

Westmount Park lagoon won't be re-filled, but 'monitored' City adjusts watering practices to support island-wide water conservation effort

BY JENNIFER BALL

The city has adjusted its watering practices to support a major water conservation effort after the city of Montreal asked 16 of its 19 boroughs and six demerged cities on the island (Westmount, TMR, Hampstead, Côte St. Luc, Montreal East and Montreal West) to cut water consumption due to emergency repairs on a major Atwater Ave. water main.

The *Independent* reported on the conservation effort two weeks ago (June 2, p. 7) and wondered how the city has adjusted its use of water since then.

Stacy Maignan, division head of Communications at the city, provided a statement on June 5 that read, "The city has adjusted its watering practices in parks, flower gardens and horticultural areas to

support the regional water conservation effort. These measures are being implemented carefully to maintain the health and quality of Westmount's vegetation and landscaped areas, and the city continues to maintain its edible gardens while applying water conservation measures and watering practices."

What about city sprinklers?

Has the city also turned off municipal water sprinklers that are pre-programmed?

Maignan said that "The city has adjusted its irrigation operations to reduce potable water consumption while continuing to maintain parks, gardens and green spaces in good condition."

The Westmount Park lagoon is supplied with potable water and, according to Maignan, *continued on p. 2*

Resilience says goodbye to Atwater site #1, moves this week to Atwater site #2



The Resilience day shelter for homeless people is moving from its St. Catherine/Atwater location in Westmount to one down the hill in St. Henri. Client Maxime was all smiles on the last day at the old location, June 12. He refers to himself as a "country boy" and wanted to include a Bible in the photo. See p. 11 for story.

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Only questions from city website answered

Info meeting on school safety focuses on Argyle Ave., city hall area

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's virtual information session on "Safe Routes to School" took place June 10 as a two-hour-long webinar presented in two continuous sessions concluding with questions and answers that had been received on the city website.

The plan was based on three years of studies involving schools, teachers, profes-

sional consultants and traffic studies, and focussed on presentations from the city's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

Studies contended that – for the current area of focus around city hall, where three schools are located including some 2,800 children – "too much was going on."

Recommendations included reducing traffic congestion on Argyle by restricting it to *continued on p. 6*



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Water, cont'd from p. 1

the city will suspend its re-filling as part of the conservation measures, but: "the pond will continue to be monitored and maintained as needed, with consideration for the well-being of the vegetation and wildlife that depend on it, including the ducks that use the area."

When the *Independent* went by on June 12 and twice on June 15, the inflow near the Westmount Public Library was not running at all. The one near the Melville Ave. soccer field was at half flow (June 12), no flow (first visit June 15) and full flow (second visit June 15).

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Ducklings rescued from storm drain near Westmount Park School



BY LAUREN SWEENEY

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When it was discovered that four baby ducklings had hatched and become separated from their mother June 9 across from Westmount Park School at 10:05 am, Public Security officials said that Public Works was contacted to rescue them from a storm drain.

The four were brought up by Public Works before a fifth was discovered two hours later and also rescued.

It was not reported whether the ducklings were taken to the lagoon.

See p. 9 for another duckling rescue story.

Ticketed for being in KGP after curfew, firecrackers

Public safety officers on patrol heard

firecrackers being let off in King George (Murray) Park at 1:50 am June 7, Public Security officials said.

Three youths in their late teens were found and issued fines under \$100. One was a Westmount resident.

Park curfews are in place after midnight.

Furniture overturned at midnight

Answering a call for construction noise just after midnight June 10, public safety officers could not find any work in progress on de Maisonneuve near Atwater, but discovered a picnic table and flower pots overturned which, they speculated, could explain the noise.

“It also explains why when officers get a call, they never know what to expect,” explained assistant Public Security director Kim Colquhoun.

A man who was detained for mischief in connection with the issue was described as uncooperative. Police were called and he was reported to have been sent to hospital for evaluation. A city contractor was called to clean up the mess.

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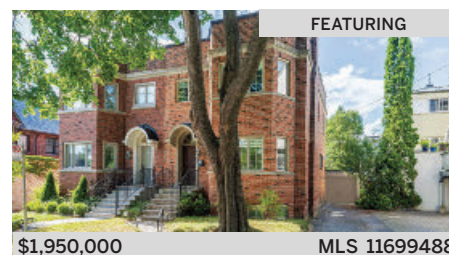
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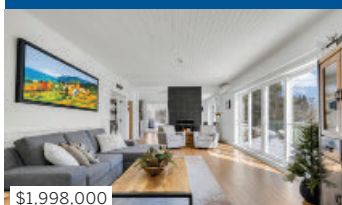


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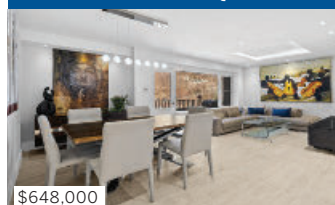


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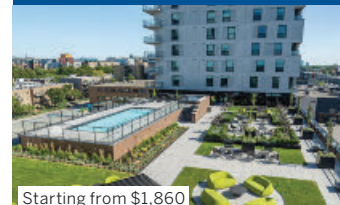


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO TO ARTIFICIAL TURF PLAN
IN WESTMOUNT

In response to the mayor's stated intention to install artificial turf following a recent injury to a young player who suffered a broken leg on the current soccer field, it is concerning that a decision of this magnitude appears to be driven primarily by a single incident rather than by a proper assessment of long-term community impact, safety standards and environmental consequences. While any injury is unfortunate and deserves attention, it is important to distinguish between improving field maintenance and fundamentally altering one of Westmount's most valued green spaces.

Westmount Park* is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful and emblematic public spaces in the city. Replacing natural grass with artificial turf would not only change its character and aesthetics, but would also introduce well-documented concerns about plastic degradation and microplastics. Many Westmount residents would strongly oppose such a move, especially as municipalities elsewhere are increasingly re-thinking, not expanding, the use of artificial turf.

It is also troubling that the mayor appears to believe a "better artificial turf" resolves these concerns. As one resident aptly noted, "plastic is plastic." While products may differ in design or durability, they do not change the fundamental issue of replacing a living green surface with synthetic materials in a public park meant for

all generations.

Additionally, reports that Marianopolis College may be expected or pressured to adopt artificial turf raise further questions about consultation, consent and priorities within our educational and recreational institutions. Young people and institutions should be part of transparent decision-making, not subject to top-down assumptions.

Westmount is a community of active families – soccer moms, basketball moms, swimming moms, speed skating moms, ballet moms, piano moms, and so on – and, most importantly, children engaged in many sports and arts. Injuries, while unfortunate, do happen. However, it is difficult to justify a solution that introduces environmental risks for everyone in response to what is fundamentally a matter of field maintenance.

This brings us to the core issue: the condition of the field itself. The current problems appear to reflect insufficient professional maintenance. In many other communities, natural fields are kept in excellent condition through proper care and oversight. It raises a simple question: why not invest in maintaining a safe, high-quality natural surface?

Westmount has the resources and can find expertise – available locally and internationally – to maintain its public spaces properly. Maintaining a healthy field is not comparable to solving a world crisis. It is a matter of competent management and priorities. What is required is not a reactive substitution, but professional decision-

making grounded in environmental responsibility and common sense for the well-being of everyone.

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.
**Editor's note:* For clarity, while the mayor was clearly for artificial turf in principle at the June 2 council meeting, he did not seem hell bent on Westmount Park as the location. Indeed, he seemed hopeful about a deal with Marianopolis College, presumably on its land, and saw that outcome as the best result. See, for example, timestamp 42:00 from that meeting. – DP.

ARTIFICIAL TURF '2.0'
HAS MAJOR ISSUES TOO

Amid renewed discussion of synthetic soccer fields and their charismatic appeal, I sought the aid of my AI friends, Claude and Deep Seek, and asked them: "Do the latest generation of synthetic turf soccer fields have damaging environmental effects?"

The AI consensus reported that, yes, the synthetic industry has made strides, but has largely traded one set of problems for another.

This set of deep problems connected with modern synthetic fields includes:

1. Microplastic pollution,
2. Chemical leaching and toxicity,
3. Persistent heat-island effect,
4. Habitat and soil sterilization,
5. End of life disposal crisis.

AI's conclusion: "The 'latest generation' of synthetic surfaces has successfully moved away from the notorious toxins of the tire crumb [infill used initially], but has created a new crisis of microplastic shredding, persistent heat and unmanageable waste. An organic-infill field is less harmful than a tire-crumbs one, but calling any plastic field 'environmentally friendly' is a stretch.

"The most environmentally sound alternative for a playing field surface remains a well-maintained, intensively managed natural grass field designed for high use."

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The *Independent* regularly reports on criminal activity in Westmount: burglaries, pickpocketings, car thefts...

What most/many members of our public likely do not know is that such crimes are frequently perpetrated by international organized crime in a sophisticated way. They target wealthier areas of wealthier countries, and they often arrive with the fall time change (criminals like the dark).

One can only hope that Westmount Public Safety and our local police force are

paying attention to this phenomenon.

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ON ARGYLE AVE. ONE-WAY ISSUE,
COUNCILLORS UNDERMINING
MAYOR'S COMMITMENT

At the June 2 city council meeting, Mayor Michael Stern declared his commitment to "stronger services, safer streets, tighter financial oversight, and a city hall that listens and acts." I take the mayor at his word.

The mayor must rely on the people around him, and in the case of the proposed conversion of Argyle Ave. into a one-way street, I believe he is being poorly served by certain members of his council.

Many Argyle residents attended the June 2 meeting to express their opposition and asked council to pause implementation and hold an interactive, in-person meeting rather than the scheduled one-way Zoom session [on June 10]. The mayor said he would "take it under advisement" – and then nothing changed.

He did not even attend the June 10 information session himself, leaving the matter entirely in the hands of councillors Chomski and Shamie.

I also wrote directly to the mayor and those councillors requesting the underlying studies, an explanation of alternatives considered and a proper in-person consultation. The only response I received was from the executive assistant in the mayor's office saying that I would need to submit a formal request to access documents through the city's Legal Services.

The June 10 Zoom session was an exercise in managed communication, not consultation. Officials explained the proposal but did not present alternatives or explain *continued on p. 8*

Kaufman sells record
property in Laurentians

A Westmount real estate broker, Sotheby's Liza Kaufman, has sold the most expensive Laurentians property ever listed through the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers' Centris database.

The Lake Tremblant house, designed by architect Richard Landry and interior designer Seta Marachlian, was listed at \$19,800,000.

Another Sotheby's agent represented the buyer. – DP.

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Too much of a good thing?



Describing herself as “an eccentric old lady,” reader Beverley Hutchison speculated about the thoughts of her green friends: “‘Enough rain!’ said my new herb plants,” and forwarded this photo of her new approach. “I don’t know about ‘eccentric,’” said *Independent* editor David Price. “It seems like a really intelligent solution to a real problem.”

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City unveils new virtual assistant/AI 'Antoine'

By JENNIFER BALL

At the June 2 council meeting, District 7 councillor Matt Aronson, who is the city's commissioner of legal affairs and communications, teed up the city's new AI tool "Antoine" – a virtual assistant – expected to aid in expeditious information searches, yet the *Independent's* first Q&A with Antoine produced mixed results.

Antoine is represented on the city's website by a black raven taken from its crest, described on the governor general's website as "the raven of St. Anthony volant and bringing bread all *proper* [in their natural colours]." The city's link to St. Anthony/St. Antoine goes beyond two street names. The whole municipality was originally known as the village of Côte St. Antoine.

This cartoon is accessible via the chat icon located at the bottom of each digital page on the city's site.

Councillor Aronson described it as "a virtual assistant that will allow you to simply ask your questions in natural language the way you would a friend, and Antoine will go find the answer for you to make sure that you've got all the information that you need right away – without

having to click through dozens of menus and try to guess at exactly what it is...

"We do want to make sure that you know that AIs can make mistakes and if you read something on the website, through Antoine, that doesn't quite make sense, try asking a second time. [...] And] take it with a grain of salt. It's a tool, but we all have to use our critical thinking as well."

What's the budget?

This *Independent* reporter's first question to Antoine was: "What is the overall operating budget for the city of Westmount in 2026?" – to which it replied, "I'm not able to confirm the overall 2026 operating budget amount from the available information."

Antoine did however provide the link to "Budget 2026," which indicated, "Council is being asked to adopt a balanced operating budget totalling \$145,712,400 (excluding Hydro Westmount)."

The *Independent* then asked, "Who is the current director of Public Works?" to which it responded "I'm not able to confirm the current director of Public Works from the available information. Please con-

tact the city directly at 514.989.5200." The director of Public Works is Maxime Saurveur (see May 26, p. 4).

A further enquiry was, "How many dog licences did the city of Westmount issue in 2026?" – to which Antoine responded, "I don't have access to the number of dog licences issued by the city of Westmount in 2026."

AI and taxes

Antoine did, however, know exactly when municipal taxes are due in Westmount in 2026 answering, "Property taxes may be paid in three interest-free instalments. The deadlines are:

- First instalment: March 9, 2026,
- Second instalment: June 9, 2026,
- Third instalment: September 9, 2026.

While Antoine is still learning to fly, we should bear in mind that AI doesn't store facts like a database and it improves with time when developers:

- train on more data,
- use better architectures,
- refine alignment techniques,
- run reinforcement learning with human feedback (RLHF),
- use synthetic data to boost reasoning.

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one-way traffic on Argyle (down from Montrose) with the possible installation of a chicane or traffic-slowing obstacles. Among possible options this one was deemed to be the least disruptive.

The entire area to Metcalfe includes three schools, fire and police stations and houses of worship – all described as "traffic generators," by École Polytechnique consultants and other study contributors. The findings from 2024-2026 concluded that the area was not "optimal for a school environment."

Councillor Jeff Shamie was shown saying that "change is not always easy to make" and there would "inconveniences," but in this case it was for "the safety of our children."

The conclusion followed what was reported as three years of involvement with Public Security, residents, parents and teachers. It is the first time the *Independent* has heard of these efforts.

As well as a plan for Argyle, the city's information session includes proposals to introduce one-way portions on Metcalfe (north-only from Sherbrooke) and Kensington (south-only from Côte St. Antoine to Sherbrooke).



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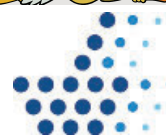
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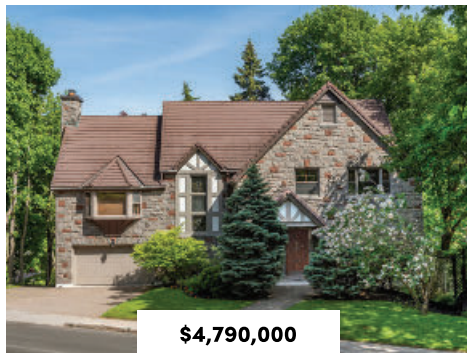
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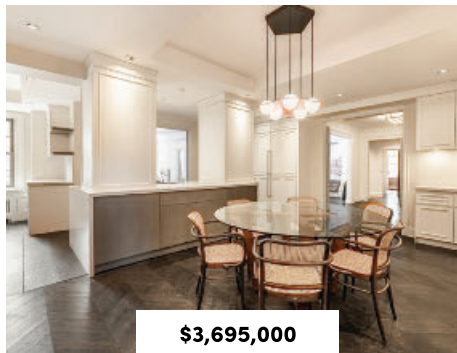
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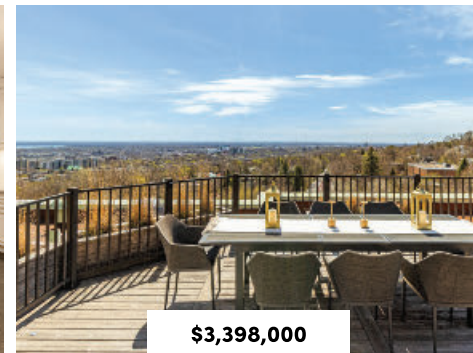
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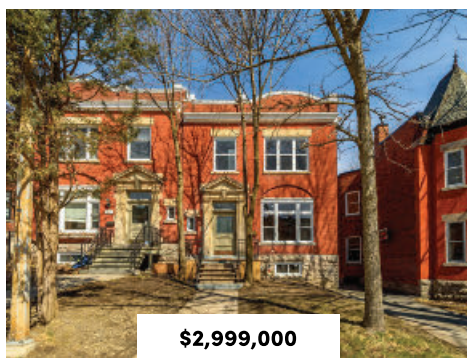
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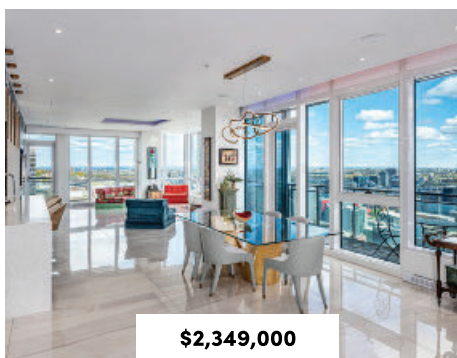
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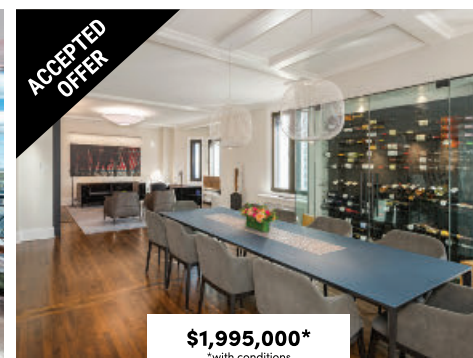
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Looking to next season

City hopes to grow girls' hockey even more with U18 teams

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

The city's 2025-2026 hockey season came to a close in Westmount as "a great example of just how much the city's program for girls has grown since 2019," Councillor Shawn Moss told the city council meeting June 2. "That was when the city did not yet have one girls' hockey team."

Within these seven years, the girls' Westmount Wings teams have grown from those for ages under 7 all the way through to under age 15, he explained.

As the city's commissioner of sports and recreation as well as a coach in the hockey and baseball programs, Moss highlighted the growth in girls' hockey.

"We have a strong and growing program with teams across multiple age groups and competitive levels, including 11 girls playing at the AA and AAA (competitive) levels," he said.

Looking ahead

"Looking ahead, we're hoping to continue that growth by adding a U18 girls'

team next season," he said. "This would give our players the opportunity to stay in the Westmount program as they move into their later teenage years.

"Whether we're able to make it happen will depend on registration numbers, so we encourage anyone interested to spread the word and help us build the next step in our girls' program," he said in presenting a report from Alyssa Sherrard, president of the Westmount Minor Hockey Association.

Highlights of 2025-2026

One of the highlights of the girls' past season was the U12A team, which "brought home both the regional championship and provincial championship banners. Their success reflects the hard work, commitment and passion shown by the players, coaches and families throughout the season."

While those championships are definitely worth celebrating, "the biggest success story is the growth of girls' hockey itself," Moss added.

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why the most extreme option was chosen. Only questions selected by the city were visible to participants, responses were superficial and the format allowed no follow-up. Residents were told to sit quietly and listen.

Less disruptive measures have not even been explored. Other schools have drop-off monitors ensuring orderly arrivals at no cost to residents. There is no indication the city asked Selwyn House to take any such steps before pursuing a plan that fun-

damentally alters a residential street.

This project originated under the previous administration. Yet councillors Chomski and Shamie are pushing aggressively to implement it without proper consultation, without presenting alternatives and without explaining why the most extreme option was chosen - all in direct contradiction of the mayor's own stated commitment to transparency and a city hall that listens. One has to wonder what drives that insistence. Is it ego? Political aspiration? I wish I knew.

Mayor Stern's instincts are right. But on Argyle Ave., those instincts are being undermined by councillors who appear more interested in forcing through a flawed project than in hearing from the residents it affects. The mayor would do well to take a closer look at what is being done in his name.

WARREN KATZ, REDFERN AVE.

Westluc Wings M12A girls capture Chevrolet Cup championship



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The Westluc Wings under-age-12 girls' hockey team capped off its season with a Chevrolet Cup Championship victory in Quebec City.

Made up of players from Westmount, Côte St. Luc and Montreal West, the Westluc Wings also made history as the first girls'

team representing the three associations to bring home these titles and banners.

This season was described as not only a huge accomplishment for the Westluc Wings, but also another exciting step forward for the growth of girls' hockey within the community. - LS

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Serendipity saves seven ducklings

Mom and seven young ones reunited in King George Park



The mom and her nine ducklings after being re-united in King George Park.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

As anyone who has lived here long enough knows by now, there's no shortage of stories and anecdotes involving ducklings and their moms wandering single file in Westmount's parks and on certain streets over the course of the summer months.

Only last month, as reported in the *Independent* (May 26, p. 16), a mother duck was seen escorting her ducklings down Mt. Stephen Ave. towards Westmount Park when two ducklings fell into a storm drain.

Public Security was called, who in turn called Public Works, who soon arrived. At least one duckling was rescued and placed temporarily in a recycling bin, although there was no word on the fate of the second one.

Not long after that duck sighting, the *Independent* was contacted by a Strathcona Ave. resident reporting that she and her family rescued nine ducklings and their mother on Lansdowne Ave.

Traffic disrupted

Carmen Roy, who had been out on a run that took her and other family members along Lansdowne, noticed a car that had stopped suddenly in the middle of the street after the driver spotted ducklings crossing.

"Their mother was hiding under a car, as we found out a few minutes later," she said in an interview with the *Independent*.

"She kept leading her ducklings – nine of them, tiny little guys – across the street and then back across again, so that for sure they were going to get run over. There was no other way."

Clearly "something was up," according to Roy, based just on the mother's erratic behaviour. So, she proceeded down the

street to the home of her father who lives on Lansdowne, where they found a blue recycling box and used it to gather the mother duck and two of the ducklings into a safe place.

Although they brought the box and the ducks to King George Park to release them, the seven other ducklings had scattered, according to Roy, and she was wondering at that point whether they had done the right thing because they had broken up the flock.

"We went back to the original spot and we were listening and looking for them for maybe 10 or 15 minutes." She said. "Then we gave up and went to my parents' place."

Found!

The story took an unexpected turn at her parents' house after she thought she was hearing squawking sounds coming seemingly from somewhere in the house. "The seven ducklings – they were there in the basement at my parents' house," said Roy.

Somehow, the ducklings had managed to get in through a back door that had been left open while her mother was outside working in the garden. Otherwise, they have no idea what motivated the ducklings to seek refuge in a place where they were most likely to be found.

"How the heck did the seven ducklings manage to find their way a hundred meters down the street and into that basement?" said Roy. "It was just so crazy. It was just so weirdly serendipitous."

The ducklings were hustled into the recycling box and transported over to King George Park where they were re-united with their mother. "She was like quacking away and they were all kind of cuddling," said Roy.

OPEN LETTER TO LOYAL AUDIENCES OF *THE VIEW* The Blind Spot of Polite Society

by L.S. Cattarini

After witnessing this for ten years, I can't help but conclude that the blind condescension of the polite never ends. The situation seems to vehemently confirm an old aphorism from Ebner-Eschenbach: "We seek the truth, but only where we like to find it."

When it comes to politicians, are we acknowledging our obvious impressions without a thought to other consequences? Some candidates are accused of creating chaos, as if others who evoke tranquility are bereft of worse faults. We praise propriety or decency, but at what price? What if our candidate is an exemplar of courtesy but a failure regarding public policy? Have we chosen style over substance? When we say you can't judge a book by its cover, does that mean you can't assess someone's competence by his narcissism? It's becoming more and more difficult, among polite society, to discern any strategic defects in our own delegate. Is that because we only notice how much respectability is missing in our rivals?

Are we finding it increasingly difficult to think in terms of *political acts* rather than *personality traits* – especially when those traits are deemed ugly enough to obscure any acts? It is deeply unfortunate that these two elements have become polarized between politicians instead of being coexistent within all of them. This is why those of us in polite society must make an unusual clarification, by comparing how we ignore whatever is *insubstantial* in the politicians we adore in contrast to how we ignore whatever is *substantial* in those we despise. Down-to-earth politics presents us with the obligation of imagining less (instead of adoring) and scrutinizing more (instead of despising).

Otherwise we are downgrading the public square. Extreme polarization or demonization is the real threat to democracy because that means its actual practice is destroyed if we can't allow competition amongst ourselves – as if arguing with each other is a poor substitute for killing each other. No, the civility we need places tolerance above self-righteousness. Every working democracy is designed not as a peaceful sanctuary for saints but as a challenging arena for patriots – for cultivating public virtue rather than imposing it.

It is frankly surprising that someone who often behaves like a bully or a street hustler, someone careless with profanity, is yet capable of common sense and the opposite of utopianism. Or do we let the fact of vulgarity interfere with the value of pragmatism? And besides, insisting on closer-to-ideal candidates is pointless if we rank them ineffectual; sometimes insisting on the best of the worst is unfortunately more realistic. Ultimately, can we overlook so much in a politician's personality flaws for the sake of gaining better government policy? Isn't that what happened under J.F.K. (tacitly) and Bill Clinton (explicitly)? And didn't the latest U.S. election determine that what's worse than a "deplorable" chief executive who shoots himself in the foot are those "snowflakes" who do serious damage to business growth or immigration stability or healthy anti-identity politics?

Are we coming to realize the liberal pound of harmony is worth less than the conservative ounce of common sense – that we should be advocating economic revitalisation instead of capitalism being trashed, and multiracial self-respect as opposed to victimhood? Sooner or later, every decent lady and gentleman among us must dare to ask whether a candid clown is not, after all, a better choice than an ambiguous idiot. Or are we still too blindly polite to recognize that?



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Sécuriser les trajets scolaires

La Ville met en place un plan pour sécuriser les trajets scolaires autour du secteur de l'Hôtel de Ville. Pour en savoir plus, visiter la page du projet dans le Portail citoyen.

citoyen.westmount.org/trajetsscolaires



Safe Routes to Schools

The City is implementing a plan to make school routes safer in the area around City Hall. For more information, visit the project page on the Citizen Portal.

citoyen.westmount.org/saferoutes

Ville de Montréal : travaux d'aqueducs d'urgence

Des travaux d'urgence de la Ville de Montréal entraînent la fermeture d'une conduite principale de distribution d'eau sous l'avenue Atwater. Plusieurs municipalités, incluant Westmount, sont invitées à réduire leur consommation d'eau potable.

westmount.org/actualites

Assemblée publique de consultation

Une assemblée de consultation publique portant sur deux projets de règlement aura lieu le **22 juin à 19 h** à l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

westmount.org/evenements

Travaux et projets — été/aut. 2026

Plusieurs travaux et projets d'infrastructure sont prévus à travers la Ville au cours de l'été. Consultez le Portail citoyen et le site Web pour connaître tous les avis de travaux et les mises à jour. westmount.org/travaux

Horaires des bureaux administratifs

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville seront fermés les **24 juin et 1^{er} juillet** à l'occasion de la fête nationale du Québec et de la fête du Canada. La Bibliothèque, le Conservatoire et Victoria Hall seront également fermés.

westmount.org/evenements

Ville de Montréal:

Emergency water main repairs

Emergency repairs being carried out by Ville de Montréal have resulted in the closure of a water main under Atwater Avenue. Several municipalities, including Westmount, are being asked to reduce their drinking water consumption. westmount.org

Public Consultation Meeting

A public consultation meeting regarding two proposed by-laws will take place on **June 22 at 7 p.m.** at the City Hall of Westmount.

westmount.org/events

Construction and Projects— Summer/Fall 2026

Several roadworks and infrastructure projects are expected to be underway this summer throughout the City. Consult the Citizen Portal and the City website for all construction notices and updates. westmount.org/works

Administrative Offices Schedule

The City's administrative offices will be closed on **June 24 and July 1** in observance of the fête nationale du Québec and Canada Day. The Library, Conservatory, and Victoria Hall will also be closed. westmount.org/events

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Rencontre d'auteure avec Monique Polak — *Just a Minute: Why Humans Tell Time*

17 juin, 16 h, Salle Westmount. Retrouvez l'auteure montréalaise Monique Polak pour une exploration fascinante et amusante de l'histoire du temps. En partenariat avec la Writers' Union of Canada. westlib.org

Documentaire — *Nechako: It Will Be A Big River Again (2025)*

17 juin, 19 h, Salle Westmount. Joignez-vous à nous pour la projection d'un documentaire sur le combat de deux nations autochtones pour restaurer la rivière Nechako. La projection sera suivie d'une discussion avec Katherine Kasirer et la réalisatrice Lyana Patrick. westlib.org

Fête nationale du Québec 2026

24 juin, 14 h, parc Westmount. Célébrez la fête nationale du Québec et le début de l'été avec le barbecue des Scouts de Westmount, des activités familiales, des spectacles et des jeux pour enfants, ainsi qu'un hommage pour le 75^e anniversaire de naissance de Guy Lafleur.

westmount.org/evenements

Club de cinéma et concerts d'été

Cet été, profitez d'une programmation culturelle gratuite à la Bibliothèque et au parc Westmount !

Le Club de cinéma se déroule chaque jeudi à 14 h à la Bibliothèque, du **9 au 30 juillet**, avec une sélection de films variés dans une ambiance conviviale. Aucune inscription n'est requise.

Les concerts d'été ont lieu les dimanches à 14 h au parc Westmount près de l'étang, près de la lagune, du **5 juillet au 2 août**, et présentent une variété de styles musicaux. En cas de pluie, les concerts seront annulés.

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LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Author Talk with Monique Polak— *Just a Minute: Why Humans Tell Time*

June 17, 4 p.m., Westmount Room. Join Montreal author Monique Polak for a fascinating and engaging exploration of the history of time. In partnership with the Writers' Union of Canada. westlib.org

Documentary—*Nechako: It Will Be A Big River Again (2025)*

June 17, 7 p.m., Westmount Room. Join us for a screening of a documentary on the struggle of two Indigenous nations to restore the Nechako River. The screening will be followed by a discussion with librarian Katherine Kasirer and filmmaker Lyana Patrick. westlib.org

Fête nationale du Québec 2026

June 24, 2 p.m., Westmount Park. Celebrate the fête nationale du Québec and the start of summer with the Westmount Scouts' barbecue, family activities, entertainment, and children's games, as well as a tribute marking the 75th anniversary of Guy Lafleur.

westmount.org/events

Summer Film Club and Concert Series

This summer, enjoy free cultural programming at the Library and in Westmount Park.

The Film Club takes place every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Library, **from July 9 to 30**, featuring a selection of films in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. No registration is required.

The Summer Concert Series runs on Sundays at 2 p.m. in Westmount Park by the lagoon, from **July 5 to August 2**, featuring a variety of musical styles. In case of rain, concerts will be cancelled. westmount.org/events



Resilience Montreal will operate out of 780 Atwater Ave. as of June 18

BY JENNIFER BALL

Resilience Montreal, under the leadership of executive director David Chapman, held a cohabitation meeting via Zoom on June 8, where his future neighbours – those living in close proximity to 780 Atwater in the Southwest borough of Montreal – could ask questions and hear about tactics on how they and Resilience's unhoused clients could exist together.

Resilience Montreal will operate out of 780 Atwater Ave. as of June 18 and its website reads, "We are moving. Friday, June 12 will be our final day at our current location."

It has operated out of 4000 St. Catherine in Westmount since November 2019. The site was previously that of the Miso restaurant and, before that, a McDonald's.

Expecting tough questions

The June 8 meeting was facilitated by Mark McGuire from Batir Son Quartier – which partnered in the creation of what Resilience refers to as a new "wellness facility" rather than a day shelter for the unhoused. Batir Son Quartier is a Montreal-based social economy enterprise that specializes in developing community and social housing.

Police Report

Lexus owner foils would-be car thief's Apple AirTag tactic

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A failed attempt to steal a luxury vehicle parked in Westmount using an Apple tracking device has prompted police at Station 12 to warn others about this increasingly popular car theft tactic.

Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit said the owner of the vehicle, a Lexus SUV, found an Apple AirTag attached to a side mirror of the car on June 5 after driving it from downtown



780 Atwater, and its new sign, on June 7.

Montreal to Westmount. Resilience was expecting some challenging remarks from participants in the meeting because they issued a code of conduct for it. Nevertheless, every comment from its future neighbours was positive, and some congratulated Chapman on the successful execution of the project, which

started in 2021 when Resilience bought the 780 Atwater building for \$600,000 from Rowntree Antiques Inc.

Chapman explained that the wellness facility will have a refrigerated garbage room in the basement so that garbage will not go into the back alley. There will be

“Vehicles are most often stolen overnight,” added Yigit. While car thieves have been using this technology to their advantage, the owner of the Lexus was also able to use the tracking software to alert him to the fact a live AirTag owned by someone else had been attached to his car.

“We believe the sole purpose of this was to steal the car,” said Cst. Yigit.

According to Yigit, a common tactic among car thieves now is to attach an inexpensive tracking device like the AirTag (some generic versions can be found on Amazon for less than \$10) to a targeted vehicle during the day.

After this, they will use Apple software's 'Find My' tracking system to locate and steal the car under cover of darkness.

Unlike GPS trackers that determine geographic positions using global navigation satellite technology, AirTags use crowdsourced though anonymous Bluetooth *continued on p. 12*

surveillance cameras and its unhoused clients will be picking up garbage in the area on a daily basis.

Non-emergency hotline for neighbours

He told his neighbours that they have established a hotline phone number, 438.888.7987, that will be operational the morning of June 18 at 8 am for non-emergency calls.

“We also have a ‘community engagement officer,’ which is a lovely word for security, and they will be operating from 10 pm until 6 am. If an unhoused person happens to be sleeping near the entrance of your shop and you're having a hard time getting into your shop, you can call our hotline and two mediators will immediately show up and help to sort through the situation...”

“What the hotline is not for [is 911 calls.] If you're watching a conflict where two people are fighting with each other, that would be the time to call the police.”

The *Independent* has reported on the development of 780 Atwater since 2024. See February 20, 2024, p. 18; March 3, 2024, p. 8; November 19, 2024, p. 1 and p. 18; and April 28, p. 8.

See photo on p. 1.

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Your neighbour, Lysanne

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signals emitted by thousands of mobile Apple devices.

The car's owner filed an attempted car theft report at Station 12 after finding the AirTag. In addition to hiding AirTags in door-mounted rear-view mirrors, another popular way is to stash them in wheel-wells using a small metallic box fitted with a magnet.

Land Rover stolen

After the theft of nearly a half-dozen high-end Land Rover SUVs from Westmount's streets since the beginning of 2026, the trend continues.

In the latest incident, according to reports filed last week at Station 12, a Land Rover parked near the corner of Roslyn



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

How precious to see Cricket playing and finding a plant pot to curl up in! Such a pretty fellow with large green eyes, a grey-brown tabby with white accents and little booties. A beautiful nine-year-old, he is very healthy and affectionate.

He is presently with a foster family for the SPCA Monterégie from picturesque St. Angèle de Monnoir, enjoying the team's care and affection. He is a very healthy nine-year-old, up to date with his inoculations, treatments, FIV/FelV/HW testing and micro-chipping.

You can find out more about him by referring to the shelter's website at www.spcamonteregie.com, and scrolling through its presentation. You can also refer to Pet-finder and/or Les Pattes Jaunes.

Cricket is a gentle cat who enjoys the

Ave. and Côte St. Antoine Rd. on June 8 was stolen overnight.

"He parked it around 6 o'clock in the evening and at 8 o'clock the next morning he realized that the vehicle was gone," said Yigit.

Since the beginning of this year alone, according to incident reports published by the *Independent*, five Land Rovers have been stolen and there were two attempts.

Electric bikes targeted

Finally, a reminder to the rising number of Westmounters who like to get around on two wheels that summer is bicycle-theft season and thieves are increasingly targeting electrified bikes.

There was at least one reminder of this on June 7 when an electric bike parked outside Westmount Public Library was stolen.

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For more information on Cricket, please do not hesitate to write to the volunteers at adoptionpcamonteregie@gmail.com. They will get back to you promptly and you will have a chance to discuss your interest and find out more about him.

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Your neighbour, Lysanne

The cost alone of an electric bike (starting price at least \$1,000, ranging into multiples of that figure) means "there's a demand for them," said Cst. Yigit.

Some of his advice is to steer clear of dollar-store-quality bike locks, and possibly consider using multiple chains with durable padlocks to secure your conveyance to a bicycle rack.

"And always lock it," he added. "Because sometimes people will just leave their bike for a few minutes outside a store, thinking they're going to be making a quick run. Then somebody just picks it up and drives off in a few seconds."

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Social Notes

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UP BEAT event benefits UP House

whose special presence gave the evening an authenticity that no amount of staging could manufacture.

Poetry by four UP House members was woven throughout, adding a literary thread to the spectacle. Twenty-two Montreal designers contributed exciting outfits, making the show as much a showcase for local creative talent as a fundraising cocktail.

The make-up direction – bold rhinestone-encrusted looks in the opening act giving way to softer, warmer tones – was led by MAC Cosmetics veteran **Stéphane Côté**. Hair styles were by Redken’s **Jorge Joao**. MAC Cosmetics and Redken were among 29 corporate sponsors and partners who made the production possible.

Before the show, guests circulated among six interactive pre-show stations including a MAC lipstick bar and a Redken hair touch-up station, as well as an UP House educational kiosk.

A silent auction and the signature “Meal of Fortune” – with contributions from more than 40 organizations and local businesses – kept the philanthropic spirit lively throughout the evening.

An installation by Canadian costume designer/fibre artist **Danielle Fagen** was much admired. The work explored the intersection *continued on p. 14*



Phil Silverberg, provincial legislator Elisabeth Prass and Jordan Presser.

Montreal’s fashion calendar had a stand-out moment when UP BEAT returned for its third edition at Maison Alcan. The popular evening was a benefit for UP House.

UP House was founded by Westmounters **Barbara** and **Philip Silverberg**, whose vision of a community anchor for those navigating mental health recovery has grown into one of Montreal’s quietly essential organizations.

Art curator **Devon Reid** described the eventing as a “fashion theatre journey” and the fashion show Beauty in Being lived up to that billing. Under the direction of **Hans Koechling** and fashion stylist **Simon Venne**, the evening unfolded as a three-act narrative.

It moved from the masks that we wear in daily life, through vulnerability and unravelling, and then to a final act of connection and community. The event ran smoothly thanks to more than 40 volunteers, including 15 members and staff from UP House.

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of creativity and mental health in a way that invited reflection.

Among those enjoying the evening were Lisa Bellevue, executive director UP House; Ann Birks, Naomi Sharpe, François Morin, Pnina and Marcel Pinchevsky, Joan and Skye Vogelesang, Susan and Jonathan Wener, Bunny Berke and Larry Lusko, Maria Pietracupa, Paula and Susan Pedicelli, Marilyn Takefman, Mark and Vania Lazar, and William and Genevieve Buchholz. Platinum sponsors were Scotia Bank, Scotia Wealth and Robert Moore Wealth Management.



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