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Second Euro bungee added to this year's Family Day

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

There's good news for people who wait in one of the longest line-ups at Family Day when this year's 43rd edition unfolds Saturday in Westmount Park.

This year, a second Euro bungee jumping attraction is being added, said Andrew Maislin, operations manager for Sports and Recreation, which organizes the daylong event that typically brings out many hundreds of people.

"It's big news this year," he said. "We're trying to make Family Day a little fresher and have changed our provider of inflatable games, DJ and carnival booths. We'll now have two Euro bungees – the big one."

As a result, he said, the Melville field

will be packed. This is where most of the action-based activities will take place including the climbing wall, novelty races, games and afternoon carnival booths.

"Family Day is one of our signature events," said Councillor Mary Gallery, whose commissionership includes Sports and Recreation. Her father, former mayor Brian Gallery, created the event during his time as an alderman, as city councillors were then known.

"The cliché 'the more the merrier' certainly applies here. We're just hoping for good weather."

And so is Maislin, and confident that a long-range forecast will hold. "We're watching it carefully and we're ready to go."

The pony rides, petting continued on p. 14

A perennial event exchanging perennials



From left, Westmount Horticultural Advisory Committee members Valerie Aitken and Marielle Beauchemin examine some of the plants that were available on May 17 during a perennial plant exchange held outside the Westmount Public Library. See p. 14 for story.

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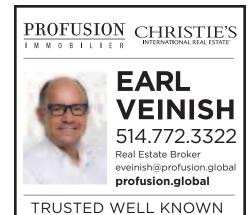
Pickleball launches at WRC to offer the 'latest craze'

By Laureen Sweeney

In a pickle looking for something new to do this summer? How about an easy problem-solver: a game of pickleball?

That's a cross between tennis and pingpong that's the latest craze sweeping North America, according to Sports and Recreation officials, who launched it as a drop-in activity May 14 at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

"It's played a lot by seniors but is open to everybody," said department operations manager Andrew Maislin.



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Villa Maria marks breast cancer week



From left, Julia Pacifico, Miranda Verkhviachcili, Alice Platt, Katerina Perdikis and Constance Moutsos.

On May 11, the French sector of Villa Maria high school, located just west of the Westmount-NDG border, held its 12th Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Events included a 2-km "colour run" and head-shaving. Students raised money by selling raffle tickets and holding a bake sale. A \$23,000 cheque to the Cedars Cancer Foundation was presented to Dr. David Fleiszer, oncology surgeon at the MUHC's breast clinic.

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Zakia Hussain gets a haircut from Maria Spasojevic of O'Way Coiffure.

Photos courtesy of Villa Maria.



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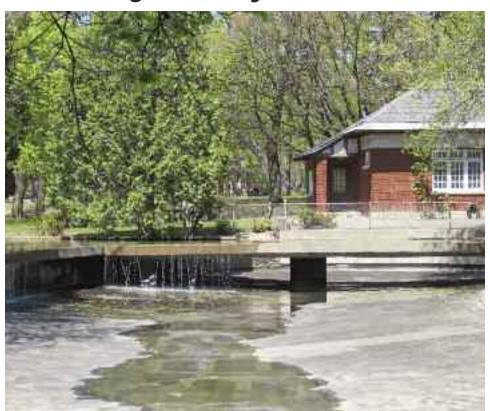
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Lagoon back for summer



The lagoon in Westmount Park was being filled up May 16. Interestingly, only the "river" from the library was "on," not the one that starts near the football field. The lagoon has leaked in the past and is expected to be analyzed this year (see "Plans mapped out to ... analyze leaky ponds," March 13, p.1).

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Residents: no warning - DG: city issued notice

Olivier residents concerned about loss of large ash tree

The tree stump on May 18.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An "open letter" to city council signed by some 16 residents of the apartment building at 220 Olivier was presented at the meeting May 7, stating they had not

been notified about the removal of a large city ash tree outside the building.

It asks for the tree to be replaced by a native one "with an attractive spread" and large enough to make "a favourable impression" on the street.

City director general Benoit Hurtubise told the *Independent*

last week the city had looked into the matter and confirmed an advance notice had in fact been issued to the property involved "in accordance with city policy but I don't know how it was distributed (to residents)."

"The ash tree in front of the building that arched over the street had some damage from the emerald ash borer," explained Daryll Skraba, "but the tree was very much alive. I know because its budding canopy was directly in front of my windows."

Nicolas Mory, the city's superintendent of arboriculture and horticulture, had told the *Independent* in a story referred to by Skraba at the council meeting that all city ash trees were being removed from along streets because the infestation of the beetle was now so widespread (see story April 24, p. 10).

Attempts had been unsuccessful to reach someone at the city in charge of the

operation at the time, Skraba said. When the tree came down, April 25, he said, it was "a sad day."

"What's done is done," however. He looks forward to removal of the stump that "only gives testimony to the tree's demise.

...But we must also have recompense for the loss of our veryalive magnificent tree."

He suggested that replacing it with one of 12 to 15 feet tall was not an unreasonable request, considering the tax dollars the city derives from the 48-unit apartment block.

The tree, he later

told the *Independent*, added to the atmosphere of the street in the block just south of de Maisonneuve, which he described as "a real gem" of a location.



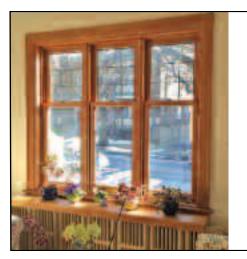
He suggested it would be of benefit to the city and the neighbourhood to have residents well informed of the reasons when specific trees that appear healthy are to be removed. "If the community were involved, at least we would feel that our voices had been heard rather than feeling like bystanders."

Skraba told the council meeting that he knew the city had an urban forest plan "but we have to get people involved." Councillor Cynthia Lulham said she was pleased he had consulted the city's web-

Meanwhile, two smaller ashes that appeared diseased across the street had not yet been removed, he said.







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Pickleball, cont'd. from p. 1

have been marked out for the game with nets to be put out Monday and Thursday nights from 5 to 9:30 pm for anyone who wants to pick up a paddle racquet and take part. Equipment will be provided.

"We're hoping people will want to make an evening of it, play and get a bite to eat at the café," Maislin said. "We're trying to turn the WRC into a community centre," he added.

Decided only recently and without much publicity, a pilot evening brought out 15 people in two "waves," he said, and plans are now under way to find a location for creating an outdoor court.

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Play at any age

"The beauty of it is that it can be played at any age," said former city councillor Victor Drury, who turned out with his wife Barbara. He said they had been introduced to pickleball in Mexico last year while visiting friends – Westmounters Claudia Bierman and Will Graham – who had built a court to play "the fastest growing sport in North America."

They also turned out to play the first game at the WRC along with Councillor Mary

Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation.

On his return to Quebec, Drury said, he had suggested it to then city director general Mike Deegan then "re-energized the effort" by talking to Dave Lapointe, director of Sports and Recreation.

According to the US Pickleball Association, the game was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities are credited with the creation. There are now associations across Canada including the Fédération québécoise de pickleball.



Councillor Mary Gallery makes a powerful return towards opponents former Councillor Victor Drury and Claudia Bierman, while her partner Françoise Roux readies for the return-to-the-return.

Photos: Ralph Thompson.



From left, back row: Betsy Mitchell, William Graham, Claudia Bierman and Françoise Roux; front row: Soryl Rosenberg, Barbara Drury, Mary Gallery and Victor Drury.



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Street festival June 14 to 17

Vic village merchants choose Cedars as beneficiary

The Westmount Victoria Village Merchants Association has chosen the Cedars Cancer Foundation as the charity beneficiary of its June 14 to 17 street festival.

Donation boxes will be present during the sidewalk sale at which people can contribute.

Volunteers and staff were having promotional video clips taped for their websites at the Cedars offices on Greene on May 16 by corporate sponsor Spotful.

According to Asso-

ciation coordinator and Spotful employee Kiefer Shaw, individual stores have raised money for various charities at the event in the past, but they wanted "to be more in unison this year."

New Association board member Frédérique El Kaim of the Royal Bank sees the



corporate sponsor From left, Kiefer Shaw, Cedars chairman Mark Saykaly, Frédérique El Kaim, Christina Miller and Jeff Spotful.

According to AssoDeGeneres," Miller's daughter told her earlier.

event as serving the three "pillars" of the recently elected board: merchants, residents and artists. There will also be a tiein with Fathers' Day.

Cedars CEO Jeff Shamie was pleased with the new affiliation. "It fits with our mission of cancer education, research and

care at all stages of life, from pediatric cancer to end-of-life with dignity. We want to be engaged and get the community out."

Shamie is also a Westmount city councillor.

In her clip, Cedars board member and corporate sponsor Christina Miller summed it up, "We hope you will be there to kick it off."

Free prostate exams

Coincidentally, Cedars is hosting a prostate event in the courtyard of the MUHC's Glen hospital Thursday, June 14. Medicare card holders can get a free prostate exam.

"Last year, we found two cancers out of 350 patients," said Shamie.



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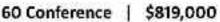
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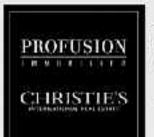
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHERE ARE THE CHARGING STATIONS?

I note that Burton Ave. is about to get rebuilt, which is great because it's in rough shape. However, unless I've missed something, I see no plans to supply infrastructure for electric car recharging. With the inevitable decline of the internal combustion engine, owners of cars on streets such as Burton, Somerville, Winchester, etc., will require a way to charge their cars. Currently, it is not practical for anyone on these streets and others similar to own an electric car.

All rebuilt roads on streets where the majority of residents don't have off-street parking or are largely commercial should have at least a few electric car charging stations, and full underground infrastructure to provide more in the future.

Within 20 years gas-powered cars will be a novelty. What is Westmount doing to plan for this future?

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WHERE'S THE BUTTON?

Open letter to Councillor Marina Brzeski and city council members

"Rest assured, your pedestrian safety concerns on St. Catherine/Victoria are top of mind."

[letter from Councillor Brzeski to Diana Hernandez] – January 2, 2018.

Yes, it is with great regret to inform you we have not received any update or a reference number to follow up the progress of the solution for this matter.

Maybe a miracle will take place and make all the circumstances that make this situation worse as time passes disappear.

Or maybe the Westmount council will come to its senses and figure out that an on-demand pedestrian (push button) crosswalk light is the humanly right thing to do.

Please find attached the letter sent in 2012 [advocating for the on-demand button].

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Pool ≠ SIDEWALKS

No, Mr. Marriott, financing an indoor swimming pool has absolutely no similarity to paying for concrete for sidewalks (as you stated at the council meeting on May 7). The latter everyone uses, all the time; the former – I agree with Councillor Marina Brzeski – at best probably appeals to only 50 percent of Westmount residents.

While I sympathize (mildly) with the parents of the Dolphins swim club, I managed (as a single mother with a full time job) to drive one of my sons (a competitive diver in his youth) to Pointe Claire twice a week for his practices.

Recent "improvements" to Westmount – the new hockey rinks, the dog runs, and (although I personally think the expense is insane) restoring the greenhouse (when you can buy a new one for half the cost that looks exactly the same) – replace existing facilities. They do not add something totally new. An indoor pool would involve financing a vast construction project, plus a substantial ongoing expense to

maintain and staff it. The time, if ever, to build an indoor swimming pool was when the hockey rinks were built – a lot of suggestions to this effect were made to the mayor and council at that time and ignored.

If we have any surplus money, in my view, we should spend some of it on the flower gardens. The former perennial garden in the large circle north of the gazebo was beautiful some years ago – now it has one strangled Japanese anemone and a sea of weeds. Also – what is wrong with the lagoon – still not filled (May 16*) – is it leaking again? These are things – like the sidewalks – we can all use and enjoy – let us maintain them.

Jo LaPierre, Metcalfe Ave. *Editor's note: Please see our story, p. 4. - DP.

HUNGRY? NO NEED TO ORDER PIZZA



I woke up this morning to see a squirrel eating a slice of pizza on a branch outside my dining room window on de

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Clarification: Occitane re-opens under same name

L'Occitane en Provence, located at Sherbrooke and Claremont, has finished its renovation and is open. It is not changing names, as was inferred for Retail Watch in our May 1 issue (p. 10).

Correction: Free nominated Murphy

Valerie Free nominated Angela Murphy for the Derek Walker Volunteer of the Year Award. Incorrect information appeared in the May 15 *Independent* (p. 5).

Maisonneuve and Lansdowne. What an amazing way to start a day, both for me and the smart, well-fed squirrel.

Honey Fox, Lansdowne Ave.

KUDOS TO THOMPSON ON BIRDS

Just a brief word to say "kudos" to Ralph Thompson. Presumably,* he is the individual who took the photographs of the birds that appeared in the May 15 edition of *Independent*. Thanks to you as well for giving us close-up views of these wonderful specimens of spring in Westmount. We also really appreciate the identification help provided by Zofia Laubitz – a nice touch. This was surely your best contribution to spring yet!

Nancy and Buddy Gross, St. Catherine St.

*Editor's note: He was. - DP.

LET'S CHANGE CITY'S CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

As Mayor Smith has confirmed that she is "frustrated with the time it takes to make changes" (May 8, p. 8), perhaps she would consider directing a more forceful approach to getting the renovation *Guidelines* updated, particularly for windows and doors.

This has been a major, long-running priority for residents and, in its irresolution, a huge irritant. Updating guidelines is not rocket science. It has been three years since Madame Poirier, our former Urban Planning director, started the "process" by convening an expert panel, including architects, to review the existing guidelines. The city has refused to release the recommendations of that panel.

Why?

Perhaps it didn't like them and just doesn't want residents to know what was proposed. In the meantime, the city refuses to allow casement windows to replace double hung and also insists on returning previously permitted casement windows to double hung. It forces the use of a window design that most residents and prospective home buyers don't want, is less energy efficient and is difficult to use for people with mobility restrictions.

To date, it appears the city has been oblivious to it all. At this rate, the Champlain bridge replacement will be completed faster than Westmount can update its window and door guidelines.

Residents expect more action and fewer words.

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NOVA celebrates Nursing Week



From left, nurses gather at NOVA: board director Susan Magor; staffers Annie Gagnon, Hélène Authier, Hélène Plouffe and Paula Habib; board directors Tanya Fitzpatrick and Melanie Drew; and, front row, executive director Rosemary O'Grady. Photo courtesy of NOVA.

May 7 to 13 was National Nursing Week and NOVA Montreal (originally the Victoria Order of Nurses) feted its "wonderful nursing team - frontline nurses and board members" with a breakfast at its Victoria Ave. headquarters, according to a press release. The organization is a non-profit offering in-home nursing services. "We are so very fortunate to have a team of dedicated nurses who consistently put the needs of the client and family first. They give one hundred percent in all that they do and they do it with heart." NOVA Montreal is also celebrating its 120th year.

MGH nursing alumnae gather in Montreal, Westmount for last time



From left (foreground), Susan Flood Cruikshank, Phyllis James Havercroft and Eleanor Jones with 44 of their class of '63 colleagues on May 10. Photo courtesy of C. Miller.

The Alumnae Association of the Montreal General Hospital School of Nursing wound up its operations May 4 with events at the MGH's Livingston Hall and the Château Champlain downtown.

It was the end of an era, since the 1972 closure of the hospital's school of nursing means no new nurses have been graduating who could join the group's ranks, as they had been doing since 1890.

Over 500 women attended.

On May 10, 47 women from the class of 1963 gathered at the Westmount house of Christina Miller, whose mother-in-law, Beth Tieman Miller, is one of their num-

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Same architectural firm wins both bids

Restoration work on city hall's façade could start this year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Professional services for the restoration of the exterior of Westmount city hall were awarded by city council May 7 to the architectural firm of Nadeau, Nadeau, Blondin for up to \$300,000. The work calls for analyzing its condition and developing a design, plans and tender specs for execution of the work as well as site supervi-

"We are hoping to have the work carried out in the fourth quarter of 2018," Councillor Philip Cutler said last week as commissioner of Infrastructure and Innovation.

Survey, inspection coming

The work will include an up-to-date survey and inspection of the windows, doors, masonry, and architectural elements as well as its foundation, roofing and the landscaping.

The same firm won the contract for professional services related to the restoration of the greenhouses (see separate

story, at right). In each case, it was one of three bids received and chosen after evaluation by a selection committee.

Work on the 1922 city hall has been talked about being sorely needed for many

An inspection of the façade was undertaken a few years ago by the city's own in-

The need to replace or restore its leaded windows was seen as long overdue, but more costly than the city could afford to meet its own guidelines for a Category I heritage building.

Greenhouse bidder accepted for professional services

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The bid for services to design and draw up plans to restore the city's conservatory and aquatic house (frog pond) was awarded to Nadeau, Nadeau, Blondin architects at the city council meeting May 7.

This launches the start of work that has been in the planning since the greenhouse complex was closed to the public for safety reasons in September 2015. The construction work is expected to be started in 2019, once tenders have been awarded.

"We're very excited," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Urban Planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks, who has spearheading the project. "We're also looking at the other greenhouses."

These are the working or growing ones whose use has been reduced since the city began purchasing most of the plants needed for gardens in parks and other locations.

The contract to Nadeau, Nadeau, Blondin designates a maximum amount of \$278,756 for what the council resolution calls "restoration of the patrimonial greenhouses." The same firm won the contract for professional services for the restoration of city hall (see separate story, at left).

Fire department: No butts in flower beds

The Montreal fire department put out a press release May 16 cautioning people from extinguishing cigarettes and the like in flower pots and beds. According to the release, such practices were the cause of about 60 fires on the island of Montreal in 2017.

The department is continuing its "Pas de mégots dans les pots" (No butts in flower pots) campaign, which began last year.

The department warned, in French, "The materials in private and public flower pots, as well as in flower beds and mulch (vegetable matter and chemical fertilizers) are flammable.... A cigarette butt crushed in this kind of mix can continue to smoulder for up to five hours before

bursting into flame. The danger of fire is even greater if containers are exposed to the sun and wind when it is hot outside."

It also advised to keep flower beds moist, use an appropriate ash tray or can that is protected from the wind and placed on a non-combustible surface, and, if necessary, use a type with sand or water in it.

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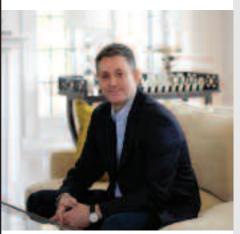
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En raison de travaux de rénovation, le comptoir de la réception et des finances de l'hôtel de ville est déplacé au deuxième étage jusqu'à la mi-juin.

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Club de lecture en anglais

Le mardi 22 mai, 19 h, Bibliothèque. *Go, Went, Gone* (2017) de Jenny Erpenbeck. Animé par Claire Holden Rothman. 514 989-5299.

Conférences de 14 heures : Sylvie Coutu

Le mercredi 23 mai, 14 h, Bibliothèque. *Gaudí, l'architecte controversé et admiré de Barcelone.* Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

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Le lundi 28 mai, 13 h, Bibliothèque. François Mauriac. Animé par Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Ciné-club

Le mardi 29 mai, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *The Post* (2017) Billets requis. 514 989-5299.

Activité spéciale : Interactive books

Le mercredi 30 mai, 19 h, Bilbiothèque. Jacqueline Reid-Walsh retrace l'histoire des livres animés et montrera des fac-similés de livres anciens et de livres animés provenant de la collection de la Bibliothèque. 514 989-5299.

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Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 4 juin

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Exposition jeunesse

Du 25 mai au 15 juin, galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter une **exposition jeunesse**. Horaire : lundi au vendredi 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche 10 h à 17 h. 514 989-5521.

Théâtre Dramatis Personae

Le vendredi 25 mai (19 h 30), le samedi 26 mai (14 h et 19 h 30) et le lundi 28 mai (20 h), Victoria Hall. Le théâtre communautaire de Westmount présente Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play de Joe Landry. Mise en scène: Christopher Moore. Réservez à theatrewestmount.com ou au 514 484-2016.

Conférences-midi

Le mardi 22 mai, 12 h 30, Victoria Hall. *The Dante Hardware and Mezza Luna Story* avec Elena Faita. En collaboration avec le Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal. 10 \$/conférence. 514 989-5226.

43° Journée annuelle de la famille

Le samedi 26 mai, 10 h à 15 h., parc Westmount. Venez vous amuser au parc : jeux gonflables, enclos d'animaux, promenade aérienne, kiosques, etc. Consultez l'horaire à **westmount.org**.

Le chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal

Le samedi 2 juin, 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Le concert sera un mélange éclectique de pièces musicales galloises et anglaises accompagné d'une lecture dramatique de *The Outing* de Dylan Thomas. Billets 20 \$. 514 989-5226.

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CITY HALL

Summer schedule begins May 28

From May 28 to August 31, the following schedule will be in effect for the City's administrative offices: Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Temporary relocation of reception

Due to ongoing renovation work, the City Hall reception desk and Finance counter has been relocated to the 2nd floor until mid-June.

LIBRARY

English Book Club

Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m., Library. *Go, Went, Gone* (2017) by Jenny Erpenbeck. Led by Claire Holden Rothman. 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Conferences Series: Sylvie Coutu

Wednesday, May 23, 2 p.m., Library. *Gaudí, l'architecte controversé et admiré de Barcelone.* Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

French Book Club

Monday, May 28, 1 p.m., Library. François Mauriac. Led by Led by Gisèle Magny. 514 989-5299.

Film Club

Tuesday, May 29, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *The Post* (2017) Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

Special Event: Interactive Books

Wednesday, May 30, 7 p.m., Library. Jacqueline Reid-Walsh will trace the historical trajectory of movable books, share facsimiles of early books, and show some of the movable books from the Library's collection. 514 989-5299.

Make Your Own Lift-the-Flap Book (7-12 yrs)

Thursday, May 31, 4 to 6 p.m., Library. With Jacqueline Reid-Walsh, PhD. After examining some examples of movable books ranging from spectacular pop-ups to simple lift-the-flap books, we will make a few of our own to take home. 514 989-5229.

Tales and Travels Series

Fridays, June 1-29, 1 p.m., , Library. A weekly activity that simulates the act of travelling to a foreign country for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Registration required: dmiguez@westmount.org or 514 989-5530 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting Monday, June 4

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youth Art Exhibition

May 25 to June 1st, Gallery at Victoria Hall. The Gallery is pleased to present a youth art exhibition. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 514 989-5521.

Dramatis Personae Theatre

Friday, May 25 (7:30 p.m.), Saturday, May 26 (2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.), Monday, May 28 (8 p.m.), Victoria Hall. Westmount's Community Theatre presents *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry, directed by Christopher Moore. Reservations: theatrewestmount.com or 514 484-2016.

Afternoon Lecture Series

Tuesday, May 22, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *The Dante Hardware and Mezza Luna Story* with Elena Faita. In collaboration with The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. \$10/lecture. 514 989-5226.

43rd Annual Family Day

Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Westmount Park. Spend the day in the park enjoying inflatable games, races, petting zoo, zip line, kiosks and much more. See the schedule at **westmount.org**.

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir

Saturday, June 2nd, 7:30 p.m, Victoria Hall. An eclectic mix of Welsh and English songs, along with a dramatic reading of Dylan Thomas' comedy *The Outing*. Tickets \$20. 514 989-5226.

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PUBLIC SECURITY

Summit Woods: dogs on leash at all times

Reminder: during the spring bird migration period from April 16 to June 15, dogs must be kept on leash AT ALL TIMES in Summit Woods. 514 989-5222.

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Police Report

Cigarettes stolen at Dorchester rooming house

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A man who lives in a rooming house on Dorchester Blvd. near Greene Ave. filed a complaint with police at Station 12 recently that someone entered his room without permission and stole two packs of cigarettes.

According to Montreal police community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, the complainant noticed, upon returning to his room after being out from 9 pm on May 2 to 9 am on May 3, that his door was wide open.

"There was no sign of forced entry," said Laperrière. "So did he leave his door unlocked? Did someone else have a key? We don't know. But for now it's under investigation."

Items stolen from cars

A motorist who was scheduled to rendez-vous with a friend around 11 pm on April 30 and parked on Redfern Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St. found upon returning to the car around 1 am that someone had ransacked the interior and stole several items during his absence.



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While there were no valuables in the car such as computer tablets or laptops to be taken, according to Laperrière, small personal items, including fashion accessories and grooming instruments, were

On May 7 shortly after 6 pm, a motorist who had parked on Greene Ave. near the 5 Seasons grocery store found after returning to his vehicle that a briefcase containing documents he had left inside had been stolen.

"There was no damage to the vehicle," said Laperrière, noting that whoever entered the car did so without using force.

Woman falls in bus

Police and Urgences Santé paramedics were summoned to the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Wood Ave. on May 11 around 1 pm when an 87-year-old woman riding a Montreal Transit Corp. bus fell while on board and suffered a hip injury.

Because the woman fell while in a moving vehicle, it was regarded as a road accident, Laperrière said. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital to be evaluated, he

iTune card scam

A Westmount resident who was recently misled by online fraudsters into sending them pre-paid Apple iTune cards was lucky to get a refund after discovering he had been scammed.

According to Laperrière, the victim responded to an e-mail he thought had been sent by a friend.

"The e-mail asked him to go buy some iTunes cards and send them the serial numbers for each card," he said. "After he did that, he didn't think anything of it. But then he realized afterwards that it was a

"But once he realized that he got in touch with Apple and they reimbursed him, which was good. So he didn't have a monetary loss. But he was still asked to make a report for them. So Apple is assuming the fees."

Laperrière said this type of scam has become very common with e-mail. He said the Montreal police force's forensic electronic fraud unit will be investigating.

Car strikes foot

An attendant at a gas station at 4780 Sherbrooke St. suffered an injured ankle on May 11 around 11 am after a customer who had just been served at the gas pump struck the side of his foot while driving off.

"The employee who was working there was serving gas," Laperrière said. "As one car left, it got too close to him. It didn't roll over his ankle, but got him on the ankle. He was still able to walk because he came to see us later in the day."

According to the police report, the employee turned up at Station 12 later to file a complaint after being urged to do so by his boss. The police report didn't say whether the driver in question remained on the scene or drove away.

However, the report did include the make and model of the vehicle, and so an investigation will probably be taking place, Laperrière said. In addition, he said that evidence from video cameras that were activated at the time could also serve in the investigation.

Unlocked car robbed

A car owner who left his vehicle unlocked overnight from May 11-12 while parked in an alley behind 4460 Sherbrooke St. was robbed of some loose change and a phone charger.

"Being out of sight from the street, this made the vehicle an easy target, especially because they hadn't locked one door," Laperrière said. "But there was nothing major that was stolen."





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Horticultural committee holds perennial plant exchange

By Martin C. Barry

A perennial plant exchange held outside the public library on May 17 by Westmount's Horticultural Advisory Committee offered residents with a green thumb an opportunity to beautify areas around their property.

Each year just before the Victoria Day long weekend, the committee holds the plant exchange, during which Westmounters bring in plants from their gardens to be exchanged for plants from other residents or for a small number of plants grown in the city greenhouse.

By early evening, all leftover plants were up for sale at \$2 each. Due to limited space at the greenhouse, the number of greenhouse plants for sale was reduced this year. There was a strict limit of two greenhouse plants per customer.

See photo on p. 1.

Family Day, cont'd. from p. 1

zoo and Westmount Park train will operate at the south end of the Melville field where the make-up (face painting) will take place at the gazebo.

Along the Melville street side will be five inflatable games as well as displays by police, Public Security with its child carseat inspections and the Royal Montreal

Exhibits by community groups and others will set up along the walking path, including Contactivity Centre's handicraft and bake sale.

The event kicks off at 10 am and winds down at 4 pm, though some of the activities take a break over the noon-hour for lunch. Refreshments include those sold by Guides. Scouts and the Mouton Noir Café from the Westmount recreation centre.

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Westmounter and diver Vincent Riendeau received a \$4,000 Fondation Bruny Surin bursary May 16 at the Fondation de l'athlète d'excellence's annual spring cocktail, held this year at the brewery of its sponsor Molson-Coors. From left, Riendeau and Surin.

Diver Riendeau awarded Surin bursary

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April sales: few sales, but 'typical house' breaks \$2-million ceiling



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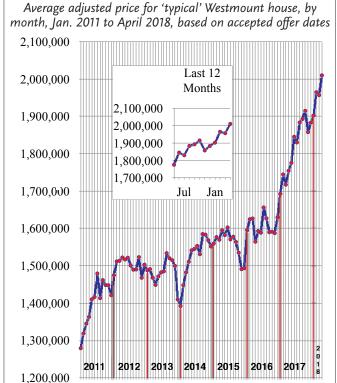
Note: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in April. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local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

The normally-strong spring real estate market in Westmount remained at a crawl in April this year, with only nine sales posted by local agents, the same number posted in March. So far this year, we have recorded 38 home sales (February counted for 16 of those), the lowest number for the first four months of the year since we started keeping monthly figures in 1986 – the previous low had been 44 in 1994.

The problem was supply at the beginning of the year, when only 45 houses were listed for sale, but that has nearly doubled in the past month or so. Still, 81 listings as of mid-April and 82 in the middle of May suggest – as we reported last month - a very late spring marketing season. We have also noted an increase in the number offered for rent, including at least three houses that were sold in the past year, and others that were on the market but could not sell, so are being put up for rent instead.

'Typical' house: \$2 million

And while the average price of the nine home sales in April was only \$1,665,222, mark-ups are pushing the price of the "typical" Westmount house over the \$2million mark for the first time in history. The adjusted value is now up 15 percent year-over-year, and the \$1.7-million average price in four months this year is well



ahead of the \$1,570,871 average price for all of 2017.

For the second month in a row. there were no sales posted under \$1 million. The prices in April ranged from \$1,075,000 to \$3,650,000, the latter selling for a two-percent mark-down from city valuation, the only mark-down of the last two months. The biggest mark-up in April was 48 percent.

Condos

Only four condominium sales were transacted in April, ranging from \$610,000 to \$1,650,000, and one co-op apartment sold for \$470,000.

The number of sales in adjacent-Westmount areas almost matched the number in the city itself: four in southern Côte des Neiges, three in eastern NDG and one on Parkside Place ranged in price from \$590,000 to \$1,314,000. The eight adjacent-Westmount sales averaged \$1,077,550.

Looking for a home in Westmount for her Nibs



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Nibs is now two years young, self-con-



fident, yet displaying age-appropriate playfulness with her toys and affection with everyone. She is healthy, spayed and up to

date with her inoculations. Nibs is a perfect kitty for a family in our neighbourhood, sweet and cuddly in the home.

If you would like more information on Nibs, please do not hesitate to contact the volunteers at Gerdy's Rescue and Adoptions. You can reach them by email at info@gerdysrescue.org or by telephone at 514.942.5790. You can also refer to this grassroots rescue organization's website at www.gerdysrescue.org.

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Under the recently adopted regulation concerning the Provincial Access Committee, the Minister of Health and Social Services has mandated the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) and the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) to form a Selection Committee to issue this public call for candidates and recommend to the Minister qualified candidates for appointment to the 11-member Provincial Access Committee.

The mandate of the Provincial Access Committee under the regulation includes advising the Government on: (i) Access to health and social services in the English language; and (ii) The approval, evaluation and modification by the Government of each regional access program for services in the English language.

The candidate must demonstrate understanding, knowledge and experience regarding the cultural, historic and linguistic issues of the English-speaking community of Québec. The candidate must also demonstrate a solid understanding of the issues faced by that community concerning the provision of health services and social services, the organization of the health and social services network and its governance.

Candidates must be ready to engage in the important challenge of improving access to health and social services in English, and the vitality of English-speaking communities. The deadline for submission of your candidacy to the Selection Committee is 5:00 p.m. June 22, 2018.

For further information regarding the profile of candidates and to obtain an application form, please consult the QCGN (gcgn.ca) or CHSSN (chssn.org) website.





BUILDING PERMITS # What's permitted

Council approves 27 building permits

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting May 7. There were no refusals.

156 Metcalfe: at a Category I house, to modify a rear balcony;

15 Church Hill: to replace the windows and modify the roof terrace:

48 Rosemount: to build an addition of more than 40 square meters;

540 Argyle: at a Category I house, to make modifications at the rear and sides of the property, including demolishing the rear garage to rebuild it;

538 Argyle: to build a pool and landscape at the rear:

549 Prince Albert: to modify the rear bal-

119 Sunnyside: to build a pool and landscape at the rear;

160 Metcalfe: at a Category I house, to replace windows provided that four so designated are double hung;

571 Grosvenor: to replace garage doors;

344 Kensington: to install a fence;

374 Roslyn: landscaping at the rear;

478 Mountain: to repair the walkway;

41 Burton: to install a fence;

612 Belmont: to build a rear addition;

111 Aberdeen: at a Category I house, to reconstruct the retaining wall, install new fences and a gate, and resurface the driveway servicing the property at 61 Aberdeen:

475 Roslyn: at a Category I house, to landscape at the rear and build a pool;

505 Argyle: to modify the garage exterior

421 Mount Pleasant: at a Category I house, to replace a door on condition it is wood (exterior and interior);

3 St. George's Place: to replace a front balcony door provided it is wood;

40 Surrey Gardens: at a Category I house, to replace a garage door;

22 Arlington: at a Category I house, to install a fence:

26 Arlington: to install a fence;

468 Strathcona: landscaping at the rear; 721 Upper Roslyn: to replace windows;

6 Burton: to repair a rear balcony;

49 Oakland: landscaping;

308 Grosvenor: to modify a solarium and replace windows.





Social Notes Veronica Redgrave

Two local creative talents collaborated for an artistic event on a sprightly spring night.

Artist Andrew Lui, who studied in Florence and sells his paintings internationally, invited fashion designer Yves Jean Lacasse as guest curator for Gilded Age, the exhibition of Lui's latest work at Han Gallery.

Lacasse's ENVERS, celebrating almost 15 years in Westmount, has shown fash-



Bruno Bertilotti and Chloe Ng.

Lui, Lacasse team up at Han Gallery



Jean-Michel Laberge, Yves Jean Lacasse and Louis Villeneuve.

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The talented team's design was created with sprezzatura: the Italian term meaning making difficult undertakings look

As the evening was unseasonably warm, many ladies wore light dresses as



Nancy Benitz, Richard Gervais and Veronique Pourcelet.

they admired the lyrically colourful artwork. Westmounter Chloe Ng, gallery director, greeted guests with assistant Bruno Bertilotti.

The elegant eve attracted local res author Julie Keith, Veronique Pourcelet, celeb journalist Richard **Burnett** and his mum Lil- continued on p. 18



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Luis-Fernandez Suarez, Liliane and Richard Burnett.

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iane, Nancy Benitz, Nicolas Matossian, Richard Gervais (founder CEO Wagram, and former Mauritius honorary consul), Ellen Lank and David Laidley, (chair emeritus Deloitte LLP), Jon Wasserman (Janor), artist Jean-Michel Laberge, Louis Villeneuve (Wealth Fund Manager RBC), Sue and Jawaid Khan (Raymond James), Bernard Colas (partner CMKZ), and Dorota Kozinska, English editor, Vie des Arts. Also seen were Cheryl and Alan Goffman, Pascale Bourbeau (Iegor Auctions), Aurelie Alagal and Mikhail Ngassa, artist

Louis Fernandez Suarez, Dorothy Karkoukly and Rucsandra Calin (Ritz Residences) and Louise and lawyer Michel Blouin (former honorary consul to Denmark), just back from the world-renowned Frieze Art Fair in New York.

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Pink bra toss on mountain



Westmounters Jeannie Vondjidis Miller, Lorna Denham, and Christina Miller joined fellow organizing committee members Caroline Gauthier and Gloria DiFrancesco on Mount Royal May 13 for a Mother's Day "pink bra toss" in support of the Cedar's Breast Cancer Programme, which Gauthier and DiFrancesco have themselves used. Photo courtesy of Mike Nemes.

Pediatrician Dr. Puligandla joins American **Board of Surgery**

Westmounter Dr. Pramod Puligandla of the Montreal Children's Hospital has been elected to the Pediatric Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery, making him the first pediatric surgeon from Canada to ever be elected to this position, said a press release from the hospital on May 9.

"Over the next six years, he will participate in defining and setting the standards for certifying specialists in pediatric surgery across North America.' it concluded.

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FRIDAY, MAY 25

Dramatis Personae will perform Vintage Hitchcock, a comedy composed of three Hitchcock movies (The Lodger, Sabotage and Thirty-nine Steps). Admission by donation. Reservation at www.theatrewestmount.ca. Lodge Room of Victoria Hall.

7:30 pm. Also Saturday, May 26 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and Monday, May 28 at 8 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Mini-concert by Devon Packer, 12-yearold pianist who recently performed at Carnegie Hall. Lecture followed by lunch. \$5. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Reservations appreciated: 514.937.9474 x 139. 12 noon.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

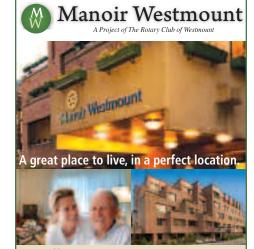
Panel discussion "Is There a Future for Jews in Germany?" Lord Gordon Wasserman and Gemma Wasserman-Michalski, whose grandson and son was mock executed at his Berlin high school, German ambassador Sabine Sparwasser and Rabbi Adam Scheier. Free. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. 7:30 pm.

Monday, June 11

NDG-Westmount-Montreal West Good Neighbourhood Committee for the Turcot/720/136 project. St. Raymond Community Centre, 5600 Upper Lachine. 7 pm

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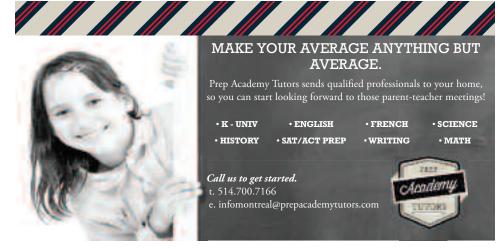
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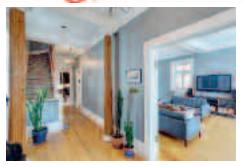
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