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5,999 piles to go, after this one



A four-month-long process called piling officially got underway on October 18 on the McGill University Health Centre's Glenn Campus, just behind the Vendôme metro station. So far, according to hospital spokesperson Julie Paquet, there have been no complaints about the hammering noise as crane-like pile drivers knock steel beams down to the bedrock from 7 am to 5 pm, a schedule that is subject to change because the construction site will be active until 11 pm.

Photo: Isaac Olson

Haunted circus house and trick-or-treat to start at 4 pm. See p. 4



Parking Inspector Pierre Thibault and Public Security Sgt. Kim Colquhoun show off some of the Halloween costumes to be used for the city's Haunted House featuring an eerie circus theme.

5 Saisons demo hearing Nov. 16

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A city hearing will take place November 16 at 5 pm to demolish the 5 Saisons building at the southwest corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve.

The meeting at city hall will also explore details of the proposed \$15-million replacement project: a six-storey development to include 23 condo units above the landmark continued on p. 2

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Gallery to receive honorary degree in Concordia's Irish Studies

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Former Westmount mayor Brian Gallery will receive an honorary doctorate from Concordia University November 1, recognizing his 15-year contribution to creating its School of Irish Studies. This is the first and only one in Canada.

Gallery, 76, raised more than \$8 million to launch and develop the program from scratch and is now the chairman and trustee of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation. The school will award its first full degree in Irish Studies next year.

"I'm just honoured and gratified and humble," Gallery said of the degree. "There are many who are much smarter and more talented than I, but it's because I did the best I could to give the Irish community in Canada something they could be very proud of." This included using his long political experience to generate \$500,000 from the federal government and \$2 million from Quebec.

With Michael Kenealley (now the school's principal) starting up the academic program and Gallery raising the funds, "we now have a school with terrific support from Concordia," he said. "It's quite an accomplishment."

Reaching out to the 4.5 million people across Canada of Irish descent, he said, "I've been saying, 'If you don't know your heritage, how can you be proud of it?'"

Bringing people together

And bringing people together through pride and recognition has been a hallmark of Gallery's life and community efforts. While he has received numerous awards and distinctions for his own service, he rarely misses an opportunity to recognize and thank others – one of the characteristics of his mayoralty from 1983 and 1987 that culminated 12 years on council.

He founded Family Day as commissioner of Parks and Recreation. As mayor, he enabled the Public Security Unit to expand their services, and his council also opened the door for the establishment of nursing homes.

He also supported Westmount's debut in the St. Patrick's Parade through the fire department, and sat proudly atop the pumper truck in his first high-profile involvement in the parade. He later became the chief reviewing officer, Irishman of the

Year and recipient of the St. Patrick Society's community award.

Fiercely loyal to his Irish roots, he likes to remember that his great-grandfather, Sir William Hingston, was elected mayor of Montreal in 1875, and that his grandfather, Donald Hingston, founded St. Mary's Hospital. His other grandfather, Daniel Gallery, was a Montreal city councillor and a Liberal MP for the St. Ann's riding in Griffintown.

"So politics runs in my blood," he explains. "They set an example for me. And my experience in the Conservative party helped me with fundraising for the Irish Studies."

Chaired 500 Club

For many years Gallery chaired the 500 Club, the party's fundraising arm. He also arranged for Westmount to bestow honorary citizenship on then prime minister Brian Mulroney at a colourful ceremony in which children from all Westmount schools were accorded a place of honour on the front lawn of city hall.

Gallery retired in 1998 from the publishing company that his father founded and which he took over and ran on St. Catherine St. at Blenheim Place. He is now a governor of the Montreal YMCA.

He also is a past director of, among many organizations, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He served as acting chairman and vice-chairman of CN and director of the Export Development Corporation.

Raised in Westmount at 4480 Western (now de Maisonneuve), Gallery attended elementary school St. Leo's, and high school and university at Loyola, graduat-

ing in arts in 1957. "Sports was my life. I lived to play hockey and football." He was also alumni president.

He and his wife, Nancy, brought up their three daughters – Ann, Mary and Elizabeth – at 627 Belmont. They now have seven grandchildren and live in Knowlton and Vero Beach, Florida.

But perhaps Gallery's love of West-



Former mayor Brian Gallery sits atop the city's fire pumper during the Patrick's Day Parade in 1986.

mount was best summed up by him at the city's recent Quarter Century Club banquet when many retirees came up to shake his hand. "I feel right at home," he says. "This is the best city in the world."

Dog walkers warned

Three dog walkers were warned to leash their dogs in Summit Park October 17, according to Public Security. No tickets were reported issued but would be on a second offence.

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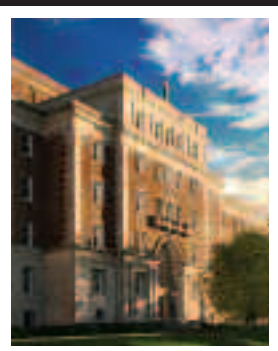
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City prepares for earlier trick-or-treating

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount is gearing up for an earlier than usual trick-or-treating ritual this year on Sunday, October 31 as the city opens its Haunted “Circus” House at 4 pm and urges ghosts and goblins to set out on their rounds at the same time.

Typically, residents can expect the doorbell to start ringing after 5 pm. But given the Sunday date with school the next day and time to prepare in the afternoon, “we’re advising people to start out earlier,” said Public Security Sgt. Kim Colquhoun.

Patrol strength will be beefed up for the earlier start with five yellow Public Security vehicles and one unmarked car on the road. Foot patrollers will also be assigned to the larger parks. Auxiliary officers and parking inspectors will be brought in as required and four officers will be on hand at the Haunted House.

Patrollers will issue reflective tape for children to wear on the back of costumes.

The city, she said, is also preparing for possible shenanigans on both Friday and Saturday nights as a precaution.

While Mat Night is traditionally only one night before Halloween (this year being Saturday, October 30), “we’re not

Halloween safety alert

Residents are being requested by Public Security to refrain from using open flames in pumpkins close to dried husks or where costumed trick-or-treaters might brush against them. They should also keep porches and steps well lit to prevent falls.

Parents are also being asked make children aware of the fire danger and to refrain from calling at darkened house without pumpkins in the window or other decorations. Also, to note:

- If masks are being worn rather than face paint, ensure the eye holes are large enough to permit good vision.
- Ensure that long costumes do not present a risk of tripping;
- Younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult;
- Older ones should travel in groups and inform parents of the route they plan to take;
- Always carry a flashlight and a cell phone, if possible;
- Cross streets at intersections only;
- Don’t eat candy or other treats until checking over the loot for safety at home.

A number of other safety tips may be found on the city website at www.westmount.org.

sure what might happen on the Friday evening because of the weekend. We want to be ready for a double Mat Night.”

Saturday will also be the evening when Westmount Public Library opens its doors – exceptionally on a weekend night – for children and their parents participating in the annual pumpkin decorating competition and “Who did it?” mystery-solving evening (see story below).

On Sunday, the Haunted Circus will be open from 4 to 8 pm at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse at Sherbrooke and Kensington, as the centrepiece of city activities. Mayor Peter Trent is expected to make an appearance in the role of Ringmaster as part of the circus theme.

Carnival games, clowns and other entertainment on the clubhouse verandah will welcome younger kids who may not want to enter the scarier Haunted House, said Colquhoun, who has been planning it with Parking Inspector Pierre Thibault.

Volunteer participation from Dawson’s drama class and Scouts is being coordinated by Public Security and the Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC). Dawson’s art class under the supervision of teacher Silvana Anania will decorate 30 pumpkins supplied by the city for display at the house. Some of those from the library competition also will be included.

Voluntary contributions will also be received for Leucan, an association to enhance the recovery and well being of children with cancer, Colquhoun said.

Library plans Halloween mystery

A Halloween family event at Westmount Public Library Saturday, October 30, will provide children and their parents with a chance to find the answer to “Who did it?”

Organized by the children’s department in conjunction with the annual pumpkin decorating competition, the evening takes place from 7 to 9 pm after the library has closed to the general public. Admission to the event is by coupon only that will be given out to those taking in a decorated pumpkin for judging no later than 9 pm, Friday, October 29.

Children’s librarian Wendy Wayling said the pumpkins may be taken home after the mystery event. Jack O’Lanterns left behind will be used to decorate the city’s haunted house and can be retrieved from there the next evening.

Trent reflects on a year of action and concerns

Westmount: a city changed by mergers

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount has changed. City hall has become Montreal-ized. The fire chief doesn't come knocking. And even among citizens, there's a creeping "lassitude" and "stridency" toward government.

These are among many differences Mayor Peter Trent has found in his first year of the current mandate after a hiatus of eight years from municipal and island-wide leadership.

"The forced mergers have affected much more than people realize," he explains. "I think it will take a while – even a generation – to bring things back to pre-merger conditions."

In an exclusive interview marking the day he was sworn in a year ago, October 15, Trent says he is particularly surprised at what little outcry he hears over the rise in taxes and property valuations. He's worried that "only the very wealthy" will be able to live in Westmount.

It's one of the reasons he jumped in quickly to head the demerged suburbs and assume a leading role on the Montreal/agglomeration finance committee. His aim: to rein in soaring aggro expenses, which form 60 percent of Westmount's budget.

His recommendation to hold aggro spending to cost of living plus 1 percent

was accepted. "This is one of the things I'm most proud of," he says.

On the home front, he finds, the new council has proven to be a good balance of incumbent and new members, varied backgrounds and philosophies.

"I think we've made a good start in a number of issues. I'm very proud of the work we did to save 5 Saisons and negotiate the zoning changes to make that happen. This is an example of how a small city can make a difference and be responsive to citizens' needs. And, we gained a public square as well!

"We've also sorted out a number of legal cases and reached several out-of-court settlements. This doesn't mean that if someone builds something that is non-conforming, we won't take legal action. But if there's a way to reach an agreement, we'll choose that option. Lawsuits rarely settle anything and cost a lot of money.

"On sustainability, we're taking action on bike paths, negotiating Bixis, and we've developed a new underground arena plan that won 83-percent support from citizens. In fact, an expert pollster said we had such a high rate of return that if every person had voted, the result would be the same."

He expects his leadership style of council is quite different from that of his predecessor Karin Marks. "I do come with

certain experience and baggage – plusses and negatives.

"I know how the city used to be run. The difference is quite striking. When Westmount was a Montreal borough it took on some of the aspects of the 'annexor,' including management structure.

"The merger fiasco also created cynicism that governments can do what they like. What really frustrates me is the loss of our own fire department, even though the Bernard Report on creating the megacity recommended that fire services stay with the boroughs."

Trent still hasn't met the Montreal fire chief responsible for the sector that includes Westmount. "The police chief (Stéphane Plourde) knocked on my door within a couple of days. He even attends our council meetings. The fire chief has never once come knocking. What bothers me is that he – or she – doesn't think it's important. It's symbolic of the way fire department is being run. In Westmount, the fire chief was always a very important person."

Also lost is the city's own fire preven-

tion arm that had "intimate knowledge of the community, how our houses are built and how people think."

Tone 'less polite'

He also finds there's "a certain 'edge'" and stridency to council meetings and citizen complaints.

"Perhaps email ratchets up emotions sequentially," he suggests. "We get emails now asking us why we did something that are far more blunt than when people wrote letters. People send off emails in the heat of the moment and the recipient responds accordingly. I don't think it's conducive to good communication.

"I'm also surprised how much taxes have gone up without much reaction. The average house in Westmount is now evaluated at \$1.23 million and a condo at \$787,000. This is a continuing concern that we're turning into a place only the really wealthy can afford – certainly not a university professor."

This, he adds, is why he considers his work at the aggro to be so important to Westmount's future.

City plans Big Band dance at Vic Hall

Westmounters who would like to step up and back into the big band era, will have an opportunity Saturday, November 6 at "Ballroom Blitz," a new city event at Victoria Hall starting at 8 pm. Doors open at 7 pm with a dance demonstration.

Instructors will be on hand to guide people through a variety of dance styles to the 17-piece Ballroom Blitz Band of Robert Burman.

Spearheaded by requests from resident Stan Grossman, the dance is being organ-

ized by the city's Community Events office. It aspires to recreate the enthusiasm of the 1930s and 1940s when hundreds of people came to Victoria Hall on Saturday nights to swing and sway to the Johnny Holmes Orchestra, joined in 1942 by a 17-year-old Oscar Peterson.

Tickets may be obtained in advance at a cost of \$20 at Victoria Hall or on-line at www.westmount.org, or at the door for \$25. Call 514.989.5226 for more information.

Trent on pensions, aggro and region: continuing concerns

After a year of focus on the operation and spending of the island-wide agglomeration, Trent says the funding of pension funds is becoming a real problem that is shared by Westmount.

"It's not just because of the market slide but employees are retiring earlier, living longer and being replaced by fewer people to carry on the funding. In this sense Westmount is in the same boat as Montreal.

"We, too, will be facing difficult times because we have defined-benefits pension plans, which means that no matter what happens, you still get a certain percentage of your last years of salary."

Over the last year, Trent says he has been working to establish a good rapport with Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay "and Westmount can only be a good beneficiary."

He considers it "quite a victory" that the finance committee recently agreed

with his recommendation to set up an independent water board as a more efficient and less costly way to manage "water in and water out," he explains.

Regional restructuring

It's clear, however, that the aggro "will have to evolve into something else." In fact, the need to restructure the entire Montreal region is one of Trent's long-term goals. His book on the subject is due out next year.

"I hope it will create public discussion on regional governance that could impact Westmount indirectly," he says.

And what is the solution for the aggro? "I won't reveal that yet," he says coyly. "What I will say is that the mergers cost more than most people realize. My book is to tell future generations what an egregious mistake the mergers were and to document what happened so nobody ever gets the same idea again."

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AN IDEA FOR THE SUPERHOSPITAL

I am in the unenviable position of making visits to the Montreal General, Royal Victoria and Montreal Chest Hospitals for myself, my wife and a friend. Parking is always an issue.

With the technical knowledge we now have, why does the parking authority not install remote pay stations on several of the floors in these hospitals so that payment can be made without running back to the street? Seems simple enough to me or is it they are counting on us to miss the deadlines and end up with a ticket?

Also, there used to be four free parking spaces for the handicapped on Cedar Ave., which are now metered spaces. If you get there on Thursday early enough to get a spot, you must move your car between 8 am 9 am for street cleaning. They could not clean at night time when nobody is there?

Food for thought: When was the last time you parked at a hospital during the daytime?

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BUSY LANSDOWNE POSES CHALLENGE FOR ARENA

Regarding the mega arena/pool project, there are serious additional concerns most residents will want to consider.

1. Major dangerous traffic snarls will surely result on Lansdowne with the entrance and exit of the parking garage, drop-off point for arena users, dog run drop-off, the bike path that was installed this week etc.

When entering and exiting from the proposed garage, or when parking on the east side of Lansdowne, cars will have to cross the bike path – surely a recipe for disaster.

2. A better solution would certainly be to have the entrance/exit to the garage and doors of the proposed arena on Academy Road as at present.

3. Make a two way bike path on the west side of Lansdowne, leaving ample and safer parking on the east side, as was the case before.

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THINGS NOT IMPROVING FOR CYCLISTS

The city of Westmount's announcement that it is keeping the cycling path (the only one) open year-round is really a lot of smoke and mirrors (e.g. giving up \$75,000 in parking revenue).

I have been riding the bike path for the last 20 years even in the winter because there is a very low volume of car traffic. The only significant problem I encountered on that route was one night, during a snow storm heading east, I encountered one

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Mayor's Column

Less auto-crazy, more repression



BY MAYOR PETER F. TRENT

I have not owned a car since 1977, and for 25 years my household was car-less. One of the advantages of living in Westmount is that you can walk downtown, take the Metro or a taxi, and rent a car to go to the country.

I'm not an anti-car crusader; I just favour a less auto-crazy society. Cars are tools made by and for humans that have to be employed judiciously, which they often are not, if you will permit me a harumph.

Car traffic, both *to* and *through* Westmount, has become almost intolerable in volume, speed and noise. The MUHC and the Turcot projects, both to become seven-year construction itches, will make things worse.

That Quebec has to spend \$3 billion to reconstruct the Turcot interchange – put up only 45 years ago during a paroxysm of improvident expressway building – is sad evidence of shoddy construction, design and planning.

More expressways were and are not the solution. While the opening of the Ville-Marie expressway in 1973 did result in an immediate drop in east-west traffic through Westmount, we are now worse off than when we started.

This is proof of the iron-clad rule: the more expressways you build, the more they fill up and the more they eventually overflow. (This implacable logic led to the scrapping of Toronto's Spadina expressway, way back in 1971.)

What to do, then? First, there's repression: that's the ticket. Since Westmount never gets enough police officers to ticket speeders consistently, and since the police brotherhood thwarted our attempts to give the Public Security Unit the power to ticket moving violations, for nearly two

decades I have been a big fan of photo radar.

Secondly, off-island suburban development needs to be more dense (and off-island suburban politicians less dense) in order to boost mass transit. The proliferation of far-flung bedroom communities means every home has to have at least two cars, and walking becomes only a method of transportation between house and garage.

By contrast, Westmount is the most densely populated city in our region.

Thirdly, more immediate relief can come from narrowing our streets, which reduces speeds and therefore volume. One way to narrow streets is to put in bike lanes. But bike lanes can interfere with residents trying to get out of their driveways – just ask anyone living on de Maisonneuve.

Both bike lanes and bikes reduce car traffic; bike lanes by constriction, and bikes by substitution. It is true that, in 2006, only 2 percent of island of Montreal residents bicycled to work, but that is double the proportion in 1996. In the Plateau, 10 percent of the population bicycles to work.

Bikes are no panacea, though. For one thing, cycling is seasonal and two-wheeled winter commuting may never become mainstream.

Council will soon commission a Master Traffic Plan, it being 24 years since the last plan of any sort. Will it be possible to apply a tourniquet on arteries in Westmount? Since they are so designated by "higher" authorities, it will not be easy. But we have to do something.

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Westmounters enjoy receptions during ICAO sessions

Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Raymond Benjamin, secretary general of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and his wife **Viviana**, were much in evidence in our fair city as they attended the numerous events during the organization's 37th session of its assembly, held at the end of September. ICAO, a UN agency, is headquartered in Montreal.

One of the most popular receptions was

that of the host country – Canada. Held in Place de la Cité Internationale, the conference centre of ICAO, 1,500 guests enjoyed the evening, which had RCMP officers in full regalia and a massive parliament-size Canadian flag. (The flag was so large, at over 100 square feet, that it hung from wall to wall across the hall!)

The cocktail-dinatoire was organized and co-hosted by **Lionel Alain Dupuis**, Canada's permanent representative and dean of council at ICAO, on behalf of **Chuck Strahl**, newly-appointed minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, who had to return to Ottawa.

Westmount resident, French ambassador to ICAO and member of the Council

of ICAO **Michel Wachenheim**, and his wife **Anick**, held an elegant cocktail, where guests from 190 countries enjoyed champagne. Among those present were West-

mounters **Richard Gervais**, president of Wagram and honorary consul, Republic of Mauritius; and **Anick and Michel Wachenheim**.



Westmounters Michel and Anick Wachenheim, and Lionel Alain Dupuis.



Khalil El-Habre, consul general of Lebanon, dean of Montreal's Consular Corps and representative of his country at ICAO; and Westmounter **Richard Gervais**, honorary consul of Mauritius.



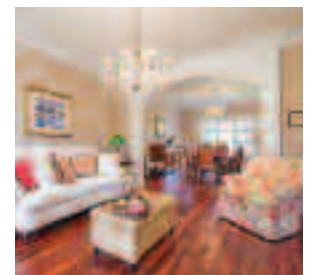
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Underdog

MARY LAMEY

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The new good news is that his former owners placed their eight-month-old pup with Eleven Eleven Animal Rescue, knowing that Caroline Ross and company would find Bailey the perfect home.

That's where you come in, gentle readers. This big-boned boy is a chow/Lab/boxer cross resulting in a look that some find intimidating. But with dark-ringed eyes and adorably droopy jowls, who could resist him?

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4364 Westmount Ave.	\$5,550,000	\$3,250,000	Sherri Bloom	Yves Roy & Sylvie Fillion	11-May
3274 Cedar Ave.	\$4,700,000	\$4,000,000	Vladimir Dackiw & Susane Havelka	Skuli Mogensen	09-Jul
4299 Montrose Ave.	\$4,400,000	\$3,850,000	François & Isabelle De Gaspé Beaubien	9140-4186 Quebec Inc.	03-Sep
1302 & 1304 Greene Ave.	\$4,000,000	\$3,075,000	Corp. Financière Phildan Inc.	Westmount Heritage Properties Ltd.	14-Sep
1 Wood Ave., #2201 & 2 pkg spaces	\$3,800,000	\$2,036,600	David Appel & Carol Biggs	Sybil Zaritsky	06-Apr
3243 The Boulevard	\$3,200,000	\$1,877,200	David Alter & Robyn Cohen	Estate of George Grivakis	30-Aug
3218 Cedar Ave.	\$3,150,000	\$1,917,500	Beverly Poisson & Nabil Tabet	Deborah MacLeod	06-Jul
1326 – 1330 Greene Ave.	\$3,000,000	\$2,180,000	7511655 Canada Inc.	Westmount Heritage Properties Ltd.	23-Jun
3258 The Boulevard	\$2,575,000	\$1,500,000	Perry Catellier & Deborah Del Torto	Helena Grimaldi	29-Jul
21 Gordon Crescent	\$2,337,500	\$1,900,000	Jonathan Blanshay & Kimberley Cole	Vidal Salvo	20-Apr
3223 & 3225 Trafalgar Ave.	\$2,225,000	\$2,200,000	Peter Lashchuk	Estate of Albert Abdoo	09-Apr
4175 St. Catherine St. #2206	\$2,200,000	\$1,692,200	Roberto Bellini	Estate of Guido Perrella	01-Apr
4175 St. Catherine St. #2101	\$2,200,000	\$1,443,500	Mikael Vardanian & Emilia Gustin	Agnes Biro	05-May
604 Clarke Ave.	\$2,150,000	\$1,575,200	Caroline Michel & Daniel Obrand	Joanne McBurney	31-Mar
215 Edgehill Rd.	\$2,100,000	\$1,429,400	Helena Grimaldi	Liliane Waid	30-Jun
420 Côte St. Antoine Rd.	\$2,080,000	\$1,809,200	François Lecavalier & Senia Rapisarda	Vincent Salvati & Susan Smith	30-Jul
54 Summit Circle	\$2,050,000	\$1,533,600	Nathalie Ratier & Marc Escande	Estate of Harry Kalish	06-Apr
5 Anwoth Rd.	\$1,995,000	\$1,450,000	Alice Switocz & Jonathan Goldbloom	David McConnell	09-Apr
7 Edgehill Rd.	\$1,900,000	\$1,431,400	Albert Cohen & Karen Levine	Kevin O'Keefe & Maria Verhoeven	25-Jun
4278 Dorchester Blvd.	\$1,860,000	\$1,180,000	Jamie Boomhower & Christine Gruber	David Bensadoun & Isabelle Poirier	19-May
607 Clarke Ave.	\$1,850,000	\$1,363,300	Marc Terfloth	Lydia Hucal	16-Apr
422 Roslyn Ave.	\$1,765,000	\$1,178,900	Helen Olesker	Stuart Cobbett	21-Jun
217 Edgehill Rd.	\$1,700,000	\$1,338,500	Charles Spector & Heidi Feldman	David Tanner	01-Jun
414 Roslyn Ave.	\$1,685,000	\$1,025,000	Alain Elbaz	Marc Coulombe & Petra Carlsson	03-Aug
128 Arlington Ave.	\$1,650,000	\$1,163,300	Stuart Lubarsky & Renée Schiff	Beverly Poisson	20-Aug
4697 Westmount Ave.	\$1,625,000	\$1,100,000	Lorraine Briscoe & Daniel Le Rossignol	Manon Venne	06-Apr
577 Roslyn Ave.	\$1,625,000	\$899,500	Michelle Mackay	Michèle Gaul	03-Jun
25 Oakland Ave.	\$1,600,000	\$1,665,200	Oakland Trust	Lubo Lopicic & Milica Novak	14-Jul
4 Grenville Ave.	\$1,570,000	\$998,100	Julie Delaney	Caroline Michel & Daniel Obrand	03-Jun
530 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$1,530,000	\$1,134,000	Mitchell Hops	Michel Couture & Jean Bertrand	01-Apr
657 Roslyn Ave.	\$1,525,000	\$1,135,000	Marina Boulos & Grant Winton	Suzanne Arsenault	03-May
352 & 354 Elm Ave.	\$1,490,000	\$1,121,400	Steven Stroll	Alexandre Kroupnik & Galina Nossova	14-Jun
651 Belmont Ave.	\$1,450,000	\$1,416,600	Francine Poirier	Beverly Skolnik & Frank Zylberberg	28-Apr
621 Belmont Ave.	\$1,450,000	\$1,297,900	Yannick Archambault	Mark Claman & Jewel Grossman	15-Jun
673 Grosvenor Ave.	\$1,450,000	\$850,000	The Stephen O'Brien Trust	Louise Tanguay	02-Aug
198 Côte St. Antoine Rd.	\$1,425,000	\$993,100	Yoanna Skrobik & Eric Shoubridge	Nicole Baillargeon	12-May
443 Elm Ave.	\$1,425,000	\$725,000	Michel Lagueux & Michele Fearon	Martin Gauthier & Robin Patriquin	19-Jul
6 Braeside Pl.	\$1,420,000	\$1,138,300	Amal Amarouch & Philippe Roy	Kathleen Lambert	08-Sep
457 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$1,395,000	\$943,000	Michael Belmer & Lynn Adamyk	Charles Straessle	14-Jun
4000 Montrose Ave.	\$1,385,000	\$1,094,400	Thierry Vandal	Perry Owen & Kimberley Oliver	15-Jun
749 Upper Lansdowne Ave.	\$1,350,000	\$848,400	Jason Agulnik & Mara Greenstone	Brian Rich & Andrea Bucovetsky	01-Apr
561 Grosvenor Ave.	\$1,339,000	\$966,500	Hartley Stern	4435036 Canada Inc.	03-Aug
579 Grosvenor Ave.	\$1,300,000	\$1,100,000	Teanoosh Zadeh	Olivier Grout de Beaufort	14-Jul
479 Strathcona Ave.	\$1,295,000	\$930,100	Nicolino Discepolo	Jean De Mailly Nesle & Sang Park	14-Apr
4820 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$1,295,000	\$695,000	Lianne Lewis	Steve Lafrerrière	15-Jun
5 De Casson Rd.	\$1,290,000	\$696,800	M. Cournoyer-Proulx & D. Boucher	Suzanne Thibault	21-Sep
1 Wood, Apt 801 & parking space	\$1,285,000	\$1,278,900	Michael Zunenshine	Deane Nesbitt	21-Jul
35 Church Hill Ave.	\$1,270,000	\$1,490,100	Nancy Cummings	Olymbec Development (2004) inc et al	09-Aug
175 Côte St. Antoine Rd.	\$1,260,000	\$1,167,700	Alain Bichar & Vartouhie Chahmirian	Ya Li Wang	14-May
27 & 29 Church Hill	\$1,225,000	\$845,300	John Luzio, Frank & Nadia Niro	Mary Ferguson	23-Sep
1 Hudson Ave.	\$1,200,000	\$1,120,500	Jordanna Feifer	Bram Gordon & Shari Segal	28-Apr
333 Elm Ave.	\$1,160,000	\$886,900	Stuart Cobbett	Alice Switocz & Jonathan Goldbloom	26-Apr
87 Sunnyside Ave.	\$1,155,000	\$847,000	Michael Hitelman	Olivier Court & Paola Fata	15-Jun

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Reconstruction near Murray Park



Reconstruction of the sidewalks and roadway on Murray Ave. alongside Murray Park was nearing completion October 19. The capital works project is part of the city's catch-up plan to improve the condition of streets. The receipt of lower than expected bids is expected to accelerate the process, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Greta discovers chiaroscuro and negronis while traveling



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Buon giorno, my loyal readers. We hope that you are inspired by ideas about luxuries since our last column. Remember: Luxury is not related to money or rarity. If it resonates with your soul then it's luxury to you.

Now to the task at hand, which is to explain two special words. I don't want to be condescending about your "collective vocabulary" out there in the broad field of the *Indie's* readership, but perhaps an enlightenment is a better approach.

After our recent trip to Italy, we are now home and still inspired by things Italian. I'll share with you our two discoveries with which we became intimate this last trip: chiaroscuro and negroni. The first is an approach to painting with contrast between the light and dark areas. It's as if there is a spotlight on the subjects.

No one has illustrated the word chiaroscuro better than the brilliant comet that was Caravaggio, who painted all of his short, tempestuous life using this technique of lighting for the subjects of his paintings. He was in Rome, and all around Italy from 1573 to his sad demise in 1610. He played an early form of tennis called "paume" in his favourite Piazza Navona before Bernini created the astounding

Fountain of the Four Rivers, which was erected in 1651.

We were blessed with special circumstances to have a luxurious twilight tour of his 400th anniversary celebratory exhibit near his piazza. Neither Aurel nor my art history books prepared us for the experience. After seeing lots of the earlier Mannerist period preceding him, Caravaggio's paintings are still striking after these last four centuries! The immediacy of the events depicted in all of his paintings is a major characteristic. The people are real, genuine, local neighbours of his.

The other major artist associated with chiaroscuro is Rembrandt, somewhat better known to us Canadians. Though he was from a later period (1606 to 1669) and from a very different culture, he used the lighting style with his subjects also, albeit with entirely different painting techniques.

Now, my faithful design fiends, why have we chosen this word for your "consumption"? We must plan the lighting with the idea of the room – and with the special elements that make up the room. Are there any architectural details to highlight? Any view, fireplace, sculpture, paintings to emphasize? Remember, an electrician is not always a lighting expert, and four or six pot lights evenly spaced on the ceiling is not necessarily the solution!

The idea of chiaroscuro lighting is to add drama and show off the special features of a room, not to show off all the dust! Totally even lighting is for a laboratory, not a home. So, even if you don't have a grand budget, a few specially placed spots will instantly perk up a room. Light and colour are the cheapest and most effective techniques to personalize a room.

I must now tell you about the other word of the week: negroni. This is a Venetian creation reputed to have been invented by the renowned bartender at Harry's Bar in Venice in the 1920s. On the outpost island of Giudecca, I sipped a peach nectar and Prosecco cocktail, (the Bellini), while Aurel savoured his negroni – an intense blend of Gin, Campari and Red Vermouth in equal proportions served with a slice of the local blood orange.

We enjoyed several more during the rest of our trip, but somehow, it's just not the same back here in Montreal. I guess I will return to my loyal fave: the classic gin martini.

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Council ‘legalizes’ Roslyn Ave. addition in new permit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A major addition to an imposing home at 680 Roslyn Ave., finally received approval by city council October 18 “as built.” It had only been discovered after the fact and a stop-work order issued.

A statement of offence issued to the owners in December 2009 is reported to be still before the courts.

Work on the two-storey extension had remained unnoticed because workers had slowly been working on it after completing interior repairs and a new roof on a permit issued in 2006, said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

The original permit had remained in the window.

“It’s the biggest addition I’ve ever seen to be built without a permit,” she said. “This one was almost finished.”

Luckily, she added, it had been undertaken in conformity to regulations and aesthetic guidelines. The city has taken court action related to work done without a permit.

Added to the back of the house, the new construction included a large kitchen/family open area at ground level and a bedroom upstairs (see photo).

Architect hired

After work was stopped on the nearly finished structure, Poirier said, the owner hired an architect (Adam Borowczyk) to provide plans for another extension at

basement level for use as a garage as well as relocation of the driveway.

This new work was combined with the unapproved addition and wrapped into the one permit approved by council two weeks ago (see Permits, p. 19). The preliminary estimated amount in the permit was \$500,000.

While the city may issue \$500 fines for work undertaken without a permit, Poirier explained, “our goal is to ensure conformity rather than penalize people.” The city may, however, issue repeated tickets.

Owners also run the risk of having to demolish non-conforming structures, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Urban Planning commissioner.

In this case, however, the city’s Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) has been working with the property owner and architect to ensure approval of the new work.

This was no undercover cop

Public safety officers were called to Wood Ave. above Sherbrooke, October 17, for a person acting suspiciously but telling the complainant he was an undercover cop.

After verifying with police and determining they had no record of any personnel in the area, officers were approached by the person asking what the problem was and claiming to be an RCMP agent. When tested with a police code, the man was unable to reply. Police were also on scene.



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New addition to the left of this home at 680 Roslyn was almost finished before discovery. The home’s front door opens onto a side property.

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448 Mount Stephen Ave.	\$1,110,000	\$708,800	Maurice Aucoin & Chantal Aucoin	Michael Kuzmicki & Angele Martineau	11-Aug
409 Clarke Ave.	\$1,100,000	\$995,000	Bing Tang & Jiao Yu	Alan Belkin & Réal Rainville	16-Sep
667 Belmont Ave.	\$1,090,579	\$1,056,200	Henia El Mamouni	Naomi Lyon	18-Aug
22 Thornhill Ave.	\$1,075,000	\$817,400	M. Den Haring & A. Vincze	Mona Sarguis	01-Apr
4547 Sherbrooke St.	\$1,070,000	\$542,400	Suzanne Ternai & Lloyd Maroti	Les Cosmétiques P.C. Inc.	18-May
41 Holton Ave.	\$1,050,000	\$740,400	Y. Antikacioglu & P. Buyukuysal	Lucy Lazarous	28-Apr
30 Thornhill Ave.	\$1,050,000	\$775,000	Caren Olivier & Gregory Francis	Virginia Nelles & Robert Tétrault	02-Jul
42 Belvedere Rd.	\$1,038,800	\$1,599,200	Jo-Pac Manufacturing Inc.	Gestion Belvédère Inc.	17-Jun
87 Summit Cresc.	\$1,010,000	\$1,701,800	9112-8975 Quebec Inc.	9116-2198 Quebec Inc.	15-Jul
76 Arlington Ave.	\$1,000,000	\$884,300	Marie-Claude Rigaud	Richard Lalonde & Sharon Brissette	03-Jun
641 Grosvenor Ave.	\$995,000	\$750,800	Stéphane Paquet	Panagiota Kanavaros & Franco Botti	01-Apr
560 Claremont Ave.	\$980,000	\$750,700	Hugues Léger	Simon Knowles & Danièle Lefort	02-Jul
419 Mount Stephen Ave.	\$965,000	\$865,400	Alain Royer & Michèle Bergevin	Lorraine Briscoe	30-Jul
656 Victoria Ave.	\$963,000	\$694,600	Eric Ouaknine & Julia Brownstein	Sherrill Christmas	15-Sep
14 Arlington Ave.	\$960,000	\$525,200	D. Ince-Cushman & M. Hildebrand	Susan Kirby & Hugh Jones	20-Jul
4833 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$950,000	\$537,400	A.-F. Audrain & Pierre Pontevia	Pierre Zwolinski	13-May
4836 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$947,500	\$831,800	Alexandre Patte & Éve Riopel	Frederick Andrews & Carole Summers	03-Sep
1 Wood Ave. #201 & garage	\$935,000	\$853,100 & \$62,200	Linda Nadler	Rosanne Simard	10-Jun
555 Roslyn Ave.	\$922,000	\$759,000	A. Reiter & A. Girard	L., C., F., & G. Hutchison, A. C. Hutchison	14-Jun
431 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$919,000	\$679,400	David Douek	Susan Blanchard	18-Aug
484 Argyle Ave.	\$912,000	\$625,000	Tracy Satov & Carole Pockrass	Rafi Wunsh & Michal Cotler	28-Jul
468 Mount Stephen Ave.	\$906,000	\$604,200	Aaron Akerman	Dorothy Asner	15-Jun
126 Clandeboye Ave.	\$890,000	\$650,000	Nina Silverstone	Judith Levine & Richard Conrad	27-Jul
461 Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$890,000	\$658,600	Liseanne Gillham	Deborah Backman	02-Aug
15 Lansdowne Ridge	\$875,000	\$1,253,700	Astrid Coulombe	Beverley Pearson	16-Jul
646 Roslyn Ave.	\$870,000	\$805,500	Isabelle Therrien	Gail Molyneux	08-Jun
4146 Dorchester Ave.	\$855,000	\$741,300	Ibrahim Youssef & Albert Mashraky	Herman Spies	06-May
664 Grosvenor Ave.	\$850,000	\$553,300	François Agi & Alan Spatz	Eric Moynier	29-Jul
321 Claremont Ave.	\$849,000	\$510,000	Derek Murphy	Nancy Le Cam	01-Jun
554 Lansdowne Ave.	\$846,425	\$746,900	Albert Sayegh & Samara Dalfen	David Woolfson	06-Apr
361-363 Grosvenor Ave.	\$835,000	\$683,600	Janos Sivo	Estate of Margaret Bentley	02-Jun
543 Lansdowne Ave.	\$835,000	\$432,300	Nicole Small & Charles Porteous	Viviane Ory	24-Aug
430 Wood Ave.	\$831,000	\$663,300	Victoria Trim & Timothy Beal	Vera Maxwell	14-Apr
638 Roslyn Ave	\$830,000	\$668,100	Maurice Auzat	André Perron	12-Apr
556 Lansdowne Ave.	\$830,000	\$745,800	David Snively & Dimitrios Hatzepetros	Joan Hastings	03-May
9 Lorraine Ave.	\$825,000	\$590,100	Carl Ruscica & Joanne Pasquin	Michel Simard & Margaret Bentham	14-Jul
599 Roslyn Ave.	\$820,000	\$775,600	7041721 Canada Inc.	S. Litwin & C. Matsangos	11-May
468 Argyle Ave.	\$790,000	\$585,900	Shari Segal	Henia El Mamouni	01-Jun
3778 The Boulevard	\$783,000	\$741,000	Mojtaba Youssefi & Nina Salehabadi	Estate of Claire Fichaud	18-Aug
694 Victoria Ave.	\$775,000	\$610,000	Immeubles J.P.Falet Inc.	Pierre Beaulieu	11-Jun
4361 Montrose Ave.	\$775,000	\$770,000	Sébastien Roy & Aphrodite Sahlas	Loic Berthout & Myhanh Thi Pham	10-Jun
533 Lansdowne Ave.	\$774,000	\$456,400	Virginia Mylander & David Swift	Cynthia Owens	03-Aug
527 Victoria Ave.	\$750,000	\$613,200	A. Derry & M. Gendron	Frances Farrar	01-Jun
1087 Greene Ave.	\$750,000	\$600,800	Paul Karamanoukian	Maria Calabrese	07-Jun
244 Redfern Ave.	\$750,000	\$468,300	Ari Van Assche & Simona Bignami	Yianne Skrobik	16-Jul
25 Winchester Ave.	\$722,000	\$560,900	K.J. Peacock & G. Murphy	G. Powell & C.-M. Longtin	15-Jun
4469 Sherbrooke St.	\$720,000	\$634,200	Mary Calabrese	Anne Tonella	06-Apr
477 Victoria Ave.	\$689,000	\$508,900	Alan Belkin	Peter Denis	18-Jun
432 – 434 Prince Albert Ave.	\$660,000	\$764,800	Aida Serrano Diaz	Jean-Pierre Valla	23-Jul
158 & 160 Côte St. Antoine Rd.	\$660,000	\$461,500	William Trihey	Fernande Benoit	24-Aug
4700 St. Catherine St. Apt # 106	\$655,000	\$528,600	Michel Simard & Margaret Bentham	Starpro Rentals Inc.	07-Jul
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113 Blenheim Place	\$620,000	\$425,000	Jeroen Henrich & Caroline Blakely	Steffan Hess & Jacqueline Depocas	01-Jun
4925 de Maisonneuve Blvd.	\$615,000	\$540,300	Vivian Miller	Marion McLachlan	16-Jul
37 Burton Ave.	\$610,000	\$502,200	P. Houston & S. Linden-Andersen	Eleanore McNaughton	10-Aug
231 & 233 Melville Ave.	\$600,000	\$505,400	9187-1442 Quebec inc.	Frederick Clarke & Donald Clarke	07-Apr
464 Grosvenor Ave.	\$600,000	\$470,000	Mansoureh Javaheri	Estate of Danielle Biesmans	15-Apr
54 Bruce Ave.	\$600,000	\$471,200	D. Tardiff & CJMS Investments Ltd.	Roslyn Takeishi	03-May
59 Columbia Ave.	\$600,000	\$571,900	Steve Dubreuil & Katharine Evans	Bernard Hebert	07-Jun

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4637 Sherbrooke St.	\$595,000	\$484,400	Gestion Gian Kano Inc.	Abdolmajid Tandel & Joseph Kholam	23-Apr
450 & 452 Grosvenor Ave.	\$595,000	\$530,000	Philippe Castaigne & Marilyn Drouin	Amie Starkey Hayes	01-Sep
15 – 17 Parkman Place	\$587,500	\$507,100	Peter Tilden	Estate of Robert Amos	29-Jun
3 Church Hill Ave.	\$585,000	\$410,000	Nathalie Seguin & Martin Dussault	Sandrine Ferst	N/A
415 & 415A Mount Pleasant Ave.	\$580,000	\$629,600	Mitchell Adler	Diane Maheu	06-Apr
4700 St. Catherine St. #410 & gar.	\$575,000	\$476,000	Frances Berg	George Scherrer	01-Jun
466 Argyle Ave.	\$565,000	\$553,100	Derek James	Stéphanie Vivet & Corinne Habib	16-Apr
4608 St. Catherine St.	\$565,000	\$465,000	Quali-Med Inc.	M. Simek, J. Van Toch, J. Reichman	01-Jun
523 Prince Albert Ave.	\$560,000	\$625,000	Claudine Marineau	Rebecca Lee & Karsten Howes	01-Jun
506 – 508 Prince Albert Ave.	\$559,000	\$525,000	Norma D'Alesio	Mojtaba Youssefi & Nina Salehabadi	13-Aug
27 Prospect St.	\$550,000	\$370,000	M. Ayaz Nassem & A. Arshad-Ayaz	Suzanne Cram	01-Jun
330-332 Olivier Ave. 40% rights	\$550,000	\$771,500	Victor Rodriguez	Melanie Au	02-Jun
550 Claremont Ave. #201	\$530,000	\$473,400	Marie-Christine Meyer	Harvey Barkun & Yvette Granier	16-Jun
15, 15A & 17 York St.	\$525,000	\$625,100	Patrice Giroux	Christine Anderson	16-Jul
6 Burton Ave.	\$512,500	\$444,700	Violanine Gomar & Laurent Bensussan	Joé Harvey & Francois Blouin	06-Aug
61 Bruce Ave.	\$511,000	\$475,200	Patrick Naud & Stéphanie Richard	Mikhail Brodsky	16-Apr
200 Lansdowne Ave. Apt. 504	\$510,000	\$464,800	Anne Fitzpatrick	Barbara Meadowcroft	10-Aug
41 Windsor Ave.	\$510,000	\$410,000	Kellg Glorennec & Hubert Cachat	Nicole Small & Charles Porteous	25-Aug
405 Victoria, #201	\$507,000	\$327,400	Andrea Easey	Derek Walker	01-Apr
461 Elm Ave. 47% of #2	\$485,000	\$540,000	Ryan Cymet	Marie Vegiard	07-Jun
102 Irvine Ave.	\$480,000	\$375,700	W. Brown, C. Guidry & M. Johnson	Ming Shyr	15-Jul
466 Grosvenor Ave.	\$479,000	\$355,000	Marie -Christine Guiot	Steve Gruber & Kristine Lorentzsen	06-Jul
12 Park Place #6	\$460,000	\$358,300	Sandrine Ferst	Susan Anderson	18-May
23 Burton Ave.	\$458,000	\$235,400	Alexandra Howard & Tommy St. John	Anne Russel-Senior	12-Aug
509B Claremont Ave	\$450,000	\$642,700	Robert Besner & Sophie Vlahovich	Joan Besner & Judith Besner	07-Sep
399 Clarke Ave. #7B	\$445,000	\$352,300	Margaret Pieterse	Estate of Sarina Altman	10-May
10 York Ave. #303	\$435,000	\$337,700	Anne Charney	Louis Caouette Investments S.A.	09-Apr

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Looking for deterrents to rein in construction delays

City to study practices in other municipalities

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount will look to procedures used in other municipalities regarding the duration of time allowed for completion of building projects, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week.

The decision stems from a meeting October 18 between members of city council and the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

“We went over a bunch of issues including how to fast-track the permit process even more,” she explained. “Council was also in favour of looking at what kind of penalties others have as a deterrent to extended work.”

Delicate balance

It’s a delicate balance between determining a reasonable length of time for completion of a project versus the quality of life of neighbours, Lulham said. While Westmount’s building permits are limited to 12 months for exterior projects and 18 months for interior work, permits can be extended for a number of reasons.

Sometimes specialized construction

material takes longer than expected to arrive or contractors become unavailable. Work – such as the installation of windows – may be delayed by the season.

On the other hand, different work could be undertaken at the same property in successive years on different permits as a homeowner gradually improves the property.

Forden complaints

The issue of so-called never ending work was brought to a head with complaints at the October 4 city council meeting by residents whose properties are adjacent to a house at 42 Forden Crescent, where construction has gone on for some five years, stated neighbour Paul Rabinovitch.

The neighbours cited unceasing noise, dust, run-off and garbage among a number of problems.

Rabinovitch had previously brought up similar complaints more than a couple of years ago, had met with city officials and been assured even recently that the work was almost finished. Yet it goes on.

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This house at 42 Forden Crescent came under fire once again at city council October 4 for so-called unending construction.



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399 Clarke Ave. Apt 5E	\$430,000	\$380,600	Judith Levine	Marie-Louise Laroche-Gardère	13-Aug
10 York Ave.#203	\$410,000	\$328,300	Melvin Charney	Denise Desrochers	09-Apr
200 Lansdowne Ave. #505 & garage	\$410,000	\$334,700	Wendelin Gardner	Francesca Rance	01-Jun
2 Burton Ave.	\$380,000	\$209,800	Noel Butler & Judith Nixon	Eudice Rosenberg-Garmaise	10-May
33% of 442 – 446 Claremont Ave.	\$375,000	\$588,700 (100%)	Eleanore McNaughton	Elizabeth Bastin	13-Aug
4410 #5A St. Catherine St. & pkg.	\$357,000	\$262,700	Walid Akkawi	Estate of Mark Bibeau	11-Jun
81 Hallowell Ave.	\$351,200	\$312,000	Susan Sweatman	Sharad Goel & Shobhita Garg	24-Sep
436 Grosvenor Ave.	\$350,000	\$305,000	Yong Tao Wang	Terrance Rigelhof & Ann Johnson	24-Aug
84, 86 & 88 Somerville Ave.	\$340,000	\$502,400	N. Mumme & R. Aurousseau	Liam Whitty & Mary MacGillivray	03-May
3121 St. Antoine St.	\$319,000	n/a	Jean-Daniel Labbé	M. Djordjevic & M. Ostaszewski	30-Apr
3169 St. Antoine St.	\$270,000	\$241,000	Erik Vanin	Alejandro Rosales	11-Aug
528 Lansdowne Ave.	\$32,282	\$508,500	Anthony Hoogendyk	Laura Carter	27-Apr
Parking space 10 York St.	\$26,500	\$27,000	Susan Hope-Johnston	Louis Caouette S.A. Investments	29-Jun
1 Wood Ave., Unit A70	\$19,000	\$10,000	Christoforos Tambakis	Jackson De Bordes	06-Apr
616 Sydenham Ave.	\$1	\$1,900,500	Blackbuck Holdings Inc	Jason Schwartz	06-Apr
4175 St. Catherine St. Apt # 1503	\$1	\$1,056,700	Philip Khazzam	Rhona Berg	29-Jul

* Evaluations shown are from the evaluation roll 2007-2010.

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the October 18 meeting of city council.

- 680 Roslyn:** to build a one-storey addition at basement level on the south façade and approval of rear extension as built; to move the driveway to the south front yard (see photo, p. 13);
- 151 Hillside:** to replace some windows at St. Andrew's School;
- 4006 St. Catherine:** to erect a rear fence;
- 4742 The Boulevard:** to change the single dormers into double ones on the north

- and west façades and add a double dormer on the south one (see photo to the right);
- 607 Lansdowne:** to replace some windows;
- 6 Braeside:** at a Category I house, to replace all shutters and modify two openings on the north and south façades;
- 500 Prince Albert:** to rebuild the front porch and stairs;
- 525 Prince Albert:** to replace solarium windows;
- 759 Upper Lansdowne:** to replace some windows;
- 41-43 York:** to replace a front storm win-

- dow;
- 626 Belmont:** to replace the veneer of the rear solarium;
- 435 Prince Albert:** to replace front storm windows and two rear windows;
- 3705 The Boulevard:** to raise the existing

- swimming pool deck;
- 421 Claremont:** to replace certain windows;
- 622 Sydenham:** to replace solarium windows and door;
- 110 Blenheim:** to replace a rear window.

A closer look at dormers on The Boulevard



Of the permits approved by city council October 18, one for this semi-detached house at 4742 The Boulevard (to the right) allows for the doubling of single dormer windows on three sides. See related permit in "Building Permits," at left.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Forden case still pending

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Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier told the *Independent* that inspectors had been visiting the site regularly, and the city had taken court action related to work carried out contrary to the by-law.

One permit was known to have been issued in June 2008 for an addition at the rear and interior work estimated to cost \$178,000.

Various suggestions

Enforcing time limits can be very challenging for the city, Poirier explained. Sometimes projects cost more than expected and property owners simply run out of money before the work can be completed. In this situation, fines aren't a deterrent.

On the other hand, levying a security deposit at the start of a project that would

allow the city to finish off stalled work could leave the city liable for work improperly done.

Embarking on often lengthy court action concerning work that drags on can further delay its completion.

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New Italian restaurant comes to Sherbrooke and Prince Albert

By ISAAC OLSON

A new Italian restaurant has come to Sherbrooke St. under the guiding hand of head chef Robert Narducci, a some 20-year veteran of the kitchen who dedicated nearly half of those years to the very same space he now operates his own business in.

Named after the number of steps that lead down to its 4894 Sherbrooke St. location (at Prince Albert), Ristorante 11 Scalini opened on October 14 with a refurbished interior and list of services ranging from take-out to eat-in, said Narducci who, up until two years ago, spent eight years working at Ristorante Saporì Pronto when it occupied the space.

Narducci said he is excited about his new business' future.

"The opening was better than we expected," said the maître d', Sergio Dell'Olio,

while noting what he calls reasonably priced cuisine coupled with a quality wine list attracts patrons. "A lot of the old customers came back."



From left, Ristorante 11 Scalini's maître d' Sergio Dell'Olio and owner Robert Narducci.

Wines uncorked to raise funds for kids to take a flight of a lifetime



From the left: musician Kristen Bussandri; Sandip Sahota, vice president of Morgan Stanley/Enterprise Data; Brian Roscoe, president of Dreams Take Flight Montreal; Marina Cutler, owner of Avenue Art gallery; and Colleen Gainey, assistant and special events coordinator of Avenue Art/Studio 10 King.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Westmount art consultant Marina Cutler held a wine tasting evening on October 21 at Studio 10 King in Old Montreal to raise funds for Dreams Take Flight. This non-profit organization is made up of volunteers from Air Canada who team up with partners in the US to organize the "trip of a lifetime" for physically, mentally or socially challenged children. During

"Uncorked for a Cause," which was the first in a series of wine-tasting events, guests sipped bubbly, viewed art and enjoyed live music. A sommelier then led a wine tasting and culinary pairing experience, which featured the wines of Francis Ford Coppola Winery. The night's featured musical artist was Kristen Bussandri.



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Baillie releases fourth *Imprints*

Former Westmounter Ray Baillie and Westmount-based publishing house Price-Patterson recently published his latest book, *Scottish Imprints in Quebec*.

The book contends that the Scots have had a disproportionate influence on Quebec, including in areas not often men-

tioned, such as farming and sports (e.g. curling, golf and fly fishing). Their better known roles as financiers, educators and industrialists are also covered.

As in his previous *Imprints* series (co-authored with his wife Diana), the approach is to photograph landmarks and

explain their evolution from foundation to the present day.

The book is available at Nicholas Hoare on Greene Ave., Paragraph and online at Chapters.ca. Price-Patterson and the *Independent's* publisher, Sherbrooke Valois Inc., have a shareholder in common.

Bon Appétit

By ETTY B.

The time has come for some comfort food. Warm up with this yummy chili after a vigorous outdoor activity.

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1 stalk celery, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 cup frozen corn kernels
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. chili powder

1 tbsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 can white kidney beans (drained and rinsed)

Over medium-high heat, brown ground beef; drain off any fat. Add onion, celery, garlic, chili powder, oregano and salt and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes.

Add diced tomatoes, carrot, corn and beans. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

Garnish with 1 cup of shredded cheese (such as cheddar) if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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Fallen Tribunal jams in a Lansdowne Ave. basement. From left: George 'Spyro' Penney, Andrew Macpherson, Anthony Caporali, Jacques Asselin, Jesse Just Costa.

Photo: Isaac Olson

Fallen Tribunal, a Westmount-based alternative rock band started in the summer of 2009, is composed of five young men. George 'Spyro' Penney, the band's guitarist who sings backup vocals, is from Westmount. The band often practises in the basement of Penney's family home on Lansdowne Ave.

The band is hosting a charity concert

on November 12 at the Café l'Inconditionnel, 4584 Papineau Ave.

Slated for 8:30 pm, tickets are \$8 with all proceeds donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

For more information about the band, visit: Myspace.com/tribunalband or check out the rock group's Facebook page.

Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Seniors' luncheon at Centre Greene. Three-course, home-cooked meal, served in a friendly environment, served at 12:15 pm. Cost: \$5. RSVP: 514.931.6202.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

"Bark in the Park" Halloween party and costume contest at the Lansdowne dog run 5:30 pm to 6 pm. Prizes awarded for Best Dog costume (owners need not come in costume) and Best Owner & Dog costume.

• Vernissage: Artist **Sunny Savage** at Le Glacier Bilboquet, 4864 Sherbrooke St., 7 pm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Centre Greene's TGIF youth dinner and activities for children 5 to 12, 6 to 8:30 pm. Online schedule: www.centregreene.org/pdf/tgif.pdf. Cost: \$12, drop in.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

• "Who did it?" **mystery event**, along with annual pumpkin decorating competition, at Westmount Public Library, 7 to 9 pm. Admission to the event is by coupon only that will be given out to those taking in a **decorated pumpkin** for judging no later than 9 pm, Friday, October 29. For children 4 and older. Register: 514.989.5229.
• African dinner and fashion show organized by West Hill Grandmothers Group, 12 pm at Westmount Park United Church.

To benefit **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign**. Cost: \$25. Info: 514.695.2652.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Celebrate Halloween at the **Haunted Circus** in the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, 4 to 8 pm. Must come in costume. See story, p. 4.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

• **City council meeting**, city hall, 8 pm.
• The Canadian Writers Society, with the Westmount YMCA, presents **Christina Manolescu** on "The Perks and Perils of Self-publishing," at YMCA Westmount, 7 pm Info: 514.707.9396 or canadianwriterssociety@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• **Atwater Library's Annual Benefit Cocktail Party** with guest of honour Alex Paterson, emcee Dennis Trudeau and the Dave Turner Jazz Trio. Silent auction, food and drink, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Cost: \$100. Tickets: 514.935.7344 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca.
• "Dine and Discover" at Temple Emanuel-Beth Sholom: **Saul Carliner** speaks on "Jewish Identity and the Quest for 'Authenticity'" Dinner at 5:45 pm, discussion 6:25 pm. Cost: \$12. Reserve by October 29: 514.937.3575, ext 213 / info@temple-montreal.ca.



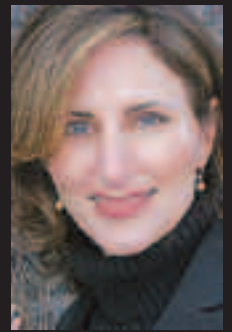
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Me, my kid and kitty



Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

When I was a little girl, I had a cat named Snowy.

I have fond memories of her curled up at my feet, purring like a furry (broken) hairdryer. Naturally I have no memory of

her tracking kitty litter around the house, or aiming her Chicken Liver Surprise dinner breath at my face or treating our home like her personal scratching post. No memory either of having to choose between “clumping” cat litter, and organic, hemp-based, scented litters. None.

My daughter has been begging me for a cat ever since I got rid of the two kittens my mother gave us when we moved here five years ago. Eenie Meenie and Miney Moe were as cute as they were deranged, and I was a newly separated single parent, making every effort to keep it together – at least outwardly. But they leapt on my back every time I bent over to take my shoes off.

They jumped three vertical feet whenever I walked down the hall. They scratched everything in sight like they were furry Ginsu knives that needed sharpening. I thought that they would drive me crazy until it occurred to me that their behaviour was a furry reflection of my tenuous mental state, something I did not need to be reminded of. Exit kitties (thank you Craigslist). They went to kind people who didn’t fantasize about making slippers out of them, I swear.

Single mother with cat?

But I’m ready to take care of another being again, and to give my little girl something more to love – even at the expense of becoming that clichéd “single mother with cat.” Part of my change of mind comes from sheer guilt: she has a baby sister and two dogs at her dad’s house, and somehow the thought of her leaving all that to come home to a bed-

room full of stuffed animals just doesn’t seem fair.

So, many months ago, I agreed to get another cat. After which I began fantasizing about getting a dog instead, until my friends organized an intervention by email that included the words “are you crazy?” I panicked and tried to convince A. that the timing was wrong to get a cat: we’re about to go on a trip, we’ve just gotten back from a trip, we may take another trip one day.

I knew that if we got another cat, I could not get rid of it without breaking my little one’s heart. So in a final attempt to get out of the mess I’d created, I convinced her that we should get a goldfish instead, until she caught on and put her little foot down, “Mama! You are being very naughty! You said I could have a kitty, and we still don’t have one!”

Cut to three weeks ago: We are wandering through a warehouse full of res-

cued cats – the smell of which I will never forget – searching for the “right” cat. For me that meant: old enough not to treat my furniture like an obstacle course, fat enough not to be able to, and sweet enough to let my little one carry her around like the latest furry handbag without scratching her eyes out.

Her name is Cleo. She’s fat, slightly blind in one eye and has a beer belly. Yes, she tried to sleep on my head the first few nights after her arrival; yes she body slammed my bedroom door when I tried to prevent it. But this time I’m not living with an animal that needs an exorcism or causes me to beg for one. More importantly, I have a happy little girl, building happy little memories to a purring soundtrack.

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Group wants financial education accessible to all

From left, Westmount members of the University Women’s Club of Montreal: Maria Masi, Judith Kashul, Liz Annesley and Margaret Jackson.

Photo: Dominique Racanelli.

Four Westmount-based members of the University Women’s Club of Montreal (UWCM) celebrated the decision by the International Federation of University Women – an advisory body to the United Nations – to adopt in August the club’s resolution calling for financial education to be accessible to all in Canada and abroad. Founded in 1927, the UWCM is a non-profit club for women that works to help women in need and promote public education. “The right to Financial Literacy has become a rallying cry for the



club as members became concerned with the growing spectacle of older women living in fear of losing their savings to unscrupulous advisors,” its release said. The group is holding a holiday auction November 17 at the Atwater Club to raise funds for the education of mature women. For information: uwcm.com.

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Off-Sidel

NOAH SIDEL

When the Bantam A Westmount Wings kick off their season this month, expectations will be high. It may not be a veteran squad, but all things considered the Wings are essentially the defending league champions and are expecting to have a successful campaign.

"We look very strong. It's a very young team with only four returning players and two rookie goalies. But all 10 of our new players were on the Peewee Wings or Predators last year, the latter which won the championship team," said team manager Sean Maislin.

This year's Bantam A squad is made up primarily of players from last year's Peewee A championship team. The few play-

ers remaining from last year's Bantam team were part of a crew that made it all the way to the league finals and lost.

"This is a very young team but with a ton of talent, grit and experience. We should be challenging for the top of the league immediately."

The Wings will count on a good mix of experienced players, who should have the ability to bend to the team's needs as the season progresses.

"We anticipate the biggest strength being the versatility of each player. We anticipate these players working well as a team as they all have equivalent skills," Maislin said.

And what of passion and desire – two things that go a long way in hockey?

"Most of these players have had success in the past and are hungry for more," he said.

To start the season, the manager explained, the team will focus on gelling and on the basics of the game. Winning should come as a result.

"The team will need to work on chemistry, which will be attained over the course of the season," he said. "The coaches are focused on the development of the players, both on and off the ice, first and foremost. That will help in the long run."

Winger Scott Dennis, 13, is confident his team will be very competitive this season.

"I think the biggest strength of the Wings this year will be the good chemistry between the players and the coaches. Many of us have played hockey together before so that makes it fun," he said.

"It's safe to say that this team is looking to avenge its heartbreaking loss last year and is a very young but experienced

team that should be very strong," Maislin said. "How the players come together over the next few weeks and throughout this season will determine how well this team does in March and April."

Best of luck, Noah!

Thanks and best wishes to Noah Sidel, whose first sports column Off-Sidel covering Westmount community sports appeared a year ago (October 20, 2009) and whose last sports column appears in this issue. He continues to cover the NDG sports scene for *Indie's* sister publication *The NDG Free Press*.

The Roys drum at KoSA's open house



From the left, Susan Byck is surrounded by Westmounters Jonah Roy and Jeremy Roy, students at the KoSA Academy of Performing Arts who were sitting in on a class being held September 26 during its open house. Kosa is located at 5323 Crowley Ave., just west of Decarie.

Photo: KoSA

11 Hillside: going, going...



A three-storey condominium project of 42 units will rise from the dust of this demolition site at 11 Hillside. The building was erected 50 years ago for the Caledonia Curling Club and later occupied by the Giant Steps school. City council approved the permit for the development October 4. Photo: Patrick Martin

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Place Kensington resident Mildred Bergstrom celebrates her 100th birthday on October 22 with an accordion-backed, sing-a-long reception and lunch. An organist and choir director for 76 years all over the US and Canada, Bergstrom was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 22,1910 and moved to the Town of Mount Royal in 1958 with her husband.

Photo: Isaac Olson

Wild WAG



This bench at the Westmount Athletic Grounds was broken at night on October 22-3. One neighbour describes such events as increasingly common and the park as the “Wild wild WAG.”

Oct. 15 storm fells trees, re-routes buses



Parts of a fallen tree on Victoria Ave. were being cleaned up on October 16. The car at right was one of the casualties.

Photo: Sylvie Lafrenière

Violent winds and driving rain took a widespread toll on Westmount in the early afternoon Friday, October 15. Trees were uprooted, inflicting damage on cars and houses. “It was quite a mess,” said Public Security Sgt. Kim Colquhoun.

Public Works crews were kept busy clearing away debris as quickly as possible and reacted very quickly, she added.

At 5 pm, a large tree split and fell at St. Catherine and Redfern causing a short detour of busses through the parking lot at Westmount High School. This was undertaken so people waiting at bus stops would

not be stranded in the blustery conditions. The tree was cleaned up in 20 minutes, reported a neighbour.

Among other incidents and damage documented by public safety officers were trees or parts of trees crashing down on cars and/or houses on Somerville, upper Victoria, Redfern and Mount Pleasant.

The next day, another tree was uprooted near 444 Victoria appearing to pose a hazard concerning electrical lines. Hydro Westmount was called to the scene but found no danger existed.

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Beware cultural differences, guest speaker tells Toastmasters Club



Left, Janet Boeckh is presented with an award ribbon for participating in the Westmount Toastmasters tabletalk segment by club president Indu Rekha Krishnamurthy.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

What's hidden in a gesture, a humorous anecdote or perhaps even a hand sign?

Plenty, says Janet Boeckh, depending on where you were born and who you are talking to.

The retired business consultant and trainer was the guest speaker of the Westmount Toastmasters at Victoria Hall on October 19. A resident of Westmount, Boeckh is also a member of the Westmount Public Library committee.

During her talk on the various ways in which Toastmasters members can speak to audiences more effectively, Boeckh told an anecdote about former US president Jimmy Carter.

Carter was giving a

speech in English to a large audience in Japan, and deciding to take on a down-to-earth approach, he decided to tell them a funny story involving a dog and excrement.

As Boeckh relates it, Carter was unaware of the important differences between his own culture and the Japanese one, and didn't realize that his audience wouldn't react well to what he was about to say.

A Japanese translator explained to the audience that Carter was telling a story about a dog and excrement which neither they nor the translator would understand. Nonetheless, he told them, would they please laugh on cue – which they did. Carter apparently found out later what happened.

In some cultures like ours in North America, according to Boeckh, the onus of responsibility during a public speaking event is on the speaker not to offend the audience, whereas in China and other Asian countries it's the other way around.

Boeckh also explained some of the misunderstandings that might arise if a speaker were to use hand gestures that we take for granted in our culture, but have a

completely different meaning elsewhere. For instance, a thumbs up, which is a positive hand gesture here, "in other cultures is considered extremely rude," she said.

The Westmount Toastmaster Club was founded in 1996. Toastmasters teaches its members how to listen effectively, think on their feet and speak confidently. The group meets every Tuesday at 7 pm from September to June in the Club Room at Victoria Hall. Visit: www.westmount-toastmasters.org.



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Westmount Art Scene

HEATHER BLACK

The focus is on light at Westmount galleries. Dora Bendixen's subdued yet masterful dramas unfold at Han Art Gallery, Laveur's lines sizzle at Galerie V. Trimont, while Elizabeth Cameron's shadowy abstractions dominate the Gallery at Victoria Hall.

Dora Bendixen at Han Art

A Norwegian painter, Bendixen creates intimate family portraits. In "Agathe's Secret", two young girls – one in turquoise stockings and one holding a cat – dominate a seaside scene. Painted in cool tones, the two mischievously stare out at the viewer.

In the series "Tickling feet", two girls lie entwined as one plays with the other's toes. Their faces barely discernable, the emphasis is on form accentuated by colour. In one, orange vibrates against lime while; in the others, orange and red predominate.

"Quo vadis", however, captures a family drama. Apprehension and uncertainty dominate the scene. Here, a woman reaches for a boy's hand as a man worriedly presses his palms together. Their flat, round and pale forms depict any family.

Capturing the soft Norwegian light,

Bendixen's subjects appear otherworldly yet current. The exhibit continues into November at Han Art Gallery, 4209 St. Catherine St.

Laveur at Galerie V. Trimont

Painting both abstracts and figures, Laveur's work catches the eye. In his hand, a hairdresser's comb is a tool to create textured backgrounds, abstract designs or even people.

For "Comme au Maroc", fond memories inspired a mirage-like streetscape. Painted in blues, golds and whites, the striated lines created by the comb convey the desert heat and light.

But the artist takes a different almost celebratory approach in "Fluo Pop 5". Here whimsical, neon-coloured lines explode on black paper. In the triptych "Princesses Sardines" elements of African and East Asian culture merge in the subjects' white faces.

A ghostly light also appears in his figures particularly that of a young boy – the artist himself. Laveur exhibits at Galerie V. Trimont, 4259 St. Catherine St.



Dora Bendixen "Agathe's Secret"

Cameron at Gallery at Victoria Hall

Westmounter Elizabeth Cameron's paintings and photography are studies of objects and shadows. Many paintings feature a rectangle of various hues set against light or dark backgrounds. Lines emanate from the flag-like form to suggest a sign or chair.

Cameron's work creates a tension that compels investigation. A photograph of a circular crevasse stuffed with blue mate-

rial, from afar, suggests an eye. Another – of a crack in the tile or payment – creates an intriguing, abstract composition.

Using oil paints and mixed media on canvas or paper, Cameron includes a collage of a clipped newspaper column and letters set against a golden backdrop, in this exhibit. Although the column is torn in the composition, the remaining fragments can be read.

In this series, the artist plays with colours and light to create variations on a

theme. Entitled "Ombre Lumière", the exhibit continues to October 30 at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St.

In art, light is much more than illumination. For Bendixen, light creates a psychological state. For Laveur, it expresses tension and repose; and for Cameron, shadows shroud her forms in mystery. For these artists, light and shadow create a pervasive atmosphere that contributes to the painting's meaning.

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car that did not give me one inch. I jumped diagonally off my bike onto the side walk and the car came to a stop just before running over my bike. His response was I should not be riding my bike in the winter, and I was lucky he did not run me over.

This statement outlines the real problem when I read the letters about cyclists being demonized. For what?

These are the facts. Cars rule the road, and pedestrians have sidewalks. Cyclists have...not much. Even the cycling path running through Westmount Park is a

problem.

A simple bike path through a park is strewn with dangerous bureaucrat obstacles that should not be there: post planted in the middle of a narrow path, speed limits, a washboard-like surface and a stop sign in the middle of the park.

Stop signs were designed for cars, not bikes. Those of you who navigate by boats know powered crafts give way to non-motorized craft – very civilized and logical.

Here a list of interesting facts: Bicycles are the only true zero-emission vehicle that exist and they have never injured nor killed a car driver. Cars on the other hand can pollute and kill. In the Old Port and on

Mount Royal, cyclists and pedestrians share the same roadway with no problems.

But here in Westmount we have an *ad hoc* cycling committee that believes making cyclists wear helmets and enforcing rules and regulations designed for cars will make cycling safe and protect the public.

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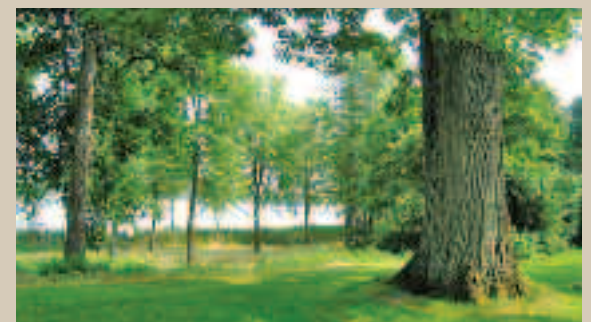
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