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This house at 327 Redfern Ave. has been painstakingly renovated over the past few years. It was photographed September 16. The city has assigned its highest, Category 1* heritage rating to it.



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Clarke chaos





Top, Clarke Ave. at de Maisonneuve was a bit chaotic the morning of September 18 as two flagman and a crossing guard helped motorists and pedestrians navigate the scene. The city of Montreal is working on a water main rehabilitation, Westmount director general Benoit Hurtubise and Engineering director Elisa Gaetano told the *Independent* by email the same day. Meanwhile on the same morning, a school bus, bottom, broke down where Clarke turns into Dorchester and needed a tow. BUS PHOTO: VERONICA REDGRAVE; OTHER PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.

BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

Council approves building of 2 new houses, 30 other permits

The following 32 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the September 8 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

Approved

- The Boulevard: at an unnumbered lot just east of civic number 3733 and across the top of Carleton, to build a new threestorey residence provided the front façade oriel window be detached from the stair volume;
- **171 Edgehill:** to revise the scope of work to permit #2019-01598 to include additional windows, and close an existing one on the rear façade;
- **473 Roslyn:** for the construction of a new four-storey residence, provided the glass guard-rail on the rear façade be in metal;
- **596 Lansdowne:** to replace front doors without tile;
- **448 Mount Stephen**: to replace a basement window on the rear façade;
- **708 Grosvenor:** to rebuild a staircase in the rear yard provided the new railing is option 1, without glass panel;
- **29 Willow:** to install a new pool and do landscaping in the rear and side yards provided the proposed fence around the pool is metal;
- 711 Grosvenor: to replace windows;
- **118 Upper Bellevue:** to build a terrace in the front yard due to the transversal configuration of the lot;
- **15 Aberdeen:** to build a new deck and add a pergola provided the proposed railing is metal or wood;
- **608 Victoria:** to repair a balcony on the rear façade provided the proposed replacement railing replicates the railing posts, the baluster design and spacing of the existing railing;
- **660 Grosvenor:** to repair a rear balcony, provided the proposed railing matches the design of the upper balcony railing and that the balusters are straight;
- **57 Hallowell:** to replace the front façade staircase provided the railing is metal;
- **485 Strathcona:** to replace doors and remove a window opening on the rear façade;
- **642 Roslyn:** to do landscaping work in the front yard and modify the walkway;
- **653 Grosvenor:** to replace windows and make a patio door opening on the rear facade;
- 598 Lansdowne: to replace a garage door;
- **4477 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category I house, to continue the work approved

under permit 2018-01301, which includes a new addition under the second floor porch;

- **680 Roslyn:** to modify the configuration of the garage doors and standard doors at the basement level of the side façade;
- **3290 Cedar:** to do landscaping in the front yard provided the proposed modification on the front yard facing Clarke Ave., which includes a new paved area and a new retaining wall, is excluded from this application;
- **479 Strathcona:** to modify a window opening and replace the door on the front façade provided the stone lintel and sill will be preserved for the window opening;
- **38 Rosemount:** at a Category I house, to replace windows;
- **604 Belmont:** to demolish and rebuild a front façade staircase;
- **464 Claremont:** to replace the front door on the second storey and install a new balcony and guard rail;
- **424 Wood:** to replace the windows and modify the roof of a structure annexed to the building provided the masonry base of the structure is preserved;
- **68 Chesterfield:** at a Category I building, to replace a garage door at the rear provided it is French style with no fixed panel between the two doors;
- **16 Shorncliffe**: to repair a front retaining wall on condition the cap is made of natural stone and the wall is covered with traditional stucco;
- **3755 The Boulevard:** at a Category I house, to replace a door on the rear façade;
- **3770 The Boulevard:** to replace windows and the siding of a structure on the facade provided the siding is made of wood and that the windows do not have divisions on the upper sash;
- **4700 Westmount Ave.:** to restore two basement window openings as requested;

716 Grosvenor: to replace a front entrance door;

365 Metcalfe: to replace an attic window.

Overheard

September 18 at approximately 8:30 am near the dog run in Westmount Park

One man to another: "I think I should start carrying apple sauce."

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September 19 at 12 noon on Sherbrooke at Prince Albert

Woman to interlocutor: "Everyone here is rich and stupid. That's kind of Westmount."

Yes, new houses get built in Westmount



The owners of these two lots, at 473 Roslyn (left) and east of 3733 The Boulevard, have had permits approved by the city to build new houses. They were photographed on September 17.







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Heritage recognition presentation for Goode House Online consultation for 178 CSA enters comment stage

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's public consultation meeting to recognize the historic Goode House at 178 Côte St. Antoine as a Westmount landmark and a Quebec heritage property was livestreamed September 16 because of the continued pandemic closure to the public of city hall.

The purpose of the virtual meeting, an

important step in the process, was to explain the draft by-law tabled at the September 8 council meeting that outlines the home's historical features as well as its architectural, landscape and emblematic values.

The stone house with its distinctive pyramidal roof and large eaves just west of Forden Ave. is one of the city's oldest, dating to the 1840s. Built as one of the four Met-





A photo of 178 Côte St. Antoine's living room, which shows a small round mirror honouring Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee (to the left of the fireplace). The photograph was given to the Westmount Historical Association by the Goode estate and was taken some time after 1897. The fireplace is still intact.

calfe Terrace homes, of which only two survive, this one is uniquely preserved with its interior largely intact by remaining in the Goode family for almost 140 years before its sale a few years ago. It is again for sale.

It would be the first house in the city to receive heritage designation for the entire site – exterior and interior of the home as well as the landscaping – and the first private residence to be so recognized under Quebec's Cultural Heritage Act of 2012 as well as the second Westmount landmark (see story July 7, p. 8).

The first was the Glen Arch viaduct. While the virtual broadcast provided for a 40-minute question period, no questions were received via YouTube LiveChat and the process now enters a 15-day period ending October 1 for the submission of written comments to legal@westmount. org.

The presentation from the city's Local Heritage Council (LHC) – part of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – may still be viewed on the city's website.

Presentation of by-law

The consultation meeting was opened by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, urban planning commissioner for zoning, economic development and parks, and a member of the LHC.

This was followed by presentations by Natha- *continued on p. RE-14*

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Jardins Westmount condos dormant, despite decades in development



By Martin C. Barry

After decades under development, a project to convert Dawson College's former Selby campus in lower Westmount into luxury residential condominiums still appears to be making no progress.

As reported in the *Independent* in May 2019, the project, led by Roland and Sami Hakim, appears to have gone dormant. In May last year, Les Jardins Westmount's web domain (www.SelbyCondos.com) was up for sale, as it was last week when we checked again.

Barry Kazandjian, a real estate broker for Re/Max 3000 who once offered Jardins Westmount condos among its listings, acknowledged to the *Independent* last week that they had not dealt with the project for the past five years.

Last Friday, after a reporter for the *In-dependent* was unable to reach the developers at a disconnected phone number still listed on several Montreal-area real estate promotion web sites, we were able to touch base briefly with a caretaker who was inside the building behind locked doors.

He informed us that one of the developers was away but would be back after the weekend. The *Independent* was unable to reach that person by this week's deadline. Located at 3555 St. Antoine St., Les Jardins Westmount was first announced at least 10 to 15 years ago.

Since then, some outward elements have been completed, including a modernistic penthouse section built atop a repurposed former industrial building that served originally as the headquarters for Charles E. Frosst & Co. pharmaceuticals, before becoming Dawson College's Selby campus.

Although over the years there has been some promotion of the Jardins Westmount project, there are no outward signs that there has been any recent work activity at the site. At one time, a December 2012 date for delivery of the first units was promised.



Seen here on September 18 from the corner St. Antoine and Rose de Lima streets on the edge of lower Westmount, the Jardins Westmount condo development project appears still to be stalled despite the fact it's been decades in development.



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History by the House Andy Dodge

Part I of this story can be found in our August 25 edition, p. 19

When last we recounted the history of the lovely mansion at 4100 Dorchester St., we learned that it was built by Thomas B. Macaulay of Sun Life Assurance, who hired architect Robert Findlay, a young Scotsman who had designed the Sun Life headquarters on Notre Dame St., to design his first residential home in 1891.

The sweeping lines, complicated roofs and dormer windows of the elegant detached mansion at the corner of Clandeboye Ave. are a throwback to Edwardian architecture, according to architect Bruce Anderson. "Arts and crafts" houses were designed in England by a group of British architects and artists including G.E. Street, Philip Webb, William Morris, C. F. A. Voysey and Sir Edwin Lutyens.

Even as he was building this house, Macaulay was negotiating the purchase of a farm in Hudson Heights, just west of the island of Montreal, and developing a new breed of cattle as part of the growing movement of "gentleman farmers."

Perhaps because of this preoccupation and his work at Sun Life, Thomas Macaulay decided to remain in his house on the

- 1874 -Village of Notre Dame de Grâce (area of current-day Westmount and NDG) incorporated - 1876 -Village of Côte St. Antoine (current-day Westmount) breaks away - 1888 wooden railway bridge opens over Glen Rd., southwest of current-day Westmount recreation centre - 1890 -Village of Côte St. Antoine become a town - 1892 still-in-use stone railway bridge replaces wooden one over Glen Rd. - 1895 -Town of Côte St. Antoine changes its name to Westmount - 1958 -Westmount's previous arena opens as an open-sided venue. It was enclosed in 1963. The pool at this facility was added in 1962 - 2002 -Westmount is merged January 1 with city of Montreal - 2006 -Westmount demerges January 1 from city of Montreal - 2013 -Current Westmount recreation centre opens

4100 Dorchester, part II: From single-family to rooming house, and back



north side of Dorchester, next door to his father and closer to Atwater Ave., and to rent the gracious mansion to Frank Edgar, a dry goods wholesaler, starting at least in 1894.

Edgars buy (1899)

Edgar finally purchased the mansion for \$10,000 in 1899, while the Macaulays continued to live at 4005 and 4007 Dorchester (In 1911, they hired Findlay to design houses higher on the mountain, one at 3228 Cedar Ave. corner Mount Pleasant Ave., the other at 3233 The Boulevard, corner Braeside Place – now The Study School).

Frank Edgar died a year after purchasing the house and his wife, Martha, was left with six children, four girls and two boys, apparently without re-marrying; Lovell's Directory reports the occupant of 4100 Dorchester as "Edgar, Mrs. wid Frank" or "Edgar, Mrs; E. wid Frank" for the next 17 years.

She died in November, 1918, leaving the house to three of her grown children, all spinsters, including Frances M., Charlotte L. and Ethel B. Edgar.

Apparently two sons and one daughter had moved out by then, because in 1919, Lovell's Directory described the occupants of 4100 Dorchester simply as "the Misses Edgar." In 1926 one daughter, Charlotte, died and the sons and daughter who had moved out – one son was in Winnipeg, another in London, England, and Louise L. was in New York City – relinquished any rights to the house, so Frances and Ethel stayed there as the owners, and Lovell's continued to list "The Misses Edgar" as the occupants for another six years. At the time Charlotte died, the two spinsters took out an \$8,000 loan with the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada Superannuation and Provident Fund Association, basically the Grand Trunk's pension fund. The stock market crashed in 1929 and the Great Depression began.

Edgars move out (1932)

The two spinsters held on for a couple of years but by 1932 they were forced to turn the house over to the pension fund, moving to an apartment on Amesbury Ave. downtown. The pension fund may have chosen at that point to make the house over into a duplex; in 1933 Lovell's listed the occupant as William H. Girard, vicepresident and later president of Bedard & Girard Ltd., electrical contractors, but by 1935 another occupant at the address was William W. Stewart, a general contractor.

In 1940, the only occupant of the large house was Mrs. D. Pegnam, widow of T. Pegnam. She stayed there throughout the *continued on p. RE-22*

HISTORY OF 4100 DORCHESTER STREET/BOULEVARD (since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
20-Feb-1899	Frank Edgar	\$10,000
24-Jan-1919	Frances M., Charlotte L. and Ethel B. Edgar	(Inherited)
27-Sep-1932	Grand Trunk Railway of C Superannuation and Pro Fund Association	
17-May-1945	Col.Paul Edmond Belanger	\$8,500
20-Feb-1950	James Eugene Wilder	\$15,500
23-Mar-1950	Rhea Forgue, wife of Jean Normandin	\$17,000
10-Oct-1950	Karl Gsell	\$26,000
6-Jun-1952	Josephine Andre, wife of Hammerschmid	Leopold \$33,000
1-Oct-1963	Stella Flader, wife of Kalman Samuels	\$39,300
5-Oct-1976	Robert A. Pratt	\$1
26-Nov-1979	Ronald Pilon	\$89,500
14-Nov-1980	Sydney Sweibel	\$162,500
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The Goode house, 178 Côte St. Antoine, on July 1.

Goode, cont'd. from p. RE-6

lie Jodoin, assistant director of Urban Planning, Youki Cropas, the department's architectural and permits officer, and then Julia Gersovitz, who chairs both the PAC and the LHC.

While the Goode House is already one of 40-plus properties to hold Category I* recognition as exceptional properties under the city's own by-laws, this does not extend to the interior or to the site itself such as the landscaping, Gersovitz explained.

The level of integrity of the property is owed to the Goode family, whose members were also "famous" as local gardeners, she explained.

"We won't show you any interior images," she said, "because the city respects the privacy of the owner."

So, for people hoping to have seen these "you will be disappointed."

While the history of the home and the property have been previously reported at

length, the current recognition, Cropas said, will not freeze it "in time," because the house needs to be modernized and updated to be suitable for today's living. The by-law, however, will serve to highlight the design elements of high value during any requests for changes.

Caroline Breslaw, who represents the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) as its president on the LHC, asked near the end of presentation how many participants were viewing it online at the time, and was told 24, though the number was quickly changed to 31 including all the committee members.

She later told the Independent that some members of the WHA told her they had difficulty accessing the live presentation and at least two had stated they sent in questions which appeared to been caught in a lag and neither received any response.

The meeting was concluded by Lulham, who named the other members of the LHC in addition to herself: heritage specialist David Hanna (her husband); architects Erik Marosi and Gerald Soiferman; and Gersovitz and Breslaw.

8; July 14, p. 10; September 1, p. 3 and September 8, p. 19.

See other stories on the project: July 7, p.



What the livestreamed meeting looked like to viewers.





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Humming along



This house at 51 Delavigne, left, on September 18, sold for \$3.3 million in December 2018. It was granted a permit for "52 percent" destruction and re-building after a longer-than-usual discussion with city council that began with a request for 100-percent demolition (see June 26, 2018, p. 7.) This four-townhouse development on Hillside at Metcalfe, right, on September 17, is also proceeding apace. It is sold out, developer Darren Reid of Verterra told the Independent March 20.

No permits – discussions with city continue



This year, the former armoury (left, on September 17) on Hillside southwest of Westmount High and the site of an apartment building at 4216 Dorchester (at Greene) that was destroyed by fire in 1999 (right, on September 14) have both been before the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to request permission for non-conforming projects by using the city's SCAOPI (specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal for an immoveable) by-law, although there has been no update to the public record since then. See "PAC hears proposal for Hillside armoury" (February 18, p. 1) and "Critics question proposed 4216 Dorchester's modernism" (February 11, p. 10).

Nothing happening – yet





A tour September 14 and 18 respectively of these sites showed no activity, although a permit was issued August 3 for 4469 St Catherine at Metcalfe (top) and the owner of 4898 de Maisonneuve expects to start building this fall (see August 18, p. 3).









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House history, cont'd. from p. RE-12

1940s, apparently, even though the pension fund finally sold the house in 1945 to Col. Paul Belanger (retired) for \$8,500.

Ms. Pegnam continued to live there, and in 1948 Col. Belanger died, leaving his wife to sell the massive house to James Eugene Wilder.

Rapid series of transactions (1950)

A series of very rapid transactions took place in 1950 until finally, in October, it was purchased by Karl Gsell, a St. Laurent innkeeper who rented it to various tenants and finally sold two years later to the wife of Leopold Hammerschmidt, who very proudly identified himself (in the deed) as head waiter at the LaSalle Hotel.

They lived there through the 1950s and into the 1960s; their departure may have been influenced by the conversion of the house next door into a women's shelter for the Salvation Army (though the Army was very discreet in its operation of the former duplex); in any event, in 1963 they sold to Stella Flader, wife of Kalman Samuels who was a prominent lawyer in Westmount (she was a member of the bar in British Columbia).

By this time the city had announced plans to tear down the Dorchester houses and to redevelop the entire area, and in fact demolished the houses on the north side of Dorchester, as well as those on the south side of Tupper St. and the west side of Atwater Ave., though citizen objections stalled the demolition plans before any more destruction occurred.

Rooming house (1963-1976) & re-birth (1979)

The house turned into a rooming house, like so many of the neighbours along Dorchester and even down Clandeboye, with a maximum six names of residents over the next 13 years.

Finally, in 1976, the house was taken over by another lawyer, Robert Pratt, who lived on the other side of Clandeboye. Slowly the number of tenants dwindled while the Westmount real estate market started to soar.

The rooming house was put on the market in June of 1979, asking \$95,000, and sold by the end of September for \$89,500 to Ronald Pilon, who set about reconverting it to a single-family dwelling. Exactly a year later, he sold a newly-renovated house to another lawyer, Sidney Sweibel, for \$162,500. Sweibel and his wife, Tronny Marcovitch, stayed there for a decade and sold in October 1990, to the Robert Tayler family.

The final sale was to Douglas Ajram and Sophie (or Sofia) Meloche in 2003, when they paid just under \$1 million for the property.

Real estate listings in recent years have boasted about the "exquisite mouldings throughout the house along with hardwood floors and oak trim," not to mention the high ceilings, modern kitchen and bathrooms and a new sundeck. The house has a 2020 municipal valuation of \$2,022,900.

Mystery trash





Goad's map of 1912 shows the north side of Dorchester and most of Tupper St. were fully developed by that time. (The houses there were destroyed in the 1960s to make way for re-development that never happened, and much of the land is still city-owned and run as parking lots.) St. Stephen's Church had also been built by the time of this map.



There is always interesting garbage on the streets of Westmount, including items with a depressing and/or worrisome look, including these shoes on Dorchester at Bruce and clothing on St. Catherine at Metcalfe, both seen September 14. When did their owners part with them? How? Why?

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Enjoy the flowers – winter is coming



A council member commented at the September 8 city council meeting that the city's flowers were "absolutely spectacular" this year. Seen September 16 are flowers at the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club next to city hall (left), on Sherbrooke near Prince Albert (right) and on the roof of the Westmount recreation centre (below).



City hall roof work continues – including temporary staircase



As approved June 1, \$1.4 million of slate-shingle work on the roof of city hall was well under way September 16, left. (See "Work starts soon on new \$1.4M slate roof for city hall," June 9, p. 1). It is phase 2 of the project. The work is expected to be completed in November, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise. Last year, phase 1 cost \$1 million. The photo at right is from June 5. LEFT-HAND PHOTO: LAUREEN SWEENEY; RIGHT-HAND PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

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Potential buyers exist for former Subaru dealership Council discussing future of Packard building on St. Catherine St.







Above, 4024-32 St. Catherine St. on September 17.

By Martin C. Barry

An item up for discussion during September 21's Westmount city council meeting was expected to deal with a crucial piece of the city's plan for the renewal of a commercial stretch of St. Catherine St. – the future of 4024-32 St. Catherine, which has a Category 1 heritage status.

According to District 8 city councillor Kathleen Kez, who spoke to the *Independent* last week, negotiations by the city with potential buyers for the former Packard car dealership building were still ongoing as of September 18.

"That's what we're going to be discussing further in council," said Kez. "There's many developers looking at it at the moment.

"And we're actually going to be discussing one of them this coming council on Monday [i.e. September 21, after the *Independent*'s press time]."

Neighbour demolished

The city of Westmount granted permission for the demolition, now completed, of another aging commercial building to the east on the south side of St. Catherine St. near Atwater Ave. as part of an overall plan to renew the area.

In the meantime, the future of the Packard building has remained uncertain.

With most of its facade covered by a protective curtain for years to keep pieces of masonry from falling off to the sidewalk, the deteriorating building was still occupied last week by a few street-level businesses, although the upper storeys that once served as a garage have been closed off for years.

The protective sheet was put into place after Westmount's Urban Planning department asked the owner to do so because pieces of the façade had become dangerously loose. According to municipal property registration records, the building was originally erected in 1929.

The owner remains listed in municipal property records as Fiducie Familiale Tehrani (Tehrani Family Trust).

The building was subject to a Régie du Bâtiment du Québec inspection in January 2012 (see January 24-25, 2012, p. 10), when the provincial building standards agency asked the owner to produce an engineer's report attesting to its structural integrity.

Subaru gone

The report recommended that reinforcements be added to interior support columns if the building's upper levels were to continue being used as a garage. However, the last automotive tenant, a Subaru dealership, left in 2011. Inspectors from the city of Westmount have continued to check the building's structural integrity since then.

Kez said the revitalization under way on that stretch of St. Catherine St. is part of the city's overall Imagine Westmount 2040 project, whose eventual goal is a complete revision of Westmount's urban planning program.



4024-32 St. Catherine St. in January 2012.

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as "for rent.")

346 Victoria.

St.

Greene area vacancies: 18

4148A St. Catherine St.

former site of Tutti Frutti

of Tia Maria prêt a porter

4026 St. Catherine St., former site

4026A St. Catherine St., former site

4207 St. Catherine St. former site

Two first-floor units in Alexis Nihon

(Greiche & Scaff coming & La Vie

en Rose moving in from one floor

above), two second-floor units and

one basement unit (former site

Estimated* number of storefronts: 98

Estimate unit vacancy rate: 18 percent

New

of Ceïba. Le Petit Club and Le Club

4868 Sherbrooke St., former site of

Lolë. (Likely temporary. Unit listed

temporary. Unit listed as "for rent.")

Coming

Moved

Closing

Not in retail use

Daoust, which is now at 345 Victoria.

Brasserie Melrose, Brasserie Central,

4908 Sherbrooke St., former site of Naïf

La Strada shoe shop. 4926 Sherbrooke

4830 Sherbrooke St., former site of

4858 Sherbrooke, former site of

Well House and Mess Hall.

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Sherbrooke St. (at Claremont)

(at Grosvenor) to 345 Victoria.

Daoust. From 4830 Sherbrooke

South side of Sherbrooke

shoe liquidation, 4879 Sherbrooke,

former site of Rudsak. (Likely

ba&h. 4932 Sherbrooke St.

Myriade café. 345 Victoria

Boss Grill. 4 Somerville, former site

Galerie LeRoyer pop-up window.

(September 2019: 15 percent)

4024A St. Catherine St. (east of Atwater),

1212 Greene Ave.

An assortment of news about retailers and retail spaces in Westmount. If you have retail news, please email us at editor@westmountindependent.com before the 21st of each month. Major changes since the last coverage (September 3, 2019, p. 11) in bold.

What a difference a year makes!

For months after September of last year, we did not update Retail Watch due to too few changes, then the COVID lockdown came and we waited to see if that changed things (it did!), so here we are, over a year since our last review.

Not only have stores come and gone, but some units have disappeared from "the inventory." For example, the Metro grocery store on Victoria has absorbed the former retail units used by the Laurentian bank and the Couturier pharmacy (which has moved across the street). In the same vein, we have also removed the unit on Olivier Ave. used by architect Philip Andrew Hazan. It is not empty and it is not really a retail unit at present.

There are also establishments (restaurants especially) that look closed, but aren't empty yet and may be re-opening post-COVID (or earlier). One that we investigated looks out of business, but its phone number is connected. A sign of hope? We have not counted these as empty.

GREENE AVE. AREA

New

Balos restaurant. 4114 St. Catherine (at Gladstone) – see July 14, p. 20

Forno West. 1235 Greene. - see July 7,

p. 28

L'art Glacier. 1308 Greene Ave. – see July 7, p. 29

Pharmacie Emna Mzabi in Westmount Square

Closing

Tony's shoes. 1346 Greene – see July 7, p. 28

Lapidarius antique shop (jewellery shop will continue) 1312 Greene – see August 15, p. 15

Not in retail use

1394 Greene Ave. (south of Sherbrooke), former site of Lululemon and, before that, the Bank of Nova Scotia.

1375 Greene, former site of Contrology Pilates, now in Westmount Square

1368 Greene (basement) former site of Fleuressence

1362 Greene Ave., former site of Bistro on the Avenue

1358-60 Greene Ave.

1347 Greene Ave.

1329 Greene, former site of Galerie d'Este, now at 4396 St Lawrence Blvd.1233 Greene, former site of Starbucks1215 Greene Ave. (south of de

Maisonneuve), former site of Lou

RETAIL WATCH

4920 Sherbrooke St., former site of La Canadienne's Westmount location

4924 Sherbrooke St., former site of North Face

4926 Sherbrooke St., former site of Evolve toy pop-up store and, before that, JoshuaDavid

5014 Sherbrooke St, former site of Bois et Cuir, which has moved to 3000 St. Antoine St. W., at Atwater Ave.

North side of Sherbrooke

4823 Sherbrooke St., former site of Pier 1

4825 Sherbrooke St., former site of Gascogne

4908 Sherbrooke St., former site of David's Tea4915 Sherbrooke St., former site of Ben

& Tournesol and Wilfred & Adrienne, now operating at 4937 Sherbrooke St. 4925 Sherbrooke, formerly used by

Sarah Pacini, which continues at 4919 Sherbrooke St.
4927 Sherbrooke St. (upper) former site of Au Sommet pop-up store

4935 Sherbrooke St., former site of Envers

5001 Sherbrooke St., former site of Second Cup5003 Sherbrooke St., former site

of Copper Branch Victoria Ave.

245 Victoria, former site of Spa Aliyah,

now operating at 5000 Jean Talon St. W. 320A Victoria

- 322A Victoria, former site of Astri Prugger design
- 342A Victoria, former site of Petit Lapin gluten-free bakery
- 344 Victoria, former site of Déjà Porté consignment store.
- 344A Victoria, former site of Consignment Chic(k).

392 Victoria, former site of Pretty Ballerinas

39 Somerville former site of Farfelu gallery.

Victoria village vacancies: 24 Estimated* number of storefronts: 133 Estimated unit vacancy rate: 18 percent (September 2019: 19 percent)

Other

Not in retail use

4498 St. Catherine St., former site of Clifford's grocery store 4431 St. Catherine St., former site of McGuigan Pepin, whose real estate brokers are now at Royal LePage Heritage.

*The *Independent* has tried to count all the store spaces accessible from street level, which usually means up to one level above or below the sidewalk. Some judgement was required.

The Greene Ave. area totals exclude Westmount Square and Alexis Nihon.

Path repaved



This brick path next to the lagoon in Westmount Park was being re-paved September 17 with asphalt. It is the same one where a senior fell recently on broken bricks (see "Please fix the broken brick path," August 25, p. 22).



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406 Av. Lethbridge, Mont-Royal MLS 23138318



M sur la Montagne, Phase II Unit 302



1188 Av. Union, Apt. 1210, Ville-Marie With garage | MLS 27600089



4850 Ch. Côte-St-Luc, Apt. 74, CDN/NDG 2 bedrooms | MLS 17460385



M sur la Montagne, Phase II Unit 305



1188 Av. Dr-Penfield, Apt. 92, Ville-Marie 3-bedroom with garage | MLS 9957016



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