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## Commercial recycling is coming

# Unique mobile unit set for fall

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The design for a mobile commercial recycling unit for Sherbrooke/Victoria merchants is now being fine-tuned to hit the streets after Labour Day, city officials said. The custom-made container was initially planned to be launched during the summer.

The city has been going back and forth with the manufacturer to produce a container to suit Westmount's needs. It is expected to be ready some six to eight weeks after it is approved in principle.

"We're very excited about this because it's something that is unique to Westmount," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. "As far as we know, no one else has done this."

The year-round unit is slated to be parked on Sherbrooke near Victoria as a depot for recyclers.

It was conceived as a solution to providing curbside recycling for the city's commercial districts where traffic, parking, pedestrians and cleanliness pose particular challenges to collecting large quantities of recyclable material.

The container is being designed to take up as little parking space as possible and to be able to be moved to different locations if required, explained environmental coordinator Marina Peter. "We'll have to evaluate how much it is being used."

The introduction of commercial recycling has long been requested by merchants. It was announced February 25 by Councillor Theodora Samiotis as one of the city's sustainable development action plans for 2010 (see story March 2, p. 10).

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This week is the last chance to  
write us on matters that matter  
before *Indie's* summer break.

## Climbing tree no more?



Westmount Park's iconic "climbing tree" suffered from a fall that has its future in doubt. See p. 3.

Photo: Public Works

## Greene rezoning unopposed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Proposed rezoning of the four corners of Greene and de Maisonneuve met with little opposition June 28 at one of the shortest public consultation meetings in some time.

The zoning change would pave the way for a six-storey condo project including Les 5 Saisons and the creation of a village square, all at the current site of the specialty supermarket. It would also allow new restaurants in the zone.

"Why do other property owners not have the same opportunity?" asked

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# Canada Day: camp-out, cake and pool-party fun

PHOTOS BY ISAAC OLSON



From left: Michael Judson, Cecilia Mueller-Judson, 12, and Ursula Mueller enjoy hot dogs during the Canada Day BBQ lunch held between the pool and tennis courts on Academy Rd.



From left: Morgon Doke, 9, Jasmine Quraishi, almost 9, and Jillian Loth, 9, enjoy the water during Westmount pool's Canada Day Splash Bash.



Participants line up by the pool and on Academy Rd. to receive a piece of Canada Day cake.

With only 45 spots available, Westmount's camping night filled up fast. About 170 people – parents, grandparents, kids and others, braved the drizzly, chilly weather to spend the night in Westmount Park on June 30 in celebration of Canada Day. Other participants also stopped by to enjoy the festivities that ranged from live music to marshmallow roasting. Westmounters celebrated the country's birthday by camping in the park for the first time back in 1999, but it didn't become a biennial tradition until 2002.



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## Caucus charts direction for next three years

# City's key priorities disclosed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount residents can expect to see the city follow a road map of priorities over the next three years that calls for a freeze on spending, bringing in the arena complex on budget, creating a master traffic plan and opening up the building permit process.

Details include increasing city efficiency, reducing the impact of traffic from the MUHC superhospital and Turcot project, studying implementation of the parks master plan and creating a plan to bring roads and other infrastructure up to minimum quality standards.

The priorities were developed by city council members at a four-hour caucus meeting June 21 to analyze their first eight months in office and plan ahead, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* last week.

He was expected to announce the four goals at the July 5 council meeting, in descending order of importance: taxes, infrastructure, traffic and urban planning.

"Sustainable development could be the fifth goal," he said, "but we see it as a way to achieve the others – carrying them out in a sustainable way."

### No raises for council

Trent said the council had decided to freeze their salaries at the 2009 level until at least 2011 and to reduce their medical benefits plan. "We feel we should lead by example in asking the city administration

to reduce costs, which have risen sharply since the merger," he explained.

Asked if this included a hiring freeze, Trent said council's policy was not to tell the administration how to cut costs. "But it's hard to imagine meeting these guidelines if you're hiring people."

The infrastructure guideline includes conducting "a detailed inventory of the condition of city infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, parks, public buildings and Hydro Westmount equipment."

A master traffic plan is to be drawn up that favours active transportation such as walking and cycling, and aims to reduce the speed, volume and noise of vehicular traffic. This would focus on through traffic originating outside Westmount and using local streets.

### Streamline permits process

The urban planning goal to "streamline the building permits process while rendering it more open, consistent and self-financing," will not be easy to achieve, Trent explained.

"We're going to have to figure out how to pull the Planning Advisory Committee's (PAC) work into the public arena without throwing the baby out with the bath water."

Trent said it was important for neighbours to know what impact future projects might have on their property.

## Massive willow may need to be cut down, roped off

Known to generations of children as "the climbing tree," the willow at the watercourse in Westmount Park has been cordoned off, following a large portion that split and crashed to the ground over the weekend of June 26-27.

Wet weather added weight to the leaves and caused the ground to sag under one of the poles that had been propping up part of the decaying tree.

"We're not sure if we can save it," said city horticulturist Claudette Savaria after

observing even more movement of the tree and a widening of the split on June 30.

Please see photo on p. 1.

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## Chicken runs afowl in Westmount

BY ISAAC OLSON

On June 28, Westmount Public Security was alerted to suspicious activity behind Manoir Westmount near Victoria Hall.

A chicken was on the loose.

"It was a scrawny little chicken," said Tom Thompson, manager of the Manoir, a senior citizens' home. "We couldn't even have served it for lunch."

Thompson said residents spotted the white-feathered bird pecking away in the lane behind the facility and called management. Public Security was notified and two officers quickly apprehended the chicken.

The fowl wasn't too difficult to capture, reports Richard Bourdon, interim director of Westmount's Public Security Unit. Officers transported it to Montreal's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), he said.

Bourdon said, as far he knows, no one has claimed it.

Thompson said a tote bag speckled with feathers and bird poop was found on site.

"It was gross," said Thompson, describing the bag. "We threw it out. In fact, I told my maintenance guy to wear gloves when disposing of it."

Though evidence indicates the bird was transported to the scene in the tote bag, there is always the possibility it flew the coop.

Most Canadian cities, Montreal included, prohibit keeping chickens, however Westmount does not have specific restrictions on maintaining livestock, according to Nancy Gagnon, the assistant city clerk. There are, however, animal-related bylaws dating back to 1912, she noted.

Clément Fadardeau, spokesperson for Quebec's ministry of Agriculture, said provincial laws stipulate how chickens are kept for health and safety reasons. Where chickens are allowed to be kept, he con-

tinued, is up to the individual municipalities.

Hens, which can lay an egg a day and are relatively easy to care for, are most often kept for food. Cities that currently allow chickens include Niagara Falls, Victoria, Brampton and others.

An organization called the Canadian Liberated Urban Chicken Klub (CLUCK) has been cooking up the chicken-keeping debate in many Canadian cities, Ottawa being the most recent. Vancouver chicken lovers caught a clucky break when city council relaxed by-laws last month, allowing four registered hens (not roosters) per property.

In the 15 years Thompson has been working at the Manoir, he said it is the first chicken he has seen roaming around the area. Bourdon said, as far as Public Security officers are concerned, he doesn't know of any other run-ins with poultry in recent history either.

An email response from the SPCA indicated it received two chickens last week. They were both sent to a rescue farm. It is not known at press time whether they were hens or roosters.

## Young parishioners give to Greg Mortenson's Pennies for Peace



On June 22, Joan Chiz of the Westmount-based Ascension of Our Lord Parish and two students from the church's Faith First program attended the International Rotary Club convention at Côte St. Luc's Merton School. Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, was the keynote speaker. He discussed tolerance, peace and education. The young parishioners presented Mortenson with \$2,000.78 for his "Pennies for Peace" project, which aims to build schools in remote parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The church's 118 Faith First students collected, raised and found pennies from mid-February to mid-May. For more information, visit [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org). From left are Joan Chiz, Greg Mortenson, Alessandra Guido and Daisy Smith.

Photo courtesy of Joan Chiz

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PROTECT ADULT SWIM TIME

I would like to express my disappointment when I read about the consideration, during the last city council meeting, of changing the time and the nature of the adult swims at Westmount pool.

The adult swims offer all people over the age of 18 an oasis of calm in the midst of the busy lives we all lead. During my swim this evening, I noticed that many adults were relaxing on the deck, reading and chatting, while others were busy doing their fitness laps.

Allowing children to stay on the pool deck during these times would disrupt the peaceful atmosphere all adults currently enjoy.

Postponing the evening swim to a time that is “past children’s bedtimes” would make it very inconvenient for those of us who relish an after-work swim and then wish to get on with our evenings.

The daily adult swims take place during meal times, when children are usually at home eating! Children have all day in the summer to swim and play at the pool, whereas most adults have, at most, one hour a day to take advantage of a wonderful city resource.

This is a plea to preserve the adult swims as they are now: a sanctuary of calm and fitness for busy adults.

ALYSON TURNER, WINCHESTER AVE.

## ADULT TAXPAYERS SHOULD GET ADULT SWIM

I have been hearing a lot of talk regarding the adult swim portion of the recreation schedule. It seems there are parents who resent the fact that children under 18 must leave the pool during adult swim. They feel the children should be allowed to stay on deck until adult swim is over, or that lanes should be sectioned off for the adults and the children allowed the rest of the pool. There is talk of their taxes paying for this amenity and their children should be allowed in at all times.

What about the taxes the adults pay? They only have two hours out of the day reserved for them. During the morning there are the swimming lessons. Later in the day, there are the day camps and general swim, and quite often in the evenings there are the swim meets. When can the adults have peace and quiet, especially after working in a hot office all day?

If parents expect their children to sit quietly on the deck during the adult swim, they should think again. I don’t know any youngster that would sit quietly and patiently for an hour. They all get fidgety and this would result in a division of the lifeguards’ attention, taking their attention off of the job they were hired to do. And quite frankly, if I never hear “Marco Polo” again, it will be too soon.

I have lived across from the pool for 34

years. My neighbours and I all had children that frequented the pool. In those days, floats were not allowed and we were expected to keep an eye on our children. The lifeguards were not considered babysitters. We took the time for adult swim to sit down and have dinner with our children. While I agree that the toddlers should be allowed to stay in the toddler’s pool with a parent, the 6-to-17-year-olds should be required to leave the pool area.

BELINDA BOWES, ACADEMY RD.

## TAKING THE TIME TO HELP

Hoping those who helped me on June 23 might read this, I would like to thank them profusely for getting me and my scooter out of the middle of the street where I blocked traffic. My scooter came to an abrupt stop as I was crossing Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve.

I was so grateful to those who got out of their cars and figured out how to push me onto the sidewalk. I was also grateful to the drivers who were patient while we all figured out what to do.

Thank you.

SALLY AITKEN, ST. CATHERINE

## THANKS FOR THE SWIMMING THOUGHTS!

*Ed.’s note: After a cancelled June 22 meeting regarding pool-use scheduling, a meeting was held on June 29 at Victoria Hall among opponents of the current schedule (especially the timing and strict rules of adult-only swim periods), adult swimmers and Dolphins swim team members. Also present were councillors Kathleen Duncan and Patrick Martin, and Recreation department staff members.*

As commissioner of Sports and Recreation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who showed such good will in participating at a meeting we held June 29 to try to reach a compromise on the current pool scheduling.

As a result of everyone’s efforts, including those of Patrick Martin (chair of the arena/pool renewal project), we were able to formulate recommendations, which I was planning to present to my council colleagues at our general committee meeting of July 5 (after press time).

KATHLEEN DUNCAN, DISTRICT 4

## TOO BAD SCOUTS WEREN’T THERE

I am one of the organizers of Westmount’s Scout-a-thon, which took place, this year, on Sunday, May 2. I believe that the incident in the park involving an 84-year-old woman took place on Saturday,

May 1.

In Lauren Sweeney’s article in the June 8-9 issue of the *Independent*, Public Security Richard Bourdon is quoted as stating “‘there were lots of people’ also working in the park at the time to set up for the day’s Scout-a-thon.”

Indeed I was in the park setting things up on May 2 as of 8:30, however, unfortunately, that was one day too late to be of any help to the 84-year-old woman.

SUSAN ZEGRAY, INGLESIDE AVE

## BIRD LOVER’S PROMENADE PARADISE AT SUMMIT

It’s wonderful having Summit Crescent between Belvedere and Oakland closed to vehicles.

Not only a boon to pedestrians, joggers and cyclists, the quietness has attracted a pair of nesting pileated woodpeckers. Three hungry fledglings poke their heads out of a tree hole, reminiscent of a luxury condo high atop a trunk with hollowed-out bird habitations. (Thanks to our parks horticulturist Claudette Savaria for not felling these specimens!)

These woodpeckers are a delight with their red toques, impressive beaks and elegant wingspan. Birder paparazzi are



Pileated woodpecker dad feeds junior. Photo: John Fretz

clicking away as if they were royalty. During a sudden absence of the mother that lasted for a spell, the male kept feeding the fledglings every two hours.

The baby birds stay in the nest three to four weeks, and will begin to forage in late June. The adults mate for life and remain here year round. The family is together until fall, while the finer points of survival are impressed upon the young, who then search for their own territory.

In winter, the adult pair often change abode to outwit their predators, sometimes returning to the original nest hole for an overnight stay (it goes from condo to motel).

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# Greene set-backs call for ‘wedding cake’ stacking effect

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Michael Milman, owner of the West End Gallery at 1358 Greene.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chaired the meeting, told him to contact the city's Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier "if you'd like a restaurant."

Nadine Lacasse, representing Au Pain Doré at 1236 Greene, asked for additional seating and was given the same advice. The city has recently rezoned Victoria Village to allow for some new small restaurants at the request of merchants, Lulham pointed out.

## New carrefour zone

In explaining the new by-law, Poirier told the meeting how the city proposed to carve the new central or "carrefour" zone (at the crossroads of Greene and de Maisonneuve) out of the existing one that covers Greene from Sherbrooke to St. Catherine. Zoning changes related only to the new zone, however.

These include raising the allowable building height to six storeys from three as long as the sixth floor is contained in a mansard roof (see story June 15, p. 1).

As well, a series of required setbacks from the street would allow for a village square of more than 3,000 square feet to be created at the southwest corner, almost double the size of the existing terrasse in front of 5 Saisons.

Further setbacks at various levels would create a "wedding cake" effect to lessen the massing, Poirier explained.

Details of the condo development proposed for the southwest corner were not discussed at the meeting, which was restricted to rezoning. They would be explained, however, at a subsequent demolition hearing of the current 5 Saisons building when the replacement project would be presented.

But John Fretz of Lansdowne Ave. asked if the mansard roof would shade the terrasse. He also asked if the new condos – intended to be built at the southwest cor-

ner – would all be luxury units.

Lulham said a study showed "there would be sun." She also noted that "we don't dictate" whether dwellings within a project would be high end or low end. "Affordable housing is a different conversation."

In reply to another question from a local resident, Lulham said the driveway off de Maisonneuve would remain only as

a driveway to the new building but would not connect with the private lane leading to Greene, St. Catherine and Olivier.

The Greene rezoning by-law now heads into a complicated procedure leading to a possible referendum, as explained by city clerk Mario Gerbeau. He acknowledged the complexities by asking people to call his office for further information.



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## Trent to help choose Montreal's top cop

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount mayor Peter Trent has been named to a five-member selection committee to choose a new police chief for the island of Montreal force. He represents suburban municipalities.

The current chief, Director Yvan Delorme, leaves in September. He announced his unexpected departure just after Trent met with him at police headquarters April 29 to discuss various aspects of his policing policies. "I was as surprised as anyone," Trent said.

Asked to join the selection committee by Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay, Trent told the *Independent* the committee had not yet met, and he did not have a time frame for the selection.

He said he had always liked the "very media friendly style" of Jacques Duchesneau (chief from 1994 to 1998) with whom he liaised in his successful fight to save Westmount's police station. It had been eliminated in a proposed reorganization of the police map in 1994. Duchesneau was recently named to head the anti-collision unit for Quebec's ministry of Transport.

The other members of the selection committee are Claude Trudel (chairman of the Public Security Commission), opposition party representatives Lyne Thériault (of Vision Montréal and a member of Montreal's executive committee), Luc Serandez (of Projet Montréal and borough mayor of Plateau Mont Royal) and Montreal director general Louis Roquet.

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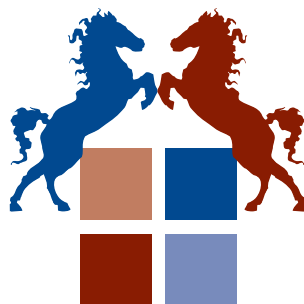


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Roman Pylat tells tales in the storytelling garden.

# Landscaping prize for library's storytelling garden

By ERIN STROPES

The Westmount Public Library's storytelling garden held a special evening June 22 to celebrate being awarded the Prix Aménagement 2010 by Les Arts et la Ville, an organization that promotes cultural development in Quebec.

The garden, which lies in the heart of the library and is accessible from the children's section downstairs, is dedicated to Haddasah Lee, a Westmount High student and award-winning writer, who suffered a fatal heart attack in 2005. An anonymous donation to the library in her memory inspired the creation of the storytelling garden in the library's previously unused

central courtyard.

According to programming and outreach librarian Donna Lach, the garden has been a popular site since its completion in fall 2008. In addition to regular visits from storytellers, the courtyard has been used for activities by the children's librarian, Scouting troupes and other community members.

The Prix Aménagement is awarded each year by Les Arts et la Ville to three municipal projects that integrate art and culture into the landscaping of public spaces. The jury applauded the project's "simplicity and intelligence," and noted that they were "charmed by the appropriation of the space; while though there isn't

a single seat, at the same time there are many."

Roman Pylat, a primary school teacher at Selwyn House and member of the Montreal Storytellers Guild, told folk tales from around the world to the gathered group, which included many of the key personnel in the conception and creation of the garden.

A story about a young woman earning the love of a prince when she tells him stories learned from her grandmother got chuckles and opinions out of Pylat's audience, and a poem by Canadian Leonora Jackson fit well with the garden's natural setting.

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• **Sisterhood of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's summer garden tour** starts at 9:30 am with coffee and croissants; tour at 10 am; garden party luncheon at 1 pm. Cost: \$45. Reserve: 514.937.9471.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

Westmount Public Library screens a **Tim Burton film for kids** at 4 pm. Sign up at the Children's desk or call 514.989.5229.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

**"Rock Out with Nick"** for 9 to 12 year olds at the Westmount Public Library, 4 pm. Guitar Hero, DDR, American Idol and more. Register: 514.989.5229. Event repeats on Friday, July 16.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Outdoor summer concert in Westmount Park with **L'Ensemble Du Carré Saint-Louis**, 2 to 4 pm at the lagoon. Rain loca-

tion: Victoria Hall.

MONDAY, JULY 12

**Canadian Hadassah-WIZO** hosts the 36th Annual Pro-Am for Kids Golf Tournament at Hillsdale Country Club in support of CHW Montreal and LOVE (Leave out Violence). Player and junior rates. Info: 514.933.8461 or alanna@montreal.chw.ca, or www.chw.ca/montreal.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

• **Beryl Wajzman**, editor of the *Suburban*, discusses "What you're reading, thinking and talking about" at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Lunch at noon and lecture at 12:45 pm, Cost: \$5. Reserve at 514.937.9474, ext. 139.  
• Outdoor summer concert in Westmount Park with the **Robert Burman Trio**, 2 to 4 pm at the lagoon. Rain location: Victoria Hall.

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**"Rock Out with Nick"** for ages 13 and up at the Westmount Public Library, 4 pm. Play Guitar Hero and DDR with other teens. Info: 514.989.5229.



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While awaiting police, officers kept the man under surveillance as he sped south on Victoria, west on Somerville, south of Prince Albert, east on de Maisonneuve and north of Lansdowne, where he was finally intercepted by police.

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## An international and personal view

# Bullying and isolation not so different

By HEEJUNG YOO, GUEST COLUMNIST



After living in South Korea, coming to Canada was really a challenge. The culture, language, food, education system and appearances were all so different that I felt really alienated. Some might think this is not really a big deal, but it is when you don't have any other foreign people around you. It was natural for me to be viewed as a shy and quiet, typical Asian girl, and I hated myself for behaving like an outsider. It was really a great handicap for me.

Still, graduating LCC and ECS meant a lot to me. Their well-educated students greatly helped me be part of the schools. They tried to embrace me even though they were aware of the differences between us. Since I know there are people who are having problems not being accepted by a group or society easily, I was very lucky.

Bullying happens to someone who is viewed as an abnormal person, or it can happen without any reason. It is easy to see why minority people usually flock to the same ethnic groups.

There is usually a power structure in schools. People on the top are the usual suspects. Some of them enjoy bullying. They usually make fun of someone and gossip without thinking of the consequences. However they are not the only people to be blamed – there are also the people who neglect the situation.

These people usually think they might be also victimized if they do something to oppose the majority. All of their inadvertent acts come together to become an attack by engraving a victim mentality on them. It is hard to share how it is to be a victim without actual experience, but as a person who understood being alone, I know the wounds are indelible and painful.

Cyber-bullying has also become part of the virtual playgrounds that teenagers rule. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and blogs are where people distort the facts

and spread rumours instantly without feeling guilty since there's no face-to-face communication. I saw people going to psychologists, but the offenders' attitudes are as if it is no longer their business.

The only people who can solve this problem are the victims themselves. They have to rise above their insecurities – and the insecurities of the bullies – and confront offenders. Adults cannot solve everything. Although when physical violence is threatened or perpetrated, one must not be afraid of making sure the proper authorities become involved.

Realizing all of this, I was fortunate enough to be able to change myself. I won't say there were only good times in my life as an international student. My grades in English-related subjects were much lower than in math and the sciences. Korean jokes and Canadian jokes are so different that communicating sincerely was impossible. I learned how being alone and isolated feels. I was too different for them to be understood. I acted like an invisible person, and people started to give up.

I determined to challenge myself and

started to speak up. I didn't want to be a "typical Asian girl" anymore. Instead of selecting the subjects that I was good at, I chose English-related subjects including political science and philosophy. I knew my sense of humour didn't always fit, but I tried to say something anyway. Instead of teachers commenting "very shy" on report cards, they started to say "she is not shy but participates in the class actively." I was proud of myself, so I tried even harder, gradually growing up into an adult.

Eventually, I successfully ended up getting high honours, after only two years of officially speaking English. It was never an easy path, but the fruits born of my efforts to change were sweet.

*Heejung Yoo has just graduated from LCC grade 12 and will be attending the University of British Columbia in the fall. She is thinking of majoring in economics and would like to be a diplomat or international lawyer in the future. This article was submitted on June 14, 2010.*

## Cardella: Garden a 'magical world'

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become a "théâtre miniature," according to Westmount Library director Julie-Anne Cardella. "When you step into the garden, you step into a magical world."

The award itself was presented at a May 6 ceremony in Victoriaville that was attended by Cardella, Lach, Nicole Forbes, who is commissioner of Cultural and Community Services, and Westmount assistant community events coordinator Vir-

ginia Elliott. (See story May 11, p. 7).

City horticulturist Claudette Savaria, landscape architect Peter Jacobs, and library trustee and artist Lily Lam contributed to the project and were recognized on the plaque. Artist Norman Racicot wrote the French text that accompanied the application, and was recognized by Cardella for his efforts in capturing the garden's charm despite having seen it only in the dead of winter. The project was first conceived by former library director Ann Moffat, now retired.



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## Residents asked to report damage quickly

## City heats up graffiti fight with new measures

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount is calling on citizens, parents and merchants to become partners in a beefed-up fight against graffiti and the effort to remove it quickly.

A series of new measures announced June 29 includes the creation of a special email reporting system (graffiti@westmount.org), a doubling of the removal budget, the hiring of a contractor to re-

move damage and aggressive recovery of costs.

"A city defaced by graffiti indicates a city taken over by others," stated Councilor Gary Ikeman.

"The things we can control are the quick reporting of graffiti incidents, rapid cleaning, involvement of citizens, and aggressive prosecution to the fullest extent of the law through fines, recovery of costs and criminal action. Anyone who carries

out vandalism on our property will pay."

**Pre-signing waivers**

To hasten the removal of graffiti, the city is also sending public safety officers to vulnerable commercial and residential buildings to obtain pre-signed waivers allowing the city to remove graffiti when spotted.

It has recently forged a new agreement with police in identifying suspects to accelerate recovery of costs and is working to obtain a partnership agreement with Canada Post for mail boxes.

While the city implemented a graffiti removal policy in 1996, followed by a policy of "zero tolerance," the latest measures include increasing the first offender fines from \$25 to \$150 and increased budgets are taking the fight to a new level, Ikeman said.

"I'm convinced our efforts will produce much better results."

Calling graffiti "a blight on our society," director general Duncan Campbell said the city would also be seeking help from schools to explain that graffiti is vandalism, a criminal offence.

"We'll do what we can but it's up to citizens to keep the city clean by tipping us off," he said. It is also important for parents to teach their children to keep the city clean.

He pointed out the antithesis between graffiti and how Westmount goes "to great lengths to ensure building quality and sends residents through hoops and hoops to get a permit."

Explaining that much of Westmount's graffiti spills over from neighbouring municipalities, Campbell said that recent anti-graffiti measures announced by the Côte des Neiges/NDG borough should help Westmount. The problem cost that borough a reported \$700,000 last year.

In Westmount, the city paid close to \$15,000 to remove graffiti from almost all buildings on the lane between St. Catherine St. and Tupper west of Atwater.

So far this year, clean-ups costs have reached \$27,000 of the \$30,000 budget, Campbell said. As a result, the budget has been increased to \$70,000.

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"What we're asking is for the population to report any incidents to Public Security," said Richard Bourdon, interim director of Public Security. This can be done by calling 514.989.5222 or via email and attaching a photo if possible. "In this way, we'll be able to do the cleaning within three days."

He said PSO's canvassing businesses to obtain the pre-signed ..... waivers were encour-

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# Concordia honours its alumni – former mayor Gallery included



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Concordia University Alumni Association (CUAA) honoured former Westmount mayor **Brian O'Neill Gallery** on May 17 with the Humberto Santos Award of Merit. Held in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency, the gala attracted 275 guests and was hosted by **Sonia Benezra**, radio personality and the face of Jenny Craig in Quebec.

Gallery has served as chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation for the past 12 years and was the driving force behind the creation of the School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia. He was instrumental in creating a permanent endowment of more than \$7 million to fund courses, lectures and 23 annual scholarships.

Other alumni honoured were **Denis Ke-fallinos**, president of the CUAA's Boston/New England Chapter (alumnus of the year); **Christena Keon Sirsly** (MBA

alumna of the year); **Aaron Fish**, founder, former chairman and CEO of Ucan Security Systems Ltd. (CUAA honorary life membership award), and the late **Rodolphe "Rod" Rousseau**, who was posthumously awarded the Benoît Pelland Distinguished Service Award. Rousseau's widow, **Monique**, accepted the award, and his daughter **Joanne** spoke on the family's behalf.



Westmounters present were Concordia president and vice chancellor **Judith Woodsworth**, former chancellor **Eric Molson**, with his wife **Jane**, and **Roni Gandell** and **Leo Kolber**. Noted amidst the black tie crowd were president emeritus **Frederick Lowy** and his wife **Mary Kay**, **Carolyn** and **Richard Renaud** and **Donald McNaughton**.

Gallery was accompanied by his wife,

**Nancy**, and his daughter, **Mary**, a Westmount resident. Attending from Concordia were board of governors members **Lillian Vineberg** and **Jonathan Wener**, as well as **Kathy Assayag**, Concordia vice president of Advancement and Alumni Relations, and **Michael Kenneally**, honorary consul general of Ireland, and principal of the School of Canadian Irish Studies.



Brian Gallery presents a cheque for \$350,000 for Concordia University's Canadian Irish Studies to Kathy Assayag, vice president of Concordia's Advancement and Alumni Relations.

David Scott, Ottawa lawyer and Loyola graduate; Judith Woodsworth, Concordia president and vice chancellor; and Nancy Gallery.



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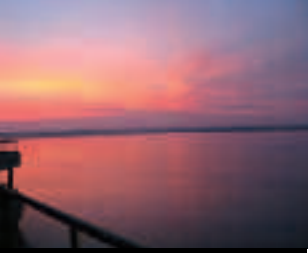
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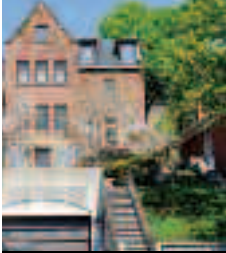
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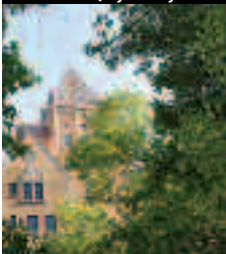
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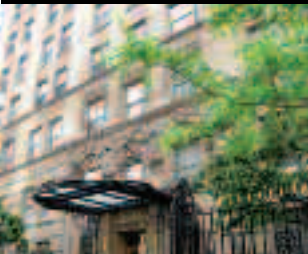
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## Volunteers needed for post cat raid

There is a desperate need for volunteers at an emergency shelter in Valleyfield, which has been set up for 280 cats who require daily care – this following a raid on a home with a terrible pet hoarding situation. The shelter is located at 2555 Monseigneur Langlois in Salaberry de Valleyfield. Please contact John at 514.891.9623 or by email [maboo@videotron.ca](mailto:maboo@videotron.ca), or Shelly at 514. 264.9991 or by email [sschectrer@videotron.ca](mailto:sschectrer@videotron.ca).

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## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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The annual ball of the St. Patrick's Society was held, appropriately, mid-March at the Marriott Château Champlain. Elegant couples at the Patron's Cocktail, sponsored by Power Corporation, enjoyed a magical view of the city at night. Seen from the suites high on the 36th floor, the skyscrapers wore a delicate icing sugar dusting of light snow. (This was March remember!)

The general reception, sponsored by Hurley's Irish Pub and the St. Patrick's Society, was also much enjoyed by arriving guests. Musicians at both entertained with lively, lilting Irish tunes.

Ball chairperson **Christie Brown** was

ably assisted by **Julie Dunn**, **Conall Francoeur**, **Tod Lunt**, **Eric Matheson**, **Patrick Short** and **Marilyn Meikle**.

Society president **Alistair O'Hara** welcomed all and opened the dance floor. The **Bernadette Short Celtic Grace Dancers** performed amazing light-footed feats, a special performance in tribute to guest of honour **Bernadette Short**, whose name is synonymous with Irish dancing in Quebec.

The Château Champlain's chef **Thach-Ngoc Vo** wowed one and all with delicious salmon, rack of lamb and filet mignon.

**James Cherry**, president and CEO of Aéroports de Montréal, was noted with his wife **Jane Craighead** (fabulous in flirty floral) as they bid on an Anthony Calvillo-signed shirt. Monies raised went to the Centre for the Arts in Human Development, affiliated with Concordia's Fine Arts Faculty, and the Rett Syndrome Association.



From left: Westmounter Peter McAuslan, St. Andrew's Society president; Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd, St. David's Society president; Gisela Steinle, German Society of Montreal president; Alistair O'Hara, St. Patrick's Society president; J. Michael Nelson, Irish Protestant Benevolent Society president; and Ken Quinn, United Irish Societies president.



From left: Westmounter Betty Scott, Leo Delaney, Beverley Rozek and Vincent J. O'Donnell.



From left, top row: Patrick Griffin, Natasha Morris, Thomas Griffin, Michael Hunter, Ali Bonarek and Magnus Consiglio; bottom row Westmounters Karen and James Griffin, Shannon Hunter and Aylish Hunter.

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## PSOs rescue woman from car assault

A woman being physically assaulted in a car on St. Catherine St. near Wood was rescued June 15 after a passerby alerted a parking inspector, Public Security officials said. A public safety officer managed to detain the male driver until police arrived on the scene to take him into custody.

The incident came to the attention of the passerby at about 5 pm when a woman suddenly fell out of a car onto her back but was dragged back inside. The PSO intercepted the driver near Atwater, ordered him to remain on the scene for police and

led the woman to safety.

The woman was described as becoming “hysterical” once she saw police take the man into custody, officials said. But the PSO managed to calm her down, explain procedures that would ensue, including help from CLSC counsellors and accompanying her to the police station.

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## Ticketer assaulted

A Westmount parking inspector was reported to have been assaulted by an angry motorist June 21 while issuing a ticket outside McDonald's on Sherbrooke, west of Claremont. The incident occurred at about 1:42 pm when the motorist returned to the car just as the ticket was being written.

Public Security officials said the man asked the inspector to stop writing, struck his arm, tore up the ticket and hit him again. Police detained the suspect, who was reported to have been released on a promise to appear in court on assault charges.



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Mayor's welcome to new residents

# City of Westmount is a family

By Mayor Peter Trent



The city of Westmount is now your city. I invite you to enjoy all the things that Westmount – sometimes uniquely – has to offer.

The city we know today as Westmount started out as a small village in 1874. Twenty years after its founding, Westmount began its biggest period of growth, which itself lasted another 20 years.

Ever since, the city of Montreal has developed around us, making Westmount, a walkable city in its own right, a place within walking distance of downtown.

Today, Westmount is a city small enough to feel like an extended family; and a city respectful enough of its past to regard its traditions with pride. And, in common with many small communities, we have developed shared values of tolerance and neighbourliness.

Ever since Westmount's beginnings, our citizens have always managed to ensure that their city be well run. As members of your current city council, we cherish our green spaces and our historic public buildings; we strive to ensure our unique collection of heritage houses can be passed on to future generations; we try to be respectful of the environment; we treat your municipal taxes as our own burden (which they most definitely are); and

# Welcome to Westmount – Garbage stinks but here's how

With moving just accomplished for new Westmounters, here are a few helpful tips for getting rid of unwanted things.

**Regular refuse pickups**

Regardless of whether it's recycling, compost or garbage, "refuse" should only be put out on pick-up day between 7 and 8 am, so you don't miss the collectors.

Be warned: there are fines for early placement.

We regard our citizens both as clients and shareholders in their very own municipal corporation.

But Westmount is much more than just a city administration. Westmount is a wonderful place to be a kid, to bring up kids, and to enjoy grandkids. Welcome to the Westmount family.

**Recycling pickup** (e.g. clean paper, cardboard, glass, metal packaging and plastic – but not styrofoam), for residences only, takes place on Wednesdays starting at 8 am. You need a blue box, which you can obtain from Public Works (1 Bethune St.).

Commercial recycling is coming in the fall. See p. 1 for story.

For residences of eight units and less only, **compostables** (e.g. food, plant cuttings, soiled paper – but not diapers) takes place on Mondays for the eastern sector and Tuesdays for the western sector. (See the "Great Garbage Divide" below for the dividing line.) You need a green, wheeled box (which you get from Public Works at 1 Bethune St., reached ..... via the south side of

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## The great garbage divide

The dividing line between the eastern and western sections for garbage and compostables pick-up is a jagged line running up Hallowell, up the middle of Clarke, west down the middle of de Maisonneuve, up the middle of Lansdowne, east on Côte St. Antoine, then through Murray Hill Park (west of Murray, Forden Crescent and Sydenham), east on The Boulevard, then west of Aberdeen, and through Sunnyside and Summit Circle. If you're near the border, and aren't sure, ask your neighbours or call Public Works at 514.989.5390.

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# A few tips for new residents you can manage it

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**Garbage pick-up** takes place starting at 8 am on Thursdays (eastern sector) and Fridays (western sector). For residences of nine units and more, and for businesses, there are additional pick-ups on Monday (eastern section) and Tuesday (western section).

## Special stuff

For **large-volume recyclables & electronics**, if you (or your house) can't wait for the curbside pickup (see above), Westmount's Corporation Yard at 1 Bethune St. has facilities where residents can drop off recyclables and electronic waste. To get there, go under the railroad bridge. The various bins are in front of you and to the left.

**Spent batteries** can be dropped at the Corporation Yard (1 Bethune St., see above for directions) and Fire Station 76 (19 Stanton St.).

**Bulky items** (e.g. appliances) can be placed outside with regular garbage on col-

## Unsure of what goes where? Or when?

To find out the fine points of what is "garbage" and what is "compost," go to the city's website at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org). Click on "Environment" (centre-bottom box). More information can also be found there on pickup times and other topics. You can also call Public Works at 514.989.5311.

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## How to park, get around and get involved

**Tip 1:** Westmount residents can buy a "W" parking sticker from Public Security (21 Stanton St., 514.989.5222) that allows them to park in certain resident-restricted areas around town. The cost is \$5 and there is a limit of one per household.

**Tip 2:** Overnight parking is prohibited in Westmount, but if you need temporary access for you or a friend, you can register with Public Security (514.989.5222) to avoid getting a ticket.

Residents without parking facilities can apply for a "G" permit to park on the street, which starts at an annual fee of \$120 for the first car.

**Tip 3:** There are two libraries in Westmount: the Westmount Public Library at 4574 Sherbrooke St. ([www.westlib.org](http://www.westlib.org)), with free borrowing privileges for residents of Westmount, and the private At-

water Library at 1200 Atwater St. (yearly fee: \$20 to \$35, [www.atwaterlibrary.ca](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca)).

**Tip 4:** There are three Metro stations near Westmount: Atwater (at de Maisonneuve); Vendôme (at de Maisonneuve), which is great for accessing the new Forum and Old Montreal on the orange line; and, just past the northwest corner of the city, the Villa Maria station at Monkland and Decarie.

**Tip 5:** There are at least five community centres in Westmount: Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke St.), the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St., 514.931.6770), Centre Greene (1090 Greene Ave., 514.931.6202), Contactivity for senior citizens (4695 de Maisonneuve, 514.932.2326) and TAG, a drop-in centre for youth from 12 to 17 years old, located at the north end of the arena by the swim-

ming pool.

**Tip 6:** There are a number of groups in Westmount to join, including:

- Westmount Municipal Association (civic issues, [www.wma-amw.org](http://www.wma-amw.org)),
- Westmount Historical Association ([www.westmounthistorical.org](http://www.westmounthistorical.org)),
- Westmount Horticultural Society ([www.whsociety.com](http://www.whsociety.com)),
- Sherlock Holmes Society (which meets at the Westmount Public Library) and
- Healthy City Project (environmental, health and community safety issues.)

There are also book clubs, choirs, a dog owners' association and a theatre group.

To learn about these and others, visit the city website ([www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org)), click on "About Westmount" and then on "Community Groups."

lection day (see "Garbage pick-up" above), but you must advise Public Works at 514.989.5311.

Local collections of **hazardous waste** take place twice a year. The next one takes

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Unfortunately for them, raptors like goshawks and sharp-shinned hawks re-side in the vicinity.

Add to the danger raccoons and squirrels.

Marlene Harris of the Zoological Society of Montreal witnessed the woodpecker parents arriving back in the nick of time to noisily shoo away a squirrel preying on their young.

Pileated woodpeckers, shy by nature, have adapted to urban habitats. Crow-sized, the mature male is distinguished by a longer red cap than the female's, and he has a reddish mustache, sort of like a fiery Scotsman's. The mom's toque is more chic and pointy, and her mustache is a fast trace of black lipstick.

Ms. Harris says the nesting pair is a rare event. It is a celebration of the treasure of our Summit woods. Let's hope this stretch remains a promenade.

JOHN FRETZ, LANSDOWNE AVE.

# PSOs ticket cyclist during St. Jean

A cyclist was ticketed in Westmount Park during the St. Jean festivities June 23 after he reportedly refused to walk his bicycle through the park. A section of the bike path had been blocked off for the event and the man tried to ride around it despite requests not to, Public Security officials said. A 41-year-old resident of Decarie Blvd. was issued a \$37 ticket.

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# St. Jean festivities in the park

Westmount Park was the place to be on the evening of June 23 for the city of Westmount's celebration of the annual Fête de la St. Jean. A young family is seen enjoying a folk music performance. As tradition dictates, the evening ended with a bonfire (a "feu de joie") lit by Mayor Peter Trent.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

# Seven fined for drinking in parks

Seven people were issued \$37 tickets each between June 23 and 25 for violating Westmount's regulations banning alcohol in the parks, Public Security officials report. None provided Westmount addresses when identifying themselves and all were men aged in their 20s.

Two, from Outremont and Montreal, were ticketed by patrollers in Westmount Park June 23 at 2:15 pm, while another two from Montreal were found the next day at 10:25 pm at the Summit lookout. Three persons were ticketed at night June 25 at the lookout and at Murray Park. They lived in LaSalle and Brossard.



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## Retail Watch

BY ERIN STROPES

### Do you weaken at the knees for chocolate?

“Beautiful chocolates for beautiful people” is the motto of the Swiss-Master Chocolatier that opened its doors at 4922 Sherbrooke on June 17.

The shop is owned by three Westmount natives – former Cirque du Soleil staffer Patrick Gélinas and siblings Zoë and Alex Just – who felt that Montreal’s gourmet chocolate scene left something to be desired. They found their inspiration in Ingrid Laederach Steven’s Swiss-Master Chocolatier, which is currently celebrating its 25th year in Toronto, and with her support opened their Westmount branch.

The shop currently stocks approximately 40 varieties of Swiss chocolate, including truffles, bars and petits fours. Gélinas said that number will double by the time they hold their grand opening in September.



From left: co-owner Patrick Gélinas, founder Ingrid Laederach Steven, co-owner Alex Just, and corporate sales director Richard Tetrault celebrate the opening of Westmount’s Swiss-Master Chocolatier.

### Dress shop brings European style to Victoria Village

Graduation season was a boon for the April opening of Boutique Incognito (4922 Sherbrooke), with girls descending on the



Incognito buyer Sara Popa says that regular trips to London to buy styles straight from the source are “definitely one of the best parts” of her job.

new Westmount space for the trendy British fashions that are the shop’s signature. A nod from the *Gazette* in their annual prom dress roundup didn’t hurt either.

“I want the shop to be a girl’s paradise,” said buyer Sara Popa, who travels regularly to England to hand pick women’s fashion, primarily dresses. She looks for “not-your-everyday dress” – designs that are striking but versatile enough to be worn casually or dressed up for a night on the town.

The store also carries accessories, including a large selection of jewelry from Montreal designer Isabelle May. While the fashions cater mainly to women in the 18 to 35 range, Popa said she looks for pieces that will look good on women of all ages.

Boutique Incognito will be extending its stock to include French fashions when Popa returns from an upcoming trip to Paris.

## Graffiti

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tering challenges in reaching the actual building owners. The city would therefore be sending out notices with Hydro Westmount bills.

Some of the cleaning is done by Public Works, other by the city’s contractor Solutions Graffiti. New, environmentally friendly solvents are primarily water-based and enable most of the damage to be removed in a non-toxic manner, Campbell said.

## Haiti benefit goes online

Following ArtNow’s show at 1 Westmount Square on June 17, participating artists have since put their work online (attentivecitizen.org) to continue to raise funds for a school in Haiti. Westmount artists include Sara Peck Colby, Roxanne Dyer, Hannah Franklin, Susie Fairbrother, Shelley Freeman, Nathalie Guez, Anthony Hobbs, Jennifer Hornyak, Pierre Lessard, Frankie Miller, Ann McCall, Catherine Macclaren, Bruce Roberts, Sunny Savage, Alison Sorbie and Flora Wagner. A cheque will be presented to Genevieve Lahens on Tuesday, July 6.

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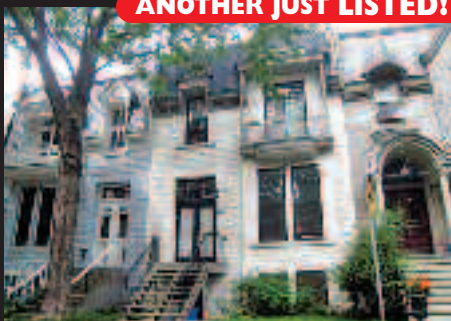


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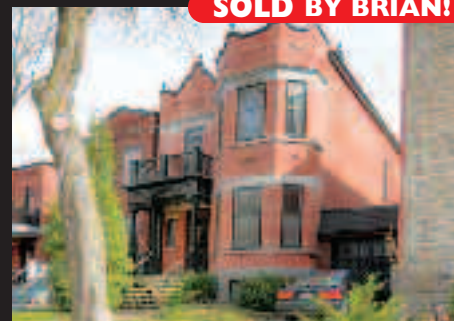


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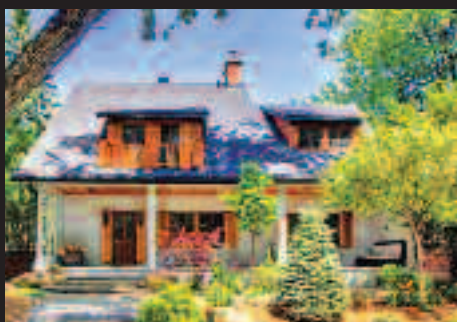
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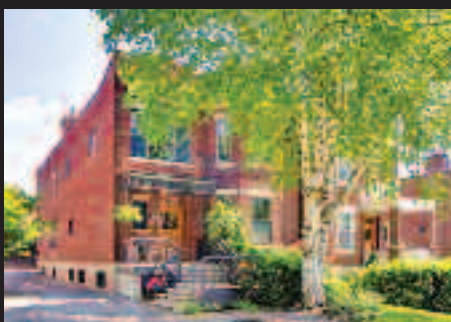
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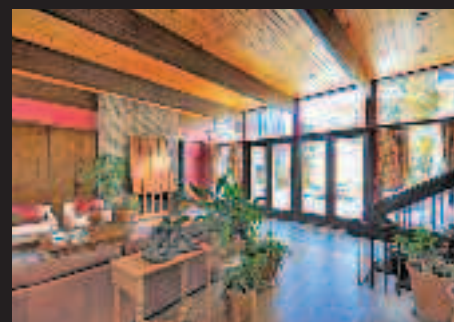
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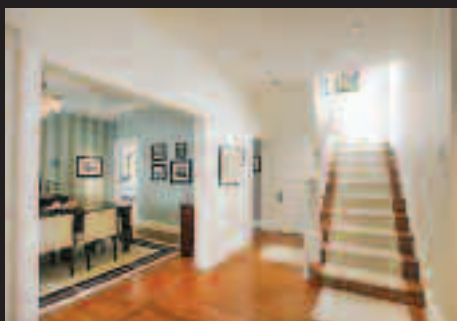
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