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T-shirts and prizes presented

Library's summer reading club for children closes with nautical theme

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's children's library marked the end of summer with a closing party August 29 for its annual TD Summer Reading Club.

Attended by an estimated 180 children and parents, the concert hall at Victoria Hall was decorated in a water theme consistent with this summer's theme of "Dive in/Plongez!" with entertainment from the Montreal theatre group Le Gros Orteil.

"This year, we focused on a fun nautical theme, while teaching the children about our planet's waterways," explained child-

ren's librarian Wendy Wayling.

An interactive circus show featured a trapeze act, juggling, dancing and singing. Children who finished all the reading club's summer challenges received a book.

"For every hour of reading over the summer, he or she was eligible for a weekly draw of prizes including games and puzzles donated by Ravensburger North America as well as TDSRC T-shirts," Wayling said.

Some of the summer activities included the TDSRC launch, author visits, a family story time, and programs called Art and Stories, Art Workshops, and Movie Under the Stars (*The Little Mermaid*).



Children at the closing party of the TD Summer Reading Club on August 29.

City to cover 50 percent/\$150 of yearly cost

Municipal government announces grant to promote pet-waste composting

BY JENNIFER BALL

During the August council meeting, District 2 councillor Jonathan Chomski revealed a new grant is being offered to Westmount citizens to encourage pet waste composting.

This is how it works according to Antoine, the city's AI virtual assistant:

- Subscribe to Compost Montréal's 12-week or 52-week pet-waste collection service,
- Compost Montréal provides weekly doorstep collection for dog or cat waste,
- Westmount reimburses 50 percent of the subscription cost before taxes, up to \$150 per calendar year,
- One subscription is eligible per address or unit,
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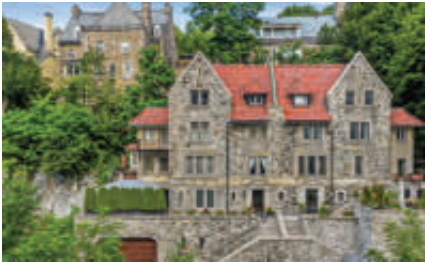


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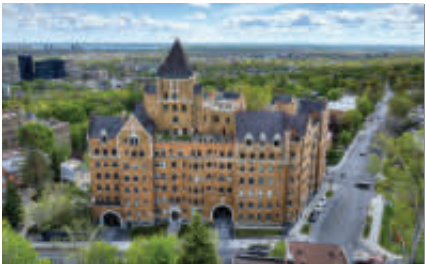


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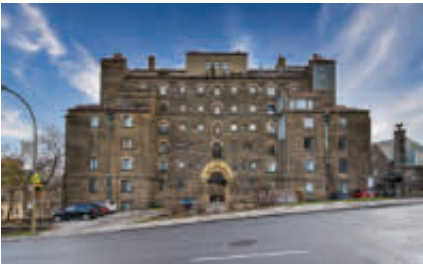
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Teaming up to inform seniors

Public Security, Community Events to hold seniors' event Sept. 30

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A special "seniors' fair" is being organized by the city's Public Security Unit and Community Events to take place Wednesday, September 30 at Victoria Hall, from 2:00 to 5 pm.

"This is a drop-in workshop event to spotlight services available for seniors in Westmount," said assistant Public Security director Kimberley Colquhoun, who is co-organizing the event with Emily Gamble of Community Events.

It is expected to feature information kiosks from some 20 community groups providing services available for seniors including Contactivity, Lifeline and the city's Sports and Recreation department, she said.

Public Security is expected to provide information on internet security and fraud prevention, she said. It will also provide an opportunity for seniors to sign up for inclusion on the city's list of vulnerable persons in conjunction with the Contactivity centre.

Who owns those Greene screens anyway?

As explained last week, we asked the exo commuter train service on August 31 whether it owned the early-alert screens for over-height trucks on Greene Ave. at the CP rail bridge, which have been permanently on (i.e. not triggered by an actual over-height vehicle) in recent weeks.

According to an email received September 3, "The warning screens installed at the CP Rail bridge over Greene Ave. do not belong to exo. They are the property of CP Rail" [bold in original].



Both Greene rail-bridge screens were still permanently displaying their rotating messages when the *Independent* went by the morning of September 4. This photo shows the screen for southbound vehicles.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

But CP spokesperson Terry Cunha had written on August 28: "The sign is not CPKC property."

"You can't get there from here," joked *Independent* editor David Price. "I have written in the past (January 11, 2022, p. 7) that this bridge was an 'orphan' in need of adoption, and it remains so. The situation is very funny unless you are the poor soul whose day is ruined, and perhaps whose job is lost, after a collision – not to mention the risk of bodily harm." – DP.

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The stairs! What if one day your stairs have more say than you do?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BURTON AVE. ARTICLE, PHOTOS DID NOT TELL WHOLE STORY

I was a little rattled seeing the picture of my home in your article regarding the injury of the garbage man due to the glass in the garbage (August 25, p. 1).

On that day, after hearing the truck idling across from my home for quite some time, I looked out and saw the young man hopping from the opposite side of the street to my side (south) and sit on the sidewalk with his leg outstretched. Obviously in pain, his colleague (the driver) came out to tend to him.

I went out to administer first aid to his open wound. During the time I was cleaning it up, applying antiseptic ointment and applying a surgical Band-Aid, Public Security showed up and added a self-adhesive gauze for added protection.

I asked the young man how he was feeling, and if he was up to date with his tetanus shots. I advised him to go to a medical clinic to have someone look over his injury.

He told me he was fine, however I cautioned him to seek emergency care if at any point he didn't feel well. I then proceeded to tell the driver to note where, when and how the injury occurred in case he had to present his case to the CNESST.

I asked the Public Security officer if there was anything he would like to add, he told me I had covered all that was necessary.

I find it disheartening to see my home viewed by all as the "culprit" versus "this is where the young man was given first aid."

Please don't post pictures of people's homes without getting the full story first.

MANUELA DESTRO, BURTON AVE.

Editor's reply: We are often not told certain details by Public Security, including in this case the address that had the garbage containing glass and of any first aid delivered by a neighbouring resident. For this reason (and so as not to cast aspersions on any one address even if I had known which house was which), I deliberately took and

published two photos of Burton. One is of several houses on the north side and the other is of several houses on the south side. Even now, I don't know which of these houses is yours. Additionally, in the photos, there are three instances of garbage left out for pick-up, clearly showing that these photos are general and not specifically of the garbage containing the glass or its house of origin.

Lastly, the caption is correct, showing that this was garbage left out one week later and making no mention of the garbage containing the glass or its address. – DP.

A WELCOME FOCUS ON OLDER ADULTS

We were very pleased to read about the appointment of Councillor Paul Levine as Westmount's new commissioner for seniors (August 25, p. 8). We commend Mayor Stern and city council for recognizing the importance of giving the needs and concerns of older residents a dedicated voice at the municipal level and we congratulate Councillor Levine on his appointment.

Westmount has a significant and growing population of older adults, many of whom want to remain active, independent and connected to their community as they age. At the same time, many face a range of challenges related to health status, finances, mobility, isolation, housing and other concerns that may detract from ageing well.

Community organizations have an important role to play in addressing these needs. We provide programs, activities, social connection, resource information and practical support, often reaching seniors before their needs become more serious. Ensuring that these organizations have adequate and sustainable municipal funding is an important part of building a senior-friendly community.

The creation of a commissioner for seniors is a positive step and an opportunity to strengthen the city's engagement with older residents and the organizations that serve them.

We look forward to working with Councillor Levine and city council as this new initiative takes shape.

ANN RUTLEDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & BENITA GOLDIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CONTACTIVITY CENTRE

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN SUMMIT WOODS

Summit Woods has become part of the rhythm of our family life.

For some of us, the walk itself is the point: leaving Westmount Park on foot, everyone else's needs falling away step by step, until all that's left is birdsong, sun through the trees, a dog finally off leash.

On hot days, the tree cover is a rare source of relief in the city, and the woods have been a constant source of inspiration for our creative work. As lovely as Westmount's other, more curated parks are, none offer quite the same thing.

By the summit, we've stopped managing and started noticing – the plants, the snow, our own feet on the path. We hope our children come to feel that same pull toward it, for reasons of their own.

During several visits, we spoke with staff from Les Amis de la Montagne, who generously explained the conservation work under way: a comprehensive inventory of the woods' plant life; collaboration with the city to close informal trails so vegetation can regenerate and habitat fragmentation can be reduced; targeted control of invasive species in priority sectors; and detailed mapping of ecologically significant areas.

This work is an important foundational step, allowing the city and Les Amis de la Montagne to understand the site's ecological challenges, prioritize interventions, and put in place conservation measures suited to this unique environment. Continuing it is essential to lasting improvement in the woods' ecological health.

We wanted our fellow residents to know how much this work is noticed and appreciated. Sound ecological stewardship requires sustained political will, budget and follow-through, often over many years and well beyond what's visible on the surface.

We're grateful Westmount has chosen to invest in this way.

Here's to many more years of investment to take care of our forest.

ANAÏS LÉTOURNEAU BERZI, ARLINGTON AVE., FLAVIE DESGAGNÉ-ETHIER, ARLINGTON AVE. & JULIE BERGERON, METCALFE AVE.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN...

Perhaps there's still time to vote in this woman who might be a bit more civil to



Westmount staff and residents than the current mayor?

Signs are supposed to, by law, be removed 15 days after election day.

Poor Madame Casgrain still languishes on a post on Montrose at Ramezay Rd.

ANNE SUTHERLAND, METCALFE AVE.

WE CITY COUNCILLORS REJECT DIVISIVE, INTIMIDATION-BASED, PERSONAL POLITICS

Difference of opinion is healthy and necessary in municipal government. Councillors should challenge one another, debate issues vigorously and vote according to their judgment. But there is a difference between political disagreement and personal attacks, intimidation or repeatedly questioning the integrity of those with whom one disagrees.

In recent months, disagreements at city hall have too often become personal. Council members have faced insults and sometimes foul language, public accusations about their integrity, repeated allegations of conflicts of interest without factual basis, and the use or threatened use of formal complaints to escalate ordinary political disagreements.

We would have preferred not to address disagreements between councillors through the media. That is not our approach to municipal government. But once accusations and threats against fellow councillors are deliberately made public, they cannot simply be left unanswered.

We ran for municipal office to serve Westmount, not to import the angry and divisive politics increasingly seen in the United States. We reject this style of politics.

Our response will be to get on with the work. We will support good ideas regardless of who proposes them and oppose those we believe are not in the city's interest. We will work with any member of council when doing so serves the interests of Westmount residents. We will not be drawn into manufactured controversy or allow it to distract us from the commitments we made when we sought office.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our attention will remain where it belongs: re-building our infrastructure, improving public safety, protecting our parks and public spaces, supporting our local businesses, managing public finances responsibly and delivering better municipal services.

Westmount residents can judge all of us by our conduct and by the results we deliver.

COUNCILLORS JONATHAN CHOMSKI (DISTRICT 2), PAUL LEVINE (DISTRICT 6) & JEFF J. SHAMIE (DISTRICT 3)

ONE-WAY ON ARGYLE WILL PUSH TRAFFIC TO OTHER STREETS

I'm curious as to how these new street changes around Argyle are going to make it safer for children. What was wrong with Argyle being a two-way street?

Now the only option to get to The Boulevard [from the south] will be via Clarke

Pet-waste, cont'd from p. 1

supporting documents.

Dog feces are not accepted in Westmount's brown composting bins because the composting process that the end facility uses is not brought to a high enough temperature to kill all the pathogens that can be found in excrement (see also September 27, 2022, p. 19).

On August 4, Chomski said, "I'm very happy to report that the administration [can now] encourage our residents to compost pet waste, not within our normal food waste compost, but through a separate organization called Compost Montreal."

Chomski said it will "help divert pet waste from our landfill, which is an important element in reducing [the] environmental footprint for those of us who have dogs [and cats]. I've also asked the administration to explore if such a possibility could exist for our municipal dog parks, because they too produce quite a bit of pet waste."

Ave. Also, parents will have to drive in front of Selwyn House to drop off their children [instead of some going up Argyle], as will children going to the Shaar as [Kensington Ave.] is now a down street. Plus the people who live in the building at the corner [of Kensington and Sherbrooke] will have to do the same.

Coming down Church Hill the other day, I noticed Metcalfe is one way up. So in order to get to Sherbrooke St. [from Church Hill], one must drive to Mt. Stephen or head up Forden to come down Argyle or Clarke.

Who benefits from all these changes? I can foresee much more traffic on Côte St. Antoine and also Montrose trying to find a new route.

Did anyone think to ask the residents?

SUE KHAN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

VICTORIA/SHERBROOKE BIXI STAND NOT WELL PLACED

I see the interest and even the benefit of having BIXI bikes available to residents. But I really have to question the lack of common sense and the apparent lack of critical thinking that went into the decision to place a 20-bike BIXI station on the west side of Victoria just above Sherbrooke St.

Surely with a bit of thought, a slightly

less congested area could have been found that would not deprive the residents and shoppers of four parking spaces. The first spot that came to mind was the west side of Prince Albert just above Sherbrooke, beside the old post-office [now Lululemon], an area already designated as a no parking-no stopping area, a far less congested and trafficked street than Victoria. Another possible alternative spot might have been on the south side of the little park area on Prince Albert south of Sherbrooke.

Talking about congestion, as I write this at noon on Wednesday September 2, two Bixi pick-up trucks are double parked beside the aforementioned BIXI station as some technicians dismantle and try to repair the solar powered unit of the station.....further adding to our traffic woes at one of the busiest times of the day. And proving my point....the wrong place for a BIXI stand.

GENE KRUGER, CÔTE ST. ANTOINE RD.

We welcome your letters

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City to hold community picnic for all September 19

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A picnic has been announced for all Westmounters to take place in Westmount Park September 19 from 12 noon to 4 pm. The location is the flat greenspace next to the playground where the Westmount Public Library's Studio held an event August 22 (see September 1, p. 6).

"It's an open invitation to Westmount-

ers to gather and mark the end of summer," said Rachel Conover, logistics agent for the library and Community Events department.

"Bring your own food and the city will provide some outdoor games and music. This is the first time the city has organized this activity, which is open to all."

The event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

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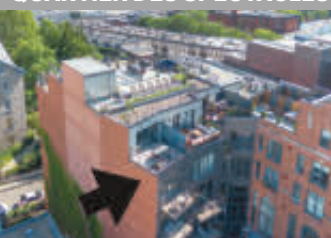
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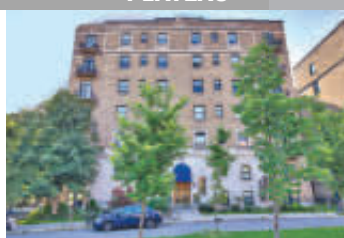
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Residents speak out at special meeting Council adopts draft by-law to regularize one-way on Argyle, despite protests

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of Argyle Ave. continued to press the city at a special council meeting September 1 to revert to the previous two-way configuration of the street and remove the newly imposed one-way southbound traffic restriction between Thornhill and Côte St. Antoine.

The change in direction had been made without a council resolution just before the start of the school year along with other changes on nearby parallel streets: Metcalfe to one-way north and Kensington to one-way south.

It was the change on Argyle, however, that led resident Sophie Dynbort to seek an emergency interim hearing in Superior Court August 25 in the hopes of reverting the street to its long-standing two-way traffic.

“We had to take our own city to court,” Dynbort told the special council meeting.

While the court decided that the directional issue was not an emergency requiring immediate reversal of the one-way configuration, the fundamental issue remained unresolved and remained before the court, Mayor Michael Stern told the meeting at its start. He also said schools had told him they were pleased with the changes and that the city’s “in-house” lawyers were reported to agree that a council resolution was not needed.

Nevertheless, adopting one would ensure the changes were legal.

As a result, the proposed by-law, 1671, received notice-of motion at the September 1 meeting and was distributed with an expectation that it might be presented for adoption at the regular upcoming meeting September 9, after press time.

Argyle resident Warren Katz, who supported two-way traffic, told the *Independent* that *continued on p. 8*



Argyle Ave. resident Sophie Dynbort clashed with Mayor Michael Stern at the September 1 city council meeting, saying: “This isn’t about me being inconvenienced [as you have mischaracterized me] ... It is about safety... I am just telling you about my lived experience... Why are you against me?” The mayor said, “You keep telling me that [I am missing your point]. I can’t take any more of your questions. ... We are doing what is right for people [but] you come back 20 times with the same story that everything is flawed.” Stern eventually ended the meeting while Dynbort was at the podium as a public safety officer encouraged her to step aside.

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The distance is only a few blocks, but the difference in circumstances is profound.

Many parents we serve sacrifice tremendously for their children, sometimes working two or three jobs. Roughly 30% of our families are single-mother households, nearly half do not own a car, and almost none own a home – but their dreams for their children are no different from those of any parent.

Poverty should not be mistaken for a lack of potential

Our philosophy is simple: poverty should never be mistaken for a lack of potential. Children do not choose their circumstances, but with the right opportunities and support, they can change the trajectory of their lives.

Our year-round programmes include tutoring, French and English, typing, financial literacy, AI, camps, emotional intelligence, leadership and Youth Success, which introduces older students to vocational, educational and employment pathways.

We keep these programmes as affordable as possible, but even our highly subsidised rates are beyond the reach of some families. Parents sometimes delay enrolling their children or withdraw them before the school year ends simply to save money. No child should lose access to educational support because a family cannot afford it. Every week, we feed up to 100 children through our after-school and weekend programmes.

We have donated more than 80 computers. In 2025 alone, we provided more than \$22,000 in free and heavily subsidised summer camp and tutoring. At camp, children receive daily French and mathematics alongside sports, swimming and arts. We serve children from more than 20 schools, including families referred by CLSC Côte-des-Neiges, CLSC NDG and Batshaw Youth and Family Services.

Our work has received three awards



and been featured on CTV News and CityNews Montréal.

Unfortunately, demand exceeds our capacity. After more than a decade, we have demonstrated what can be accomplished with limited resources. To reach more children, we need others who believe in what we are doing.

You can help

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Perhaps that person is you.

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Everyone is welcome at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom’s high holy days services

By JENNIFER BALL

Everyone is welcome at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom’s high holy days services as the Temple – under the leadership of senior rabbi Lisa Grushcow – has removed membership barriers for certain events.

Temple is located at 4100 Sherbrooke Street at the corner of Wood Ave.

Anthony Davis, in the communications and marketing department at Temple, provided the *Independent* with a press release on August 28 explaining the new initiative, which opens three of its high holy days services to anyone in the community, regardless of synagogue membership.

When asked if the event was open to anyone regardless of ethnic or religious background, he affirmed: “It’s open to anyone as long as they register” by September 8.

For the press release, Rabbi Grushcow wrote, “No one should be alone on the High Holy Days and the Open Tent Experience is our way of saying that whoever you are, and wherever you are in your Jewish journey, there is a seat here with your name on it.”

Registration is now open at templemontreal.ca/open-tent. No one is turned away for financial reasons; anyone for whom the fee is a barrier is asked to contact the Temple office directly.

For \$54, adults can reserve a seat at Erev Rosh Hashanah (Friday, September 11), Rosh Hashanah Day Two (Sunday, Sep-

tember 13) and an early Kol Nidre service (Sunday, September 20).

Full-time students and children under 18 attend free. Every registration includes a personal welcome at the door, and the full \$54 fee is credited toward membership for anyone who chooses to join the Temple afterward.

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“there is now a petition opposing the one-way,” and that “the clear majority” of Argyle residents spoken with are against the change to one-way.

Their concerns included increased speeding as well as winter safety on the steep hill.

“The common denominator is safety,” he said. Residents are simply asking the city to demonstrate, “with evidence,” that the one-way configuration council is being asked to approve has actually been studied and shown to be safer.

Now that parking is allowed on both sides of Metcalfe and Kensington, one resident voiced concern that firetrucks from

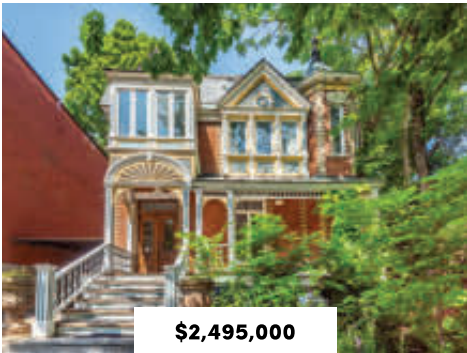
the Stanton St. station, for example, had trouble making tight south-bound turns on Kensington.

Framework leading to SE

Notice was also given at the meeting of new By-law 1668, establishing a framework requiring property developers or owners to contribute financially toward local infrastructure when their projects increase demand on local services such as water, sewers and public roads.

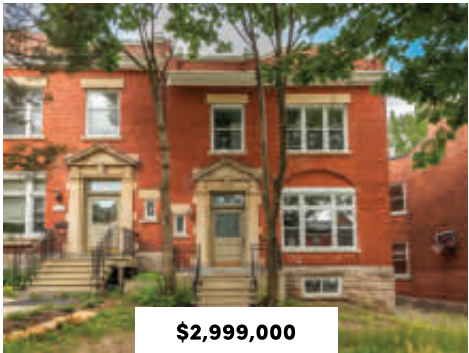
Meeting attendee Jon Breslaw of Grosvenor, who has frequently raised this concern concerning the city’s proposed development of the southeast, also spoke briefly on this at the conclusion of the meeting.

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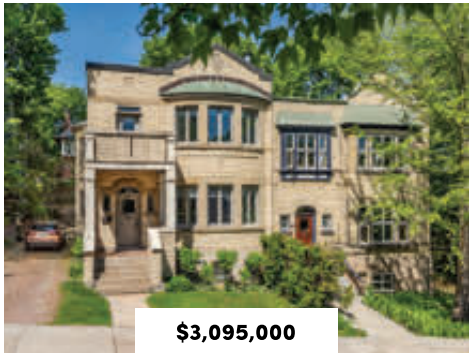
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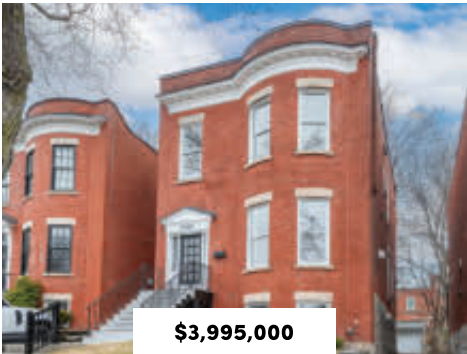
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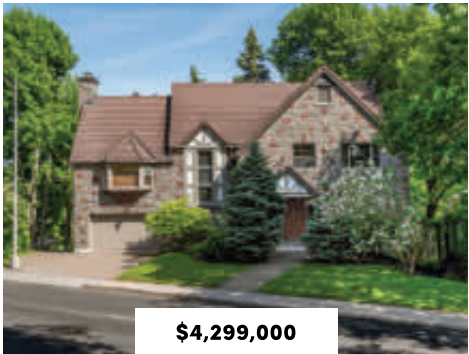
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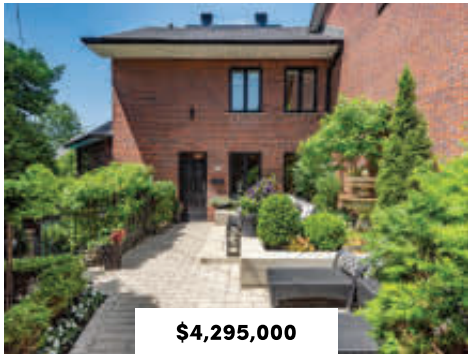
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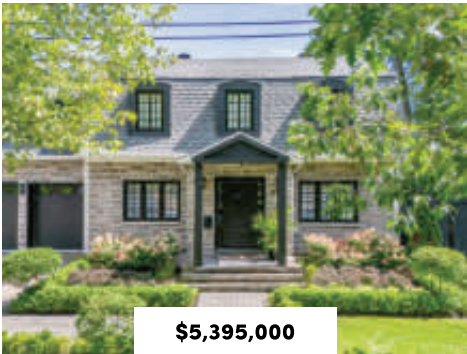
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Retail Review

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount has a new sweet spot. Delicious shops have opened near the corner of Claremont and Sherbrooke. Scrumptchies offers great New York-style cookies and Côneaisseur offers artisanal *gelato* – truly *gelato speciale*.

I'll start my tale with Côneaisseur, owned by Maria Motta. She loves all things Italian. "I've travelled a lot in Italy and I love

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gelato. But honestly, I couldn't find the real Italian artisanal kind here. So I did my research. And I went to school."

Yes, there are ice cream schools. And not just in Italy.

At the University of Guelph, Maria studied ice-cream technology. ("It's a lot about the math.") Honing her craft further, she moved to Bologna, Italy, and went to Carpigiani Gelato University, the world's only university dedicated to *gelato*. After graduating, she worked in a *gelateria*.

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Ingredients are from the world's finest sources: hazelnuts from Piedmonte; pistachios from Bronte, Sicily. Building on her background, Maria has also used creative alchemy to produce her own special flavours.

Mine was the refreshing pineapple-mint. A close second was the passion fruit mousse with white chocolate ganache and strawberries.

Who knew that the strictness of math could result in such special flavours?

Côneaisseur also offers *espresso* and *capuccino* to enjoy with a cookie made in her kitchen on the premises.

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Speaking of cookies, that is the speciality of Scrumptchies. The shop is doing something right. The Westmount location is the second shop in Montreal.

The first was launched in Kirkland two years ago. Open for a few months, already customers are loyal, loving the more chocolatey-than-chocolate big bites among others.

The cookies "are 'New York-style' because they are all big," explained Valerie Walker, handling the line-up of customers when I passed by. All home-made, one of

the best sellers makes sense. The rainbow-coloured M&M toppings add fun to any day. Other choices range from vegan chocolate chip and Oreo to gluten-free chocolate chip.

My fave was the pistachio. The boutique's mini-cookies are a hit bought as party favours as well as for corporate events. Fun fuchsia boxes make a perfect hostess gift, not to mention a divine dessert suggestion.

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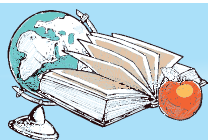
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Westmount Park School's Park Place entrance on September 1.

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Wednesday, October 7

ECS (grades 7-12)

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Kells (elementary & grade 12)

Thursday, October 15

St. George's School (elementary) –
also Saturday, October 17
Kells (high school)

Saturday, October 17

ECS (all grades)

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* Selwyn House also has several other open
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Head of School Mark Salkeld has been at LCC for over 25 years and has seen the school continue to grow in its promise to its students. "More important than what students learn in class is who they become as citizens of the world, and this is where our school truly shines," he says. "It's a transformation shaped deliberately by our programs, our people, and our core values."



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Founded in 1930 by a group of parents seeking real, hands-on learning for their children, the school is widely considered one of the first progressive, child-centred, co-ed, bilingual schools in Quebec. Nearly a century later, those same two questions still guide everything St. George's does, one relationship at a time.

Relationships By Design

Relationships are facilitated by deliberate choices: small class sizes, a dedicated High School Advisor Program, and learning specialists who focus on students' unique strengths.

A no-uniform policy promotes comfort and authentic self-expression. All of it ensures that students are welcomed, supported, and included long before any lesson begins. Belonging is woven through every part of school life here.

"Students learn best when they feel safe and valued. Only then can they take risks, like trying out for a solo or testing a theory. That's why our professional development this August focused on putting relationships first."

— Dani Jansen, Director of Teaching and Learning, High School

What that looks like in practice evolves as children grow. A Kindergarten teacher notices a student having an off day and gives them a safe place to land. A Grade 7 student joins the robotics team, mentored by alumni and senior students.

Members of the High School's Sci-9 Club spend their lunch hour engaging with a visiting neurosurgeon, asking real questions and getting real answers.

Equipped to Explore and Grow

With 50 athletic teams and 66 co-curricular activities across both campuses, students have the freedom to explore diverse interests and discover what sparks their curiosity. Wherever that path leads, dedicated faculty and staff support them along the way.

Beyond the classroom, students put learning into practice through leadership, service, research, and real-world experiences. High School and Grade 6 students compete in academic competitions such as The World Scholar's Cup and the Canadian Team Math Competition. Learners of all ages participate

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Last year, graduates from the school's inaugural Grade 12 Pre-University level moved on to

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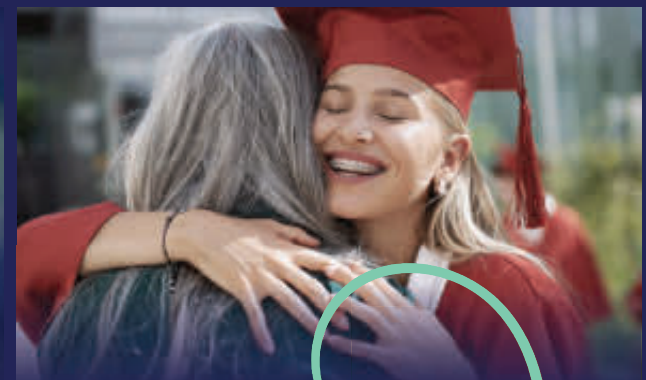
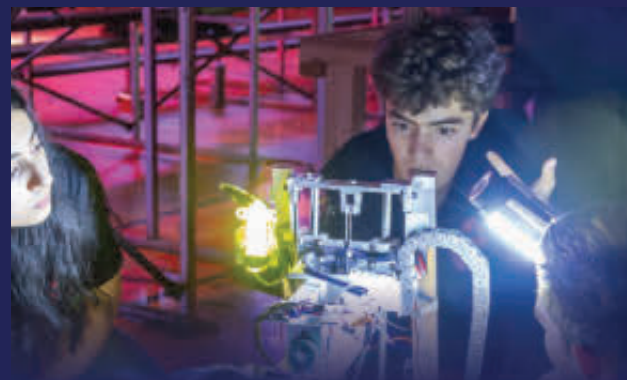
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Police Report

Bike and licence-plate thieves active in Westmount

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Thieves were especially active in Westmount recently, although their tactics differed considerably.

On the morning of August 29, the owner of a car who had parked near the corner of Greene and Clandeboye avenues was walking towards the vehicle when he noticed the licence plate wasn't the one that had originally been assigned.

"Someone had switched the plate," said Montreal police department Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit.

According to police reports filed in the last few months by the *Independent*, this was the second instance of licence-plate theft in Westmount since last June.

"Oftentimes, what happens is that when car thieves steal a vehicle, they'll find another vehicle that resembles it and they'll switch the plate," said Yigit.

He said the theft in question is believed to have taken place sometime between 9 pm August 28 and the following morning.

He said anyone who suddenly discovers

they've had their car licence plate stolen and switched for another should immediately notify the police and contact the Société de l'Assurance Automobile du Québec (SAAQ) to cancel the stolen plate.

According to Cst. Yigit, most people don't know their licence plate sequence by heart and only realize their plate has been stolen after they start receiving parking or traffic tickets for offences committed by someone else.

While switching license plates will slow down the stolen vehicle identification process, there can also be other consequences.

Photo radar ticketing, as well as bridge and toll road fee collection (which operate through automated systems using visual license plate recognition) will automatically send invoices or infraction notices to a stolen plate's true owner.

Wallet missing

An elderly male Westmount resident filed a theft complaint at Station 12 on September 3 after realizing his wallet was missing while he was out walking on Met-

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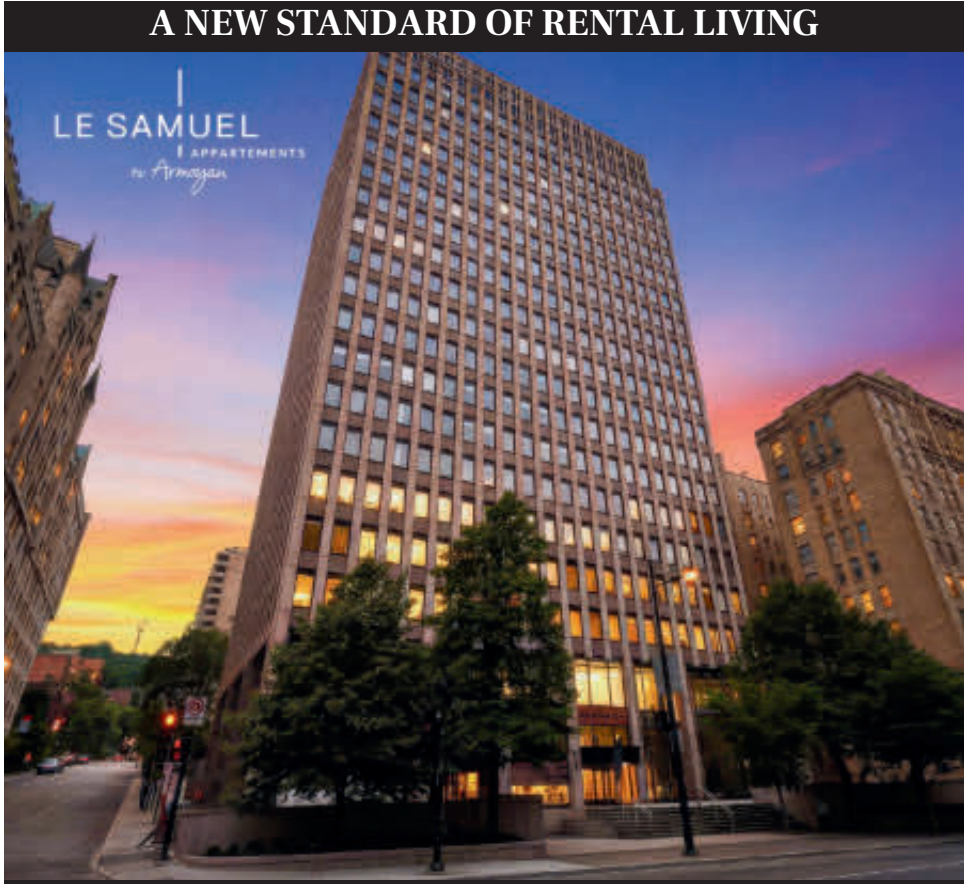
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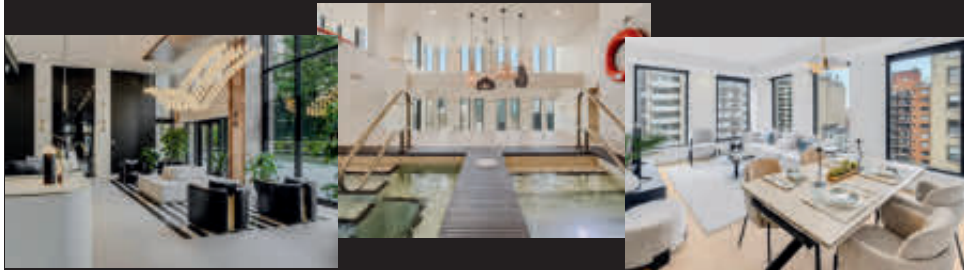
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Seniors' Fair

Westmount is hosting its very first Seniors' Fair on September 30 to mark National Seniors Day! All are invited to discover informational booths, activities and presentations on topics geared toward older persons. westmount.org/news

Taxes foncières : dernier versement

Rappel : la date limite pour le dernier versement de taxes foncières de l'année est le 9 septembre. westmount.org/taxes

Travaux et entraves routières

- **Réfection de la rue Sainte-Catherine** entre le boulevard De Maisonneuve et le chemin Glen en direction est
- **Reconstruction de l'escalier Thornhill** et Stanton
- **Reconstruction de l'avenue Mountain** entre l'avenue Cedar et la rue Sherbrooke
- **Réfection de l'avenue Arlington** et de la rue Sherbrooke Ouest

Pour en savoir plus sur les projets d'infrastructures à Westmount, consultez westmount.org/travaux et le **Portail citoyen**.

Property Tax: Last instalment

Reminder: The deadline for the last property tax instalment of the year is September 9. westmount.org/tax

2026 UCI Road World Championships in Montreal

More than 1 000 of the world's top road cyclists will be competing in Montreal from September 19 to 27! This major event will have a significant impact on traffic in the metropolitan area. Plan your commute in advance using the interactive road closures map. westmount.org/news

Roadwork and Traffic Disruptions

- **Reconstruction of Sainte-Catherine Street** between De Maisonneuve Boulevard and Glen Road eastbound
- **Reconstruction of the Thornhill stairs** connecting Stanton
- **Reconstruction of Mountain Avenue** between Cedar Avenue and Sherbrooke Street
- **Rehabilitation of Arlington Avenue** and Sherbrooke Street West

For more information on infrastructure projects, visit westmount.org/works and the **Citizen Portal**.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pique-nique communautaire

19 septembre, 12 h, parc Westmount. Venez célébrer la fin de l'été entre amis et voisins ! Apportez votre pique-nique et votre couverture; les jeux et la musique sont fournis. westmount.org/evenements

Parlons opéra ! — Turandot

20 septembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. En collaboration avec l'opéra de Montréal, cette série propose une introduction conviviale à l'univers de l'opéra, animée par un musicologue, des chanteurs et un pianiste. westmount.org/evenements

Community Picnic

September 19, 12 p.m., Westmount Park. Join friends and neighbours for a picnic to celebrate the end of summer! Bring your own picnic and blanket—games and music will be provided. westmount.org/events

Documentary Film

Club—Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance (1993)

September 16, 6:30 p.m., Westmount Room. (Library). Join us as we watch and discuss a documentary film! Librarian Katherine Kasirer will lead a discussion with Alanis Obomsawin, the film's director. westlib.org

Club de films documentaires — Kanehsatake : 270 Years of Resistance (1993)

16 septembre, 18 h 30, Salle Westmount (Bibliothèque). En anglais. Nous vous invitons à visionner un film documentaire ! Une discussion animée par la Bibliothécaire Katherine Kasirer suivra avec Alanis Obomsawin, réalisatrice. westlib.org

Exposition : Geoffrey Tucker

Jusqu'au 24 septembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall. Découvrez Solo : Archives sur papiers. À travers les œuvres sur papier, l'artiste partage souvenirs, rencontres, lieux et moments marquants de son parcours. Une exposition intime et sensible, où chaque œuvre invite le visiteur à interpréter une écriture personnelle et unique. westmount.org/evenements

Workshop: Doggy first aid

September 18, 2 p.m., Westmount Park. With veterinary doctor K.J. Goldenberg, learn how to do basic first aid and CPR on your precious pup. Then, follow a presentation on dog behaviours by canine behaviour specialist Riannon Horan to help you better understand your pup. westmount.org/events

Atelier : premiers secours pour chiens

18 septembre, 14 h, parc Westmount. Avec la vétérinaire Dre K.J. Goldenberg, apprenez à prodiguer les premiers secours de base et à pratiquer la réanimation cardio-pulmonaire sur votre précieux toutou. Suivez ensuite la présentation de Riannon Horan, spécialiste en comportement canin, afin de vous aider à mieux comprendre votre animal. westlib.org



Let's Talk Opera!—Turandot

September 20, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall. In collaboration with Opéra de Montréal, this series offers a lively introduction the world of opera, hosted by a musicologist, singers and a pianist. westmount.org/events

Exhibition: Geoffrey Tucker

Until September 24, Gallery at Victoria Hall. Discover the exhibition *Solo: Archives on paper*. Through works on paper, Tucker shares memories, encounters, places, and meaningful moments from his life. An intimate and sensitive exhibition that invites visitors to interpret his unique visual language. westmount.org/events



E-scooter rider hurt in 'minor injury' at Greene & de Maisonneuve

By JENNIFER BALL

In the early evening of August 26, there was an accident on the bike path at the corner of de Maisonneuve and Greene Ave. when an individual riding an e-scooter fell off it.

The Montreal fire department was called as first responders to the accident, as was an ambulance. Martin Guilbeault handles media relations at the Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal (SIM). On August 28 he said, "The [911] call was for a person who fell from his e-scooter. [It was] only a minor injury."

Canada's most recent scooter-injury statistics show a sharp rise in both e-scooter and motorized-scooter accidents, with hospitalizations increasing across multiple provinces. The data comes from the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Public Health Agency of Canada. There was an increase of 17 hospitalizations in the province of Quebec between 2023 and 2024, when e-scooter accidents resulting in hospitalization rose from 46 to 63 cases.



Two e-scooters left by 5 Saisons on the sidewalk of de Maisonneuve at the corner of Greene Ave., after a rider of one of them was attended to by ambulance. Photo taken August 26.

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chipped moving forward.
You can find out more about precious Nala by searching the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, and referring to her identification number, 2000479649, in order to access her information page.
You can then plan your visit to the cattery, as it is open every day, from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. It is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, Côte des Neiges, Montreal H4P 1X4.
The adoption coordinators are looking forward to your visit and discussing your interest in Nala – a perfect little kitten for a loving family, a wonderful choice for joy and companionship.
Your neighbour,
Lysanne

Police report, cont'd from p. 11
calfe Ave.
According to the report received by the police, the man, in his mid-70s, wasn't sure the wallet was stolen, only that he first realized it was missing while on Metcalfe.
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For more information on Picasso, please search the Montreal SPCA website at www.sPCA.com, then refer to his identification number, 2000278644, to then read through his information page.
The kennel is open for adoption visits every day, from Monday to Friday from 3 pm to 8 pm, with Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm.
The SPCA is located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West, Côte des Neiges, Montreal H4P 1X4.
Please plan your visit with Picasso and meet with the adoption coordinators to spend time with him and give him a chance to join your family.



There is always a special moment of bonding, and it would be wonderful if this family time was yours.
Your neighbour,
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The executors of her estate are: Aletha Thompson and Michel Berger. Any person having a claim on the estate must submit details of the claim within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. Contact information will be known to any claimants. After 30. days, the executors intend to distribute the assets of the estate.

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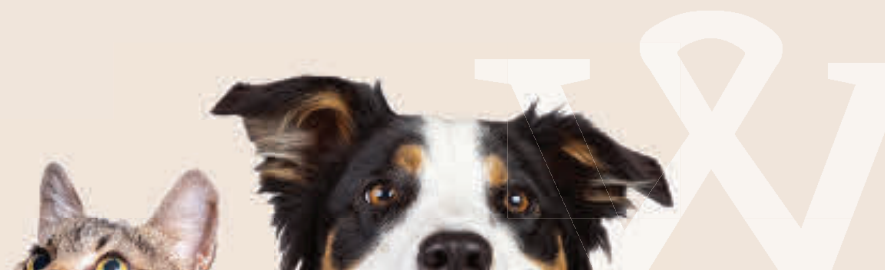
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Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 24

The Barry F. Lorenzetti Foundation's fundraising gala. "Paris is Calling," a French-inspired evening. Honorary president Colette Taylor, CEO Sovereign Insurance. 5:30 pm cocktails. 6:30 pm show and dinner. Dress Paris chic. Maison Principale, 872 rue du Couvent. Valet parking. Tickets: Susan Dabrowski. Sdabrowski@magjusjen.ca

Friday, September 25

Bal du MAC (Musée d'art contemporain) "L'éclat d'un soir," celebrates what contemporary art reveals: its light, its intensity and the place it holds in our lives. Honorary co-presidents Marc Barbeau, executive vice president, Air Canada; Guy Côté, senior wealth advisor & portfolio manager, Guy Côté, Family Wealth Management Team, and Roger Duguay, managing partner, BOYDEN. Committee: Patricia Lemaire (president), Violette Cohen, Cynthia Coutya, Erika Del Vecchio, Josée

Indie's Fall Social Calendar

Dufresne, Francis Guindon, Nicolas Morin and Cathy Samson. La Nesra, 2020 William St. Tickets \$1,750. macm.org/activites/bal-du-mac-2026/

Saturday, September 26

The Montreal Hunt Club's 200th-anniversary gala celebration. Black tie. Scarlet, if convenient. Cocktail reception. Seated dinner. Anniversary tribute presentation. Entertainment: The Chakra Crooners and Shine. MC Joe Cacchione. Le Windsor 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$350. Montrealhunt.org

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 22

Miriam Foundation annual art auction. Co-chairs: Franki Yanofsky, Carol Tryan-sky, Judy Wolfe and Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir. Auctioneer: Lee Haberkorn. Cock-tail dîatoire catered by Beatrice 6:30 pm. Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke St. West. Valet parking. Tickets \$375. Miriamfound-ation.ca

Monday, October 26

The 14th Au Contraire Film Festival Gala. Guest star: Humanoid robot. Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 6939 Decarie. Cock-tail dîatoire, film premieres tackling the timely intersection of AI, robotics and mental health. Proceeds support UP House. Tickets acff.ca. Information com-munications@paradisurbain.org

Wednesday, October 28

Atwater Library 2026 Benefit Cocktail. Guest of honour: Helgi Soutar. Entertain-ment the Dave Turner Jazz Trio. Emcee Terry Mosher (aka Aislin). Cocktail dîa-toire and also featuring Dunn's famous smoked meat. Silent auction items go online October 16, closing October 28. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Tickets \$175. Lavina Alonzo 514.935.7344. Canada-Helps.org

Thursday, October 29

Montreal Chamber Music Festival cel-ebrating Phyllis Lambert's 100th birthday. Featuring the Galvin Cello Quartet. Cock-tail reception and concert. 5:30 pm. Tickets \$295. Julie or Salma 514.489.7444. festival-montreal.org

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 7

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) Ball. "Returning to Love: a tribute to human connections and to Japanese artist Chiharu Shiota" currently showing at the MMFA. Presented by IG Private Wealth Management. Co-chairs Rana Gho-rayeb, executive vice-president and head of real estate La Caisse; Yves Lalumière, CEO Tourisme Montréal, and Annamaria Tes-tani, head of strategy, advisor and client experience IG Private Wealth Manage-ment. Dress: formal wear (comfy shoes suggested). 6 pm. After-party: 9 pm. mbam.qc.ca/en/activities/the-2026-mmfa-after-ball. Tickets \$290. After September 30: \$350. baldumusee@mbamtl.org) Michal and Renata Hornstein Pavilion, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379 Sher-brooke St. West. Valet parking. Tickets \$2,300 (minimum 2 tickets). Zoé Massé Jodoin 514.285.1600. #220. zjodoin@mbamtl.org.

Sunday, November 8

Chanukah Market at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. In time for the holidays. Crafts, foods (specialty nuts, chocolates, jams etc), art cards. Holiday gift items by designers and creative cooks. Open to the public. Free registration. Details later in October. templemontreal.ca Marcy 514. 937.3575 local 214. Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. West.

Saturday, November 14

The Austrian Society of Montreal's Viennese Ball supporting youth welfare and protection initiatives. Viennese cul-tural performances including debutantes' dance and presentation. Dress: formal wear (black tie or gala uniform for gentle-men). 6:30 pm. Marriott Château Cham-plain Hotel, 1050 de la Gauchetière. Tickets austriainmontreal.com

Thursday, November 19

The Arthritis Society of Canada's "Bal en Feu. An Evening that Ignites Hope." Cocktail dîatoire and party. Black tie. Salon Richmond, 550 Richmond St. Valet parking. Tickets \$500. arthritis.ca/get-involved/upcoming-events/bal-en-feu/

Friday, November 27

St. Andrew's Ball in support of the Douglas Hospital Foundation. A gala even-ing of dining, dancing and pageantry cel-ebrating Scottish heritage in Montreal. Presentation of debutantes with their escorts. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 8 pm. Marriott Château Champlain Hotel, 1050 rue de la Gauchetière. Tickets: Adults: \$325/person. Society members 65 and over: \$195/person. Juniors (35 and under): \$195/person. Black Watch (active officers): \$195/person. Debutantes and escorts: \$150/person. Contact: St.andrewsball.com

DECEMBER

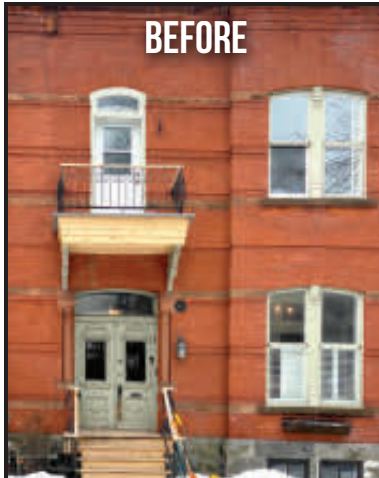
Thursday, December 3

35th Annual Toy Tea. Committee: Annemarie Bertrand, Deane Blonska, Sophie Bolous, Jessica Choueke, Lily Creaghan, Jill de Villafranca, Jessika Fellner, Mary Hebert, Julie Minkoff Mayne, Edward Miller, Jodi Lafreniere, Ginger Petty, Laura Petty, Sylvia Rourke, Jason Steiner and Antonia Zannis. 10 to 4 pm. Salle Tudor, Holt Renfrew Ogilvy, 1307 St. Catherine St. West. Tickets: \$150 (\$100 charitable tax receipt). Each ticket helps provide six brand-new holiday gifts. In-formation and tickets toyteamontreal.org

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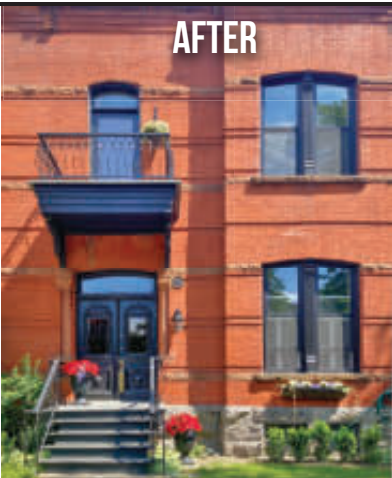
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Weizmann Institute celebrates \$9-million fundraising benchmark



Social Notes

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Presented by the Dr. Joseph Lebovic and Dr. Wolf Lebovic Foundations (through the generosity of **Harry Lebovic**), the Weiz-

mann Canada gala was held at Windsor Station.

VIP Valet whipped cars away faster than the swirling wind that eve.

Greeting guests was **Susan Stern**, CEO, Weizmann Canada, attending with her husband, Westmount mayor **Michael Stern**.

Weizmann Montreal chapter members noted included president **Danielle Bitton**, **Myriam Dahan**, **Dahlia Lawee** and **Valeria Rosenbloom** as well as **Anne-Marie**

Boucher, also a board member. Noted amidst the black-tie elegance were **Stéphane Dion**, former federal Liberal leader and ambassador to France and Morocco; **Eliaz Luf**, consul general of Israel in Montreal, serving Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, Montreal city councillor **Leslie Roberts**, and Westmount city councillors **Jeff Shamie** (with **Daphne Tsadilas-Shamie**) and **Paul Levine** (with **Sharon Levine**).

Also seen were **Leah** and **Jeff Mitelman**,

Cheryl and Janis Brownstein, **Magalie and Michael Dadoun**, **Geoffrey Gelber**, **Stephen Gross**, **Richard Leon**, **Nancy Cleman**, **Dorothy Reitman**, **Mia and David Goodman**, **Sharon Azrieli**, **Howard Stotland**, **Magalie and Michael Dadoun**, **Rosalie Jukier** and **Lewis Dobrin**, **Linda and Terry Smith**, and **Rick Schreiber** and **Alan Azuelos**.

Cosmopolitan sophistication reigned. Dresses ranged from floor-grazing gowns to *continued on p. 18*



Eliaz Luf, consul general of Israel in Montreal, and Susan Stern.



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Professors Asaph Aharoni and Ron Milo with MC Heather Hiscox.

Social notes, cont'd from p. 17
chic pant suits in 50 shades of black.
The architectonic grandeur of Windsor station was enhanced by a massive geodesic dome housing a presentation on climate change. The banquet room was surrounded by super screens presenting an immersive video, presented by professor Einat Segev, who went from micro to macro. She revealed how, over millions of years, the ocean's microscopic algae's cast-off calcium shell casings resulted in the white cliffs of Dover. (I know. I could

hardly believe this either.) The audience listened spellbound as Segev explained further Weizmann discoveries.
MC was former news anchor **Heather Hiscox**, who came in from Toronto. Professors **Ron Milo** and **Asaph Aharoni**, scientists from the institute, spoke of their research, which has the potential to change how we approach sustainability.
The event included a tribute to the legacies of Tom and Mary Beck, Nathalie and Laurent Amar, Rochelle Rubinstein (representing the families of H & R), Linda Cherry Soudack (honouring the legacy of Sigmund Soudack), Darlene Switzer-Foster and Bill Foster (honouring the memory of Sam Switzer), and Danielle Bitton, presented with the Marvella Koffler Award for Women of Distinction.
The gala celebrated \$9 million net raised in support of environmental research at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Funds were raised in the months leading up to and for the gala, after the launch of the institute's global campaign in 2025. The evening's sustainability theme was echoed with a farm-to-table dinner.
The menu itself, made of biodegradable paper, was meant to be planted: it contained seeds. An idea that gives on giving,



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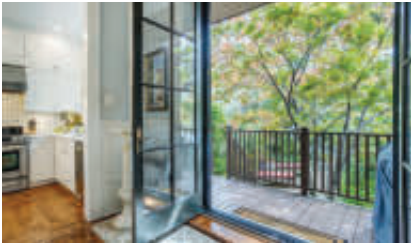
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