

## Safety and practicality challenged Positioning of Bethune traffic light questioned

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The exact positioning of new pedestrian crossing lights on St. Catherine near the arena appears headed for review by city

council, the *Independent* learned at press time.

While initial work has been completed just east of Bethune, utilities commissioner Patrick Martin said he had asked for re-assessment based on safety and practicality.

The same concerns have been voiced by one nearby resident who has been asking council to hold off until completion of a professional traffic analysis and approval of the new arena.

"It's putting the cart before the horse," said Gary Ikeman who has been voicing his concerns at council ..... meetings, and in corre- continued on p. 7

## WMA calls for arena consultation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has called on city council to inject a public consultation process into its information rollout and random telephone poll on the arena/pool renewal project. The plans are to be unveiled April 6.

In a letter distributed to the mayor and council at the mid-month meeting March 18, the watchdog organization also asks for citizens to have more time to consider the design. A scheduled two-week information period includes the Easter and Passover holidays when many go away.

"We feel that citizens must be able to give feedback," WMA board member Patricia Dumais told the *Independent* in presenting the letter.

Asked to comment on the letter the next day, Mayor Karin Marks said the pro-

## Afghanistan send-off for RMR



Overseas send-off at the Westmount armoury, March 21. From left, back row: Chief Warrant Officer Robin McIntyre, Master Corporal Brian Hill, Corporal Dimitri Duknic, RMR commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Colin Robinson, Corporal David Kumar, Sergeant Oliver Lee and Warrant Officer Alan Vincent. Front row: Corporal Brent McNair, Corporal Chris Robati, Private Andrew Anctil and Captain Mike Finner. For more details, see p. 3.

### Dark sky opportunity



Explore the rings of Saturn through a telescope at the Dark Sky event at the Summit Lookout on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 pm. See p. 4 for details.

posed schedule may be delayed because "there's a possibility we won't be ready." But, she added, the project must push forward quickly to be ready to take advantage of infrastructure grants. (For city councillor Patrick Martin's view, see p. 4.)

The WMA was concerned that so little is still known about the plan after the initial Phase 1 period of the design process, Dumais said. "We understood that citizens would be informed all along the way. Some people feel that a report by the mayor after Phase 1 was insufficient." Council is also known to be divided on the issue.

The letter asks for citizens to have "an opportunity to voice their opinions" at already scheduled information-only sessions.

It states that the telephone poll should "solicit citizens' input on the scope and

scale of the proposed plan as opposed to a 'go/no-go' response."

It also asks for more time between the public information meetings (April 18 and 21) and the random poll of some 800 residents set for between April 22 and 29 (see the *Independent*, March 10, p. 1 for more details).

The letter stems from a WMA resolution proposed by Stanley Baker and adopted by the board at its meeting March 16.

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## WHA hears from parent WMA



At the Westmount Historical Association meeting on March 19, city councillors Kathleen Duncan and Tom Thompson compared notes. Both are former presidents of the Westmount Municipal Association.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two city councillors returned to their roots as former presidents of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) March 19 to describe the key role the organization has played in shaping the community from the other side of the council

table.

Addressing a full house of some 40 people at a meeting of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) at the library, Kathleen Duncan and Tom Thompson stressed the leadership provided by the volunteer group in spawning many of today's municipal services. The WMA turned 100 last year.

Building up grassroots support for the demerger movement in Westmount and extending it into a multi-city movement was an overwhelming experience, said Duncan, who spearheaded the drive as WMA president from 2000 to 2004.

"You couldn't ask for a sexier issue," she said. "The ground covered by the WMA was extraordinary. This will form an important part of our history."

Interestingly, her own great-great grandfather, Ralph Whittall, was a vice president of the WMA in 1919, she pointed out.

Founded in 1908, the ..... year Westmount gained *continued on p. 3*

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## Public Security skis for kids



From left, officers Jennifer Chabot and Tim Beaupré, with sergeants Robert Forbes and Kim Colquhoun.

Four members of Westmount's Public Security Unit participated in the Défi Ski marathon March 14 at Ski Chantecler.

The team, named Westmount PSU, raised close to \$800 for the Leucan Foundation, whose goal is to support children

with leukemia. It was one of 11 out of 25 groups to complete the marathon. Officers Jennifer Chabot and Tim Beaupré and sergeants Robert Forbes and Kim Colquhoun were joined by Director Richard Blondin.



## Four named for civic honours

Westmount has announced the names of four former citizens who will be added to the city's honour list at the Vin d'Honneur April 7.

Every second year, the civic honours are bestowed on a small number of men and women selected for their outstanding contributions to the local or wider community.

Named are Arnold Heeney (1902-1970), lawyer, civil servant and diplomat; Alexander Young Jackson (1882-1974), artist and member of the Group of Seven; Mordecai Richler (1931-2001), essayist, novelist and satirist; and Jessie Boyd Scriver (1894-2000), paediatrician and academic.

## RMR soon to have 18 reservists in Afghanistan

Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment will soon have 18 reservists serving in Afghanistan. Some of the 18 are already there. All those pictured on p. 1 are going to Afghanistan, except Captain Mike Finner, who will serve with UN forces in Sudan, and Lieutenant Colonel Colin Robinson.

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## WMA first of its kind

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city status, the WMA became the first organization of its kind in Quebec, Thompson pointed out. The work of its volunteers "probably set the tone for other municipalities in Quebec."

President from 1989 to 1992, Thompson traced the WMA's participation in major local events including early annexation attempts and the evolution of its own roles as advisor to council, supplier of candidates for municipal politics and more recently as a watchdog group to "ensure good governance."

"What is clear when looking at the service of the WMA for a century," he said, "is

the need for balanced and vigilant input. The challenge for the WMA is to guide the discussion on municipal affairs and report results to the council."

WMA president Doreen Lindsay noted the "family connection" between the two organizations. In 1944, the WMA "gave birth" to the WHA to preserve the city's history.

Caroline Breslaw said the WHA is looking for photos, documents or other memorabilia from 1908 to help "give us an image of Westmount" at that time.



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# Earth Hour, Dark Sky Saturn and Cider on Saturday

BY EVE ASPINALL  
MEMBER OF THE HEALTHY CITY PROJECT

Earth Hour arrives this Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 pm. Westmount hopes to redeem itself from its disappointing performance last year.

What is the big deal? It gives us the opportunity to look at our own habits and decide what is essential or non-essential, and how we can reduce energy use. It is the responsibility of all citizens to lower their consumption to help fight climate change.

It is hoped that everyone will remember to turn off their lights, unplug their appliances and lower their thermostats for one hour. It is vital that all *external* lights are off. If the outdoor lights are left on, they are depriving your fellow citizens the rare chance to enjoy the night sky.

### Telescopes focus on Saturn

During this one hour there will be five telescopes set up at the Lookout on Summit Circle. They will be manned by five astronomers, professional and amateur, who are prepared to give those interested the benefit of their expertise.

There will also be a short talk about “Dark Skies and Astronomy” as well as why we are observing Earth Hour. The “star” of the night will be Saturn which, weather permitting, will be visible in the south-eastern sky.

This is why it is so imperative that we all do our part in darkening the city. Hydro Westmount is cooperating fully. They will

turn off the lights at the Lookout and in the park below. Municipal buildings will be in darkness.

There will be earth-friendly refreshments – hot apple juice, locally produced and kept hot in thermoses and served in paper cups that are recyclable and biodegradable.

In addition it is BYOB, which means Bring Your Old Bulb. Your old incandescent bulb can be exchanged for a new CFL bulb absolutely free. This is on a first come, first served basis, one per person.

Ideally it would be great to see people walking up to the summit, but that is not easy for everyone. There will be a minibus for those who would find the climb too great. It will leave from city hall at 7:45 pm for the Lookout. Cars are discouraged – parking will be extremely limited. If necessary, please car-pool with others.

Mark it on your calendar, set your alarm clock, talk it up, telephone your neighbour if they have forgotten, turn off your lights and join the party.

### Notice to readers

The advertisement “You and the Law” by lawyer Barbara Noetzel in the March 3 *Westmount Independent* (p. 11) may have given some incorrect impressions. Firstly, the article does not allude to *Westmount* Public Security in any way. Secondly, the incident used by the advertiser to showcase her services did not happen in Westmount.

# Opinion Response to WMA on arena/pool consultation

BY PATRICK MARTIN, CITY COUNCILLOR  
(DISTRICT 1)



There has been much comment lately, and most recently a letter from the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), regarding the process surrounding the proposal to renew the pool and arena. Concern has been expressed that the public is not being sufficiently informed or consulted.

The letter of the WMA was addressed to the mayor and to each city councillor, and distributed publicly. Several of us on council have been asked, at community events or when meeting residents, for our views on the matter. I feel it important as one of the city’s eight councillors to reply and address the points raised.

The WMA letter touches on five main points, namely the need for:

- Full disclosure of information,
- Sufficient time to reflect and evaluate the proposals,
- Opportunity for citizen opinions and suggestions,
- Resident input on the scope and scale of the project,
- Options for consideration other than just one “go/no-go” response.

Hopefully, by now many citizens know where I stand on the matter of public disclosure and the need for dissemination of information. As a result, I am pleased to support unreservedly the points brought out in the letter for full consultation during the two announced “information meetings.” My personal view on the raised points is as follows.

**Full disclosure:** Though uncomfortable with the limited release of preliminary reports on the arena, I was swayed by the argument that early, incomplete public disclosure would distract from the focus and would be detrimental. But the project presentation date will very soon be upon us, and we expect the public information to include layouts, functionality, appearance, materials, sustainability, local impact, traffic and parking, integration with the park, capital costs, life-cycle costs, funding and financing, effect on city debt and tax rates, etc. Furthermore, detailed background information and reports should be made available to all interested residents.

**Sufficient time:** We are aware of time constraints posed by the availability of grants, the November elections, and ideal

construction start-dates to reduce costs of winter conditions. But residents will need to have time to digest received information, and prepare questions and opinions at the meetings. The schedule shows insufficient time between the information meetings and the poll, such that surveyed residents will not have had time for meaningful reflection. The schedule needs adjustment to allow un-pressured deliberation by residents, and also by council.

**Opportunity for suggestions:** There is concern that information flow at the public meetings will be one-way. But this must not be so, and I intend to hold firm to this resolve. There is no doubt in my mind that these meetings are indeed consultative. I will also insist on receiving and reviewing all feedback received from residents’ written submissions, emails, posting and other feedback.

**Scope and scale:** There is concern that the telephone poll will be a single, yes/no question. In my mind, this would be a wasted opportunity for consultation. The questions haven’t yet been determined by council, and their exact wording may yet be guided by feedback from the public meetings, to obtain a real sense of community feeling about the proposals.

**Options considered:** It has been stated by the mayor that there is no Plan B, giving the impression that there would be only one “take it or leave it” concept. We are faced with a need to renew ageing sports infrastructure, and so to do nothing is not an option. But we must decide: do we simply refurbish/rebuild the existing buildings without taking into account current demand and modern norms? Or do we take advantage of the occasion, and the opportunity for government grants, to upgrade and expand the facilities, while providing necessary underground parking? Between these two options, the restricted site offers few possible variants, but the fundamental question regarding what taxpayers want must be on the table.

The above points are some of the essential elements of public input and due diligence by council that I am working hard to ensure will be embodied in our collective decision on what will undoubtedly be a major updating of the city’s sports and recreation infrastructure, while improving the quality of life in the neighbourhood. I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

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## Civic Alert

## Council's arena rush could end in a hangover

By DON WEDGE



A decade ago, architect Derek Drummond drew up some concepts for a better arena in Westmount. "They didn't fly," he recalled the other day. "Only [former mayor] Peter Trent seemed to support them."

Drummond, now a McGill emeritus professor, is a core Westmount booster – it's probably fair to call him a lover of the place. At the time, he was ending multiple-year terms on the committee then called "Architectural and Planning."

Addressing the need for more facilities, Drummond proposed that summer tennis courts be refrigerated in winter and otherwise adapted to better supplement the indoor rink.

The solution could have removed a lot of today's problems, including costs. Successive city councils have continued to wrestle with what to do about the arena. Clearly, residents recognize the need for renewal.

A year ago, the public had a brief chance to draw up a wish list during a Saturday afternoon "think tank." Ever since, council has kept the big decisions – dreams versus reality – pretty close to the chest. Expectations are high for the proposals that are scheduled to be revealed on April 6.

One of the pivotal issues is the parking dilemma, which has been highlighted by residents.

Unfortunately, the more successful the arena is in attracting participants, the more car problems it brings to the neighbours. The hockey lobby does not envisage itself as pedestrian, not least given the need to carry over-sized bags of heavy equipment.

**Counter-productive**

Even so, it seems counter-productive to provide health-support facilities for people to exercise and then spend fortunes on real estate to accommodate their cars – plus the noise and pollution that inevitably follow.

The irony multiplies as planners create more playing opportunities. It is not just a question of the two dozen players on the ice during a game, but another two dozen more who are changing to or from street clothes. Their cars have to be accommodated, too.

To some city councillors, there seemed no alternative but to build underground parking. It is an expensive project, but cheaper to construct now rather than to add it later.

It is one of the late decisions made this month as the whole council learned the details of the project at a series of marathon meetings. An exceptionally long one on March 9 was followed by three more hours the following Monday in the St. Henri offices of Lemay, the chosen architects.

More extended sessions followed later during the week as council attempted to meet the imminent printing deadlines for the door-to-door version of the plan, which is due to be delivered the day after the April 6 unveiling.

On March 18 at noon, council interrupted its closed-door arena session for its scheduled public meeting.

**Merger fight revisited**

It seemed reminiscent of the never-ending decision-making needed when fighting the forced mergers in 2001.

With councillors needing so much time on the project plans, it seems unreasonable for them to expect citizens to deter-

mine the project's fate in a more-or-less instant telephone poll. Yet only 15 days have been allowed between the unveiling and the start of Ipsos-Reid's questioning.

In between is a busy fortnight that includes Passover, Good Friday, Easter and a long weekend for many, as well as the information meetings on April 18 and 21.

What opportunity will there be to discuss and debate council's proposal?

Even worse, the mayor said last summer there would be no more consultation, leading to the presumption by some that a "take it or leave it" question is being prepared.

Details remain remarkably secret. Councillors who are normally anxious to discuss their work remain tight-lipped about such key matters as the question's wording.

This combination of secrecy, multiple closed-door council sessions, no opportunity to question the proposals or put forward alternatives and, ultimately, rushed polling is the antithesis of modern ideas of democracy.

No wonder the Westmount Municipal Association has asked for more time. There are residents who would still like to see a gymnasium as part of the plan. Some want a covered pool, suspecting that if it is not built now, it will not be in their lifetime.

Others think that the cost of underground parking should instead be devoted to enhanced facilities.

What is, or is not, built now could set the status quo for decades. The 15-day rush to a decision could lead to some long-lasting regrets about the missed opportunity. That is a difficult hangover to contemplate.

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Bowser to play  
at Lookout

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Opinion

# Needed: Tighter building permit by-laws, more neighbour consultation

BY LOUIS AUDET & JOCELYNE FRANCOEUR-AUDET

The *Independent* of January 13 included an instalment of the Mayor's Column (p. 4) entitled "Addressing and readdressing public input into urban planning". In it, Mayor Marks displays knowledge of the preoccupation of citizens with preserving their environment. The article was written to sound reassuring and it does.

But there are important unresolved problems.

Mayor Marks begins her column by stating that she is no longer reticent to express her views since "two litigious situations in our community dealing with ... the fact that views cannot generally be protected have been resolved." Mayor Marks clearly does not understand.

First, the two situations she is talking about have not been resolved: they have been dismissed by the courts.

Second, just in case Mayor Marks has not yet understood: citizens do generally want their views protected. If current regulations do not produce the results desired by citizens, then the regulations must be changed.

In the two situations, the defendants bought houses in Westmount and wanted to enlarge them, at the price of their neighbours' views and privacy.

### Municipal discretion

In our case, Francoeur-Audet vs. Cytrynbaum, Judge Borenstein essentially whitewashed the defendant. The judgment is 10 pages long and provides little insight as to the thought process followed by the judge. The appeal judgment essentially reaffirmed that the judge of first instance was correct in her assessment of the facts and that cities are entrusted with discretionary powers.

The second judgment, Raymond vs. Goldberg, is of considerably greater interest because Judge Mongeon actually does explain, in a 60-page document, what his motivations were.

Having set the facts straight, he explains what his evaluation criteria were and then proceeds to describe his thought process. In essence, cities enjoy wide discretionary powers in applying municipal regulation.

The discretionary power can be chal-

lenged and the court will intervene, but only when that discretion was exercised for improper means, in bad faith, or in a discriminatory, unjust, arbitrary or unreasonable way.

When well-groomed, city-sponsored experts and elected and employed city officials appear before the courts, discriminatory or unreasonable exercise of a discretionary power is almost impossible to prove.

### Smoking gun?

The intent is clear: don't bother us with your petty neighbourhood problems. You will never obtain justice unless there is a smoking gun in view.

Since the burden of proof in these cases is very high, injustice may be committed without there being any proper recourse in law. Hence, only two avenues are available.

The first one involves the elected officials mediating the problems before they become too big. It is our understanding that this was the approach under the previous Westmount municipal administration. Unfortunately, the current administration, with its strictly legalistic "see you in court if you are not happy" approach, has proven grossly inadequate.

If the discretionary powers of the city in these matters are reconfirmed as virtually non-attackable, then it follows that there is a heightened requirement for the city to do its job well, and to be seen to do it.

There is an increased need for accountability, diligence and governance, and not a decreased one, as some may be tempted to interpret the latest judgments.

Hence, the second of these two approaches is probably the only acceptable solution. The regulations must be tightened. In the mayor's current review process, we expect to see stringent rules.

Specifically, there is a requirement for prior consultation with neighbours when their view and privacy will be impacted.

There is a need for those who review these projects to visit the sites beforehand. In our case, not one city official took the time, even after repeated pleas on our part, to come to evaluate the impact.

### Running in front of sheriff

Has it not struck the authorities that these two court cases are very similar? The



*The view that launched at least two law suits.*

two projects have been conceived and presented by the same architect, who in both instances pushed the envelope.

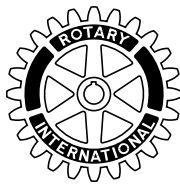
In both cases, a series of miscalculations resulted in a succession of project modifications that have resulted in further disadvantages to neighbours.

In our case, zoning by-law infractions were detected and had to be corrected by the defendants, all because of the work of our experts. In the Raymond vs. Goldberg case, we were appalled to witness city hall's "race against the clock," trying to approve changes to the project and make it

good before the court hearing, as if running in front of the sheriff!

Canadian communities have been built on the European tradition of civility, care, compassion and common sense. Land grab, "sue me if you can" attitudes do not go well with the principles of conduct on which our country and our community were built. We require that Mayor Marks and city council wake up, take due note of this fact and fulfill their responsibilities.

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# City officials: 'Best place' for arena light

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spondence with the mayor and council.

Designed to help arena users and others cross St. Catherine to and from the parking lot leased by the city behind the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf, "these lights are being put in on a temporary basis until the arena plans are finalized," explained interim Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

"Bethune was considered to be the best place from safety, technical and cost effective points of view," explained Zalzal, who chairs the city's Administrative Traffic Committee.

## Align light with arena roadway

Martin, Ikeman and others have suggested that aligning the light with the current arena entrance is safer and more practical. Zalzal said it would, however, be a more expensive temporary installation.

Since the work is now stalled awaiting the arrival of electrical material, this is an obvious time to look further into these issues, Martin said.

Placement of the light, Zalzal explained, has been thoroughly studied and

recommended not only by the traffic committee but also by the city's retired director general Bruce St. Louis, who is project manager for the arena.

She also said positioning of the light some 30 to 40 feet east of the Bethune intersection was undertaken to lessen the danger from trucks turning east out of the city's Corporation Yard, which exits from Bethune. This intersection is further complicated by access to the Oral School parking lot and the POM condominium building at 4700 St. Catherine.

The pedestrian-activated light would remain green at all times except when a pedestrian pushes the button to cross.

When this occurs, traffic exiting Bethune would receive a warning light and sign before making the right-turn and coming upon the red light. It has been deemed safe by the city's traffic personnel and police.

"It's a bad location," Ikeman contends. He argues that heavy trucks will have insufficient time to stop. Moreover, "Some 'yo-yo' racing the lights at St. Catherine and Lansdowne" may also come upon it too quickly.

As a result, he fears the light will pro-

vide a false sense of security among pedestrians, who now must be vigilant in crossing the busy street.

## Approved by SUE committee

City council's Safety, Utilities and Environment Committee approved the original Bethune location at its meeting October 22, said city councillor George Bowser.

Martin proposed the arena entrance alignment following this meeting, and the position was shifted slightly east as a result.

Ikeman suggests the position may be politically motivated to encourage use of the Oral School parking lot and justify ex-

cluding underground parking at the new arena, which is categorically denied by Mayor Karin Marks.

"This light is long overdue to help everyone cross the street including people at the dog run." One scenario for the new arena that council is believed to be considering is to position the new entrance closer to Bethune, which might realign with the proposed light.

If this location is recommended by a professional traffic consultant, Ikeman said, "then I'll rest my case. But what's the rush? Let's wait just a little longer and find out."



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# Indecency, ‘hanging out’, driving lead to tickets

## Spring fever at the Summit

It must be a harbinger of spring. Westmount’s public safety officers report issuing 11 tickets on March 12 and 13 to persons violating the city’s midnight to 5 am park curfew by being at the Summit Lookout.

Most of the \$37 tickets were given out around 1 am when people were found “hanging out.” Offenders were described as young adults, all but one living outside Westmount.

### Indecent behaviour

Two other tickets were issued March 9 to a couple “committing an indecent act in a park” also at the Lookout.

While parking is prohibited at the Lookout after 9 pm, the area, sandwiched between Summit and Sunnyside parks is also consid-

ered as a park and signed accordingly, of ficers said.

### Driving in park

Three young persons were ticketed in the early hours of March 19 when their black SUV was spotted driving into Summit Park at 12:40 am.

Public Safety Officer Stephen Payne followed the 4x4 until it became blocked by boulders, hemming them in with the Public Security vehicle. He called police to identify the trio, and officer Tina Lanzon joined him at the scene.

The driver was issued a \$37 ticket for driving a vehicle in the park, and all three received \$37 tickets for being in the park after the midnight curfew.



Signage at the Lookout.



Tracks at Summit Park on March 20. The wrong-doers’ or authorities’?

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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Heure de la Terre

**Le samedi 28 mars de 20 h 30 à 21 h 30**

Fermez les lumières et débranchez tous les appareils non-essentiels afin de participer à l'Heure de la terre. Nous vous invitons à venir nous rejoindre au belvédère du parc Summit afin d'observer la planète Saturne et autres étoiles en utilisant les télescopes. Faites du covoiturage ou utilisez la navette qui partira de l'hôtel de ville à 19 h 45. Des rafraîchissements seront servis. De plus, apportez une ampoule à incandescence et recevez en échange une ampoule fluocompacte.

### Événement de danse social

#### La Nuit des Étoiles

Les étudiants du Service des sports, loisirs et événements communautaires ainsi que ceux de l'Académie de danse E-Motion feront revivre la majestueuse salle de concert du Victoria Hall le samedi 28 mars à compter de 18 h 30. Cet événement est ouvert à tous les amoureux de la danse et de la musique. Joignez-vous à eux lors de cette soirée ponctuée de spectacles professionnels, d'une séance de formation ainsi que d'une danse ouverte à tous. Billets : 30 \$ (spectacle et buffet) ou 10 \$ (balcon – spectacle seulement). Info : 514 286-5483. 🍷



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Mois national de la poésie

#### Atelier de poésie

Libérez votre créativité dans un contexte ludique lors de notre second atelier annuel de poésie le mercredi 1<sup>er</sup> avril à 14 h.

#### Place aux poètes

Joignez-vous à deux poètes canadiens, Carolyn Marie Souaid et Endre Farkas, le mercredi 8 avril à 19 h 30.

### Club d'échecs et de Scrabble

Aimez-vous jouer aux échecs ou au Scrabble? La prochaine rencontre du club aura lieu le vendredi 3 avril à 14 h. Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de nouveaux joueurs. Info : 514 989-5386.

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### Les 25 et 26 mars de 18 h à 20 h

Période d'inscriptions

*Activités de loisirs printemps-été 2009*

Victoria Hall

### Du 27 mars au 21 avril

Exposition : Nathalie Guez & Homeira Mortazavi  
La galerie du Victoria Hall

### Le 1<sup>er</sup> avril – 19 h

Événement - auteur

Stuart Robertson : *Tips on Container Gardening*

Bibliothèque

### Le 6 avril – 20 h

Séance du conseil

Hôtel de ville

mardi 7 avril à 10 h 15. *Présentation en anglais.*  
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## TRAVAUX PUBLICS

### Projet de reconstruction du complexe Turcot

Si vous désirez partager vos idées concernant le projet de reconstruction du complexe Turcot, nous vous invitons à utiliser notre forum Web, maintenant disponible sur notre site Web, www.westmount.org. **Exprimez-vous!** 🍷



## SPORTS ET LOISIRS

### Inscriptions printemps-été 2009

Les inscriptions pour les activités sportives et de loisirs se tiendront les 25 et 26 mars au Victoria Hall de 18 h à 20 h. Veuillez noter qu'après le 26 mars, toute inscription devra s'effectuer à l'Aréna de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5353.

### Répertoire des activités :

#### Vous n'avez pas reçu votre copie?

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Earth Hour

**Saturday, March 28 - 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

Turn off your lights and unplug non-essential appliances to mark Earth Hour. Come to Summit Lookout to observe Saturn and the stars through telescopes. Carpool or take the shuttle bus from City Hall at 7:45 p.m. Earth-friendly refreshments will be served. You can also exchange an incandescent light bulb for a compact fluorescent bulb (CFL).

### Ballroom Dance Event

#### Allstars Night

Students from Westmount Sports, Recreation and Community Events and E-motion Danse Academie and their guests will revive the soul of the magnificent Victoria Hall ballroom Saturday March 28 at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to all dance lovers. General dancing, professional shows and a cold buffet will cap off the evening. Tickets are on sale now: \$30 (show and buffet) – \$10 (show only). Info: 514 286-5483. 🍷



## LIBRARY

### Celebrate National Poetry month

#### Poetry Workshop

Get creative in this second annual light-hearted workshop that will get you to express yourself in verse on Wednesday, April 1 at 2 p.m.

#### Poetry Event

Join two of Canada's most interesting poets, Carolyn Marie Souaid and Endre Farkas on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

### Chess and Scrabble Club

Do you enjoy playing chess or Scrabble? Our games club will meet on Friday, April 3 at 2 p.m. Drop by for a friendly game as we look forward to meeting new players. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Readers to Readers Book Club

Join our morning book club with a twist. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:15 a.m. to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386. 🍷

## DATEBOOK

### March 25 and 26 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration Period

*Spring/Summer 2009 Recreation Activities*

Victoria Hall

### From March 27 to April 21

Exhibition: Nathalie Guez & Homeira Mortazavi  
Gallery at Victoria Hall

### April 1 – 7 p.m.

Author Event

Stuart Robertson: *Tips on Container Gardening*

Library

### April 6 – 8 p.m.

Council Meeting

City Hall



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Reconstruction of the Turcot Interchange

#### New Web Discussion Forum

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## SPORTS AND RECREATION

### Spring/Summer Registration 2009

Registration for spring and summer sports and recreation activities will take place March 25 and 26 at Victoria Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please note that registration after March 26 will take place at the Westmount Arena. Info: 514 989-5353.

### You have not received your copy of the Activities Guide?

Pick up a copy of the guide at any municipal building or consult our Web site for a complete list of the activities offered. 🍷

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# Hello, Westmount

ALAIN ASSEDO OPTICIAN



*Alain Assedo shows off his wares.*

PHOTO & STORY BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

Alain Assedo Optician has been located at 4933 Sherbrooke St. for 12 years, though

the site housed an optician for 40 years prior to that.

“I’m really keen on customer service;

# Spring revelations



*At least one person uses this location at Victoria and de Maisonneuve to feed the squirrels. The spring thaw shows a whole season’s worth of shells and detritus. The city has outlawed the practice to curb vermin and protect peanut-allergy sufferers.*

that’s my number one priority,” said owner Alain Assedo, a Westmounter and father of three children. The family lives a short distance from the shop.

“The mix of French and English is one of the reasons I like conducting my busi-

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## More of Spring's revelations



Fallen sign on Victoria Ave. after wild wind storm during the week of March 9. Or maybe it was the result of amateur parallel parking. Who knows?



Sign limiting parking to a maximum of two hours blew off its post on Prince Albert Ave. after the same wind storm two weeks ago. Did anybody feel entitled to park in this area for more than two hours? The sign has since been fixed.

## At Atwater Library in May

# World champions, Mayor Marks at Scrabble fundraiser

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre will host a Scrabble fundraiser on Saturday, May 9, from 12:45 pm to 4 pm.

"We're challenging people to come out to raise money for the library," said executive director Lynn Verge. "This is not a serious Scrabble competition. It's an opportunity to have a fun time, meet people from the library and from the community, and raise much-needed funds."

World Scrabble champions Joel Wapnick and Dave Boys, and Mayor Karin Marks will participate. For a fee, the champions will play turns for players. Competitors can also play a whole game against them or Marks.

### Register two days in advance

The pledge minimum is \$50 for adults and \$20 for people under 18. To play, people have to register at least two days in advance by contacting Tanya Mayhew at the Atwater library. Pledge sheets are available online ([www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca)) or at the library.

All proceeds from this event will fund

the Atwater Library's community educational and cultural programs. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$15.

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# 9 Lives: Mama and her kittens

BY LYZANNE

An abandoned cat herself and only about a year old, Mama Cat had her three kittens outside last August and brought them to the door of a kind woman when her litter became mobile. Though this person felt sorry for them, she could not bring them inside because her own cat would not tolerate it. Mama Cat was very wary, but friendly. She took good care of her kittens. She would watch as the lady put food out daily for the little family. When winter came, the lady fixed up a box outside for them to seek shelter from the cold.

On a bitterly cold winter day, the woman was able to coax the three kittens into her home, at which point Gerdy, from Gerdy's Rescue, took them to the vet. But Mama Cat would not come in, try as Gerdy might. She was a wise cat and did not trust humans. One day, the woman looked out the window to see Mama Cat perched on

her doorstep, looking inside with a bleeding eye. It was bitterly cold outside, with a lot of snow. The cat was finally convinced to come inside, and Gerdy spent New Year's Day at the DMV vet hospital getting Mama Cat treatment!

One of Mama Cat's kittens was adopted right away. Mama Cat is now so friendly, sweet-natured and beautiful. Her two remaining kittens, Alex and Joy, now seven months old, have turned out to be very affectionate and healthy! Homes need to be found for all three, together or separately. Don't forget, however, two cats are often less trouble than one! They have all been seen by the vet, vaccinated and spay/neutered.

To find out more please page Gerdy at 514.203.9180 or email [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org).

Many thanks for giving these sweet cats a chance at adoption!

*Your neighbour, Lyzanne*



Joy



Mama Cat



Alex

*Colourfully Yours:*

## Throw it, trade it, sell it – just edit it

BY GRETA VON SCHMEDLAPP,  
MUSE TO AURÉLIEN GUILLORY



Hello, my dear Design Fiends. I really must rush this letter out to you all – as usual, I have neglected you...I must blame my partner in art crime, Aurel Guillory, for the many distractions he presents to me daily. Take this letter I am writing to you from Ottawa, for example. I am tapping away on my fellow design/architects' big Macintosh computer (like mine) here in the trendy Glebe neighbourhood that houses the well-known architect Barry Hobin's Glasgow condos (with loads of Charles Rennie MacIntosh

influences). At least my fingers and eyes find familiarity on the keyboard and screen.

However, this afternoon, with a lovely hint of imminent spring hovering in the air, I can still see the vision of Bernini's portrait bust of his tragic Constance hovering in my soul from my visit to the National Gallery of Canada. It was the last day for the exhibit, and definitely worth the trip. So, as a truant from my comfy studio in Montreal, I must recount some recent experiences with Aurel and the word of the season: Edit!

My friends here have moved four times in 10 years. They moved from Paris to Montreal, within Montreal and now to the capital. They have confronted their demons and have also learned the cursed

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 26: **Registration for spring/summer recreation activities**, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Victoria Hall. This period is reserved for residents of Westmount. After March 26, registration must be done at the arena during regular office hours only. Registration for non-residents begins April 8 at 8:30 am at the arena. [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) / 514.989.5353.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: A dramatized historical play takes place at **Roslyn School** to celebrate its centennial. Organized by Dramatis Personae and Westmount Historical Association, wine and cheese cocktail starts at 7 pm; play begins at 7:30 pm. Free, but donations of \$10, (or \$5 for kids, students and seniors) are welcome for the Roslyn School Foundation. [www.roslyn-schoolfoundation.ca](http://www.roslyn-schoolfoundation.ca).

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: Art Focus presents "Designs for Downsizing: The Perfect Home" a lecture by interior designer **Aurélien Guillory** at the Westmount Public Library at 1:30 pm. Reservations: 514.937.6391.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28: **Earth hour** from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Residents are encouraged to turn off lights, lower thermostats, unplug appliances.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1: Award winning Canadian investigative journalist **Julian Sher** on "Safe Guarding your Children on the Internet", 7:30 pm at Temple Emanuel-Beth Sholom (4100 Sherbrooke). Open to all, free. 514.937.3575.

## Comin' Up...

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: Montreal actor **Michael Rudder** speaks about his experience in the terrorist attack in Mumbai last winter. 7:30 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Free and open to public. 514.937.9471.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3: **Centre Greene's** (1090 Greene) annual used book sale from 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday, April 4 from 10 am to 3 pm, including children's music and sing-along at 11 am. Proceeds benefit the summer campership fund, allowing deserving children to attend summer camp. Centre Greene continues to accept donations of used books and seeks volunteers. [cgspeialevents@gmail.com](mailto:cgspeialevents@gmail.com) / 514.931.6202.

MONDAY, APRIL 6: **Rotary Club of Westmount** International Celebration Dinner at Bitoque (3706 Notre Dame W.) from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, to celebrate Rotary International and Rotary Club of Westmount international work including Polio Plus, Ghana water project, YMCA Westmount Nicaragua project. 75\$. Reserve: 514.935.3344/[info@rotarywestmount.org](mailto:info@rotarywestmount.org).

MONDAY, APRIL 6: City council meeting at 8 pm, city hall.

it, or best, sell it for your travel fund. I am not impressed with clutter, and I often poke fun at Aurel over his Baroque tendencies. If you don't feel like you can pass it on to your best friend or your children, don't buy it! Now, enough lecturing. Please come to Aurel's presentation at the Westmount Public Library on Thursday, March 26, 1:30 pm, to hear his "Designs for Downsizing: The Perfect Home", which is part of the Art Focus series, created by the gracious and genius Virginia Lemoyne. Reservations are requested. Please call Virginia at 514.937.6391.

Well, my dears, I must get Aurel organized for the trip out west. Your Greta von Schmedlapp.

*Do let us hear your viewpoints:*  
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The same goes for furniture that you keep promising to refinish: throw it, trade



# ON THE SHELVES

Among the arrivals at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

## Magazines

"Terminated: why the women of Wall Street are disappearing. After the scandals of the 1990s, didn't investment banks put sexist employment practices behind them? Evidently not." by Anita Raghavan in *Forbes*, March 16, 2009, p. 72

"Les femmes du Président: Comment Sarkozy les juge. Avec la crise, le code a changé. Rachida, Rama, Roselyne, Fadela, Christine... Moins de deux ans après leurs nominations, les étoiles de certaines ont pâli quand d'autres brillent désormais au firmament. Revanche des fourmis laborieuses sur les cigales médiatiques." by Runo Jeudy and Carl Meeus in *Le Figaro Magazine*, March 7, 2009, p. 28

## DVDs

*Strong bones yoga* – Christine Dormaier presents three 20-minute workouts based on yoga postures performed using small hand weights and designed to help build strong bones and tone the body.

*Ensemble c'est tout* – A trio of misfits living together in a Parisian apartment discover what it truly feels like to be part of a family when they must work together in order to rescue one of the group's aging grandmother.

*La graine et le mulet* – This award-winning film embraces several ambitious themes: the elders' need to pass on a legacy to their families, the struggles faced by Arabs in France, the tensions and rivalries which hound large families, and the surprising ways a dream can draw people together in a common mission.

## Mysteries – in the General Sense

*When can I retire? Planning your financial life after work* by Andrew Allentuck.

This is a realistic, no-nonsense approach to the complexities of retirement planning for Canadians.

*The Gardner Heist* by Ulrich Boser – This is the true story of the world's largest unsolved art theft. On March 18, 1990, two men broke into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and stole a dozen masterpieces valued at over \$500 million. The art detective assigned to the case has since died, and the author had access to all his case files.

## "Le monde des livres"

These two novels are taken from *Le Monde's* selection of the must-read books from 2009's "rentrée littéraire".

*En enfance* by Mathieu Lindon – A sensitive exploration of childhood memories by an author and literary critic, whose father was a famous editor. Lindon offers short sketches on the everyday life of a pre-adolescent in the 1960's.

*La Trahison de Thomas Spencer* de Philippe Besson – Set in the United States, this is the story of Paul and Thomas, two inseparable childhood friends. Their meeting with Claire, a free and bold woman, will open a chasm between them, and tragedy will follow.

## Picture Books

*Walt Disney's Cinderella* retold by Cynthia Rylant – Mary Blair's original illustrations for the animated film are presented in this beautiful retelling of a classic by the talented Cynthia Rylant.

*Le noeud de la girafe* by Michael Escoffier and Kris Di Giacomo – One morning Giraffe wakes up to find that his long neck is in a knot! None of the specialists knows how to cure him until Elephant shows them that sometimes laughter can be the best medicine!

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# Underdog

BY FERN BRESLAW

We are all aware that Quebec has a rather crumby track record when it comes to animal rights. Puppy mills flourish, dogs and cats are discarded like a pair of last season's Tory Burch shoes.

I think we often forget just how much worse the situation is in other parts of the world. This week Annie comes as our reminder.

She was sent over from Lebanon where some dogs are treated in ways we won't begin to describe. BETA (Beirut for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has struggled to properly place the dogs it rescues locally. Over the past year it has flown out over 150 animals for placement in North America.

Annie (who is a mix of who knows what) was found tied to a tree, starving – just skin and bones. She had lost all her fur, and her teeth had rotted from malnutrition.

After almost a year in recovery at the

shelter in Beirut and having all of her teeth removed, she has been sent to us in the hope of finding a proper home. She is quite small, good with dogs and



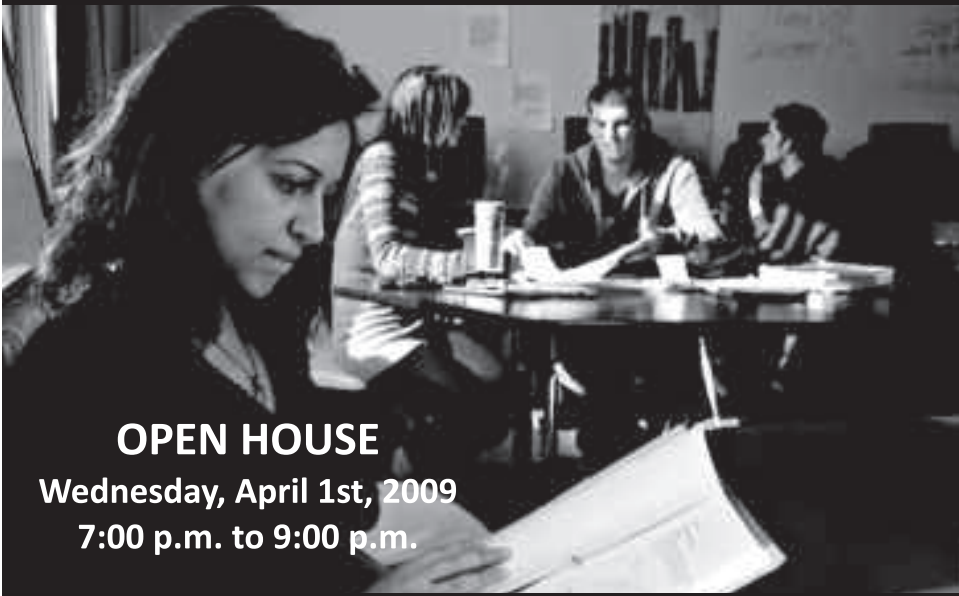
Annie

cats and though she may be lacking in beauty on the outside, she more than makes up for it with what's on the inside.

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Wine: What's In Store...

# The girls' or guys' night in

BY CAROLA PRICE



I have come to the realization that I drink a lot of wine. Sure there is a smattering of Scotch, grappa and whiskey thrown in to keep me in practice but I spend most of my time in a vinous state. Since all my money is frittered away on wine and food, I thought it was time to write about finding good value for your wine dollar.

I dare say that in this time of belt tightening, the first thing to go is luxury, and that means rarely hitting a restaurant table with gusto. I am imploring you, good readers, to pick up a fab cookbook at Appetite for Books, grab the ingredients at Atwater Market and pop open a bottle or two. Your total bill is a fraction of what you may spend dining out, and you've tried a few new wines and recipes at cost price. Who knows you may find your inner Jamie Oliver or Nigella Lawson.

Let's taste:

**Shiraz, Ned & Henry's, Hewitson, Barossa Valley.**

**SAQ#10959776. \$21.95**



This Aussie red blew me away in terms of price-quality ratio. It is a big wine that can cellar and has the easy-to-open screwcap I am so fond of. Pair it with grilled meat and Mediterranean food, Oka, goat Camembert and Douanier. It softens up when decanted or swirled in a big glass and has a full bodied nose and flavour of black fruit and pepper.

Available at press time: Victoria, Across from the Atwater Market.

**Tempranillo, Celeste, Torres, Ribera del Duero. SAQ#10461679. \$20.85**

This is classic Spanish wine that is more New World in terms of approachability. It smells of raspberry and blackberry with some tobacco, lead and coffee in the nose (Spanish wine tends to be restrained at first whiff) and leads to earthy tastes and some dark fruit flavour in the mouth. This is a wine for short-term cellaring and goes well with all meats and heavier weight fish, grilled vegetables and mashed potatoes with green onion and cheddar.

Available at press time: Across from the Atwater Market.

**Chardonnay, Colio Estate, Niagara.**

**SAQ#10846245. \$10.85**



This is a dry, crisp white that showcases the fruit. It sees no oak so the flavour and nose is all green apple, grass and some citrus. It is medium-bodied and pairs well with vegetarian dishes, lemon chicken, grilled or baked firm fish and cheeses like Manchengo, Au Pied de Vent and Chevre Noir.

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1380 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT LE REFINANCEMENT D'UN EMPRUNT DE 7 100 600 \$ CONCERNANT LES INFRASTRUCTURES SERVANT À LA PRODUCTION ET À LA DISTRIBUTION DE L'EAU POTABLE** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 mars 2009. La ministre des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire a approuvé ledit règlement le 18 mars 2009.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à refinancer la dette contractée par la Ville de Montréal avant le 1er janvier 2002 relativement aux infrastructures utilisées pour la production et la distribution d'eau potable sur le territoire de la ville de Westmount.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le règlement sur le site web de la ville: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 24 mars 2009.

## NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE BY-LAW 1380

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1380 entitled "**BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE REFINANCING OF A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,100,600 IN CONNECTION WITH FACILITIES USED TO PRODUCE AND SUPPLY DRINKING WATER**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on March 2, 2009. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy approved said By-law on March 18, 2009.

The object of this by-law is to refinance a debt contracted by the former *Ville de Montréal* before January 1, 2002 in connection with facilities used to produce and supply drinking water in the territory of the city of Westmount.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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