

## Four more announce candidacy

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four new candidates announced to the *Independent* last week their intention to stand for election to Westmount city council on November 1. They are Victor Drury in District 3, Georges Hébert and Douglas Leahey in District 5, and Tim Price in District 2. All are running for seats being vacated by incumbents.

So far, the only contested one is District 5, now held by George Bowser. This southwest section of the city is shaping up to be the hot spot with three likely candidates. Gary Ikeman was the first to announce his candidacy, likely in District 5 (see *Independent*, Sept. 1, p. 1).

Hébert, 62, retired from a 35-year career in law, is the longtime president of environment group STOP and a member of

the environment committee of Westmount's Healthy City Project.

Leahey, 44, is in sales and marketing in the high-tech field and is an active volunteer in Westmount Scouting and other community programs. He plays hockey and coaches his sons' teams.

In other districts, Drury, 62, is a professional fundraiser, veteran political organizer and erstwhile volunteer. He recently stepped down as CEO of the Foundation of Stars for research into children's diseases.

Price, 51, a stockbroker, was president and CEO of MacDougall, MacDougall and MacTier, and is now its chairman. He's played senior and executive hockey for Westmount and coached soccer last year.

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## Arena planning costs now exceed \$800,000

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the date of the new arena/pool information meeting set for September 26, city council approved additional funding at its September 8 meeting to cover an allocation shortfall for professional services related to the initial project, which now total \$814,000.

An injection of \$214,000 was made from the 2009 budget contingency to top up the \$600,000 previously approved for architectural and other fees. It was explained that this new amount was now needed to cover anticipated amounts

as well as almost \$100,000 in unapproved expenses.

"I see it as money well spent," said Councillor Tom Thompson in moving the motion for the transfer from contingency.

Some of the added fees, he explained, included those for providing knowledge of the site, validation of costs and design work and other "valuable information" on which council could determine whether or not to proceed with the project.

A new design for the proposed St. Catherine site will be revealed for discussion at the upcoming public meeting, *continued on p. 5*

**New  
information  
meeting set  
for Sept. 26**

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## Arlington still partying after 40 years



Arlington Ave. families enjoyed their annual street party and corn roast, September 9, where kids could play and bike freely on the blocked-off street, eat corn and hot dogs and toss balloons, all on a school night. Caroline Hornyak hosted this year's party with husband James Aitken whose own family now lives in his childhood home. Hornyak guessed the block party is a 40-year tradition and described it as a "no way you can miss it" event.

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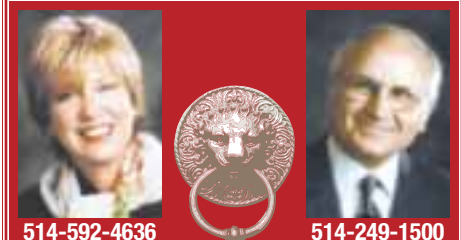
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# Weighing in on sustainability

BY ISAAC OLSON

Three weeks before the city council's slated adoption of the Sustainable Development Action Plan, Victoria Hall's Lodge Room was bursting at the seams as Westmounters selected which environmental and social actions they think should take priority in 2010.

"To me, sustainable development goes far beyond the political," Mayor Karin Marks told the crowd of approximately 100 residents at the September 10 meeting. "It can and must affect the day-to-day operations of our municipal government and also how we, as individuals, live and work

and view the world."

The goal of sustainable development is to meet the needs of the current generation without compromising future generations and other species. The widely-used term has evolved over the years and now includes everything from protecting community identity and heritage to careful reduction of pollution and resource consumption.

With more than a year's accumulation of public input, municipal discussions and research, Joshua Wolfe, Westmount's sustainable development coordinator, has been busy drafting a multi-layered action plan for city *continued on p. 21*



*During a Sustainable Development Action Plan meeting on September 10, Joshua Wolfe asks residents to prioritize potential actions the city can take toward developing with both society's and the world's best interests in mind.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MORE SENSE, FEWER CENTS

Citizens who attended the city council meeting on September 8 gained a detailed view of the financing to date of the arena pool renewal project. Because the mayor and council have decided that a cumulative amount of \$813,788 needs to be spent on the project by the November 1 election day, the councillors on Tuesday approved an additional \$213,788 to be available "from the 2009 Budget contingencies funds" (Item 15, Appropriation – Contingencies Funds, Agenda for Council Meeting, Sept. 8, 2009).

Much of this total spending involves payments to Lemay Associates, who have a \$1.3-million contract for the arena planning. However, various other parties have also been paid, according to the city, including a respected retired Westmount employee who will receive, in this period, \$65,073 to guide the process, although he will not be the eventual project manager, according to an informed city official.

The Lemay contract is "phased" and can be cancelled before further stages, should a new council choose not to proceed. A current councillor, however, said in council on September 8 that the new contingency appropriation is worth it because council has been able to "learn" about the proposed site.

I believe that these various expenditures should never have been made without completing the essential preliminaries. In truth, the Lemay contract itself should never have been signed without the city having done three things first:

1. Commissioning a professional, objective needs assessment of Westmount recreation demand.
2. Carrying out a thorough traffic study of the St. Catherine/Lansdowne area.
3. Paying for a soil study before the Lemay contract, not after.

This last point is key. Residents and local historians have all known for some time about the site of the arena. In the words of a city expert, "It is not virgin soil." Landfill lies beneath the present arena location. Because this local knowledge has been available, I believe it was the responsibility of elected officials to have carried out these different studies first, not in the middle or even near the end of lavish expenditures.

November 1 is not too late to demand some common sense at city hall.

PATRICK BARNARD, MELVILLE AVE.

### 1.5 RINKS ENOUGH

I am delighted and somewhat encouraged to see recent letters in Westmount

publications rejecting the need for two full-size arenas, and supporting other options to solve whatever shortages in ice hockey or skating capacity (real or imagined) may exist in Westmount.

The main proponents of the two full-size rink option are the hockey lobby and their supporters inside the Westmount Recreation department who pander to the whims of the Quebec Ice Hockey Federation.

Westmount does not need two full-size rinks, and should retain, in a new, modern, 12-month facility, the 1½ rink configuration currently in use

Why? Because:

1. The population of Westmount has not increased over the past 50 years, and there is no evidence to suggest that it will increase materially over the next 50.

2. The population of youngsters (under 14) is not increasing. In fact, over the next 10 years it may decrease.

3. A significant number of non-Westmounters populate our adult hockey programs. I challenge the city of Westmount to independently verify that only Westmount residents are active in Westmount adult hockey programs.

4. Ice time for hockey programs for youngsters should receive priority over adult programs. Adults can more easily make use of commercial ice time available elsewhere in Montreal. It is not the mandate of Westmount to provide ice time to the very last individual who may want it.

5. The half rink is unique and has allowed for the training of countless children, mainly because the small rink can not be absorbed into the hockey program. If you go to the arena on a weekday evening you will see 20 kids playing team hockey on the large arena and 60 kids learning how to skate on the small ice surface. This is something that we should not lose.

6. We cannot afford the two full-size rinks option.

7. There is insufficient space at the current site for two.

Other options are, however, available. A covered and sheltered outdoor rink, with artificial ice, could solve any shortage of ice time. It would not be "cozy warm" but it would be free from falling snow, be sheltered from wind and the artificial surface would not be subject to winter thaws.

The citizens of Westmount should not be asked to fund a \$35-million project (that will quickly become \$40-million) in order accommodate that last skater. We should offer reasonable levels of service to Westmounters and live within our means.

DAVID SCHACHTER, ST. CATHERINE ST.

## Civic Alert

## Behind the scenes: \$21M update, no \$25K playground

BY DON WEDGE



Many hours of city councillors' time go into the closed-door standing committees, but little is heard of the results. Nevertheless some interesting examples of council's work takes place out of the limelight.

From the \$21-million dispute with the old mega-Montreal to the rejection of a \$25,000 make-over of an infants' playground, here are a few examples of one group of unheralded decisions.

**Big judgment** – In July, an inquiring Councillor Cynthia Lulham was told that a ruling was anticipated in early September on Westmount's case against the former megacity for allegedly overcharging \$21 million during the forced merger years. (At press time, the judgment was still pending.)

**Election pay** – In May, Westmount council agreed on remuneration and allowances for staff working on the November election. They were based on those agreed by Big Montreal and its staff. Subsequently, Montreal's income was hit by the economic downturn and the agreed fees were reduced. However, Westmount decided to honour the original agreement.

**Budget plan** – On June 23, the Finance Committee approved city treasurer Claude Lachance's preparation plans and proposed guidelines for the 2010 Budget.

**Apartment composting** – The Healthy City Project's environment committee reported being intrigued by the Halifax system, where landlords are responsible for collecting compostables, recyclables and garbage for city collection and treatment. Public Works proposed pilot schemes in two buildings.

**Plant exchange** – The \$1,500 raised at the annual exchange in May was allocated to the cost of the future Parks Guide.

**Glen bike path** – Big Montreal wants to build a bike park from de Maisonneuve to the Lachine Canal. Westmount's proposal is for a bi-directional path on the west side of Lansdowne and the Glen. Montreal is arguing for uni-directional paths on each side of the streets.

**Greene Ave. refurbishing** – On May 27, the Safety, Utilities and Environment Committee (SUE) approved a preliminary plan from Public Works. This included lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, planters and street furnishings. There would be consultation with interested parties, including merchants. On September 8, council approved an \$18,000 professional contract for the surveying and initial reconstruction plans.

**Prince Albert ice rink** – Public Works proposed re-leveling the grass area of Prince Albert Park used for the ice rink. SUE agreed but wanted the work postponed until spring 2010, to avoid the loss of use during summer 2009.

**Stayner Park equipment** – A \$25,000 plan for new equipment for under-6-year-olds was deferred.

**Victoria storage building** – The building on the Victoria parking lot, used to store property from evictions, needs \$12,000 worth of repairs to its roof and windows. It was suggested it could be demolished for less and the site used for three more parking spaces, which would generate \$8,000 a year. SUE felt the building should be kept as the city is short of space.

**Fern investigation** – A student of the Institut de recherche en biologie végétale investigating the influence of humans and the environment on ferns was given permission to take samples from the Summit Park forest.

**Gardeners' wastes** – To meet the problem caused by commercial gardeners dumping green debris in the street, council is planning to introduce a new by-law

permitting Public Works superintendents to issue tickets for infractions.

**Curfew and alcohol use in parks** – Public Security chief Richard Blondin suggested that the fine for breaking the park curfew be raised to \$144 to standardize with Big Montreal. He also suggested the curfew begin at 11 pm (instead of the current midnight), but this was accepted only for Summit Park.

**Street signs for sale** – A plan to replace 300 missing, faded or rusted street signs will mean the old ones will be sold through the city boutique. A new, more reflective design was considered, but the status quo was decided on with sleeker signs made by the previous supplier (cost \$200 – \$250 each).

The 14 examples above provide just a small glimpse of the minutiae a council has to be concerned with. Those thinking of running in the November election should prepare themselves for such details – and many more – as well as deciding on the new arena or how to build a sustainable city!

These were selected from what together formed a normal month. By the way, not everything was recorded. For instance,

council met in camera at 5.30 pm on July 6, but was not joined by city clerk Mario Gerbeau and recording secretary Lucille Angers until 7:20 pm. The first part was listed as "Caucus," with no official record made.

The arena-pool project was dominating council thinking for most of that time. It led to a reversal of the WAG soil sampling decision and to mayor Karin Marks announcing that other sites would not be considered (*Independent*, July 14, p. 1). Surely these were pretty big decisions to skip being publicly minuted.

At the same meeting, which was held before and after the public council session, city treasurer Claude Lachance joined at 10:10 pm for the 2010 budget 2010 planning and other financial matters. Should council be starting on such topics at that hour after a session that had already lasted almost five hours?

It is only through looking deep into the city's annals that council's work, including that done in committee, can be evaluated.

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## Arena: Marks hopes for grant news

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said Mayor Karin Marks. "We're very hopeful we'll have financing information by then." The maximum amount the city could expect from a government infrastructure grant was two-thirds, of which the federal and Quebec governments would share equally.

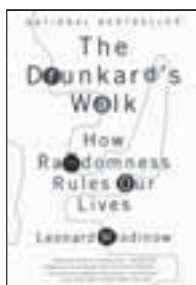
The re-designed plan is expected to reveal a new positioning of the second ice rink, pool area and vehicle access to and from underground parking. The \$40,000 cost of the redesign is included in the

newly approved contingency.

Among other additional unbudgeted consulting amounts was \$65,000 for professional services provided by retired director general Bruce St. Louis as project manager.

Questioned on the expense by resident Patrick Barnard, Marks said it was council's decision that he serve as the city's "interface" on the project.

Barnard replied "I admire his competence but I think it was an unnecessary expense."



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## District 2: Tim Price – stockbroker, hockey player

# Permit process, a catalyst

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Tim Price never aspired to become involved in municipal politics. That is, he said, until he went through the city's permit process to undertake some renovations now underway at his home on Murray Hill Ave.

"It was interesting," he explained. "I was wondering if it couldn't be done better." Then, he added, "If you don't get involved, you just have to deal with it."

And that was the catalyst that made him decide to run in District 2 when he heard that incumbent Tom Thompson was not seeking a fourth term. Price talked it over with Peter Trent and former councillor David Laidley who both encouraged him. "I have small children and it seemed my [professional] skill set was something that might be useful on the council."

Price is a financial person and a manager who has just stepped aside as the president and CEO of the brokerage firm

of MacDougall, MacDougall and MacTier to become its chairman. "I'm a stockbroker. I wanted to get back to the day-to-day activities of caring for clients."

Price also chairs the foundation of the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex and is a director of the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

He likes to look at things differently, he said. And the permit process, he added, is one that needs to be opened up – balancing the needs of the neighbours with those of the individual.

The arena/pool project is another of particular interest to Price. He feels his own experiences and knowledge of the city's programs can help with planning and that "fresh input" will be useful. "I'm supportive of doing something to the facility but we've got to be prudent."

Having lived in Westmount for some 40 years, since the age of 12, Price has played hockey on city teams off and on right up until a year ago. He has also coached children's soccer. His own two – Tom, 10, and Chella, 8 – participate in the city's sports and recreation activities, making the facilities an important concern of both Price and his wife, Denise.

As a university student, Price did his share of summer work for Public Works. "I collected garbage, picked up branches and resurfaced roads."

Born in Montreal, Tim is the son of the late Tom Price, whose cousin's son – David Price – is the publisher of the *Independent*, in which Tim has no role or interest. His parents moved to Montrose Ave. when he was 10. After a year at Westmount High, he went to boarding school at Bishop's College School in Lennoxville and graduated in 1979 from Queen's with a bachelor of commerce degree.

Price spent a year in London, England, working in investment research with Rowe & Pitman and returned in 1980 to work with Cooper's & Lybrand in Toronto, and then Cooper & Lines in Bermuda for two years. He joined his current firm "the 3 Macs" in 1984 with financial and administrative responsibilities.

Asked to describe himself, Price said, "People would say I'm a good consensus builder."

And what council portfolio would he be interested in? "I'm open to whatever," he said. "I have a broad interest and a lot of experience in accounting, and [look forward to] keeping our taxes in line."



## District 3: Victor Drury – fundraiser, volunteer

# 'Highest form of service'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Passions for fundraising, children's causes and political organizing have fuelled Victor Drury's professional and volunteer work. And now, he's bringing them together in his run for city council.

"I believe the highest form of service to the community is to represent one's fellow citizens in an elective capacity," he told the *Independent* in announcing his candidacy.

And after years of running other people's electoral campaigns at federal and municipal levels, and serving in numerous community leadership positions, Drury said it was time to bring his experience to city council.

"I've been around this process a very long time. And in discussions with Peter Trent, he encouraged me to throw my hat into the ring."

With 25 years' experience as a professional fundraiser, he said he appreciates the need to build up a "convincing majority" of citizens in support of an arena project at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. Such a consensus, he believes, "does not currently exist."

Drury, 62, lives on Kensington Ave. in District 6 where Nicole Forbes is seeking re-election. As a result, he has chosen to run in District 3, which is being vacated by Guy Charette.

An avid cyclist and tennis player, Drury and his wife, Barbara, have three grown children: David, Kate-Mills and Jessica.

Drury inherited his love of politics from his father, C.M. "Bud" Drury, Westmount's Liberal MP and a senior cabinet minister from 1962 to 1978.

In his own career as a fundraiser for

not-for-profit organizations, Victor stepped down this year after 15 years as CEO of the Foundation of Stars, which runs the Telethon of Stars for research into children's diseases. It has distributed \$56 million for paediatric research, the most important source of non-governmental funding, he said. "I take some pride in that."

He was also national executive director of the Kidney Foundation of Canada and VP for public affairs at Imasco.

Drury was hired to lead the capital campaign for the Montreal Children's Hospital in 1990-1991, raising more than \$40 million.

A quintessential volunteer, he has been national treasurer of the YMCA and president of the Montreal Association, president of the Phoenix Organization and a board member of many schools, hospitals and philanthropic organizations.

He currently chairs the national Fellowship of Honour Committee of the YMCA and is a director of the Westmount-St. Henri Riding Association of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Born in Ottawa, Drury moved to Westmount in grade 4. He attended Stanislas and Bishop's College School, graduating from McGill in economics and political science, and obtaining an MBA from Tuck School, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

Politically, Drury has served as president of the Westmount-St. Henri Riding Association for the federal Liberals. He ran in the federal election of 1988 in the riding of Lachine-Lac St. Louis, narrowly losing to Bob Layton. He was also campaign manager for former Westmount MP Don Johnston.

Over the years, he has also managed the Westmount campaigns of council members Gérald Limoges, John Bridgman, the late Jim Wright, Peter Trent and Karin Marks.

This time around, Drury is entrusting his own campaign management to Sue Khan. Other key players are former councillor Philip Aspinall as official agent and Nancy Wright as official representative.



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## District 5: Georges Hébert – lawyer, environmentalist

# Moving the spectrum

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In 15 years as a volunteer at the helm of the environment group STOP, Georges Hébert has learned how to gain community acceptance to environmental initiatives: by working one step at a time. He calls it “moving the spectrum.”

And it's this approach he hopes to bring to the council table if elected, he says, as well as skills developed in his 35-year practice of law – much of it in family law. This includes evaluating evidence and finding common ground, all through fostering a climate of trust.

“The timing and opportunities that are presenting themselves couldn't be better,” he adds. “Plus the great interest I've had in current affairs since I was 9.”

Hébert retired two years ago from a legal aid office. Councillor George Bowser won't be running again – Hébert wouldn't have run against him. And Councillor Tom Thompson is retiring, leaving open the position he has held as head of the city's Healthy City Project (HCP).

“I assume this would be one of my functions,” Hébert says. He's already a member of the HCP's environment committee. As one of its “green ambassadors,” he went door-to-door a year ago to offer assistance in the sector where the city's green bin composting program was launched. “What I found interesting was the report we submitted later on with questions and comments.”

Hébert has also served as president of the St. Leo's school committee, as a board member of the Westmount Municipal Association and as official agent for several Westmount councillors in their election campaigns.

He was also a member of the original board of the *Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal*.

Interestingly, Hébert has lived on Lansdowne most of his life, in only two houses. He grew up at number 579, and now lives at 325. He attended kindergarten and grade 1 at Miss Buttonshaw's before going downtown to Selwyn House, where the school was then located. Finishing high school at Trinity College School in Toronto, he took economics and political science before law at McGill.

As a student, he worked as a guide at the agriculture pavilion at Expo '67. District 6 councillor Nicole Forbes, a longtime

friend, was filling a similar role at the Italian pavilion.

After graduating in 1971, Hébert worked in Ottawa as special assistant to Governor General Jeanne Sauvé, as part of her political staff. He and a colleague left to set up a law practice in Pointe Gatineau, near Hull. When the town was merged, Hébert returned to Montreal, where he worked in insurance law.

It was in 1979, however, that he joined the legal aid office serving the west end.

He had found his niche and continued working for the *Centre communautaire juridique de Montréal* for 28 years.

“I'm still a member of the bar,” he points out. “And if I'm elected, I plan to take a refresher course in municipal law, which I think would be useful.”

His work as president of STOP since 1994 has focused mainly on legislative issues, drafting briefs for the

Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) and other environmental hearings. “It's the oldest environment group in Montreal and a very balanced one. It doesn't espouse political or social causes.”

One of his interests, he says, is finding a fair and balanced mechanism for reducing the amount of advertising and so-called junk mail delivered to homes. “It's a vast waste of resources.” He admits it will be a challenge, but “it could become a template for others.”

He says former councillor Stuart Robertson will be his official agent and his advisors are John Shingler, Karin Marks, George Bowser and Peter Trent.

He and his wife, Mary Pat, who is in social work at St. Mary's Hospital, have four grown children. Julie is a veterinarian at the Exotic Animal Hospital in NDG. Sophie is the mother of their three grandchildren. Daniel has just been called to the bar, and Patrick owns and operates Café Lili & Oli.

Hébert is a bird watcher, dog owner, gardener and cook. He likes to ski, swim and body surf.

He attributes his run for council to former councillor John Shingler. “We were out walking our dogs early one morning and he said: ‘Maybe it's your time.’ And I thought, you know, he's right.”



## District 5: Douglas Leahey – coaching, marketing

# Looking out for youth, district

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

He's been active in Westmount's sports and recreation programs for quite a few years. And now Douglas Leahey says it's “appropriate to give back,” provide balanced input to the arena project and ensure the needs of youth are respected for the future of the community. That's why he's planning to run for city council in District 5.

A hockey-playing 44-year-old father of two and a Scouting leader, Leahey also sees the need to tackle recycling issues in some apartment buildings, and believes he can apply his marketing and sales skills to achieve consensus on council and within the community.

“My platform is not all about sports and recreation,” he said. “It's to ensure our services are the best of the best, but don't break the bank. You want people to want to live in Westmount.”

“Our district is facing a lot of concerns. We have a large commercial aspect, increasing train traffic and the MUHC coming down the pipes. I think I can bring some energy in these areas.”

Leahey, who recently moved from District 4 into the apartment building at 5010 Sherbrooke St. in District 5, said he believes in representing council in the district where one lives, even though, in his case, that means a likely three-way race.

A sales and marketing professional in the field of high tech and telecommunications, he holds degrees in economics and electrical engineering from the University of Western Ontario and has travelled to many parts of the world through his work.

“I've worked with diverse people, figured out needs and drivers, and used my skills to address those needs by working through consensus to find resolution.”

Leahey plays hockey in the men's senior hockey league, coaches kids' hockey “moving along with my sons.” His boys are Griffin, 13, at Westmount High, and Spencer, 11, at Roslyn.

He's concerned about the arena project and believes some “reorganization” is required. “It's significant when you have 30 kids on a waiting list to play Peewee hockey. I've heard the arguments go back and forth, and I'm concerned about the budget and how high it's gotten.”

A strong believer in the need to recognize the importance of youth in a com-

munity, he says: “If you don't have youth, you don't have a future. You hear about NIMBY but the sports facilities need to be kept up.”

Leahey was born in Kingston, moved to Toronto and then to Montreal at age 6, living on Nuns' Island. He graduated from Westmount High and attended one year at Marianopolis. He has worked for Positron, a company specializing in communications products for public safety and power utilities, as well as Nortel Networks and others in the telecommunications market.

Leahey co-chaired the Space Odyssey evening at Westmount's Winter Carnival this year, has been a Cub leader and is now in the throes of relaunching a Scout troop at Westmount Park Church. “I'm just an active person,” he says.



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Photos: Kristin McNeill



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# TRENDSETTER

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

## RICHARD SAMUELSON

*Richard Samuelson manages Samuelsohn, renowned for designing and manufacturing menswear sold throughout North America. I remarked on Richard's signature bow tie and suspenders, a look that recalls Winston Churchill – the style of another era.*

### PERSONAL STYLE

*Have you been sporting bow ties and suspenders since you were young?*

I have always worn ties. I remember choosing from my father's cupboard when I lived at home. I started wearing bow ties about 30 years ago. I love them. They never go out of style.

I started wearing suspenders about 10 to 15 years ago. I find they are more comfortable and less constrictive than belts.

*Where do you buy them, as I don't see a lot of stockists in Montreal?*

My bow ties come from Turnbull and Asser, Talbots, Brooks Brothers, and shops on Jermyn Street in London.

I buy the clip-on suspenders from Wal-Mart, as I don't like undoing the ones that button, even though they are probably

more balanced than the clip-on ones.

*You love opera. To which operas have you worn black tie?*

I've only worn black tie to Wagner operas in Bayreuth at the Festspielhaus, the theatre founded by the German composer Richard Wagner and dedicated to his operas.

*On weekends, what do you like to wear?*

I throw on a sports shirt and odd slacks or chinos. I usually wear a sports coat, as I have a lot of stuff in my pockets, and if I go to a good restaurant I want to look properly dressed.

### LIVING

*If you had a choice, where would you live in the world (money no object)?*

After Montreal, I think of Venice, New York, or the Greek islands, especially Mykonos.

*Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, and from any era?*

If my wife had a headache and couldn't make it, I wouldn't mind Paris Hilton, even though she's too tall for me. I read a biography about her great grandfather, Conrad Hilton, and would enjoy talking to her about him.

Also, I would invite Eva Marie Saint from 1959, or Elizabeth Taylor – when she was around 18.

From today's era, I would love to include the great soprano Danielle de Niese.

I love opera, and maybe she would sing for me.

### FASHION

*What do you think of today's fashions?*

I think things are getting too casual. Men aren't necessarily properly dressed when they go to a fine restaurant or a Saturday evening opera in t-shirts. There's casual, and then there's slobbery.


*Do you see a shift back to style for men after, say, an influential TV show like Mad Men?*

Many men are dressing up now as they



*Richard Samuelson holding Miss Sadie.*


look for jobs, but gentlemen will always dress properly. Unfortunately there are too few good role models like there used to be, such as Fred Astaire or Cary Grant. Yes, I think that *Mad Men* is going to affect men's dressing into a more elegant look – hopefully!



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# The Westmount Gardener 'Mums the word

BY STUART ROBERTSON



Please forgive me: this article is all about cheating. You see, the temperatures at night are gradually creeping down, starting with the low teens, then dropping below that horrible figure of 10 degrees C into the single digits.

And that's when nasty things start to happen to certain plants. Perennials are tough enough to shrug off most of the coolness, but many annuals just can't take it. They start to look weak, lose some leaves and even wither away. At this point, they're not always an asset in the garden anymore.

These temperatures can affect plants in containers as well as those in flowerbeds, and since your containers are usually full of annuals, this situation can leave your pots or window boxes looking rather bedraggled.

This is where the cheating comes in. Rather than trying to snip out a few

plants here and there to salvage something respectable, my advice would be to rip out the lot of them and replace them with some good healthy ready-grown 'mums.

Overnight you'll have a brand new flourishing flowerbed or container. If you do it quickly enough, your neighbours may not even notice that any change has taken place. I'm not suggesting that you sneak out in the dead of night to pull up annuals and replace them all with chrysanthemums. You might get people calling Public Security if you did that.

There are plenty of colours of chrysanthemums to choose from, letting you select a colour palette to suit your taste. And 'mums are grown in many different sizes of containers from small 10-cm pots to bigger 30-cm tubs, so you can fill almost any space. You can even take the larger tub and split it in the middle with a long knife, making it even larger for replanting.

Chrysanthemums are sold all over the place, from supermarkets and corner stores to big box stores and garden centres. I'd recommend the ..... more professional garden *continued on p. 14*

# Diagonal crossing illegal

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Are you one of the many who take advantage of the unusual configuration of pedestrian lights at Sherbrooke and Victoria to cross the intersection diagonally?

Well, guess what? Even though traffic is stopped in all directions at the same time, pedestrians who do so are still considered to be jay walking and crossing unsafely, police commander Michel Wilson told the *Independent*.

He said the practice of diagonal crossing there can trigger an automatic reflex at other intersections and sets an unsafe example for children. "We'll study the intersection and see what can be done."

The widespread practice was raised at the September 8 city council meeting by Paul Marriott, a resident of Grosvenor Ave.

He asked why police had been issuing tickets for diagonal crossing on August 19.

"I do it all the time," said Mayor Karin Marks, followed by comments of "So do I," from the council table and audience alike.



stores for quality, but since they're only going to be around for a few weeks, it really doesn't matter too much.

My major piece of advice is to buy plants that have a lot of tight buds that are only just opening. This way they will continue to open more fully after you've

planted them, and will last a lot longer looking good.

I guess we could call this "swapping" rather than cheating, and I certainly won't tell on you if a few 'mums suddenly appear in your garden.



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## AVIS DE RECRUTEMENT du PERSONNEL ÉLECTORAL

Le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre prochain, les électeurs de la ville de Westmount seront appelés à élire un nouveau conseil pour un mandat de quatre ans. Conformément au mandat qui m'est confié par la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*, il est de ma responsabilité, en ma qualité de président d'élection, d'engager des personnes afin de combler les différents postes qui constituent le personnel électoral.

Ainsi toute personne intéressée à travailler à l'occasion de cet événement est invitée à remplir le formulaire de demande d'emploi à cet effet qui peut être obtenu du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 à mon bureau situé au **4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest** à Westmount (☎ : 514 989-5280).

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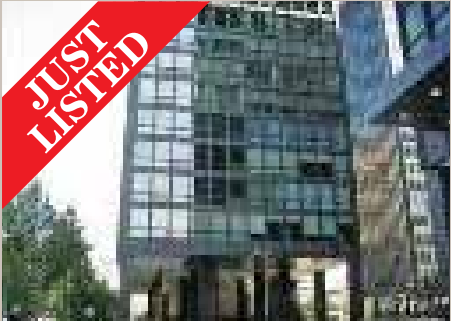
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## Westmount Lawn Bowling Club hosts 81st GG Tournament

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For the first time ever, the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club hosted the 81st Governor General's Tournament.

The Quebec-Ontario tourney took place on September 5 and began with a short parade of players – four teams and two single players from each province. Master of ceremonies Irene Menear and Westmount city councillor Nicole Forbes then welcomed the bowlers, and Westmounter Helen Rainville sang the national anthem.

The Westmount club fielded one of the Quebec teams– which included Westmount's former director general Bruce St. Louis.

The result was a perfect split decision: Quebec won the women's singles and men's team events, and Ontario won the men's singles and women's team contests.

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## Montreal Oral School picks up \$4k from HSBC



From left: Lawrence Moquette, Anthony Salvaggio and HSBC Canada CEO Lindsay Gordon.

Westmount-based Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) received \$4,000 from the HSBC bank as a result of its branch's grand opening on Sept. 10.

The new location inside the old Forum has been open for over two months now, but the bank pulled out all the stops for the official unveiling. The event took place east of the branch at the old Forum's "centre ice." In keeping with the hockey theme, former Canadiens Elmer Lach, Dollard St. Laurent, Dickie Moore and Phil Goyette attended, as did executives from HSBC.

Many Westmounters were in evidence, including several Westmount Rotarians (who were there supporting their former club member and HSBC branch manager Anthony Salvaggio), Mayor Karin Marks, and commercial tenants from Alexis Nihon and Westmount Square.

The door prize was a signed Yvan Cournoyer jersey, and a quick auction conducted by Salvaggio sold a signed Guy Lafleur sweater for \$2,000 to Lawrence Moquette. The bank matched the winning bid. All the funds will go to MOSD.



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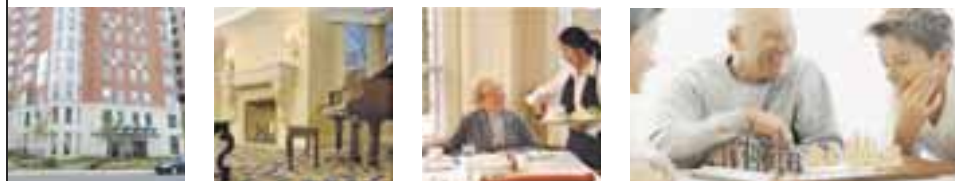


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*Johnny One-Eye* by Jerome Charyn – A monocular double agent offers an outrageous alternative account of the eight years of the American revolution in and around 18th century Manhattan, a town teeming with ruffians and harlots, soldiers and politicians.

## Adult French – The Royals

*La reine des lectrices* by Alan Bennett – A chance visit to a mobile library transforms the queen of England, who, before this event, had a low interest in reading, into a voracious reader of serious literature. In this piece of satire, Buckingham Palace is turned upside down by the queen's new passion

*Madame de Pompadour* by Evelyne Lever – Madame de Pompadour was Louis XV's mistress and one the most powerful women of her times. Her boundless energy contrasted with the king's depressive state of mind. She was highly influential in France's politics and became a de facto minister of culture before the title even existed.

## Magazines

*C'était il y a vingt ans...1989 l'année où le mur de Berlin est tombé* by Odile Benyahia-Kouider in *Le nouvel observateur*, Sept 2, 2009, p. 6.

*Finally, a fall season with bite: detailed reviews of The Vampire Diaries and 20 other new prime-time series* by Christopher Loudon in *Marketing*, August 31, 2009, p. 10.

*What's my heritage? International adoptions and the great culture debate* by Martha

Nichols in *Brain Child*, Summer 2009, p. 26.

## DVDs for kids

*Coraline* – When a young girl walks through a secret door that she has found in her new home, she discovers an alternate version of her life that she finds difficult to resist.

*Fly Me to the Moon* – When a young housefly hatches a plan to jet into outer space with his two best friends, they end up aboard Apollo 11 and ride all the way to the moon and back!

## Picture books for children

*Pet of the Met* by Lydia and Don Freeman – This charming book, originally published in 1953, has been reissued for the next generation. Join the little white mouse Maestro Petrini and his family for some fun adventures in the Metropolitan Opera House.

*Le roi, sa femme et le petit prince* by Mario Ramos – Children will enjoy this humorous retelling of a popular French song.

## Reference

*Guide to Professional Programs in Canada.*

*Intelligence and National Security: The Secret World of Spies: An Anthology.*

# 200 possible actions on sustainability

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council to put into play on October 1. Backed by a vision statement and a list of theme-oriented goals that address everything from water and waste management to living healthier lifestyles, city council will have over 200 possible actions it can factor into future budgets.

"The focus tonight will be the actions," Wolfe told the audience. "Those are the concrete things that the municipality can do and that individual Westmounters can do."

The first step, Wolfe explained, will be to implement about 25 actions that will help the city move toward the six eventual goals that range from "zero waste" to becoming a "pedestrian-first community." Ultimately, assuming city officials continue the effort in forthcoming mandates, more actions will be established in the future.

Last Thursday, Westmounters were invited to cast informal votes on what they thought would be the best actions for the city. As councillors figure out which actions should be initiated – anything from rainwater-absorbing asphalt to collecting recyclables in public places – the residents'

responses will be factored into to their decision.

Westmount-resident Maria Revilla attended the meeting to share her opinion because, she said, community involvement helps create a better place for future generations.

"The world is changing rapidly and we need to be updated," said Revilla. "We need to be strong and the only way is to be united. When we are united, we become stronger."

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# In conversation: Jim Dine

BY HEATHER BLACK

It's not every day that Jim Dine appears in Westmount. Or that I have an opportunity to speak to such a legend. But on September 10 the reknowned artist was in town for the opening of his new exhibit at Galerie de Bellefeuille.

Known for his colourful hearts, robes and images of Pinocchio, this staunch individualist is identified with '60s "pop art". Down-to-earth and personable, his conversation was illuminating.

### Finding symbols

How did he start? Dine confided that he found his own voice relatively young. "I always was interested in art. I found my symbols early, and I grabbed them. Sometimes I take a break from one, but I always keep it in my back pocket. They are mine!"

Indeed! Few pass the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts without a glance at Jim Dine's heart sculpture. And the painter's love of the classics is evident in his "Venus de Milo" prints, paintings and sculptures, while subtle and stunning prints such as "Great Horned Owl" reflect lithographic traditions.

One of the most versatile artists of our time, Dine works in oils, wood and bronze. When asked about productivity, the artist replied: "Every day I work. It's about the process." For his heart paint-

ings, he paints each stroke spontaneously, drawing on his past repertoire rather than sketches.

He works from his studio, woodworking shop or at the foundry in the small Washington community of Walla Walla. It is here that hearts, classic statues and Pinocchio take on three dimensions.

### New York in the '60s

In 1962, Dine – with Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and others – exhibited at Norton Simon Museum. Considered one of the first "Pop Art" exhibits, it inspired generations of artists and designers.

Born and raised in Ohio – a graduate of Ohio University – his move to New York was "like getting out of jail." His 1967 photo-etching "Drag – Johnson and Mao" both with red lipstick – his only political work – reflect the experimental nature of the time.

When asked about his greatest influence, the artist acknowledged painter Willem de Kooning and his peer Claes Oldenburg. Influenced by trends in Japan and Europe, Dine and Oldenburg started art theatre.

Dubbed "happenings," the two eventually separated to explore their own art. When asked what advice he would give to students, he replied: "None! They'll paint anyway."

### No stranger to controversy

Once avant-garde, Dine's colourful and symbolic images have become mainstream culture. But not without controversy.

Most recently in Sweden, the artist was commissioned for a 30-foot statue of Pinocchio. There were about 300 letters against the project written to officials, "but I don't often get to do such a large commission."

The townsfolk's question – also shared by the artist – was: "What does a Swedish village have in common with an Italian figure?" The answer is global culture and a psychological identification with a wooden child.

### The import of play

Much has been made of Dine's place in history, and rightfully so. But more importantly, his work has given permission to each and every one of us to find the creative child within. And revel in colour and art.

It would be controversial to suggest a Jim Dine statue for Westmount Park – a heart, a venus or even Pinocchio. Not in terms of artistic merit – that verdict is in. But the question is: How could we possibly choose?

Dine's exhibit continues until October 7 at Galerie de Bellefeuille on Greene Ave.



Jim Dine "The Ice Cream Man #1"

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## Westmount Art Scene

# Hornyak, Burton and Besner: Vibrant symbols

BY HEATHER BLACK

This month Jim Dine's tell-tale hearts at Galerie de Bellefeuille is creating quite a stir. But gallery goers will also want to view Jennifer Hornyak's abstract florals on exhibit in the downstairs gallery.

Also landscape painter Alice Burton's bold Canadian landscapes dominate Galerie Han Art, while Dominic Besner's masked figures hold court at Galerie V. Trimont.

### Jennifer Hornyak at Galerie de Bellefeuille

This Westmount artist is known for vibrant and textured florals. But in "Fleurs chinoise" Hornyak adds an exiting figure – and the element of story-telling: Who is the woman? The scene – set against a rust background – is mysterious and exotic.

A strong colourist, in "Red with Peach," the artist sets flowers against background blocks of varying hue. Another, "Flowers with Orange and Red" includes lyrical and feathery foliage. Here background squares are replaced by small shapes that dot the foreground.

But sophisticated colours, texture and design continue to dominate the semi-abstract compositions. Always distinctive, Hornyak's show runs from September 24 to October 5 in the downstairs gallery on Greene Ave.

### Alice Burton at Galerie Han Art

Strong colours and graphic compositions also dominate this Ontario painter's work. Distinctively Canadian, "March" is a contemporary take on the Group of Seven's "lone pine". Here windswept trees are set against a grey sky.

In many paintings, the artist employs lake reflections to add a graphic quality. "Nightwatch II" features nest-like birch trees sheltering a campfire. Another "Mirror Lake" free shapes – and one chartreuse tree – are juxtaposed against a grey background.

Burton's unique style and focus on trees – conifers and deciduous – identifies her work. Her exhibit runs from September 17 to October 26 at Han Art on St. Catherine St.

### Dominic Besner at Galerie V. Trimont

For this Montreal artist, the masked figure has become a powerful symbol. In his work, white-faced subjects, evocative of "Dangerous Liaisons" or Cirque du Soleil,

project drama. Powdered, like a royal or ghou, these ambiguous figures fascinate.

But paintings like "La futile garde" are also elegant. Here, ruby-red jewel tones combine with gold leaf. Painted in multi-coloured layers of oils and oil sticks, the effect is both old and new. This technique is also extended to bulls, cockerels and horses. The subtle print "Le distancier du maître" is particularly eye-catching.

Trained as an architect, Besner combines circular lines with rectangles to create graphic street scenes. To showcase the versatility of this unique artist, one room has been set aside at the St. Catherine St. gallery.

### Artistic vision

Painting florals, trees or masks, Hornyak, Burton and Besner create strong and distinctive symbols. Each has captured nature or human nature through a real yet fictional lens of style. The result is art that penetrates the viewer's psyche and speaks.



Dominic Besner "La futile garde"



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# Tree cutting on Argyle: Not a clear-cut issue

By Kristin McNeill

The city has cancelled a fine on an Argyle home owner who was alleged to have cut down trees on her front lawn without a permit.

Following an article that appeared in the September 8 issue of the *Independent*, more light has been thrown on the case by both the city urban planning department and the resident.

The owner told the *Independent* that her fine had been cancelled because she believed the city *had* provided her with a permit to cut down the two spruce trees on

the front lawn of her property. She claimed the city had two files on her address and understood that she was in the right to cut down the trees, whose roots were bulging through the driveway, effectively destroying it. She said she had a permit to redo the driveway and walkway.


Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning, explained the owner did not have the correct permit for the trees to be cut down, but the confusion arose when the owner’s husband brought a drawing to city hall last week, which had a sketch of the intention to get rid of the trees and a note saying they were intending to do so.

The drawing had the city hall approval stamp, however it was not on file with Urban Planning. The permit granted did not approve the cutting of trees, which requires a special document called the certificate of authorization.


Poirier said the fine has been lifted because of this confusion, but the owner is still required to plant new trees.

The owner said they will do so once the new driveway is done. She does not know yet what kind.

“I don’t want to be tagged for someone who kills nature,” she said.



**Ville de Westmount**  
**City of Westmount**



**AVIS PUBLIC D’ÉLECTION**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné aux électeurs de la ville de Westmount que :

- conformément à la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2), une élection générale doit être tenue à Westmount le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2009;
- à cette occasion, les postes suivants sont ouverts aux candidatures :
  - maire;
  - conseiller du district n° 1;
  - conseiller du district n° 2;
  - conseiller du district n° 3;
  - conseiller du district n° 4;
  - conseiller du district n° 5;
  - conseiller du district n° 6;
  - conseiller du district n° 7;
  - conseiller du district n° 8;
- toute déclaration de candidature à l’un ou l’autre des postes ouverts doit être produite au bureau du soussigné, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount aux jours et aux heures suivants :
  - du vendredi 18 septembre au jeudi 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 2009 de 8 h 30 à 12 h et de 13 h à 16 h 30; et
  - le vendredi 2 octobre 2009 de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30;
- si plus d’un candidat pose sa candidature à un même un poste, un scrutin sera tenu le dimanche 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2009 de 10 h à 20 h et un vote par anticipation sera tenu le dimanche 25 octobre 2009 de 12 h à 20 h;
- j’ai nommé pour agir à titre de secrétaire d’élection M<sup>e</sup> Nancy Gagnon;
- le soussigné peut être joint à l’adresse et au numéro de téléphone suivants :

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DONNÉ à Westmount, le 15 septembre 2009.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the City of Westmount that:

- With respect to the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.2), a general election will be held in Westmount on November 1, 2009;
- The following positions are open for nominations:
  - Mayor;
  - Councillor for District No. 1;
  - Councillor for District No. 2;
  - Councillor for District No. 3;
  - Councillor for District No. 4;
  - Councillor for District No. 5;
  - Councillor for District No. 6;
  - Councillor for District No. 7;
  - Councillor for District No. 8;
- Every nomination paper for these positions shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West in Westmount, on the following days and at the following times:
  - Friday, September 18 to Thursday, October 1, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and
  - Friday, October 2, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- If more than one candidate submits his nomination for the same position, a poll will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and an advance poll will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- I have appointed to act as election clerk Me Nancy Gagnon;
- I may be reached at the following address and telephone number:

Office of the Returning Officer  
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Westmount, Qc. H3Z 1E2  
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ISSUED in Westmount, on September 15, 2009.

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# ECS kicks off centennial year



From left, teachers Stefanie Perra, Isabelle Roy and Ghislaine Gauthier, and in front, grade 4 students, Ann Haughton, Claudia Beattie, Carsyn Meloche and Vivianna Galasso.

By ERIN STROPEs

Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School (ECS) kicked off its centennial year this week with a lively outdoor breakfast on the school's grounds. Students and parents enjoyed strawberries, tea and scones while mingling with teachers and staff, who were dressed in period costume for the special occasion.

"We have a tremendous amount to celebrate this year," said head of school Katherine Nikidis in a speech to the assembled group. "[When ECS was founded,] women were not even allowed to vote...and the school sought to prepare women to step into leadership roles that weren't then available to them."

ECS alumna Gretta Chambers, companion of the Order of Canada and the first woman to serve as chancellor of McGill University, delivered the keynote speech. Chambers, who graduated in the ECS class of 1943, said the reason that her mother sent her to the school for girls, and the reason that her own daughter and granddaughter have also attended, is because the goal of ECS is "to help women find their voices, and then teach them to use those voices to have an impact on contemporary society."

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AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné :

- A. **aux propriétaires uniques d'un immeuble et aux occupants uniques d'un établissement d'entreprise**, qui n'ont pas déjà le droit d'être inscrits sur la liste électorale comme personne domiciliée, que vous pouvez être inscrits sur la liste électorale municipale pour l'élection générale municipale du 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2009 en respectant les conditions indiquées ci-dessous :
- 1<sup>o</sup> avoir 18 ans le 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2009;
  - 2<sup>o</sup> être une personne physique, de citoyenneté canadienne, ne pas être en curatelle le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2009 et, à cette date, ne pas avoir été déclaré coupable, au cours des cinq dernières années, d'une infraction constituant une manœuvre électorale frauduleuse;
  - 3<sup>o</sup> être propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la ville depuis au moins 12 mois le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2009;
  - 4<sup>o</sup> avoir transmis au soussigné, à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessous, une demande d'inscription à la liste électorale au plus tard le 27 septembre 2009.

**ET**

- B. **aux copropriétaires indivis d'un immeuble et au cooccupants d'un établissement d'entreprise**, qui n'ont pas déjà le droit d'être inscrits sur la liste électorale comme personne domiciliée, propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou comme occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise, que vous pouvez être inscrits sur la liste électorale pour l'élection en cours en respectant les conditions indiquées ci-dessous :
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  - 2<sup>o</sup> être une personne physique, de citoyenneté canadienne, ne pas être en curatelle le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2009 et, à cette date, ne pas avoir été déclaré coupable, au cours des cinq dernières années, d'une infraction constituant une manœuvre électorale frauduleuse;
  - 3<sup>o</sup> être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la ville depuis au moins 12 mois le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2009;
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  - 5<sup>o</sup> avoir transmis au soussigné, à l'adresse indiquée ci-dessous, une procuration au plus tard le 27 septembre 2009.
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DONNÉ à Westmount, le 15 septembre 2009.

**PUBLIC NOTICE to the sole owners of an immovable, the sole occupants of a business establishment, the undivided co-owners of an immovable, and the co-occupants of a business establishment**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given:

- A. **to the sole owners of an immovable and the sole occupants of a business establishment** who are not already entitled to be entered on the list of electors as a domiciled person that they can be entered on the municipal list of electors for the November 1, 2009 general municipal election by meeting the following conditions:
- 1. be 18 years of age on November 1, 2009;
  - 2. be a natural person, a Canadian citizen, not be under curatorship on September 1, 2009 and, on that date, not have been convicted, over the last five years, of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice;
  - 3. be the sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the city for at least 12 months on September 1, 2009;
  - 4. have sent to the undersigned, at the address indicated below, an application for entry on the list of electors not later than September 27, 2009.

**AND**

- B. **to the undivided co-owners of an immovable and the co-occupants of a business establishment** who are not already entitled to be entered on the list of electors as a domiciled person, sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment that they can be entered on the list of electors for the current election if they meet the following conditions:
- 1. be 18 years of age on November 1, 2009;
  - 2. be a natural person, a Canadian citizen, not be under curatorship on September 1, 2009 and, on that date, not have been convicted, over the last five years, of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice;
  - 3. be the undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the city for at least 12 months on September 1, 2009;
  - 4. have designated by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the co-owners of co-occupants who are electors on September 1, 2009;
  - 5. have sent to the undersigned, at the address indicated below, a power of attorney not later than September 27, 2009.
- C. All applications for entry or powers of attorney received after September 27, 2009 but not later than October 18, 2009 will be considered an application to amend the municipal list of electors.
- D. A model application for entry or power of attorney form is available at the office of the Returning Officer.
- E. The applications for entry and powers of attorney take effect upon their receipt and remain valid until such time as they are withdrawn or replaced.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
• **Dramatis Personae**, Westmount’s community theatre meets in Victoria Hall on Monday evenings at 8 pm. The group is casting and rehearsing short plays to be presented in December. All are welcome, but another male actor is particularly needed. 514.486.7423.  
• **Westmount Municipal Association’s** open board meeting, 7 pm in the Lodge Room at Victoria Hall.  
• **Leonard Cohen** 75th Birthday Gala and silent auction, 7 pm, Atwater Library. Tickets \$75. 514.484.9958. Proceeds benefit Westmount High’s Leonard Cohen Poet-In-Residence Program.

# Westmount branch of the MGH Auxiliary prep for fashion fundraiser



From left, Jane Chisholm, Lois Hutchison and Edna Ralston are among the members of the Westmount branch of the Montreal General Hospital’s Auxiliary, which is still going strong at plus 55 years. The Westmount branch is among only two remaining branches of the MGH Auxiliary (the other being Chambly) of the original seven. The group has organized a fundraising evening to refurbish the palliative care day hospital. The cocktail dinatoire, fashion show and private shopping night take place Wednesday, September 23 at Ogilvy (1307 St. Catherine St.) Tickets cost \$100 and can be reserved by contacting Lois Hutchison at 514.489.0975.



By ETTY B.

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, has long been a time for the familiar aromas of traditional recipes  
Blessings are made over seasonal foods that are plentiful. Apples are dipped in honey in the hope of a sweet year. The shape of the challah is round to symbolize a universal wish for a well-rounded, full and wholesome year.  
Menu: Raisin Challah, Gefilte Fish, Chicken Soup with matza balls, chicken with apricots and sun dried tomatoes, brisket, potato or noodle kugel, asparagus or green beans, roasted or steamed with lemon and olive oil, honey cake, apple cake fresh fruit.

**Brisket recipe** – Preheat oven to 325.  
3 lb. first cut beef Brisket  
1 package onion soup mix  
1 8 oz can of tomato sauce  
Line a 13 x 9 glass pyrex dish and line with foil which extends at each end to fold over and create a seal. Place brisket in pan.  
Divide the onion soup mix and tomato sauce under and on top of the brisket. Fold ends of foil together and fold to seal tightly so no steam escapes during cooking.  
Bake for 3 hours. Allow to cool.  
Slice brisket against the grain. Overlap slices in a shallow ovenproof dish large enough to hold them. Pour sauce over meat. Can be done two days ahead or frozen. Bring to room temperature. Bake covered with foil for 40-50 minutes until hot.

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