

'The way democracy works': Cllr. Shamie

City withdraws office-use re-zoning for 400 Mt. Pleasant

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council November 7 withdrew its proposed re-zoning of R9-09-03 to allow for office use at 400 Mount Pleasant. This is the only building in the zone at the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Greene/Mount Pleasant.

The decision not to go to a referendum was based mainly on the signing by 108 qualified voters of a registry October 18 that required at least 54 signatures for the

council to possibly move the process forward for approving By-law 1588.

"This created a lot of discussing but at the end of the day shows the process works," said the District 3 councillor, Jeff Shamie, after a unanimous vote of the council not to proceed to a referendum adding that "It's the way democracy works."

Mayor Christina Smith explained that the issue had been discussed by the council in its general committee session behind closed doors and commended the 108 people who "took time out of the day to express their opinion."

Councillor Conrad Peart, the city's commissioner of urban planning, infrastructure and engineering, presented the resolution to withdraw the motion listing many "whereas" reasons.

These included coun- *continued on p. 15*

Fire on the mountain



Westmount Public Security put out a campfire in Summit Woods the morning of November 8. According to Roberto Araya, who was out walking his dog, public safety officers "quickly arrived to help extinguish the fire." He continued "This episode is possibly the craziest and most irresponsible thing I've seen in all my years living in Westmount. You may find it interesting to publish it in your newspaper to report the episode and raise awareness in our community to always be aware of things in our environment that can affect our great city."

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Cllr. D'Amico votes against, for Nov. 30, 2024 ban

Gasoline-powered leaf-blowers now banned as of November 1, 2023

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council November 7 voted to approve a ban on gasoline-fired leaf-blowers, according to an amended version of By-law 1591 that was adopted.

The effect of this change is to take the gasoline-powered equipment out of circulation November 1 because now the city is restricting the fall clean-up time by one

month. Next year, it will start on October 1 and end on October 31.

This could be changed "as we get closer to the time," said Councillor Matt Aronson, whose commissionership includes sustainability.

Councillor Antonio D'Amico, the lone dissenter in the vote, has maintained that this newly adopted deadline "is not feasible," be- *continued on p. 6*

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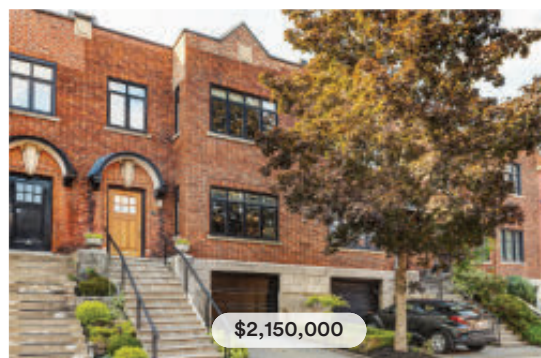
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Sports and Rec registration Nov. 22

Self-defence workshops highlight winter sign-up

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Winter registration is scheduled to open November 22 for the city's Sports and Recreation department featuring new programs on self-defence for women, teens and seniors as well as Musical Theatre and Yoga for Kids, all of which are being brought back after several years' hiatus.

Other programs are outlined in the department's activities guide. The online sign-up starts at 8 am, followed at the office at 8:30 am.

"The self-defence workshops are something we used to have years ago," department director Dave Lapointe said last week. "There wasn't much demand for it but unfortunately, considering a couple of incidents recently, it's something that is pertinent now."

Both incidents he referred to involved stabbings. One occurred on de Maisonneuve at Roslyn when Public Security intervened and nabbed the suspect (see story March 27, p. 13). The other occurred on the de Maisonneuve bike path October 12 (see October 18, p. 23). This suspect was arrested by police.

One of these workshops for women and teens will take place Saturday, January 21 from 2 to 5 pm and another on Saturday, February 18 also 2 to 5 pm. The program is being taught by retired police officer George Manoli, founder of a "no-nonsense" personal safety program. Both sessions are at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

The session on "Self-Defence for Seniors" will take place Saturday, March 18, also from 2 to 5 pm at the WRC. It is described as "learning how to channel that frozen fear into strength and empowerment" and show how to confidently deal with the fear, confusion and panic that occur during a violent confrontation. This features "hands-on" attack simulations.

Small fire stamped out by park patroller

A small fire in King George (Murray) Park was put out November 7 without the need for firefighters, Public Security officials said.

Smoke coming from a pile of leaves was visible to a patroller at 12:07 pm near the ping pong table where teenagers were spotted piling up leaves. The burning leaves were stamped out with a boot.

Leaf-blower ticketed for starting before at 8 am

A leaf-blower in use at 7:47 am on November 5 before the allowable start time at 8 am was spotted by a patroller on Belvedere Place, according to Public Security officials. The landscaper using it had permits but had been warned for the same offence October 27.

He was issued a statement of offence for \$277 for having been previously warned.

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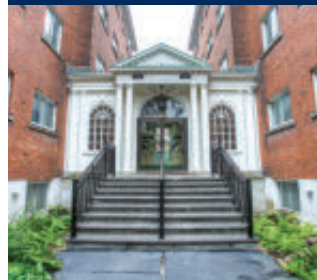


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Homeless campers pledge to continue occupying expressway site

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Following an order by Transport Québec that the occupants of a homeless encampment beneath the Ville Marie Expressway leave or face eviction by force, some say they are willing to comply, while others are pledging to remain over the coming winter months.

On Thursday last week, the provincial Transport ministry issued an ultimatum to the homeless campers, saying that maintenance work had to be carried out on the overpass structure above the encampment.

The *Independent* spoke with some of the 25 homeless persons living in tents on the site located in Westmount between Greene and Atwater avenues. One of them, Sabrina, said she'd been living there with a boyfriend for the past five years.

Originally from Pierrefonds on Montreal's West Island, the 41-year-old never imagined she'd one day be a resident of well-to-do Westmount – albeit under a concrete highway overpass.

Alcohol abuse was a major factor in her becoming homeless. "I was staying at shelters, but they ended up throwing me out because I drank way too much," she said. "So, me and my boyfriend ended up getting a tent and living here."

She said officials at Resilience Montreal, the homeless day shelter located at Atwater and St. Catherine, have pledged to provide them with a furnished apartment so they won't have to endure another winter outdoors.

Her companion, who is known to everyone in the encampment as Amigo, said he arrived in Montreal in 1976, when the city was hosting the Olympic Games, and he never left.

Neighbours helping

Another camper, Jacquot, who has lived on the site for more than seven years and has taken on a leadership role within the

► Sabrina (right) and Amigo are seen here on November 10 on their portion of the homeless encampment underneath the Ville Marie Expressway in south-eastern Westmount.

encampment, said police from Station 12 on Stanton St. in Westmount have been very helpful to the campers.

He said people from nearby homes also showed kindness towards the campers. "The neighbours are coming here and asking us if they could help out with food or help with other things," he said, while adding that he serves as a chef for the campers, cooking meals from an improvised kitchen area.

Despite the hardships of outdoor living, Jacquot said he prefers it to the sub-standard and sometimes dangerous living conditions found in most of the homeless shelters he has known. "There's a lot of bedbugs in all the shelters. There's a lot of



cockroaches, and guys with knives – it's a big headache," he said.

In spite of the Transport Québec order

to leave, Jacquot said he and a few others in the encampment are determined to stay over the coming winter months.

"I'm going to stay because I've already been here for so many years," he said, adding that he wouldn't be interested in accepting an offer of an apartment because he's happy where he is now.

After these interviews, it was widely reported that the Transport ministry was giving the residents a reprieve of unspecified length to find other shelter.

A novel way to find personnel



The Roper Clinic on Melville at Sherbrooke is looking for a full-time family doctor, as seen November 11, but Dr. Mark Roper told the *Independent* November 13 that he is open to other arrangements, including part-time ones on the team or renting space, or specialists doing so. The process is not simple. A family doctor must have a permit from the province to work in each specific health region. Westmount is in the "de la Montagne" region, which starts here and stretches east to Park Ex. At present, nine doctors are retiring in it and nine new ones being granted permits. The region's challenges, according to Roper, include the fact that Quebec assigns permits by population, but many non-residents access healthcare here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHEN IS A LAWN NOT A SWIMMING POOL?

Good taste must keep up with times. I cannot imagine skimming the leaves off a swimming pool to be in poor taste. But I do think for the sake of balance and tranquility in our urban environment, we should learn to love the look of a carpet of leaves on a lawn. Leave them in the autumn. Rake them in the spiring. Mow the grass high. Let the worms eat the leaves. Education and training our aesthetic sense to be in fashion will solve our problem with leaf-blowers.

The lawn is not a swimming pool.
VICTOR YELVERTON HAINES II,
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AN IDEA FOR VETERANS

Just was advised last week that, as a thank you to veterans, the city of Montreal is allowing cars with a veteran plate to park for free until the 11th of November. Maybe Westmount could offer us veterans the same courtesy. Also, as mentioned in the Mrs. Duff Caron letter in the *Independent* of November 1, remembrance on the 11th is a much better idea and I will be at the cenotaph 11 o'clock that day. That is Remembrance Day.

MICHEL ROBERT DE MASSY,
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BACK TO BASICS, PLEASE

Am I alone here?

Council put out an announcement stating that it will be adding a new entry to the library (see the *Independent's* article on the same topic, November 1, p. 1). Hardly a priority, in my view, when many of the roads in Westmount are in deplorable condition; the repair of the greenhouse is limited to one room, at great expense, not nearly what we enjoyed years ago; and its plans for renovating Westmount Park costly and controversial. Back to basics is what is required – and public participation

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THANK YOU FOR NOVEMBER 11 CEREMONY

Thank you Catherine Duff Caron for organizing the simple, necessary Remembrance Day ceremony at the Westmount cenotaph on November 11. I, and everyone who attended, felt the need to just stop, and remember how many lives were lost for our freedom. How lucky we are now!

It was a touching ceremony, as many military members placed their personal poppies on the wreaths that had already been placed there at the city's ceremony on November 6, to be followed by thoughtful Westmount neighbours who also placed their personal poppies on them. Thank you, Catherine, and your very efficient helpers.

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Letter writer Victor Yelverton Haines is encouraging people to leave and chop up, not gather, leaves. The city may be on the same wave length, as seen here November 11 at Lansdowne and St. Catherine near the Westmount recreation centre.

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Leaf blowers, cont'd from p. 1

cause of the supply-chain shortage of the chips needed to power the eight-hour electric batteries. He explained that the landscapers needed longer warning time to run their businesses, even if the city should reconsider the start of the ban period. "It was a good debate," he said. "I listened carefully. The only question was that I wanted the starting date of the ban to be at the end of November 2024, the same as

Montreal, to allow for the fall clean-up [next year and in 2024] if the eight-hour batteries were still difficult to obtain. "The present electric ones don't have the strength to do the job, especially with heavy, wet leaves," he added. As he had told the council October 19, he had researched the lack of eight-hour battery supply and that if the landscapers could not find them, neither would the city be able to in its aim to "lead by example" in using them in its parks.

Westmouter Anglade thanked by mayor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city council meeting November 7 opened with Mayor Christina Smith thanking Dominique Anglade, a resident of Westmount, "on behalf of council for al-

Correction: Toboggan run to cost \$123K

In the story last week on the toboggan run (November 8, p. 11), an extra zero was inadvertently added to the cost. The total of the approved tender by city council October 11 was a maximum of \$123,500.

ways being open to our suggestions" and wished her "success" in the future. Anglade, "did something very brave," earlier that day in resigning as leader of the Quebec Liberal Party and opposition leader in the legislature, Mayor Smith said. The resignation "for the good of the party," Anglade explained, came five weeks after the Quebec election in which the party won the lowest number of seats in its history but still retained the second greatest number in the legislature. Anglade also announced that effective December 1 she would also resign her seat representing Westmount's neighbouring riding of St. Henri-St. Anne.

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Continues as a Family Medicine Group

Westmount Square Medical Center loses super-clinic status

By JENNIFER BALL

On March 6, 2018, then provincial minister of health and social services Gaétan Barrette announced that the Westmount Square Medical Center was to become a super-clinic.

Just four years later, its status has been changed to a Family Medicine Group and many physicians and patients are wondering what happened.

“We are in the midst of putting into place all the pieces of a puzzle – all the pieces needed to have a healthcare system that works,” Barrette said in 2018.

So why didn't it go as planned?

What makes a super-clinic?

Super-clinics must meet certain requirements to retain their status:

- offer a minimum of 20,000 consultations per year to patients who are not enrolled with a Family Medicine Group physician,
- allow the patient to have access to a medical consultation the same day of their visit, or the next day by telephoning three hours before closing,
- offer local medical imaging and sampling services,
- use a certified electronic medical record, and
- commit to meeting the needs of the population in the event of an increase in the demand for services, for example, during a period of influenza activity.

Barry Morgan, media relations specialist, CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Integrated Health & Social Services University Network for West-Central Montreal, said: “The clinic is no longer a super-clinic because a number of physicians have retired. The clinic has a Family Medicine Group status.”

Two healthcare professionals who worked at Westmount Square Medical offered their observations anonymously, while requests for interviews went unanswered from its medical director, Dr. Yvan Fortin, and one of the clinic's owners, Luc Provost.

‘Physicians are fed up’

The first healthcare source has seen a shift in the past three years: “...physicians are fed up and they're just opting out, in record numbers, of the public sector.

“A large number just retired, just felt that it's not worth it. Not worth the time, not worth the effort, not with the small reimbursement and the dwindling resources.”

The second source described the situation as a perfect storm. “The government started changing gradually how much you



could charge. There were caps put on all the different fees that they could charge.”

The clinic's management did not really adapt too well to the changes, this source believes, while also saying that “I know from other clinics that I work at, it's really hard to recruit doctors in Montreal because there's only a few new doctors allowed in Montreal every year.”

Both sources allege they started being paid erratically in 2021 and then they stopped being paid at all, while conceding “Doctors are not an easy thing to make a lot of money on because the condition can vary.”

Still, one is not going to get through to a sub-specialist without a primary care physician, the first source lamented.

The *Independent* is unable to independently verify these late- and non-payment allegations (and proving a negative – in this case non-payment – is practically difficult), but it reached out additionally in five ways on November 11 to Westmount Square Medical management to get its comment on this specific issue and received no answer by press time.

The fact that there are 12,230 individuals over 65 years of age living in Westmount, according to the latest census data, was not far from the sources' minds. Plus, “[Westmount Square Medical] was supposed to service not just the immediate area, but almost all of the downtown Montreal area and into the suburbs.”

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Hallowe'en is back!

By RALPH THOMPSON

An eerie calm fell over Westmount as the sun set October 31. Dog walkers scurried home, and the birds settled quietly in trees and bushes. The ghouls, goblins and witches were emerging from behind dark doorways and fanning out across Westmount with dastardly deeds in mind. Elaborately decorated properties were tempting the tricksters with candies and chocolate, while scary skeletons lurked in the shadows to pounce on unsuspecting kids. It was a scary night to be out and about. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and several said it was great to have Hallowe'en back after the two-year break.



Gordon Crescent was a popular place to hang out for ghosts and weird blobs, but Jaclyn (far right, black-and-white jacket) and Rebecca were picking up candies from a COVID-safer treat chute while a couple of witches lurk in the shadows above.



As the light faded on Summit Crescent, a witch cozied up to a zombie and the devil looked on with a smile, Oliver (left), Zombie Jeremy, Nancy and Alexander Fattal.



Four Minions teamed up with their evil masters on Lexington and Edgehill to entrap unsuspecting toddlers into their cave; the deceptive smiles of Lexi (left), Hiba, Andra and Selma Pathy cannot hide the evil that surrounds them, including a giant t-rex just out of sight.



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In 2019, Julian Hughes, right, waits to speak at a city council meeting after his mother Paola Samuel and sister Leni Tisch to pitch for an artificial turf field (see November 12, 2019, p. 8).

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three years ago, Westmounter Julian Hughes, sporting his Westmount Soccer Club’s jersey, was among those asking at a city council meeting November 4, 2019 for the city to install a playing field of artificial turf. This was needed, supporters contended, so that local teams could play their inter-city games through challenging weather and under night lights.

Now, at age 19, he has become part of a team in Dublin called the Bohemian Football Club that in November won the Irish national cup for his under-19 age level, where he is returning to try to turn professional.

“Winning this final game ranked us as the number one team in the country,” he said. “The final was played in front of 2,500 people at our home stadium, Dalymount Park.”

It’s all because of the start he got in Westmount, he said, first with the city’s recreational league and then with the parent-run Westmount

► Julian Hughes in November displays Ireland’s national cup for the under-19 age level, ranking his team – Bohemia FC – number one in the country.

Soccer Club, before migrating through teams at Dawson College CEGEP along with other Montreal-area teams, he said.

And throughout the recent years, he has played on artificial turf fields everywhere but in Westmount, he added.

Playing abroad, however, where soccer is called football, he tried out in Iceland and Sweden, which he had to abandon because they discovered their visa regulations did not enable foreign players.

He could, however, play in Ireland. “He went to Dublin not knowing a soul and ended up signing with Dublin’s number one team for his age level,” explained his mother, Paola Samuel, a former field manager for the Westmount Soccer Club.

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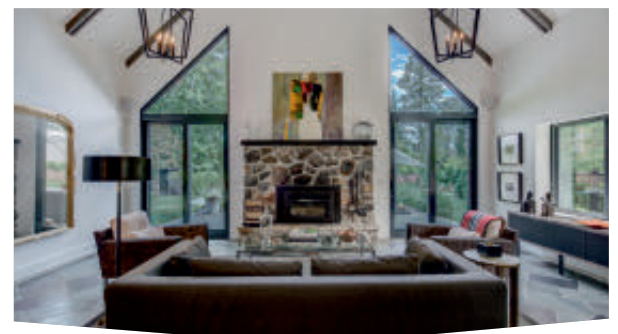
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Sports & Rec introduces ‘honorable mentions’

Nadler becomes city’s player of month as first-time goalie

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Nine-year-old Nixon Nadler has earned the distinction of becoming the city’s player-of-the-month for October, the first of the players chosen for the 2022-2023 season. The Westmount Minor Hockey Association also gave one player in each of its 10 teams an honourable mention.

Nixon is being recognized for exemplary leadership, respect, eagerness and enthusiasm in answering the call to strap on the goalie pads this fall having never done so before “to ensure that his team has a goalie for the season,” according to Andrew Maislin, operations manager for the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

“So many associations are desperate for goalies as it is by far the hardest position on a hockey team,” Maislin added. “Nixon, who is part of the M11 B Wings team, has shown exemplary willingness to advance his career as goalie.”

He is described as being on the ice six or seven times a week after stepping up to fill the net after the team’s original goalie was injured and unable to play for the season. “It is truly unbelievable to see his progress as a goalie.”

The association is honoured to have young boys and girls who are willing to try a new position, Maislin explained. “Goalies need to be very quick, athletic and have great hands. They also need to be smart, brave and tough for this position, and Nixon shows all those.”

He also received honorable mention recognitions for his role on both the M11 A and M11 B teams for which he played. He and others named this week as a new component of the recognition program launched on the association’s website can also be found at www.ahmw.org.

The four M9 teams do not have any HM picks as they have not started their season yet. They are expected to appear in November.

HM’s named

This month’s HM recipients are: **Stella West** (M11 all-girls team), **Nixon Nadler** (for both of the M11 A and M11 B teams he played for), **William Nesbitt** (M13 A), **Sophie Du** (M13 B), **Spencer Kaplan** (M15 A), **Seokhyun Kwon** (M15 B) and **Ray Lawson** (M18 A).

▶ Nixon Nadler.
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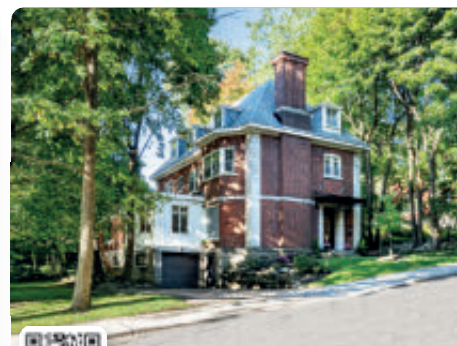
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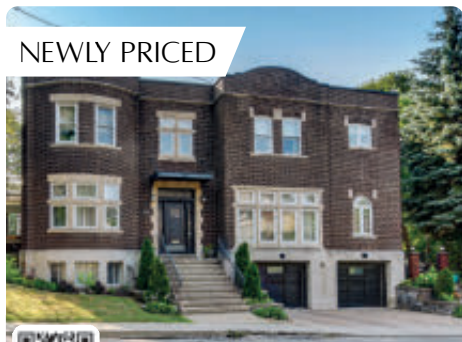


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October sales: Nothing under \$2M, but volume way down



Real Estate
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Note: The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in October 2022. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph at right offers a picture of these trends over time.

Volume tailed off again in Westmount real estate in October, but the most exciting news is that none of the five sales negotiated that month was for less than \$2,000,000. This is something of a record, the first time in Westmount's history there have been no sales under \$2 million.

Despite that, the adjusted average price of the standard Westmount house has been dropping almost steadily, from a record-high above \$2.8 million to the \$2.4-

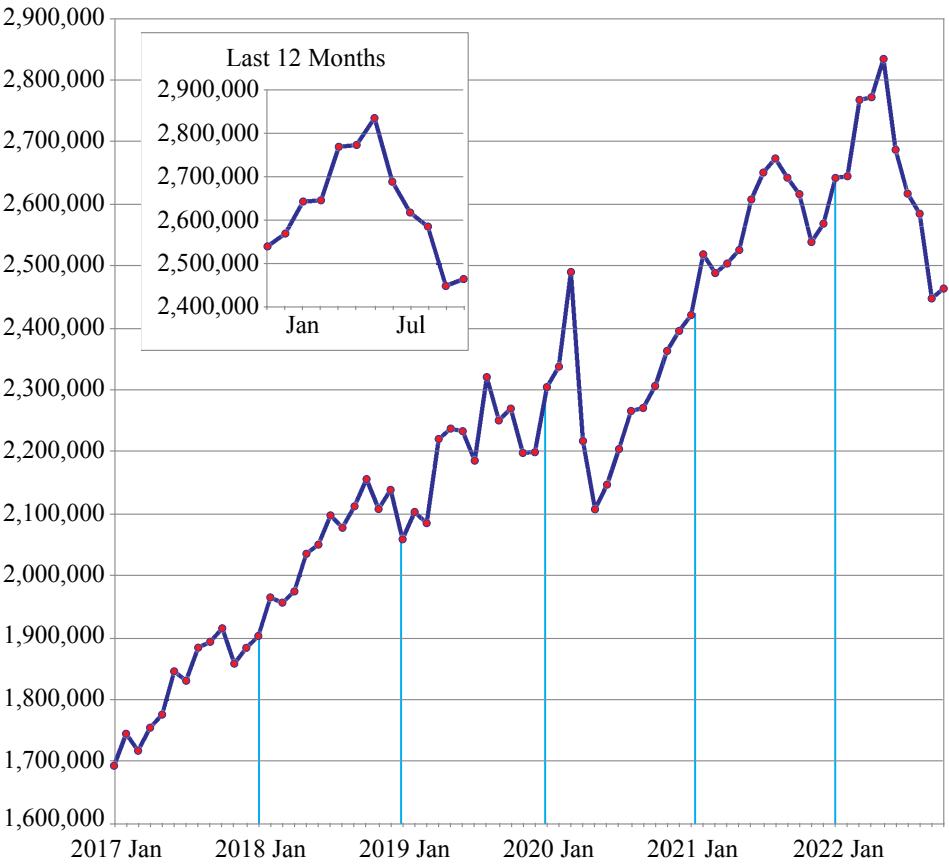
million mark, but the serious problem is lack of volume: While the first four months of 2022 produced an average of 15 sales each, that average in the last six months is 6.7, and the highest monthly number of sales is eight, in August.

One Westmount house sold in October for \$7,250,000, the third-highest price this year, for a stately mansion in the east-central part of the city. The lowest price, exactly \$2,000,000, went for a semi-detached house on Sunnyside Ave. east of Lexington Ave. And while 23 houses were asking less than \$2 million on the market in mid-October, only a few had been on the market more than 90 days. Thus, we are moving very slowly from a seller's to a buyer's market, but the demand at the top appears to be holding steady.

Only one month so far this year has not had a price agreement of less than \$5 million. There have been three house sales over \$7 million and another three over \$6 million. While houses such as the one built by Leo Kolber were negotiated in late 2020, only three sales over \$6 million were posted by agents in all of 2021.

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Average adjusted price for 'typical' Westmount house, by month, January 2017 to October 2022, based on accepted offer dates



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Dodge on real estate, cont'd from p. 14

A condo high at Château Westmount Square

One late-September sale of a condominium at Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine St., was posted in October, representing both the highest price for a condo (\$2,715,000) in the third quarter of the year and the highest mark-up over valuation (61 percent). No other condo sales were posted for October, thus there is nothing to report yet for the fourth quarter of 2022.

As of mid-October, there were 100 houses on the market in Westmount, up three from a month earlier but up a whopping 19 from the same period a year ago. Of the current 100 listings, 28 are asking between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, up 10 from a year ago, while 37 are in the \$2-million bracket, up only four from a year earlier.

This is another indication that the \$2-million bracket is becoming the norm in Westmount, and buyers who have \$1+ million available are just starting to look outside the city limits, mostly in the Square



The Château Westmount Square on November 11, looking east at Greene. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

Mile, where three houses sold between \$1,800,000 and \$2,200,000 in October.

The other adjacent-Westmount areas have only seen shares of duplexes or condo apartments sold. We expect to see a shift of interest to this area over the holiday season while we wait to find out what next spring has in store for Westmount.

400 Mt. Pleasant, cont'd from p. 1

cil's first draft by-law adopted June 20 followed by a public consultation meeting, and a second draft by-law on September 6 and that holding of a referendum would require "significant resources."

"What does a referendum like this cost the city?" asked District 7 councillor Matt Aronson before the council vote. Exact costs had not been worked out, he was told, since many details would need to be finalized such as the numbers of polling stations and workers.

Mitchell Adler, who owns 400 Mount Pleasant through a company and applied for the zoning change to accommodate the business office of DLVRD Logistics, asked during question period how this had happened.

"I can imagine you are very disappointed," Mayor Smith said. "It's not the

outcome you expected."

Referring to one of the permitted occupancies already grandfathered – a senior citizens' residence, which Adler referred to as a nursing home – he replied: "So I think that's what we'll put there." Mayor Smith then suggested he work through urban planning. It had also been suggested that he could also re-apply for office use and explain his reasons to neighbours.

He later told the *Independent* that while the council's withdrawal may have been the way democracy worked, residents who voted had received only one side of the story from a letter that had been circulated by a neighbour referring to office-use as a potential parking problem "that scared them into signing" (see story October 25, p. 5).



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Lundi 5 décembre

NEWS

NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING

Monday, December 5



Inscription pour les activités d'hiver dès le 22 novembre
Inscrivez-vous aux activités de sports et de loisirs pour l'hiver dès le mardi 22 novembre (en ligne dès 8 h, ou en personne au CLW dès 8 h 30). Consultez le guide d'activités à westmount.org.



Registration for winter activities begins November 22
Sign up for winter 2023 sports and leisure activities as of Tuesday, November 22 (8 a.m. online / 8:30 a.m. in person at the WRC). Consult the activity guide at westmount.org.

Séance spéciale du conseil le 5 décembre
Lundi 5 décembre à 19 h, hôtel de Ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke O. Le programme triennal d'immobilisations pour les exercices financiers 2023, 2024 et 2025 sera déposé pour adoption lors de cette séance. westmount.org

Rue Saint-Antoine Ouest : projet de réaménagement 2022-2023
La Ville de Montréal effectuera des travaux importants sur la rue Saint-Antoine O., de l'av. Atwater à la rue Irène entre novembre 2022 et décembre 2023. Plus de détails : montreal.ca.

Travaux ferroviaires de nuit
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Special council sitting December 5
Monday, December 5, 7 p.m., City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W. The 3-year programme for capital expenditures for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025 will be tabled for adoption at this sitting. westmount.org

Rue Saint-Antoine West: 2022-2023 redevelopment project
The Ville de Montréal will carry out major work on Rue Saint-Antoine W., from Ave. Atwater to Rue Irène) between November 2022 and December 2023. Learn more at montreal.ca.

Night work in the railway corridor
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Garden waste collection
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Exposition à la galerie :
Nina Cherney et Alexandra MacDougall
Jusqu'au 16 novembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall. Musique à la galerie le 16 novembre à 18 h.

Conférence :
Heritage Montreal's Architectural Tours
Jeudi 17 novembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Avec Nancy Dunton. Inscrivez-vous sur [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Amis de la Bibliothèque : vente de livres
Samedi et dimanche, 19 et 20 novembre, 10 h à 16 h, Victoria Hall.

Ciné-Club au Victoria Hall
Mardi 22 novembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. *Ich bin dein Mensch* (2021). En allemand avec sous-titres en anglais. Inscrivez-vous sur [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Méditation à la Galerie
Mardi 29 novembre, 11 h, Galerie du Victoria Hall. Participez à une séance de méditation guidée sur chaise et abordez l'art d'une manière différente. Inscrivez-vous sur [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Collecte de sang Héma-Québec
Mercredi 30 novembre, 13 h 30 à 19 h 30, Victoria Hall. Prenez rendez-vous : **1 800 343-7264** ou jedonne@hema-quebec.qc.ca.

Fêtes en folie au Square Prince-Albert
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Illumination du sapin de Noël
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Chantons Noël entre voisins
Dimanche 11 décembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. Des cantiques de Noël, du vin épicé et du chocolat chaud sont au menu. Bienvenue à tous.

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Lecture:
Heritage Montreal's Architectural Tours
Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m., Library. With Nancy Dunton. Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday and Sunday, November 19 & 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Victoria Hall.

Film Club at Victoria Hall
Tuesday, November 22, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Ich bin dein Mensch* (2021). In German with English subtitles. Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Meditation in the Gallery
Tuesday, November 29, 11 a.m., Gallery at Victoria Hall. Take part in a guided meditation (on chairs) and engage with art in a different way. Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Héma-Québec Blood Donor Clinic
Wednesday, November 30, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. Appointments: **1 800 343-7264** or igive@hema-quebec.qc.ca.

Prince Albert Square Holiday Happening
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Christmas Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 1st, 6 p.m. City Hall. Join City Council members for this celebration.

Neighbourhood Caroling
Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. Enjoy Christmas carols, spiced wine and hot chocolate. Everyone welcome.

Concert: Noël lyrique
Friday, December 16, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Hear the *Chœur de temps fort* in this unique holiday concert. Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

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City hosts its 96th Remembrance Day ceremony

By RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount's 96th Remembrance Day ceremony was held at 2 pm, November 6 at the cenotaph in front of city hall. Fortunately, the rain forecast did not hold true. The warm temperatures and occasional glimpse of the sun made the environment pleasant for the solemn annual observance.

The chaplain of the Royal Montreal

Regiment (RMR), Captain Rici Be, welcomed everyone to the gathering and they joined together to sing the national anthem.

Capt. Be first acknowledged "the diverse indigenous people, including the Kanien 'kehá:ka people, whose footsteps have marked this unceded land."

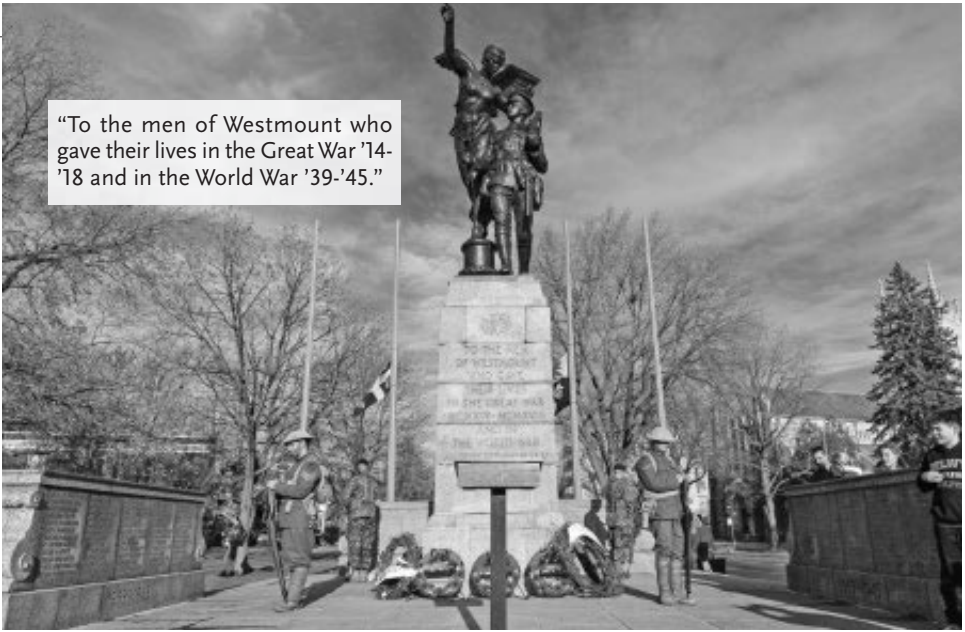
Fear

Capt. Be went on to talk in French and English about the fear we all face, but also considered the fear that the soldiers faced as they headed into major conflicts of past wars.

He explained how our Canadian heroes believed in a world living in peace, and how our soldiers and peacekeepers continue this role around the world today. In 2022, he said, we are enjoying a future because of our past Canadian heroes. A freedom to choose, and to better our lives and the lives of those around us.

Hope

Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation then took to the podium and talked about hope. He read a prayer to honour the dead of World War I written over 100 years ago by a rabbi who died shortly after he had written it. The



"To the men of Westmount who gave their lives in the Great War '14-'18 and in the World War '39-'45."

Lord's Prayer was read in French, followed in English by Reverend Wheeler of St. Matthias.

Corporal Dumas played "The Last Post." There was a two-minute silence. Dumas then played a *reveille*.

Montreal West Air Cadet Corporal Hatt Sustam then read an extract from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen" in French, followed by retired Colonel H. Hall, who read an one in English.

Dignitaries then placed their wreaths at the cenotaph on behalf of the government of Canada, the government of Quebec, the city of Westmount, the government of Israel, Br 14 Royal Canadian Legion, HMCS Donnacona, 2nd Field Regiment RCA,

34th Field Engineers Regiment, 34th Communications Regiment, The Royal Montreal Regiment, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a number of other military and civil organizations and individuals.


La Musique Des Fusiliers Mont-Royal closed the ceremony by leading the gathering in "God Save the King."

One observer counted the total attendance at 420, which he considered a record turn-out.

Thanks to LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson of the Royal Montreal Regiment, who helped fill in the details of the regiments and other details.



At the podium, from right to left, retired Col. H. Hall in English read from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen," preceded by Montreal West Air Cadet Corporal Hatt Sustam in French. Chaplain Capt. Rici Be conducted the ceremony on behalf of the RMR.



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Residents remember on November 11



BY RALPH THOMPSON

An unofficial gathering of about 60 people met at the cenotaph in Vimy Park in front of city hall at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The volunteer organizer Catherine Duff Caron spoke a few words at 11 am, there was a two-minute silence and the Reverend Wheeler, rector of St. Matthias church, and Rabbi Lisa Grushcow of Temple Emanu-El-Beth-Sholom said prayers.

Members of the Canadian navy based

at HMCS Donnacona, soldiers from the Royal Montreal Regiment and Westmount Public Security officers led by Westmount public safety director Greg McBain placed their poppies at the foot of the cenotaph. Others followed suit.

The quiet, solemn event lacked the pageantry of the official Remembrance Day ceremony the previous Sunday but provided a genuine sense of community and a collective remembrance of all who have fallen in the military service of their country.

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Hydro Westmount work on Mountain Ave. to wrap up within three weeks

BY JENNIFER BALL

The big dig that has been happening on the north side of Sherbrooke St. at Mountain Ave. should be wrapped up within three weeks, according to a spokesperson on the Hydro Westmount project.

The information was relayed to the *Independent* by Sebastian Samuel of the communications division for the city.

The work is part of the maintenance that Hydro Westmount performs. Specifically, it entails changing out an old chamber that is over 70 years old that needed updating.

The chamber included an electrical junction so maintenance had to be undertaken to update it and all the electrical connections so every cable continued to have electrical flow.

The work plan was opened in 2019 but Hydro Westmount indicated there was more pressing work on other places in the city before this job could even be started. It should be completed by the end of November.

We welcome your letters

We welcome your letters but reserve the right to choose and edit them. Please limit to 300 words and submit before Friday 10 am to be considered for publication the following week. email us at: editor@westmountindependent.com




Looking east on Sherbrooke at Mountain Ave. on October 29.



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Social Notes

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A brilliant Brilliant Night

city's top eateries.

Dishing out their creative canapés in person, many of the restaurant owners doubly participated including **Daniel Notkin** of Notkins Oyster Bar; **Aaron Klein** (Olive Orange) and **Vincent Van Horn** (La Chaufferie).

Other sought-after caterers included Lucille's, Micado, Le Fournil, Buffet Il Gabiano, Sweet Isabelle and more.

The evening's honorary vice presidents were **Lorena Cook**, Sarah's Fund, Cedars

Cancer Foundation and Neuro Advisory board member; **Eric R. La Flèche**, CEO Métro Inc.; **Alexandre Le Bouthillier**, AI entrepreneur and angel investor; and **Madeleine Paquin**, CEO, Logistec.

Honorary ambassadors were **Jasmine Adhami** director, legal affairs Dollarama; **Olivier Boulva**, partner, Keira Capital Partners; **Mitch Kendall**, Kendall Family Foundation (attending with his wife **Nicole Kendall**); **Peter Lombardi**, chair Construction C.A.L.; **Sébastien Fournier**, vp investment counselor, Corporation Fiera Capital; **Frédéric Gauthier**, president, RunSSoft

Technologies, and **Bryan Kaplan** principal, Reliane Construction
Group, there with his *continued on p. 21*

Erratum: Victoria LeBlanc honoured

Huge apologies to Victoria LeBlanc. I used the wrong first name for you last week (p. 28). Proof of your amazing reputation is that I have been informed by many of my error.

Mea culpa.

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Committee and ambassadors.

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wife **Lauren Kaplan**.

Hard-working committee members were Brilliant Night co-founder **Suzanne Wexler** (attending with husband **Dr. David Hauerstock**), chair **Alana Wexler** (with her husband **Howard Schwartz**); **Kaitlin Zwi-reck**, **Roberta Bennett**, **Sheryl Goldstein**, **Leslie Hacker**, **Lisa Kerub**, **Marie-Claude Lacroix**, **Mia Patt**, **Jessica Scalera**, **Heidi Small**, **Marion Van Horn**, **Robin Westhaver** and **Heidi Wilk**.

Flattering lighting in the tented space (heated!) showcased beautifully dressed women. (No hoodies!)

Speeches were given by **Dr. Guy Rou-leau**, director The Neuro; the event's hon-orary chair **Nicole Collet**, general manager business application Microsoft; and **Dr. Sophie-Danielle Perron**, whose mother was a patient at The Neuro. **Dr. Kevin Pet-recca**, neurosurgery chief at McGill (in at-tendance with his wife **Myriam Douville**) spoke in memory of **Ivan Boulva**, the late husband of event co-founder **Marie-Claude Lacroix**.

The former vp of Cadillac Fairview was sadly lost to cancer this year. Boulva and his family have been long-time supporters of The Neuro and are among A Brilliant Night's most loyal, serving as the event's

honorary chair since its inception.

Noted guests included **Anna Gainey** and **Tom Pitfield**, **Joyce and Alan Schwartz**, **Camila and Jeff Baikowitz**, **Sophie Palmer**, **Lindsay Hollinger**, **Alana Geller**, **Courtney and Matt Beckerleg**, **Abraham Wexler**, **Bar-bara Seal**, **Linda Greenberg**, **Linda and Terry Smith**, **Prosanto Chaudhury** and **Debbie Stock**, **Brian Potter** and **Lea Crist-ante**, **Andrew Potter** and **Liz Wasserman**, **Shuki Ho**, **Alysia Yip-Hoi Martin**, **Ariella Schacter** and **Warren Skolnick**, **Gregory Charles**, **Ea Dawson**, **Richard Yufe**, **Nikole Jecen**, **Amanda Jelowicki**, **Alana Gelle**, **Lisa Vatch** and **Jonathan Wilner**, **Stephanie Riddle** and **Bram Schwartz**, **Anne Gars-chagen**, **Jackie Yermus** and **Dan Roberts**, and **Jacques Bougie**, chair Neuro Advisory Board.

Since its inauguration in 2015, A Bril-liant Night has been awarded with three CASE (Circle of Excellence) awards for special events (Gold, Silver, and Bronze). Most impressively – *ahem*, brilliantly – the event has helped fund ground-breaking brain cancer research featured in the pre-stigious journal *Nature Communication* (July 2020).

The fabulously fun eve raised \$915,000. In its first six years, A Brilliant Night raised over \$6 million, 100 percent of which was donated to research at The Neuro.



Maria Delli Colli, Robby Bennett and Rosemarie Bongiovanni.



Robyn Westhaver, Ian Elbaz, and Daniel Notkin.



Kevin Petrecca, Myriam Douville, Dr. Guy Rouleau, Jacques Bougie, Alysia Yip-Martin and Anna Gainey.



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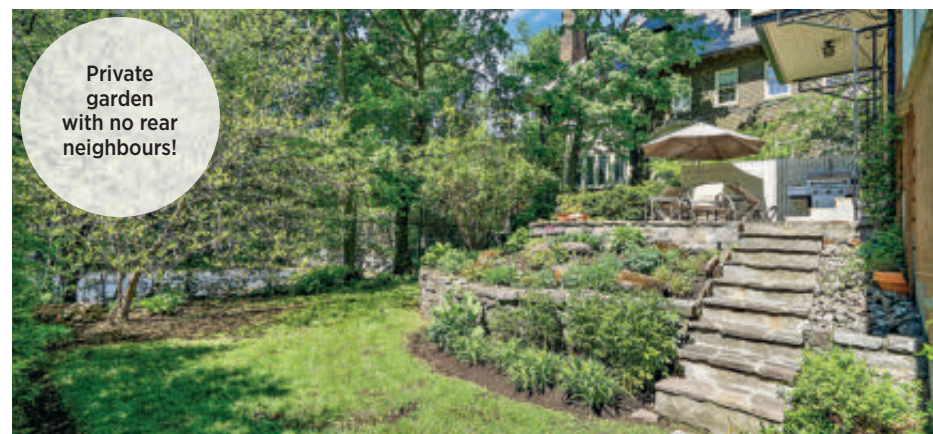
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