

265 households (2.5%) reply to Sports and Rec survey

Basketball, more fitness and hockey, indoor pool requested

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Results from the city's Sports and Recreation survey conducted in June were released last week showing 77 percent of respondents were "fully or somewhat satisfied" with the sports, activities and facilities currently provided.

A total of 265 responses were received from the 10,418 Westmount households that had received PINs for providing anonymous replies, of which 93 percent were received online and 7 percent by hard copy.

Department director Dave Lapointe said last week he found it interesting to count up 147 different ideas for new offerings or variations on current ones, which ran the gamut of different types of hockey, dance and fitness, and even a "parkour." This is

an extreme type of exercise involving obstacles.

"One idea from one person," however, doesn't indicate common interest for any particular one, he pointed out.

But when grouped, the five most desired activities not currently offered were topped by indoor aquatics (though an indoor pool was not part of this survey), variations of hockey and fitness, indoor tennis and basketball.

Given these common interests, the five new facilities that respondents would like to see were, in descending order: an indoor pool, basketball courts, a synthetic soccer field, gymnasium and indoor tennis.

Because the responses were anonymous, it was not known whether members of interest groups accounted for a large number of

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Not so pleasant on Mt. Pleasant



The side wall of this garage on Mt. Pleasant just north of Sherbrooke came down October 17, a possible casualty of the rain and wind storm that same day. It is pictured here the next morning at 8 am.

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Sound barrier discussions remain in flux

Sound measurements, feasibility study pending for 720/136 autoroute

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What is the latest news on a sound barrier now that work is being completed on the new portion of highway 720/136 across the southern flank of Westmount? The question was asked at the council meeting by a resident of Hillside Ave.

This is something the city "is still working on," Mayor Christina Smith told him,

referring his question to city director general Benoit Hurtubise, who had met with representatives of the Quebec ministry of Transport (MTQ) the previous week.

In brief, Hurtubise explained that the MTQ needs to take sound measurements once the new western portion of the highway (Greene to Blenheim) is in full operation to determine if it exceeds the recommended

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SWAT team members, supporters and guests are seen here with representatives from the two children's hospitals with two \$20,000 cheques donated for research.

MCH and St. Justine receive \$40,000 from SWAT

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Supporters and members of the Senior Westmount All-Star Team (SWAT) gathered at the Westmount recreation centre on October 18 to hand over two cheques for \$20,000 each to officials from the Montreal Children's and St. Justine hospitals.

Following the presentation, Dr. Sébastien Perreault, pediatric oncologist and researcher at St. Justine University Hospital, gave a brief talk on how SWAT funds are used for his research on cancer tumors.

"This money makes a big difference for all the children and families, but especially research," said Perreault, explaining that the donations allow small-scale clinical studies to be launched, which often lead to larger studies.

"What you are doing enables us to start and then apply for larger grants. It does make a difference because this is kind of a start-up which helps us to leverage more money."

According to Dr. Perreault, the SWAT funding has helped St. Justine's develop ex-

pertise in targeted cancer therapy, which increases survival chances while reducing treatment side effects.

He said St. Justine's and the Montreal Children's hospitals work closely together. "We have an excellent partnership with the Children's," said Perreault. "Everyone has their own expertise, but we work often together for the patients and also for research."

"I would really like to thank the communities of the children's hospitals for their relentless work and dedication for the welfare of children," said longtime SWAT team member Nicolas Matossian.

"What they've done with the money we've raised is amazing. For us, it's an incredible inspiration and motivation to keep going on to improve this tournament, which started as a modest venture but now has become a community event."

Among the guests was Westmount mayor Christina Smith. The 29th SWAT tournament will be held at the Westmount recreation centre in late November and early December.



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Public safety officer Sabrina Tremblay arranges one of the figures for the haunted house.

Transforming the lawn bowling clubhouse Public Security’s haunted house to depict ‘Dark Chapel’

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city’s haunted house is being created this year on the theme of “Dark Chapel” in time for Hallowe’en, Thursday, October 31, from 5:30 to 8 pm. This will be the 13th year the attraction has taken place at the clubhouse of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club adjacent to city hall.

“Basically, there will be an ‘undead’ wedding and a funeral going on,” said Public Security’s assistant director Kimberley Colquhoun last week as the theme took shape under the planning of public safety officers Sabrina Tremblay and Paris Papadatos.

Option for youngsters

Visitors will enter by the Kensington Ave. side but younger ones, who might not want to go through the haunted house, will be able to receive Hallowe’en goodies on the back verandah of the clubhouse, Colquhoun said.

This is where non-scary decorations will

be placed including some of the decorated pumpkins from the Westmount Public Library’s “Halloween Extravaganza” on October 26 (see separate story p. 5).

While the haunted house is free, “we will be collecting donations to Leucan for the kids who unfortunately may not be able to go out and enjoy Hallowe’en,” Colquhoun said. This is the organization committed to helping cancer-stricken children and their families.

Eight on duty

Public Security will have a total of eight units patrolling the streets and parks and handing out reflective bands and candy, “where safe to do so,” she said.

“Enjoy a safe Halloween, stress less and be prepared,” she advises. “When we are prepared, we can look forward to dressing up, handing out candy, decorating our homes and enjoying all of the great costumes that arrive at our door and be the proud parents walking with their children around the neighbourhood.”

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'Hallowe'en Extravaganza' moving to Vic Hall Changes coming for Oct. 26 at 'Hogwarts Great Hall'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The library's annual "Hallowe'en Extravaganza" is taking place Saturday, October 26 and will be themed as a Harry Potter night with "big changes in store for this year," according to children's librarian Wendy Wayling.

Due to the growing popularity of the event that attracted some 600 children and parents to the library last year, this time it will be held at Victoria Hall, which will be transformed into Hogwarts Great Hall, she pointed out.

It will also be split into two. Children aged 5 to 8 years are invited to attend from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, accompanied by parents. But for those aged 9 to 13, the evening event will be open from 7 to 9 pm but without parents.

The idea to split the event into two at the new venue has occurred only recently and is not reflected in the library's new brochure, Wayling said.

Admission to both time periods is by ticket, which can be received October 25 in exchange for a decorated but uncarved

pumpkin. Those that aren't taken back home but are left to decorate the children's department will ultimately be moved to Public Security's haunted house for Hallowe'en night.

There, they will be included in a display on the verandah of the lawn bowling clubhouse for younger children to enjoy if they are reluctant to go through the haunted house (see separate story p. 4).

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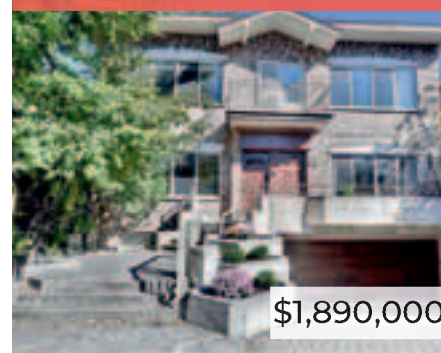
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threshold for noise.

Since the eastern portion (Greene to Atwater) has not been changed, the city's agreement with the MTQ still applies to it. This is to share 50-50 the costs of a feasibility study into a sound barrier along that stretch.

The MTQ's tender for the study is now being prepared, he said.

The new western section remains subject to the city's legal action against the MTQ (see story May 9, 2017) but the ministry wants to wait for completion of the work to take the sound measurements, Hurtubise said.

Asked if the city was aware that this new stretch is higher than had been expected, Mayor Smith replied "Yes, we are."

She reiterated that the city's goal had been to get the MTQ to install a sound barrier on the highway as part of the construction work as it was doing to help communities to the south. "I wish we had better news."

Higher or not?

The day after the council meeting, Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who lives near the new stretch of highway and has been involved in the city's sound barrier fight for some 30 years, told the *Independent* she had just returned from looking at the



A line of questioners formed quickly at the council meeting October 7, headed by this resident of Hillside Ave. asking about noise from the newly constructed portion of highway 720/136.

height.

"They told us it would be three feet lower. I looked at it and I can't tell."

The MTQ's sound readings are to be taken in January, she said, adding: "I'm very upset," that the sound barrier had not been installed as part of the new highway. "But the fight's not over."

One of the reasons the city wanted the sound barrier to be attached to the highway west of Greene is that insufficient land is available otherwise because CP Rail has stated it would not allow one to be built directly on its right of way.

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Westmount Park: Time to restore this jewel!



Councillor's column

CYNTHIA LULHAM
DISTRICT 7

Westmount Park was created in 1892 and was renamed Victoria Jubilee Park in 1898, in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It is the city's oldest park and has undergone many changes over the years, as it was expanded west, north and east to its current 26.19 acres.

Once a wooded area crossed by streams and ravines with rustic wooden bridges, the park was extended south and landscaped in 1912.

The 1920s and 1930s saw the addition of fountains and ornamental flower beds, creating a more formal style. In 1963, McFadzean and Everly Ltd., a Chicago-based firm, was hired to redesign the park

– creating the concrete raised beds and borders, the pathways, a re-design of the watercourse and a shuffleboard court – the park as we know it today. The last major intervention was the closing of de Maison-neuve Blvd. to create the bike and walking paths designed by landscape architect Ron Williams in the 1980s.

Westmount Park is enjoyed daily, providing a green refuge for many users. But time and use have led to a deterioration of many of the concrete elements and brick paths from 1963. The waterway leaks and the overgrowth of plantings and shrubs are among the other issues affecting the park.

Invest now

It is time to invest in this jewel!

Council has committed to consult residents to improve Westmount Park's accessibility, inclusiveness and sustainability while preserving its heritage value. A plan will be developed from the consultations and implemented over several years to

minimize the impact on users.

Earlier this year, the firm of Stantec was awarded a contract to carry out public consultations concerning Westmount Park. The first initiative will be a survey for all residents about their use of Westmount Park, which will be conducted from October 28 to November 18. It will be available on the city's new citizen engagement platform through a link on westmount.org and paper copies will be available at Westmount Public Library.

Public meeting

The next step will be a public consultation on November 13 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at Victoria Hall.

This consultation will be in the form of participatory workshops, including a special "family-child" workshop from 6 pm to 7 pm to accommodate bedtimes! An invitation to both the survey and consultation will be delivered to every home this week.

Please mark these dates in your calendar and tell your friends! As a daily user of Westmount Park, I look forward to this collaboration and the results!

Cynthia Lulham is the city councillor for District 7 and commissioner of zoning, urban planning, economic development and parks.

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the respondents, though the top five activities in which respondents currently participate through the city programs were soccer, outdoor aquatics, hockey, skating and tennis.

Results also showed that respondents were most satisfied with the indoor rinks (88 percent), tennis courts (83 percent), recreation centre (82 percent) and sports and activities for children (82 percent).

Areas where respondents sought enhancement included the playing fields (29 percent), recreational activities for seniors (20 percent) and fitness rooms (19 percent).

Some of the suggestions made were already in place for the current winter program, Lapointe said. This included the recent introduction of non-competitive senior hockey level C along the lines of pick-up hockey.

"In my opinion, basketball will come

out on top," he said. "We used to run basketball in the gym at the Royal Montreal Regiment [armoury on St. Catherine, right next to the Westmount recreation centre]. This is something we'll have to take a look at again." It follows a surge in popularity after the Toronto Raptors' championship in the National Basketball Association.

Among ideas the city is also looking into, Lapointe said, is a multi-purpose court that can be used for a number of programs.

The aim of the survey was to gauge satisfaction from the community with Sports and Recreation programs and facilities, and what might be (see story June 18, p. 1).

It was designed and tabulated by Mark Wilkins Consulting, which gathered the information and prepared the report, which was to be posted on the city's website late last week once the English translation was ready.



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A big thank-you to the lovely young woman and the amazing teenagers who helped me recently after I tripped and fell on a corner of Sherbrooke St. and Grosvenor.

I am a senior with somewhat uncertain vision, and I fell face first after missing my footing on some uneven pavement. Immediately, I was almost surrounded by a group of young people, all offering help, tissues and bandages to control the bleeding from a facial lesion, and kindness, which for me was the most important. There was also the extremely kind young woman, who, when I felt able to move, walked me home. And none of the young people left me until they were sure that I was all right.

We are often too quick to criticize young people, as they have a lifestyle that differs from that of ours at the same age. We shouldn't. Times change. Human kindness obviously doesn't.

So, to all of you who were there for me, I am very, very grateful.

Thank you.

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

OPEN LETTER TO CLLR. PEART: CLOSING A STREET? TELL US BEFOREHAND, PLEASE

On October 16 when returning home to Grosvenor Ave., we discovered that the street was cordoned off from Sherbrooke to Côte St. Antoine. This was done to allow a private contractor to lift what appears to be a swimming pool into place at the rear



of a neighbouring house using a large crane. (See picture above).

While it was frustrating enough to have to park well below our home and walk up the hill (we are both seniors with some mobility issues), no previous communication of this operation was offered in advance.

Such a courtesy would have enabled us to make alternate arrangements. Is it too much to ask that the city of Westmount demand contractors to circulate such notices for such an intrusive undertaking before issuing the appropriate permits?

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Councillor Peart replies: Thank you for taking the time to call and to write to express your frustration. I am sorry to learn of the

difficulties that you experienced yesterday due to the execution of private work by one of your neighbours.

Please be assured that the city of Westmount was aware of the planned works and had issued the required occupancy permit. The contractor provided signalization plans to this city indicating its implementation strategy. Attached to the occupancy permit were requirements for signage indicating “*Circulation locale seulement*” at both ends of the affected block. Additionally, they were to have staffed signallers on site to assist in the operation. Please let me know if the contractor failed to satisfy any of these requirements.

Your suggestion that the city also either request or require advance notification to affected neighbours is noted and has been forwarded to the [city's permanent] administration for consideration.

Again, I am sorry for any inconvenience endured. Please do not hesitate to contact me again with additional concerns.

CONRAD PEART, CITY COUNCILLOR
(DISTRICT 4)

THANKS FOR THE 'HUNTING' MEMORIES

I loved your story on the Lake of Two Mountains Hunt. I rode with the hunt and, yes, it was a drag...as in “no real fox.” Which meant a pretty fast run!

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Thank you for triggering my memories!

VERONICA REDGRAVE, HALLOWELL AVE. &
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Haunted house, cont'd. from p. 4
General safety tips for trick-or-treating include ensuring the visibility of costumes and keeping them short enough to prevent tripping.
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One Atwater squatter camp abandoned, although another remains



Seen here on October 11, a squatter's encampment outside the former Open Door homeless shelter on Atwater at Dorchester has been vacated. Inset: September 5.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A squatter's camp that was reported last month by the *Independent* outside the former Open Door homeless people's mission on Atwater Ave. at Dorchester Blvd. was gone when we most recently

On October 11, the grounds on Atwater outside the church were vacated and all signs of the encampment were gone. In the meantime, down the Atwater Ave. hill, it was evident that the encampment under the overpass was still in place, although the squatter himself was absent.



Also seen here on October 11, this squatter's encampment down the Atwater Ave. hill under an overpass was evidently still occupied when visited by the Westmount Independent.

checked, although an older encampment further down Atwater underneath an overpass appeared still to be in use.

In June, the *Independent* reported that a squatter had established an encampment on Atwater Ave. south of Dorchester Blvd. behind a pillar supporting an overpass for the Ville Marie expressway.

Then in early September, another encampment appeared on the grounds outside the former Open Door, which had previously been the home of St. Stephen's Anglican Church. The outdoor living space that was set up included a makeshift sleeping area with an improvised bed and a tarpaulin lean-to.

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Day centre to open on St. Catherine

A new day centre for homeless people, Resilience Montreal, will open at the former site of the Miso restaurant, on the southwest corner of Atwater and St. Catherine, *The Gazette* and CBC's *Our Montreal* reported last week. – WI



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Yaldei opens on Van Horne, with many Westmount links



From left, Sondra and Martin Schwartz with Menachem Leifer, executive director Donald Berman Yaldei Developmental Center.

The Donald Berman Yaldei Developmental Center officially opened its new home, the Sylvan Adams Building, on October 3. Former Westmounter Adams, a real estate developer, and his wife Margaret donated \$2 million to the \$8.8 million raised by Yaidel to purchase and renovate the former Jewish People's Public School (JPPS) on Van Horne Ave. The opening ceremony brought together public, private, philanthropic, non-profit and community partners.

Westmounter Martin Schwartz, CEO Dorel, chair of Yaldei's Another Chance campaign, attended with his wife Sondra Schwartz.

A non-profit organization, Yaldei helps

children with developmental delays and autism reach their full potential, providing early intervention, therapy, education and school integration support.

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Also present at the opening ceremony were Westmounters Linda and Solly Feldman, Accent-Fairchild Group, along with Greg Baillargeon, Bank of Montreal; Tina and David Cytrynbaum; Charles Douville, HSBC; Yair Szlack, CEO, Federation CJA; Michael Rosenberg, Rosdev; Steve Gross, La Senza; Ronnie Cons, C&C Packing; Antoinette and Carmelo Tillona, I-U- Go Capital Inc; and Pauline and Jeff Segel, Dorel. – VR

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VERONICA REDGRAVE

OCTOBER

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Au Contraire Film Festival. Showcasing films exploring mental health issues. Cinéma du Musée, 1379-A Sherbrooke St. W. Information 514.798.0791. Acff.ca

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

A Brilliant Night. Fundraiser for cutting-edge brain tumor research at The Neuro. An exceptional dînatoire starring Beatrice (Bice), Lémeac, Moishes, Mikado and many more. Open bar. Amazing desserts. 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1100 ave. des Canadiens-de-Montréal. Valet parking. \$200. Buy online at Abrilliantnight.com

Saving Station Foundation Gala. Fundraiser to fight youth substance abuse. With Alvin Powell, MC Terry DiMonte and Chris 'Knuckles' Nilan. Information Kathy Holland 514-421-5510. Savingstationfoundation.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Youth Employment Services (YES) Benefit. Live circus entertainment by Le Monastère, open bar, prizes, food and silent auction. Chair Samantha Bateman. Honorary chair Evan Bush. 6-9 pm. St. Jax Montreal, 1439 St. Catherine St. W. \$150. 514.878.9788 x 307. fa@yesmontreal.ca Tuneintoyes.com

An Evening on Sex Addiction. Chabad Lifeline with Au Contraire Film Festival. Keynote speaker Olympic medalist Lamar Odom, two-time NBA champ and Keeping Up With the Kardashians star. Odom will speak about fame, addiction and lessons learned. 7 pm. Cinema du Musée, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379-A Sherbrooke St. \$100. 514.668.7813

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Trafalgar School for Girls Homecoming and Reunion. Trafalgar Ross Lecture, cocktail reception for Old Girls. To benefit the Trafalgar Ross Foundation and bursaries. 6-8:30 pm. Ristorante Beatrice, 1504 Sherbrooke St. W. \$50. (\$30 for recent grads). Sharon Cozens 514.935.2644 x 237. cozens@trafalgar.qc.ca

Pink in the City Masquerade Ball. Benefit for MUHC's Breast Clinic Wellness Program. In support of the Research Institute, Glen site. 6 pm. Embassy Plaza, 1003 Curé-Labelle Blvd. \$200. Maria Arvanitis 514.934.1934 x 35880.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Concerts dans les Grandes Maisons.

Benefit for the Montreal Chamber Music Festival. Presented under the auspices of Phyllis Lambert. Featuring Denis Brott and the Ulysses Quartet. Cocktail dînatoire. 6 pm. \$300. (\$550 for 2). Julie Brott 514.489.7444. info@festivalmontreal.org

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

St. Mary's 82nd Annual Ball. Under the leadership of Anne-Marie Boucher and Mitch Garber. Black tie. Champagne cocktail and Ristorante Bice catering. Black tie. 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1100 Canadiens-de-Montréal Ave. Ticket information Kristine Hebert 514.345.3511 x 5244. kris.hebert.comtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Theresa Foundation's 10th Annual Benefit Concert. Proceeds support grandmothers struggling to raise children orphaned by AIDS in Malawi. 7 pm. Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve W. \$30. Theresafoundation.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Ball. Harmonie. Inauguration of the new Stephan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery Wing. Guests of honour: Stephan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery. Co-presidents Marc Parent, president/CEO of CAE, and Jean Raby, CEO Natixis Investment Managers. Steering committee Jessica Chen, Habi Gerba, Jennifer Nguyen and Michaela Sheaf Penner. Gourmet meal created by Marcus Samuelsson, chef at MARCUS, and carried out by the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth and its executive chef Baptiste Peupion. Artistic direction Melissa Thompson, Cirque du Soleil. Presented by RBC Royal Bank. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke W., Valet parking. \$1,350. Bronze \$3,500. Argent \$25,000. Or \$50,000. Anne-Isabelle Pronkin. apronkin@mbamtl.org. 514.285.1600 x 306

Montreal Chinese Hospital Foundation The Butterfly Lovers Gala. Honouring the 101st year of the Montreal Chinese Hospital and marking the launch of a three-year \$1.5 million campaign. 5:30 pm. Hotel Bonaventure, 900 de la Gauchetière St. W. \$350. Tables \$3,500. Corporate tables \$6,000. Linda Yee 514.871.0961 x 248. Linda.yee.ccsmtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

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Soirée En Or Gala. Fundraising by the

Montreal General Hospital Foundation in collaboration with the Cedars Cancer Foundation. Proceeds benefit the Program for Innovative Therapeutics in Chest and Esophago-Gastric Cancers. 6 pm. La Gare Viger, 755 Berri St. \$375. Natalia Kalbarczyk 514.656.6662 x 228. Natalia.kalbarczyk@cedarscancer.ca

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

My Big Fat Greek Fundraiser 2 a benefit for the Miriam Foundation. Co-chairs Westmounters Andrew Hops and Linda Smith. Dinner and dancing. Estiatorio Milos, 5357 Park Ave. Valet parking. 7 pm. \$250. erinm@miriamfoundation.ca. 514.345.1300 x 132.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Centaur Soirée Party in Paradise. Gourmet decadence crafted by chefs of LiOlà and Brasserie 701. CTV's Lori Graham. Chair Anna Giampa. Dress: dancing shoes encouraged. 6 pm. Centaur Theatre, 453 St-François-Xavier. \$325 (Friends). \$1,000 (Deluxe two) \$5,000. (Patron 8). Jennifer Bisson 514-288-1229 x 240. development@centaurtheatre.com

CHW Art Auction. Honouring artist John Barkley, plus other artists. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and tasting of Israeli wines. 7:30 pm. Kandy Gallery, 5629 Ferrier Street. \$125. Under 35, \$75. Alanna Elias 514-933-8461.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Atwater Library and Computer Centre Cocktail Party. Annual evening benefits the Library's community educational and social programs. Guest of honour Paul K. Marchand. Montreal smoked meat, Silent Auction and Dave Turner Jazz Band. 6 pm. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. \$150. info@atwaterlibrary.ca Tanya Mayhew 514.935.7344

RESCUE ME! International Humane Society/Canada fundraiser for local emergency shelters and ongoing animal rescue efforts. Cocktails, live music, silent auction. 6 pm. Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater. \$100. 514.395.2914. Hsi.org/rescueme

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Team Frank Africa Fundraiser. Frank Africa builds preschools in Africa. Proceeds help to build a third school. Featuring NBG, Hello 123, Snowdon Deli, DJ and more. 6 – 9 pm. LCC, 4090 Royal Ave. Information Kimmy Chedel 514.849.1574. Teamfrankafrika@gmail.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Shield of Athena Family Services Annual Art Auction. Supporting the shelter and network of services for victims of family violence. Featuring works of local and international artists. Ambassadors Ta-

tiana Londono, The Londono Group and Gazette Diary of A Social Gal Jennifer Campbell. Co-chairs Gus Masoud and Samantha Regimbal. Cocktail 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Dinner 5 pm. Thursday's Montreal Bistrot, 1449 Crescent St. \$150. Polly 514.274.8117. Shieldofathena.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

JDRF DIA-BEAT-IT Gala. In support of Type 1 diabetes research. Honorary president Pierre Laporte, Deloitte LLP. Cocktails, dinner, dancing and silent auction. 6 pm. The Windsor Ballroom, 1170 Peel St. \$600. 514.744.5537. srosenblatt@jdrf.ca. diabeatit.ca

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Viennese Ball: 150th Anniversary Vienna State Opera'. Traditional debutante presentation. Guest of honour Patrick Corrigan, general director, Opéra de Montréal. President Westmounter Astri Prugger. Theme: Live orchestras, opera and ballet performance, door prizes, casino, silent auction, Viennese musical wine tavern until 3 am. 7 pm. Marriott Château Champlain, 1 Place du Canada. \$275. \$175 35 years and under. Special Glass Slipper after 11 pm. \$75. aprugger@gmail.com. 514.502.0924. ecanisius@bell.net 514-989-9612. Balviennoisdemontreal.org

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Social Notes
VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal General Hospital (MGH) Foundation recently held its first Hockey 911, starring hockey legends and sports physicians.

Hosted by **Gregory Charles** and **Michel Lacroix**, the CODE LIFE fundraiser featured such athletic luminaries as **Bob Gainey**, **Yvan Cournoyer**, **Chris Nilan**, **Trent McCleary**, **Serge Savard** and **Scotty Bowman** alongside MGH doctors who work with the Canadiens.

Playing in pain has always been a part of professional hockey, so it's no surprise that players and doctors share a special bond. The fun evening followed the format of a hockey game as players and their doctors shared memorable moments: tales of tragic accidents and funny anecdotes.

Attendees got to understand the one-of-a-kind bond between players and doctors, and learn more about the long-standing relationship between them.

The event paid homage to **Dr. Douglas Kinnear** (1927–2019). Kinnear, or “Doc” as he was affectionately called, led the Montreal Canadiens’ medical team from 1962

First edition of Hockey 911 raises over \$400,000



Gregory Charles, Helen Antoniou, Johanna Choremis and Andrew Molson.

to 1999, keeping the Habs in fighting shape as they won 12 Stanley Cups. With Dr. David Mulder, he helped Serge Savard and Larry Robinson recover from leg fractures. During one of his first evenings on call as doctor for the Canadiens, Kinnear saved **Lou Fontinato’s** life after a terrible fall on

the ice.

1909 Taverne Moderne had a Bell Centre game night ambiance, with classic game food (hot dogs and sliders!) and big screens showing iconic moments. Guests were entertained by a story-telling event, organ-

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The photo of the late Dr. Kinnear shown at the event.



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ized in five segments like a hockey game: warm-up, first period, second period, third period and overtime.

Host Gregory Charles interviewed doctors and players, who shared highlights of their careers and stories of injuries. Short interviews were also conducted by Michel Lacroix, the voice of the Montreal Canadiens *continued on p. 18*



Kathleen Kinnear and François-Xavier Seigneur.



Jane and Eric Molson.



Trent McCleary and David Mulder.

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games during intermissions.

Co-chairs were François- Xavier Seigneur, David Mulder and local res Andrew Molson, there with Helen Antoniou. Guests noted in the packed room included Jane and Eric Molson, Dr. Johanna Choremis, Kathleen Kinnear, former Montreal mayor Denis Coderre (a smaller version of his former self – see photo!), Geoffrey Molson, Norma and Dr. David Mulder, Élise

Béliveau and her daughter Hélène Béliveau, Terry DiMonte, Cristina and Jonathan Birks, David Laidley, Helgi Soutar, Robert Johnson, Pierre Lavoie, Valérie Beauregard, Dr. Eric Lenczner, Jim Hewitt, Suzanne Bergeron, Elise Nesbitt, Geoffrey Heward, John Moore, and Satoko and Richard Ingram.

The enjoyable evening raised more than \$400,000 to support the MGH Foundation's CODE LiFE Campaign.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Vernissage of Odile Cloutier's latest collection. Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater. 5 pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

► Peace concert by the Montreal Music Collective in support of the Westmount Park United Church community centre. Tickets: bit.ly/31TGIRP. 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Reception: 6.45 pm, concert: 7.30 pm.

► Concert D'Automne featuring Gabriel Hotier, classical guitar, and Duo Lyra, flute and soprano. St. Matthias' Church. 4 pm.

► "Hallowe'en Extravaganza" (see story on p. 5). Victoria Hall. Ages 5 to 8: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm; ages 9 to 13: 7 pm to 9 pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Sundays at the Shaar presents Yosi Even-Hean, ritual director on "Unexpected Jewish Situations." \$5. Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Registration required 514.937.9474 x 139. 12 noon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

► Treats & Treasures Craft Sale & Bazaar. Free. Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., 10 am to 4 pm.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

J.S. Bach's *The Brandenburg Concertos* by AKAMUS Orchester Berlin. \$25 to \$105. St. Léon Church, 4311 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 7:30 pm.

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Grosvenor Hill, Montreal
circa 1967

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Characteristic of a large body of Surrey's paintings, *Grosvenor Hill* is described in evening light, sunset perhaps, and accentuated by artificial light. The flow of red tail lights and the glaring green traffic light at the intersection of Côte-Saint-Antoine are as symbolic as they are compositional in their importance.

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