 million.





Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

There's a new art gallery in Westmount: Centrefold Gallery, in the go-to Vic Park building.

Partners in the venture are Nadim El-Asmar, Brittne Potter, MacKenzie Davidson and Adam Rutledge. Artist Zoe Pawlak was exhibited February 9 at the gallery's launch. Her work was beautifully showcased in the classic white cube space.

Created with streaked brushwork, some canvases were painted in Prussian blues suggesting seascapes, while others in beiges recalled the serenity of sandy shores.

Amidst the hanging paintings was a "cabinet of curiosités": tiny charming plants, mostly cacti, that had equally charming tiny pairs of sneakers sitting on the earth! In themselves, they were sculptural street art.

Created by the Hydro Flora team, their provenance is really fun. Hydro Flora is a group of Concordia students offering educational hydroponic planting workshops. Realizing that today's youth are sneakerobsessed, what better way to attract them



Brittne Potter and Nadim El-Asmar.

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Laura Assalini and Andrew Pitchko

than doll-house-sized, but still look-at-me, bright-red Nike Jordans, or wee white

Adidas sitting happily amidst the foliage? Actually not only youth: most of the adult guests marvelled over the whimsical pieces.

In addition to this fun installation, varied shapes and sizes of vases were placed around the room and on windowsills by Laura Azzalini.

There with Andrew Pitchko, Azzalini explained that she finds and recycles objects. Amidst the crowd noshing on sushi as they waited for the DJ were Westmounter Clodagh Wheatley, as well as Randa Eid and John Sarrouf.



Randa Eid and John Sarrouf.



Clodagh Wheatley





Défi canapé 2018 competition featured top cuisine



Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

It was some enchanted evening. Défi Canapé 2018 was one of the best ever.

The Lachine canal was still frozen on March 28, but guests were welcomed by birds chirping; happy harbingers of spring.

Optimistically, most ladies banished boots - the better to wear ballerinas and pretty pumps. The Batshaw Foundation fundraiser, held in a bricks-and-mortar building on St. Ambroise, was sold out.

And no wonder. The annual event featured Montreal's trendiest - and most delicious! - restaurants, which volunteered their staffs, services and fabulous canapés for the cause.

Taking part in a competition were Tuck Shop (surf 'n' turf – sea urchin with grated foie gras); Loic (steelhead trout tartar on latke); Sumac (lamb kibbeh navyeh with arak labneh on a laffa chip); Mouton Noir (lamb kofta with jeweled couscous with tahini and sumac sauce); and Burgundy Lion Group (halibut gravlax sweet potato latke with caviar).

A curiosity amongst the fun rivalry was Loic's watermelon radish, which looked exactly like, well, a watermelon: pink with a green outer rim!

The winner was Sumac. The restaurant's David Bloom and Raquel Zagury happily accepted the 2018 laurels.

PA Supermarché graciously donated a buffet of gourmet cheeses and crudités. Other partners were Taverne on the Square, Brierbrier, DoughNats and Total.

The evening's main sponsor was Jarislowsky Fraser; gold sponsor was the 3 Macs, a division of Raymond James, and silver sponsor was Travelway.

Committee members were event co-



Tina Khan, David Bloom and Raquel Zagury.

chairs Tina Khan and Laura Lavy, working with Liana Thibodeau, Elizabeth Caddick and Janet Faith.

Westmounters noted in the packed room included Mayor Christina Smith. Linda and Marc Lemoyne, Caroline Price, Judy and Michael Martin, Astri Prugger, Karma and John Hallward, Stephanie and Dan Lavy, Karen Cooke, Sue Khan, Erin O'Brien and Andrew Clark, Susan Lazar



Janet Faith and Christina Smith.

Hart, Tim Price, Councillor Mary Gallery, Mark Lowe, Di Deruchie and daughter Michelle Deruchie, Trevor Bishop, Shana Rotstein and David Perlman, Leslie Alcorn. and Andrew Sofin.

Also noted were Batshaw Centres Foundation members executive director Michael Udy, Dave Brown, director, vp and Andrew Clark, treasurer, there with his wife Chris Clark.



Michael Udy and Dave Brown.

Silent auction items included tickets to see Justin Timberlake (sigh), courtesy of the Molson brothers, an amazing bottle of Château Mouton Rothschild wine (1979) valued at \$1,000 and a morning with Westmount mayor Christina Smith. Ideally one would bid - and win! - all three for morning-into-eve memories beyond "priceless"! The evening raised \$75,000 for the foundation.



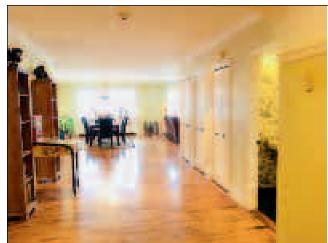
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Gedvila's miracle on Park Ave.



John Pohl, Myriam Allain, Lilija Gedvila, Barry MacPherson and Joanna Abrahamowicz.

Westmounter Lilija Gedvila joined fellow artists at a packed vernissage April 19 at Galerie Mile End. "I like to discover forms that resonate an inner reality that words can only hint at," she said. She showed her work with artists Joanna Abrahamowicz, Myriam Allain, Barry Mac-

Pherson and John Pohl, former Gazette art critic. The exposition - "Miracles Wait until the End... Ah oui?" – is about how the five artists worked against the clock to test the assertion that miracles are constrained by time. The show at Galerie Mile End, 5345 Park, runs until May 5.

Photo courtesy John Pohl

Comin' Up

TUESDAY, MAY I

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents high school public speaking winners and Alissa Sklar, PhD, on "ScreenSmart and Mediawise: Strategies for Raising Children in a Digital Age." Victoria Hall. 12:15 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Book Sale. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. 10 am to 7 pm. Also Saturday, 9 am to 2 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Rummage sale. St. Matthias' lower hall, 131 Côte St. Antoine. 10 am to 1 pm.

Sunday, May 6 Mitzvah Morning, which includes mak-



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ing granola for Share the Warmth and cards for cancer patients. Free event, everyone is welcome. Register online: templemontreal.ca/mitzvahmorning. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke. 10 am to 12:30 pm.

Jane's Walk by Westmount Historical Association. Free. 4141 Sherbrooke St. English: 2 pm; French: 2:30 pm.

Monday, May 7

Demolition hearing re 51 de Lavigne. City hall. 5 pm.

City council meeting. City hall. 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Station 12's Coffee with a Cop. Second Cup on Greene Ave. 1 to 3 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

The Krishnamurti Information Centre presents video Living with an Uncaring Spouse. \$5. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 2 to 4 pm.

TUESDAY MAY 8

Former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre on his recent trip to Israel and views on leadership. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke. 7 pm.

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