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New features set for Feb. 9

Carnival to launch 3-on-3 tourney, skate with mascots

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two new events are coming to this year's Winter Carnival Saturday, February 9, at King George (Murray) Park, city officials announced last week. One is a mini 3-on-3 hockey tournament for kids aged 8 to 11; the other, a "Skate with the Mascots," for all.

The new tournament from 10 am to noon replaces the longtime winter classic game and is by reservation either as a team or a single player. Skating with the mascots takes place from 1 to 2 pm and includes the carnival's "Frosty" along with "Olaf" from Disney's *Frozen*, Public Security's "Bee Safe" and the library's owl.

"It's something different this year," Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe said, also noting that the carnival

events from February 7-9 are taking place a week later than usual in hopes that better weather will prevail than experienced the last two years.

The carnival opens with a seniors' lunch at Contactivity Centre on the Thursday followed by Friday evening's family party at Victoria Hall, whose theme this year is "Under the Sea," and ends with the Saturday outdoor activities at King George (Murray) Park from 10 am to 4 pm.

As well as the new skating activities, these will include a snowman-building competition for judging at 3:30 pm, a sugar shack and the installation of an inflatable game and horse-drawn sleigh rides, both on the upper playing field.

A free hot-dog lunch takes place over the lunch hour along with a puck-shooting contest *continued on p. 8*

Whitelaw, Page shovel snow for Sun Youth



From left, Leff Page and Hans Whitelaw dig out Irvine Ave. resident Carrie Haber's front walk on January 20, without being asked or asking for compensation. They ended up raising \$238 worth of groceries for Sun Youth. See p. 4 for how that happened.

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By-laws list many exceptions

Idling engines, composting concerns raised to council


BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Environmental concerns were brought up to the city council at its monthly meeting January 14. These included enforcement of by-laws against idling engines and how the city plans to seek the buy-in of apartment building superintendents to its new composting program for medium-

sized buildings. This is being phased in over three years, starting last summer.

A resident of St. Catherine St. said she had been "upset" recently to spot an idling Bell truck whose driver was not even appropriately dressed to go outside.

"We do have an idling policy," Mayor Christina Smith said, "but it's hard to enforce." Now *continued on p. 8*



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Police Report**Violent assault puts Victoria Ave. building manager in hospital**

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Police at Station 12 on Stanton St. have launched an investigation following an incident on Jan. 21 when the manager of a Victoria Ave. building had to be hospitalized after he was violently attacked by the building's janitor.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière, a dispute arose around noon between the manager of the building and an employee who was responsible for maintenance and who also lived there.

"He got physically aggressive with the manager about a shipment of cleaning products that never arrived," Laperrière said.

"He got upset. And when he was told 'enough,' he became physically violent with the manager, sending the manager to the hospital with some fractured ribs and internal injuries." The injured manager's account of the incident was taken down by police at the hospital.

Laperrière said there was no mention in the police report as to whether the suspect had been taken into custody. "So it's under investigation and they're waiting to find him to arrest him," he said.

SUV stolen, recovered

The owner of a nearly-new Lexus SUV

that was stolen while parked on Springfield Ave. on the night of January 19-20 was able to track down and recover the vehicle in less than a day with help from an on-board geolocation system.

Upon discovering that the vehicle was missing, the owner contacted the geolocation company, which determined that it had been taken to Laval.

The Laval police were contacted and confirmed the car was there. The owner went to get his vehicle shortly afterwards.

According to Laperrière, car thieves will sometimes bring a hot vehicle to a convenient but sufficiently-distant location, where it can "cool" while the suspects decide how to dispose of it.

Identity telecom fraud 1

Station 12 staff dealt recently with several cases of identity theft involving telecommunications services and victims who are Westmount residents.

On January 17, a male resident of Westmount filed a complaint at Station 12, alleging that he had received a bill at his home from a credit company for expenses run up on a credit card he had never applied for.

The investigators surmise that an unknown suspect used information gleaned surreptitiously to obtain the credit card in the victim's name. They have no leads as to whom the perpetrator might be.

Identity telecom fraud 2

On January 22, another male resident of Westmount filed a complaint that an unknown perpetrator had managed to cancel his Bell Canada service, while transferring the contract to Fido, where a substantial bill was run up.

"He was sent a bill for several thousand dollars," *continued on p. 10*

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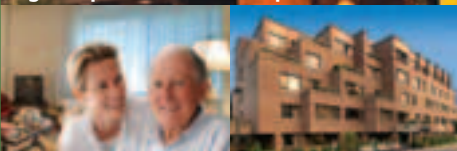
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Irvine Ave. 'snow warriors' raise money for Sun Youth



From left, Leff Page and Hans Whitelaw in and out of full "uniform."



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Irvine Ave. resident Carrie Haber was in her house on a cold January 20 when she heard the scraping of shovels on her front walkway. What was going on?

Neighbour Hans Whitelaw and his friend Leff Page, both in grade 5 at Roslyn School, were shovelling her walk at the suggestion of Whitelaw's mother and without having been asked by Haber.

It was "out of the goodness of their hearts," as Haber put it to the *Independent*. She tried to pay family friend Whitelaw, but he and his workmate refused payment.

Hot chocolate at her house became the agreed-to compromise. "That's when they

hatched the plan [for the still-offered payment], upon hearing [from me] about Sun Youth's call for donations [in the *Montreal Gazette* of January 18]."

Two hours of shovelling on Irvine and Lewis later, they'd raised \$238 for groceries for Sun Youth, which included Whitelaw's Christmas money. They would shovel a walkway, ring the house's doorbell and ask if residents wanted to donate to Sun Youth. Donations ranged from nothing to \$2 to \$20.

"We just wanted to do something," Whitelaw told the *Independent* on the phone later that week. "I didn't feel like I deserved anything [for me]."

"I felt very proud to have raised money for people who needed it more than I did. I went back home and enjoyed the rest of the day," summed up Page on the same call.

PA Supermarché on Park Ave. added a 10-percent discount, and the groceries were delivered on January 21.

And the efforts of the boys, whom Haber calls "snow warriors," have had a knock-on effect.

"Since this has happened, a group of 10 neighbours on our little street has been inspired to set up a monthly food donation to NDG Food Depot," said Haber.

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Challenges pile up as second storm closes schools

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A cocktail of snow, freezing rain and straight rain Wednesday into Thursday, January 23-24, closed most schools on the second day and affected snow clean-up from the major weekend snowstorm three days earlier.

It was just as Westmount Public Works director Robert Talarico had predicted it might be as he reported January 22 on the start of snow loading operations from the weekend snow storm.

“It has indeed been a very challenging few days,” he said.

The major weekend storm (Saturday through Sunday January 19-20), which had brought some 23 cm of snow and high winds to the Montreal area, was described as the coldest one since 1920 as temperatures plunged to minus 25 Celsius.

No serious incidents were reported to Public Security during that storm, according to department officials. There

were no reports of fires, falls and “fortunately no injuries,” said director Greg McBain.

Shortly after the loading operations began, however, the second storm hit, bringing more than 10 cm throughout the entire day on the Wednesday before warming temperatures brought freezing, and then straight, rain overnight.

Clearing catchbasins to prevent flooding from water accumulation added to the challenges.

“Sunday’s weather combination of

strong winds, poor visibility, extreme cold and heavy snow in a short period of time were some of the major issues we faced that day,” Talarico explained. “One of our biggest challenges was the ineffectiveness of traditional abrasives (i.e. salt) during such cold temperatures, which resulted in alternate mixtures being used.

“In addition, the snow accumulation on streets increased as many private contractors cleared snow from private driveways and entrances onto city streets.”

Public Works crews worked shifts of 10 to 12 hours, he explained.

The lack of access to the Butler snow chute only started to be felt January 22, the first day of loading operations. Montreal had informed the city at the start of the winter season that the Butler snow chute would not be accessible in 2018-2019 owing to work on the Turcot project. As a result, the city’s trucks would be redirected to the Newman snow dump.



“Lake Albert” at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke in all its glory on January 24 and gone on January 25 (inset).

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Westmounter Dora (Ziyan) Wan, a grade 4 student at The Study and of Dr. Angela Chan at the Lambda School of Music and Fine Arts in Pierrefonds, played at Carnegie Hall in New York City and is pictured here on January 27 at the event. Along with 14 other Lambda students, she had won the trip as a prize in the Crescendo International Competition. Wan practises piano for about an hour every day. “I am interested in piano,” said Wan in a press release, “because I like the emotions in the pieces. The emotions of happiness and sorrow make me experience the piece like telling a story. I also enjoy the sense of being on stage and performing for an audience.”

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PARKING HIKE ABUSIVE

I find it amazing that Westmount can get away with an increase of more than 25 percent for 24-hour parking on the street. As a resident of Winchester, where we have no choice but to park on the street, this is an abusive hike and well over the cost of living. The councillor in charge who stated that this is for upkeep and maintenance on our streets should look outside today [January 24] and see that the streets are flooded and that over the last three years snow removal has been the worst I have seen in the 26 years I have been living in Westmount.

W. GLEN GROSSMAN, WINCHESTER AVE.

WESTMOUNT PERMIT HOLDERS ARISE!

The walloping 33-percent increase in fees for parking permits proposed by Westmount city council is nothing short of extortion. A blatant and totally unsupported and unsupportable abuse of monopoly power susceptible of legal action if exercised in the private sector. The excuse that the fee has remained the same for some years does not hold water. The fact that council saw fit not to increase on a yearly basis commensurate with inflation of 2-percent or less in the past does not justify the sudden leap that drops the entire burden of the increase on current permit holders; past holders (many of whom have moved on) are let off scot free. This is no way to do business either. If anything, sound marketing practice would dictate that where demand falls off (as is

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apparently the case for permits) a reduction of the price, or fee, would make sense with a view to encouraging more subscribers or at least stemming the decline and picking up revenue on volume.

A combination of political and business blunders that erode confidence in our local government.

Westmount permit holders arise!

ROBERT COWLING, PARKMAN PLACE

HIGHER PARKING FEES = MORE MONEY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS?

I was shocked reading in the January 22 issue of the *Westmount Independent* (p. 1) of plans to increase the cost of red parking stickers. Councillor Anitra Bostock feels that a \$40 increase for the first car is not significant. I can tell you that for my three stickers, it's going to come to a \$240 annual increase!

We are penalized for not having a garage or a parking apron.

Inflation is very low and these 25-33-percent increases in costs of parking permits are unacceptable.

Furthermore, I discovered on p. 7 that the city council has already approved an approx. 50-percent increase in the salaries of the mayor and councillors.

Are the hikes in remunerations going to be paid from the increases of parking permits?

MARTIN SIMEK, WINCHESTER AVE.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK BEFORE ACCEPTING PAY RAISE

Westmount has a venerable history of elected people giving their time, expertise and leadership to their community.

We recently elected members who appeared not indifferent to that great tradition of service.

Might those recently elected at least take note of what Diefenbaker did when pay increases were passed by his fellow parliamentarians? He refused the raise until the electorate had spoken in the next election.

MICHAEL PRICE, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Editor's note: Michael Price is my father. DP.

APPALLING PARSIMONY

I am appalled at the bemoaning and parsimonious reactions against the mayor's salary increase. Her request for an increase is justified and should be respected.

Those against her increase, I invite you to a respective challenge by working around 50+ hours per week, attending numerous evening events including council

meetings, beckon yourself to be on call quite often, interface and delegate with her leadership constantly, adhering to a flux of issues daily, managing the municipal budget and standards to our expectations, *et cetera* ... all while raising three daughters and maintaining a coherent family semblance. As the expression goes “try walking a mile in her shoes and see how it feels.”

Furthermore, at a gross salary of over \$50,000, which yields a take-home pay of slightly more than half, try living in Westmount and adjudicating your expenses. I am sure many will succumb.

Per the naysayers who think that a one-time catch-up salary request is unreasonable, how peremptory can you be? If you peruse online the salaries of Canadian mayors by population size, the requested increase per Westmount is rather moderate in comparison.

So, please, let's [agree] with a kind heart and move on from this issue already.

DAVID STERN, VICTORIA AVE.

SNOW REMOVAL AS BAD AS MONTREAL

I never imagined I would be writing a letter to the editor of the *Westmount Independent*, but then again I never imagined Westmount's snow removal would become as atrociously bad as Montreal's. In fact, Westmount used to be the gold standard, now it has fallen behind the West Island and other parts of the island, as I discovered this week.

Last winter's snow removal was already less than stellar, but this year's is even worse. On Day Six after a storm, most streets are still piled with snow banks, some side streets caked with thick ice and the sidewalks are an absolute mess, never mind a lawsuit waiting to happen.

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.

J. O'CONNOR, DE MAISONNEUVE

PARKING PAY STATIONS NOT HOLDING UP



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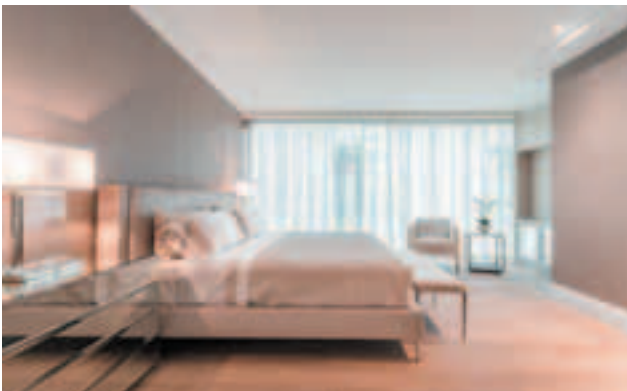
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that it has been brought up, she added, “we’ll discuss it.” Councillor Anitra Bostock, Public Security commissioner, said she would “see it gets onto the agenda of the Traffic Advisory Committee.”

No mention was made, however, of the many types of exclusions regarding idling vehicles that are contained in the city’s by-laws, at least one of which might have applied to the Bell truck.

The three-minute idling limit has been widely known for many years, according to Public Security officials.

Among the exclusions are emergency

vehicles as well as those whose motors are required to heat or refrigerate food, or when a motor is required to be operated in the performance of work inside or outside of a vehicle or when any vehicle is used to heat someone inside when the temperature drops below minus 10 Celsius.

Also excluded are armoured vehicles, heavy trucks with diesel engines (under certain circumstances) as well as taxis with one person inside (between November 1 and March 31) and a vehicle caught in traffic congestion or being cleared of ice or snow.

Added to the list are those powered by hydrogen or electricity in whole or in part, such as a hybrid vehicle.

Concerning the city’s efforts to reduce carbon emissions, Councillor Marina Brzeski, commissioner of sustainability and accessibility, explained the city is electrifying its own vehicle fleet, but said that she was noting the point about contractors.

The applicable Westmount by-laws applying to idling engines are number 726 (sections 60.2 and 60.3) and as amended by by-laws 1298 and 1324, including fines. The current fine is \$58.

completely non-compliant.”

Brzeski replied that the city had a plan and later pointed out how the composting program is voluntary and that some buildings had already “signed on.” The city is currently in the process of hiring a new environmental coordinator, who would be following up, she said. This follows the retirement last fall of Marina Peter.

The questioner also said there were “many stores not at all interested” in participating in composting, to which Brzeski said many merchants were already donating perishable foods to organizations such as soup kitchens and missions in daily need.

When the city initially introduced its green bin curbside collection of kitchen waste, a volunteer network of “compost ambassadors” was organized through the Healthy City Project to facilitate the roll-out, provide tips on composting and solicit buy-in to the program, which remains voluntary (see story June 3, 2008, p. 1).

Composting compliance

Regarding apartment composting, the questioner suggested the city needed a strategic plan for soliciting the cooperation of building superintendents so tenants could avail themselves of the composting opportunity.

She said a caretaker in her building “is

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and “chuck-a-puck” followed by games of kinball, soccer and a tug of war.

A schedule of all events was to be delivered to all households last week, Lapointe said.

Those wanting to participate in the new 3-on-3 tournament should make their reservation through sports coordinator Matthew Lawton by phone (514.989.5320) or email (mlawton@westmount.org) or otherwise take a chance that space will be open to them at the time.

Party “under the sea”

Tickets are required for participation in the “Under the Sea” evening. They are now on sale at Victoria Hall on a first-come, first-served basis at a cost of \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under. The 200 tickets are usually sold out.

“It’s one of the signature events of the Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC) in conjunction with Sports and

Recreation,” explained Councillor Mary Gallery, commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation.

“We’ll be transforming Victoria Hall,” she said. The evening will feature an under-the-sea menu and those attending can wear appropriate costumes if desired.

“We’ll be looking for volunteers to help decorate Victoria Hall starting at 3 pm the same day,” said Claude Danis, program and community services coordinator, who said the decorations are “a secret” but will portray the theme. There’s a cash bar and dancing to DJ Sunny Waves.

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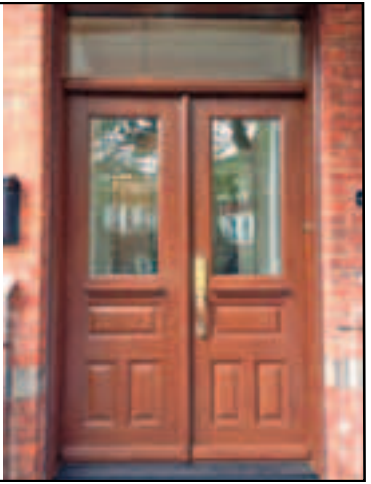
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Different approaches to the snow, cold

Detour around



Police report, cont'd. from p.3

said Laperrière. “But he’s reporting that he was never the one who made the change.”

Identity telecom fraud 3

During the late afternoon of January 21, the actions of an alert employee at a

Rogers Communications phone boutique at Westmount Square helped police arrest a suspect who was allegedly trying to defraud the company out of several thousand dollars’ worth of telecommunications services.

The suspect is alleged to have tried to make a purchase while using a fake driver’s license as identification. While the suspect was waiting, the suspicious employee called the police.

“As the police were getting there, the suspect was still there,” said Laperrière, adding that the suspect had stayed on the scene while arguing with the employee. The suspect was arrested by the police and was later released with a summons to appear in court for arraignment.

“The employee was very diligent in making sure they were not going to be victims of fraud,” added Laperrière. “They needed to validate and make sure that the information they were presented was factual and not false.”

This westbound number 90 bus seemed off course on de Maisonneuve between Lansdowne Ave. and Roslyn Ave. on January 23 at about 7:30 am (top left). It was probably taking a little detour to avoid the fate of a number 63 bus on a very steep and snowy part of St. Catherine St. near Grosvenor (right).

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Cycle on

A cyclist pushes eastward on de Maisonneuve’s sidewalk near Victoria Ave on January 23. Note the extra-thick winter tires.



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Pull up the hoods and walk the dog



Local residents Patrick Neilson and Carol Manning took their seven-year-old Berger Picard, Angus, for a chilly walk along Metcalfe Ave., corner Sherbrooke St., at 9 am January 20. The temperature was -18°C but the biting wind made it feel closer to -33°C.

Pull up the hoodie and walk on



A pedestrian leans into the wind, gusting up to 56 Kph, corner Roslyn and Sherbrooke, at 9:15 am January 20. The temperature was -18°C, but the biting wind made it feel closer to -33°C.

*Forget parka, gloves –
and shovel*



Dépanneur owner Xinya Wen braves the weather to clear the snow off the sidewalk in front of his store on Sherbrooke St., near Victoria Ave., 9:30 am January 20.

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ICRF luncheon is inspirational



Shari Gordon Black, Alana Geller, Elyse Rosen and Lindsay Hollinger.



Dale Boidman, Jodi Kantor, Debra Margles and Dr. Nada Jabado.

The Israel Cancer Research Fund's (ICRF) Women of Action Luncheon was sold out – as always. The annual event features inspirational women speakers. The 13th edition was held at Le Windsor, where arrivals enjoyed mimosas in the ornate Versailles room before sitting down to a three-course lunch by Blossom by the Plaza.

ICRF pres **Jeffrey Bernstein**, there with his wife **Maxine Foldiak**, spoke of the organization's milestones in pioneering research to find a cure for cancer. He introduced the Montreal chapter's scientific advisory board chair, onco-surgeon **Dr. Walter Gotlieb**.

Co-chair **Elyse Rosen** presented a tribute video featuring the 2018 honorees: Montreal Children's Hospital pediatric hemato-oncologist **Dr. Nada Jabado** (attending with husband **Dr. Jacques-Philippe Faucher**); **Dale Boidman**, National Walk Lead, Bladder Cancer Canada (with husband **Nathan**); and **Debra Margles**, president Michael Kors Canada (with husband **Pino Forgione**).

Guests listened attentively to co-chairs

Lindsay Hollinger, associate portfolio manager, Jarislowsky Fraser; **Alana Geller**, partner at Richter and honorary chair **Heather Adelson**, who spoke of her own experience with the disease.

Keynote speaker was Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* journalist **Jodi Kantor**, who detailed her account of breaking the Harvey Weinstein scandal with fellow journalist Megan Twohey.

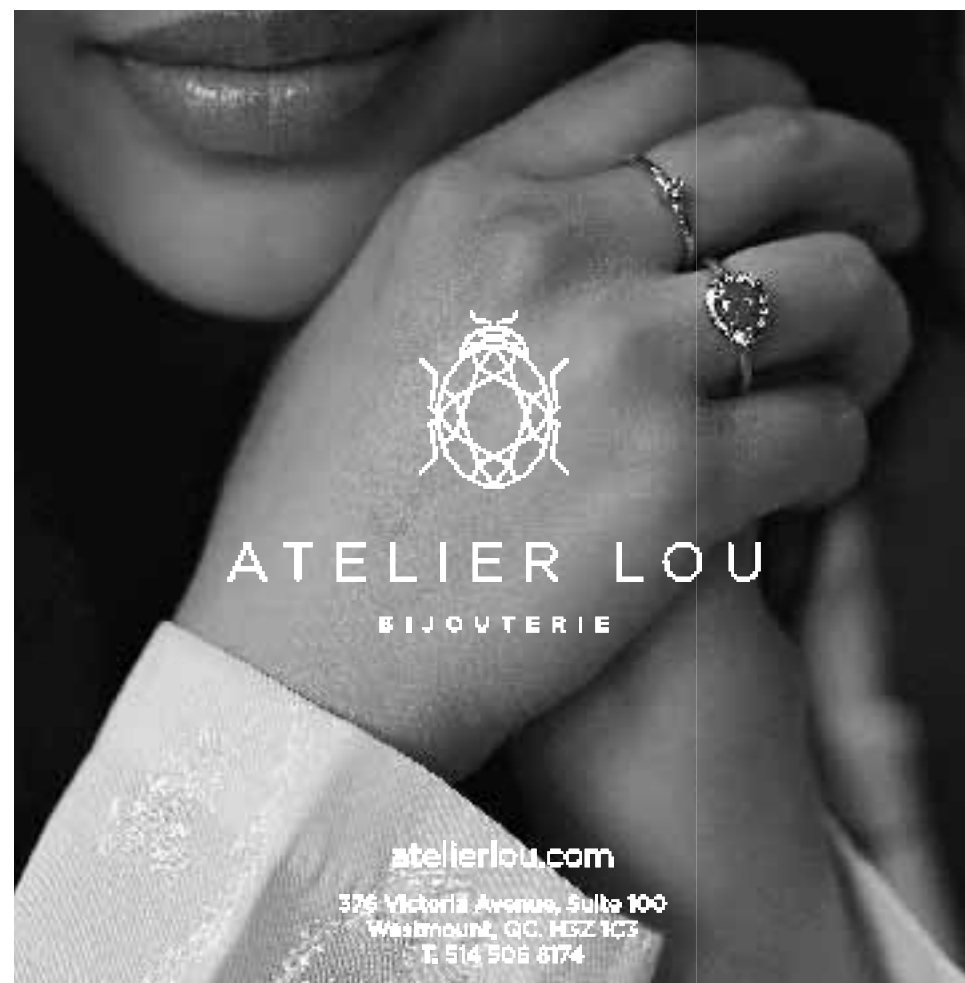
Westmounters applauding the moment included **Suzanne Wexler** and her sister

Alana Wezler Schwartz; **Evelyn Schachter**, **Shari Gordon Black** and her son **Adam Black**, **Anne-Marie Boucher**, former city councillor **Rhoda Vineberg**, **Alta Levenson**, **Lauren Zipkin**, and **Lindsay Hollinger** as well as **Faygie Dubrovsky**, **Bonnie Ostrov**, **Phyllis Brull**, **Nannette de Gaspé Beaubien**, **Andrew Lufty**, and ICRF's vp **Bonnie Ostrov** and past president **Phyllis Brull**.

Top sponsors were the Azrieli Foundation, Heather Adelson and family, and

Richter. The luncheon raised a record-breaking \$310,000 + for cancer research.

ICRF has awarded over 2,400 grants totaling more than \$65 million to underwrite cancer research at leading medical and scientific institutions. Presently, the local chapter is funding four Israeli fellows, conducting ground-breaking research in collaboration with respected physicians at the Jewish General Hospital, MUHC Cedars and the Montreal General Hospital.



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While other columnists in Montreal were ogling house prices in the \$1-million-plus category, Westmount was heading close to a \$3-million average price in eight sales in December, and celebrating its seventh straight month in which no one- or two-family homes sold for less than \$1 million.

The eight sales negotiated in December averaged \$2,958,750, including one mid-level house drawing \$7,900,000, reportedly agreed to on Christmas Eve, which became the highest price of the year – though there had been higher prices in 2015-17. Two other December sales were over \$3 million and one more sold for \$2,150,000. Lowest price for December

December sales: Never look back

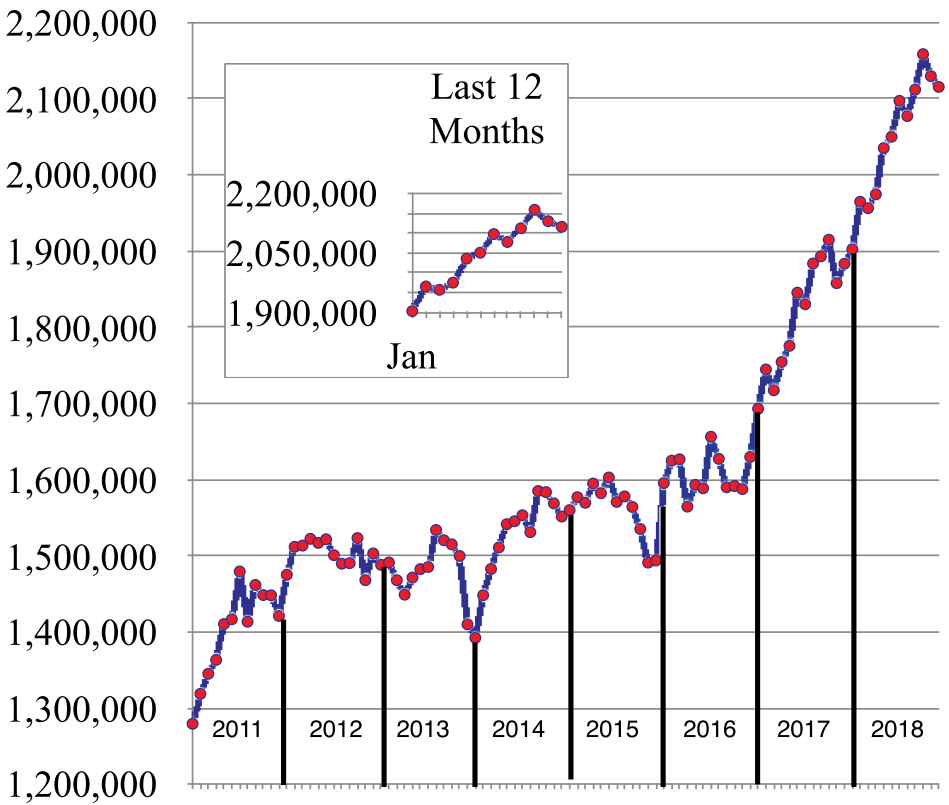
was \$1,250,000, a de Maisonneuve Blvd. house that went for 57 percent more than its municipal valuation, the highest mark-up of the month, and in fact the price was 13 percent more than its asking price as a result of competing offers.

The average mark-up over municipal valuation dropped to 21.8 percent, the lowest average mark-up since last April, perhaps a result of the higher prices involved in the sales. For the year, the average mark-up is 28.6 percent compared to only 12.7 percent for all of 2017. And though the average adjusted price for Westmount moved down for the second month in a row, the “typical” house for the entire year 2018 was worth \$2,026,335, up 14 percent over the annualized average for 2017.

Condos

Only two condominium sales were reported in December, bringing to eight the total for the fourth quarter of 2018, with prices ranging from \$690,000 to \$2,880,000. High \$2-million sales have been reported in three straight quarters of 2018, all much higher than any previous maximum prices, and in the last two quarters they helped pull the average Westmount condominium price over \$1 mil-

Average adjusted price for ‘typical’ Westmount house, by month, January 2011 to December 2018, based on accepted offer dates



lion. The average mark-up for condos in the fourth quarter dipped to 17.7 percent from 39.5 percent in the third quarter, but for the year 2018, the average is 24.6 percent, up 18 percent from 2017.

Westmount adjacent

For whatever reason, no one- or two-family sales in adjacent-Westmount areas were reported in December, but generally prices were up last year compared to 2017, except for the Shaughnessy Village area, where only one single-family dwelling sold in the entire year. Average prices ranged from \$1,123,278 in southern Côte des Neiges to \$2,014,333 in the Trafalgar-Daulac area, the latter keeping in close touch with the Westmount prices.

It seems the new season is starting off slowly, with only 77 Westmount house listings posted in mid-January, compared to 85 listings one month previous. Five of those were for less than \$1,000,000, the first time we have had that many in over a year. Prices go up from there to \$27 million. Two houses in that bracket and another asking just over \$10 million may take some time to sell. Another 18 houses are for rent, down from 23 a month earlier, and include five asking over \$10,000 a month, a rate never achieved all of last year in 47 house rentals.

So, as we move into the new sales season we have to realize that the average Westmount house is going to draw upwards of \$2 million, and there’s no looking back that we can foresee.



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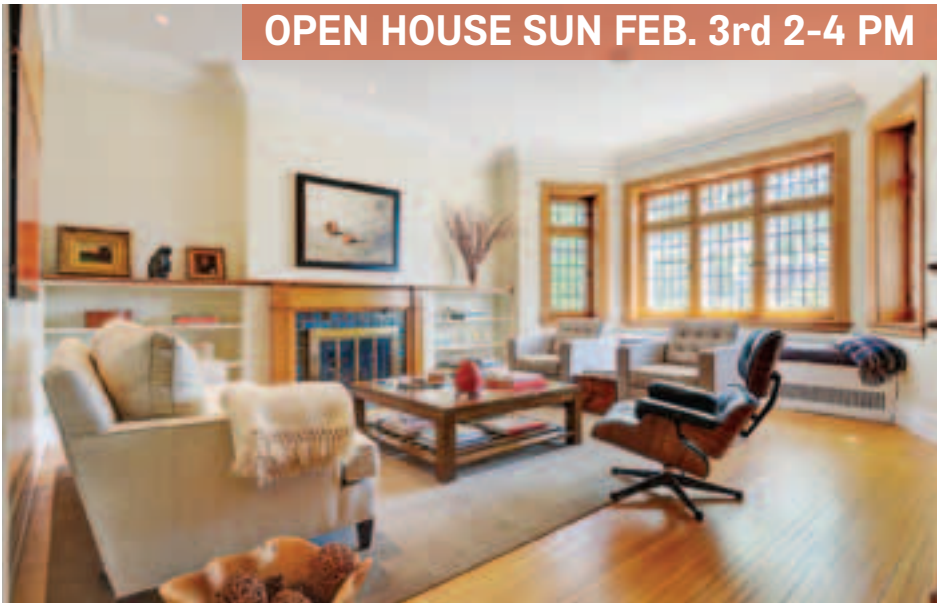




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