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*We are Westmount*

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## *Westmount's 2011-2013 assessments revealed* **Tax roll brings 'slight relief' from past 'excessive' hikes**

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's new property valuation increases reveal many ups and downs, but the full impact on tax bills both at the local and island-wide agglomeration level will not be known until budgets and tax rates are set.

The good news for Westmount is that local increases in the 2011-2013 island-wide assessment roll deposited September 15 are generally not as "excessive" as in past years relative to some municipalities, said Mayor Peter Trent.

This applies in particular to establishing some of Westmount's share of island-wide agglomeration expenses, which account for close to 60 percent of West-

mounters' municipal tax bills.

"We got dinged a long time ago," he explained, referring to Westmount's increases on previous roles. "We were well ahead of the curve. Montreal's values are now catching up."

While all new evaluations come into effect on January 1, 2011, they are actually based on the market value of properties at July 1, 2009.

"The residential category seems to have a slight relief but it's all a question of relativity," Trent explained.

Within Westmount, owners of single-family dwellings as a category will experience increases of 18.3 percent. This is an average hike to \$1,232,200 from \$1,031,749 in the average evaluation of a home. This compares with a 36-percent hike on the 2007-2010 roll and a total 61-percent increase over the two valuation rolls, when one includes 2004-2006. (See table on p. 9 for all categories).

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## *Westmount's own Terry Fox Run*



Dawson students start the 10-kilometre Westmount Terry Fox Run to aid cancer research, September 19. The girls' triple A basketball team took a quick lead over the boys' team. The Westmount run has been organized by Jennifer Maks and her sister Amanda for the past three years.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## **Westmounters grill MUHC reps**

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmounters who attended a McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) information meeting in NDG on September 14 asked questions about construction shifts and what kind of health care they'll be getting when the superhospital finally opens for business in 2014.

Even though the meeting, held at the KoSA Arts Centre just off Decarie Blvd., was attended by a standing-room crowd of more than 200 mostly NDG residents, up to a dozen Westmounters were also present.

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# Old arena, new (used) equipment



Condenser installers at work.

Photo: David Gawley

A second-hand condenser from Vancouver was installed at the Westmount arena on September 15. It will replace an older one that had developed a small leak. The condenser’s function in the ice-making process is to liquefy the system’s ammonia, “similar to the back of your fridge,” explained Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan. The leak was discovered during the facility’s beginning-of-year diagnostic and was considered too great a risk to the season to leave untended. The

old condenser was used to get the two-week ice-prep process going, allowing for the ice to open the week of September 13. The new condenser will be switched on during a cold period this week, which will leave the new ice unchilled for six hours until it is fully online. Installed, the condenser will cost the city approximately \$60,000. It is anticipated that it will be resold to Westmount’s supplier, Cimco, when the old arena is demolished at the end of this

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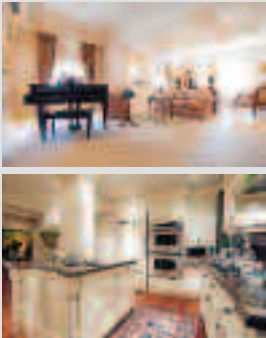


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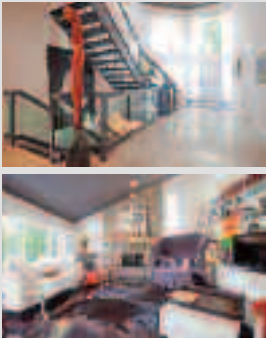


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## New focus for this year's Art Westmount, Oct. 2-3

# Celebrating art and architecture

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Art Westmount 2010 will showcase the work of some 65 local artists October 2 and 3 in four of the city's historic buildings – Victoria Hall, Westmount Public Library, city hall and the lawn bowling clubhouse – as well as Place Kensington.

The biennial festival will celebrate its third edition by shifting the exhibits from

pal buildings,” Forbes said. “We are also maintaining the Place Kensington location because its recognized artists have been participating with us since the start.”

All five sites will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

### Open to all

One of the highlights of the event, Forbes said, is that “contrary to many art shows, we have no selection committee. I always felt that anyone brave enough to display their work in public deserves a place.”

Since Art Westmount was launched in 2006 with 53 artists, the number has grown to 57 in 2008 and 65 this year.

“Every time we do it, we get bigger and better,” Forbes explained. Some would-be participants had to be refused this time because they applied after the June 1 deadline.

This was the cut-off time required for preparation of the accompanying illustrated brochure that features each of the exhibitors.

The brochure, paid for by local businesses, underlines the way in which the festival is self-supporting, Forbes explained. “We do our own fundraising, which includes sponsorship of the exhibition rooms. This helps cover costs such as advertising, posters and rental of easels.”

The event's planning also consumes many hours of volunteers, city personnel and “extraordinary community support,” she said.

Along with Forbes and Goddard, members of the organizing committee are Mona Agia, Mui Bui, Andrew Burlone, Virginia Elliott, Hélène Mitko, Chantal Montreuil and Ramez Rabbat.

## Heritage tour Oct. 3

The Westmount Historical Association will provide tours of Victoria Hall, the library and conservatory on Sunday, October 3, as part of the Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign.

Starting at 2 pm in French and 2:30 in English, the visits will highlight the background and architectural significance of the complex in Westmount Park.

Admission is free, no reservation required. Tours will start on a first come first served basis from the library, 4574 Sherbrooke, at the Westmount Park entrance. Each tour lasts about one hour. Information available at 514 989-5258

A display of architectural plans as well as historical photos of the library, Victoria Hall and the conservatory will be on display from September 24 to October 10 near the library's circulation desk.

Designed by Robert Findlay, the library opened in 1899 as the first free public library in Quebec. Additions followed in 1924 and 1995. The original Victoria Hall was destroyed by fire in 1924.



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Art Westmount co-chairs artist Jennifer Goddard, left, and Councillor Nicole Forbes, at city hall, one of this year's new exhibition venues.

the traditional studio environment into four municipal venues to mark the city's architectural heritage.

“Because Art Westmount is also coinciding for the first time with the Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign, we're expecting a large attendance,” said Councillor Nicole Forbes, co-chair of the event with artist Jennifer Goddard.

“It's very exciting because all our art will be exhibited in our beautiful municipi-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARKS PLAN – GREAT, NEXT: THE CANNON

I was very pleased to see that the master plan for parks has been formally adopted by city council. It is both a comprehensive appreciation of Westmount’s outdoor heritage, and a step-by-step proposal for the many steps that the city might take to repair, restore and preserve our lovely parks and green spaces for many years to come. It makes interesting and rewarding reading, and it’s all right under our noses.

It was suggested that a digest of the report be made available in a more portable form, to be used as a guide for the many residents and visitors who would enjoy touring the city’s attractive outdoor features, both natural and man-made. I hope this idea hasn’t withered away. Now that the totem pole is back on display, perhaps funds from the plant exchange could be used to pay for this?

And speaking of heritage ... the two 19th century cannon were a significant feature of Westmount Park for many years, and the city is in the process of restoring them. The wheels were to be constructed by one of the few remaining workshops capable of such work, in West Virginia, and I’m sure that this work is well under way. The main carriages must still be repaired, and council must still find a way to return the completed guns and

carriages to their accustomed place in such a way that they cannot be damaged or – perish the thought – stolen. Now that my super-powers have evaporated, I can’t say when all this will be accomplished. But I hope it’s all in the works. In the Public Works, in this case.

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TOO RISKY CROSSING DIAGONALLY IN THESE PARTS

It was interesting reading today’s *Indie* (September 14, p. 7) with Station 12 police chief Commander Stéphane Plourde’s quote “people must learn to cross at intersections and on the correct lights.” About 15 years ago I had my first experience with four-way diagonal pedestrian crossings. This was in Auckland, New Zealand. It was exciting to me, a native of Montreal. It was so exciting that I crossed diagonally about six times in a row, knowing that there, where these crossings were routine, I was safe.

Here, at the intersection of Victoria and Sherbrooke, I cross one way, wait for a few light changes, then cross the other way. Not diagonally. While doing so, I watch people making illegal left turns from Sherbrooke going south on Victoria. In the same few minutes I see people driving east or west on Sherbrooke making legal or illegal turns at the same intersection while (illegally) speaking on their hand-

held cell phones. I see motorists running amber and red lights. I see cyclists almost running down pedestrians on both the road and the sidewalks.

Please, don’t always criticize pedestrians. We jaywalk because motorists and cyclists make our lives unsafe if we obey traffic rules. They make them unsafe if we don’t obey the rules. It is a no-win situation. I am deeply sympathetic to those people who were injured; however, they would have been, judging from my experience, equally at jeopardy if they had obeyed the *unenforced* rules of the road.

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

PARKS PLAN AND ARENA PROJECT DON’T JIVE

Reading the *Independent* is informative, and on p. 5 of the September 14 edition (“Parks plan recommends repairing pathways”), Mayor Peter Trent’s quoted remarks draw attention to the clear contradiction between Westmount’s parks master plan and the current proposal for a new arena/pool.

The Executive Summary (2009) of the “Master Plan For Westmount’s Parks and Green Spaces” unequivocally states: “Most of Westmount’s parks are used extensively and seem to meet the needs of the citizens. On the whole, they have reached their saturation point, so that new facilities cannot be added without seriously harming the integrity of the parks and the character of their landscape.”

The *Independent* questioned the Mayor on this point, and his reply is quoted: “I think most of us knew intuitively that Westmount Park had reached the saturation point and that drove the underground solution for the project.”

Trent added that the new arena/pool “reduces the pressure on the park.” But like the new Turcot, and superhospital, the current arena/pool plan will bring pressure, doubling the ecological footprint with more cars, more pollution, more

noise, more congestion of lungs and machines.

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DOGS FASTER THAN TOTS

In the city council news of September 7 [reported on p. 4 of the September 14 issue], Councillor Cynthia Lulham appears to compare dog owners to parents of tots. The whole purpose of dog runs is to allow our pets to run and play off leash – all are faster than any tot. I have watched more than one dog, medium and large, jump the fence at the Lansdowne dog run – and so run the risk of being hit by a car.

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MORE ON JAYWALKING

Police chief commander Stéphane Plourde seems to be saying that if we allowed diagonal crossing even when all cars are stopped by red lights that we would encourage jaywalking, which is dangerous.

I think he’s missing the point. Jaywalking is motivated either by impatience or by the belief that it’s safer to cross where there are no cars that could turn into your path (either in the middle of the block or because they are stopped for a red light).

Neither of these cases would be addressed by preventing diagonal crossing. In fact, disdain for the law will probably be encouraged, thereby increasing jaywalking. Enforcing an unnecessary law that keeps people from doing something that is safe in the hopes that it will discourage them from breaking other laws is ridiculous.

Second, authorities have explained the reduction of pedestrian deaths in Montreal in the past few years mainly by saying that it was due to their periodic crackdowns against jaywalking. It makes far more sense to explain that the improvement is the result of many intersections now having a dedicated pedestrian ..... crossing time when all cars *continued on p. 9*

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## Mayor's Column

# Taking the poll position...



BY MAYOR PETER F. TRENT

We politicians occasionally need to look inside your head. Physicians can use a probe; politicians can use a poll. Actually, “poll” is an obsolete word for head (as in the poll tax or the common redpoll).

Polling is one way of poking around to see what you think about an issue. There are at least four ways to examine collective heads: petitions, public meetings, polling or referendums – in increasing order of cost and (sometimes) participation.

Petitions can indicate a problem; but they are by nature one-sided. They catch signers unawares and oft-times uninformed. Petitions do have the advantage of being written and circulated by residents and therefore not “tainted” by being a city initiative.

Public meetings can be very productive if not emotionally charged, but they generally are not a big draw.

Polling suffers from the appearance of bias; but in Westmount, the nine independent members of council would not stand for a lot of spin. If respondents are already informed, telephone polling can be an efficient way to gauge public opinion.

For me, the best is polling with an information package. In April, our eight-page mailing describing the proposed arena/pool project returned 2,218 responses, representing 28 percent of Westmount households. A stunning 83 percent of respondents approved the project.

Ipsos Descarie, which received and tabulated the responses, calculated that, given such a high participation rate, *had every single Westmount household responded*, we would still have got an approval rating somewhere between 81 to 85 percent.

But at least one detractor does not believe in scientific extrapolation. He wants a 60 percent participation rate (both for and against) in order to achieve *his* definition of majority approval: that the number of “for” votes equal 50 percent of the total population.

With such an impracticable hurdle, only four Montreal island cities would have demerged, and Newfoundland would not have joined Canada.

But first prize in the “how wrong can you get it?” category just has to go to *The Gazette's* August 17 headline about the project: “Westmount plan gets cold shoulder.” This appeared during the surpris-

ingly wide mainstream media coverage of those Westmounters who wanted the funding for the arena/pool project to be approved by a city-wide referendum. In the event, only 114 signed the register; 500 were needed to force a referendum.

But isn't a referendum the gold standard of public consultation? The ultimate democratic desideratum? The guarantee of the highest participation rate? Not necessarily. It's hard to imagine a referendum to approve a municipal loan would draw even the 30 percent turnout we got in the 2009 election – and about the same as our April mailing.

After all, we only managed to get a 58 percent turnout for the 2004 referendum to re-create the entire city of Westmount – and we had volunteers by the hundreds, radio ads, and a full-time coordinator I hired for six months.

Referendums, while appropriate for demerging from Montreal (or joining Canada), are expensive, divisive, time-consuming, blunt instruments for approving city projects.

Myself...I'm a poll man. (Cue guitar riff.)

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*July and August crime stats reported*  
**Graffiti soars in August,  
task force created**

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

With 35 reports of graffiti in August and 61 with July, local police station 12 is forming a special team from undercover officers to tackle the vandalism issue in Westmount.

The graffiti team will comprise officers currently known as the MAP, an investigative group used on special projects, Commander Stéphane Plourde told the *Independent* last week.

One graffiti perpetrator was caught recently in the precinct’s Ville Marie sector between Westmount and Guy St., he said, but in general, “It’s hard to catch them in the act.”

Plourde said it was not known whether or not the sudden rise in graffiti reports was directly related to Westmount’s appeal to citizens to report graffiti sightings, or patrols on special look-out for them. “Probably a combination of both,” he said.

Cleaning off graffiti is considered a key factor in reducing its proliferation.

Meanwhile over July and August, other crime indicators used by police to measure criminal activity (see table below) remained relatively stable. Crime may increase downtown during the summer, Plourde said. “But not in Westmount. It’s a quiet neighbourhood.”

***Bicycle, school safety***

Police issued 17 tickets to cyclists in July but the number fell to 2 in August when the police bike patrol and traffic officers were on vacation.

With September, patrols have been paying special attention to school zones. “We’re asking people to be very careful around schools.”

***On Parent, Wedge***

Plourde was among officers attending the swearing-in of Marc Parent as Montreal’s new police chief on September 13. He described Parent as “very competent,” and said he was looking forward to the direction the police service would take. Westmount Mayor Peter Trent was one of the five-member selection team.

Plourde, who attends Westmount council meetings, expressed his regret at the death of *Independent* columnist Don Wedge on July 20. “He was always there at the meetings,” he pointed out. “I’m very sorry.”

**Station 12 encourages visits to its website**

While local police station 12’s own website is not new, Commander Stéphane Plourde says many Westmounters may not know it exists – in English as well as French. It can be accessed at [www.spvm.qc.ca/en/pdq12/index.asp](http://www.spvm.qc.ca/en/pdq12/index.asp).

“We know not many people are visiting the site so we’re asking them to check it out. It contains our hours, our officers, information about our programs and community partners, and tips on security.”

***Selected crime stats from Station 12***  
**March to August ’10 – Westmount**

Type of crime reported	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug
Break and enter	5	11	12	5	3	9
Robbery (theft with violence)	2	4	6	1	2	0
Theft from vehicles	21	25	10	14	20	19
Theft of vehicles	1	0	5	2	1	5
Graffiti	13	27	12	16	26	35
Hit and run	19	32	23	19	2	10



## Local players capture victories at home and abroad

# Westmount lawn bowlers prove they're top of the game

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount Lawn Bowling Club is making its mark on the national and international scene in a flurry of recent championships and victories.

Veteran players Irene and Richard Menear walked away with the gold medal at the 2010 Canadian Mixed Pairs Championships September 8 to 13 in White Rock, BC. They were competing as Quebec mixed-pairs champions.

At the same tournament, Laura Kobayashi won the Novice Singles Cup. She was competing as the Montreal area inter-club ladies' novice champion.

As well, Westmount's men's foursome



Laura Kobayashi with her Novice Singles Cup.

team comprised half the Quebec eight-man team that defeated Ontario September 11 to win the coveted Governor General's Cup in Smith Falls, Ontario. They were Henry Fung, Greg Gelgor (skip), John Kesson and Bruce St. Louis, Westmount's retired director general.

St. Louis has just taken up the game and is already showing his skills.

"We're travelling all over the country

and even to the US," said St. Louis. He considers the club's achievements to be "pretty impressive" for its size of only 64 members.

In that respect, Kyla Dittmar, Quebec indoor singles champion, played with the Canadian national B team that won the outdoor North American Challenge Tournament in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 9 to 11. She will compete for the national indoor title in Vancouver in November.

### Won over

"Lawn bowling is so different from what I thought it was," said St. Louis who has been completely won over by the environment. "I guarantee there's not a person around who, if they try it, won't be up and playing within an hour. Everyone is so committed. It's simply terrific."

### More victories

Among other victories won by the Westmount club members this season, Richard Menear was a member of the Quebec men's triples team that placed fifth in the nationals.

Menear and his wife also placed second in the annual Willie Brown competition hosted by the Westmount club and open to all Montreal-area clubs.

As well, Louis Abdo was runner-up in the Montreal area inter-club men's novice championship while Wendy Yarnell was co-winner, with a partner from the Beaconsfield club, of the Montreal area inter-club mixed pairs competition held in Beaconsfield.



Westmount men's foursome team, comprised half the Quebec eight-man team, from left: Henry Fung, Greg Gelgor (skip), John Kesson and Bruce St. Louis.

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# Sports banquet salutes spring and summer participants

The second sports banquet of the year took place on September 14 at Victoria Hall. Teams and individuals from the spring/summer sports programs were presented with awards, during an evening that included dinner for the players, their coaches and families. For photos, turn to p. 14 and 15.

**Mosquito baseball championship medals:**

**Yankees:** David Aberman, Andrew Cohen, Marcel Desmond, Meaghan Desmond, Matt Feldman, Judd Garfield, Julian Ludwick, Jonah Roy, Zachary Sone, Coach: Andrew Ross.

**Sportsmanship awards for baseball:**

**Atom:** Luka Gilmour, Edouard Lebon; **Mosquito:** Yuan Qing Ji, Jack Duncan, Zachary Sone.

**Sportsmanship awards for inter-city baseball:**

**Mosquito:** Charles Culver; **Peewee:** Jacob Meltzer.

**Girls bantam soccer championship medals:**

**Edmonton:** Claire Brillon, Gabrielle Carr, Jessica Chetrit, Vanessa Chetrit, Alexa Dlouhy, Yasmeen Himmo, Nina Hupe Vaz, Caitlin Matthew, Alexia Miller, Jackie Orr, Gabriela Sant'Anna, Paula San-

t'Anna, Emily Smith, Daphne Trent, Coaches: Ana Sant'Anna, Guilherme Sant'Anna.

**Sportsmanship awards for girls bantam soccer:**

**Calgary:** Carolyn Beth Mulumba; **Edmonton:** Jackie Orr; **Quebec:** Alexandra Jones; **Saskatoon:** Anna Gagné-Landmann; **Vancouver:** Jessica Johnston; **Winnipeg:** Simone Cullen.

**Boys bantam soccer champions:**

**Venezuela:** Daniel Benaroché, Ryan Dimentberg, Francis Ellis, Michael Bertucci, Branden Hang, Nicholas Jonas, Charles Laframboise, Griffin Leahey, Charles Marcil, Adam Marcovitz, Max Rabinovitch, Vincenzo Renda, David Rosenberg, Tomas Syrovatka, Max Yatrou, Alexandre Zaccour, Nicolas Bel, Coaches: Jennifer Overend, Douglas Leahey, Chi Hang.

**Sportsmanship awards for boys bantam soccer:**

**Venezuela:** Tomas Syrovatka; **Wales:** Dylan Gaty; **Mexico:** Matteo Dionisopoulos; **Uruguay:** Joshua Dannenbaum.

**Girls peewee soccer champions:**

**Kingston:** Jenna DiGirolamo, Anling Dunn, Cassandre Dufresne-Vezina, Madeline Hayman, Suni Gauthier, Alexis Horner, Kendall Kaufmann, Emma

Lalonde, Alexandra Moisan, Zoe Nahmish, Roxane Pfund, Dina Raji, Leah Salzmann, Samantha Sambrook, Amelia Travis, Alexandra Wechsler, Sarah Williams, Coaches: Theresa Passarello, Erik Moisan, Mark Williams.

**Sportsmanship awards for peewee girls soccer:**

**Cornwall:** Nadine El-Jamil; **Guelph:** Harriet Cowell; **Hamilton:** Sierra Giustini; **Kingston:** Samantha Sambrook; **London:** Tamar Sifri; **Ottawa:** Andrea Naday; **Sudbury:** Michelle Dorey; **Toronto:** Sierra Whittall.

**Boys peewee soccer champions:**

**Italy:** Cameron Anderson, Danny Chen, Pierce Cullen, Henry Jones, Hadrien Lossom Espiard, Jacob Meltzer, Matthew Millot, Julien Mofford, George Pamel, Victor Rodriguez, Zachary Rosen, David Smith, Olivier Taylor, Bronte Viens, Nicolas Wicha, Coaches: Victor Rodriguez, Miroslav Wicha.

**Sportsmanship awards for peewee boys soccer:**

**Brazil:** David Elbaz; **Greece:** Antoine Smirnov; **Italy:** Victor Rodriguez; **Japan:** William Roper; **Scotland:** Evan Norris; **Sweden:** Luke Emblem.

**Girls atom soccer champions:**

**Sherbrooke:** Claudia Beattie, Camille Bilodeau, Ines Bucheit, Gabrielle Anne Deslauriers, Maya Chui, Olivia Desnoyers, Nina Egger, Qian Qian He, Anna Jones, Jennifer Mashaal, Caroline Nowacki, Amelia O'Connor, Miriam Patterson, Sydney Wasserman, Taylor Wasserman, Alexandra Wexler, Coaches: Dan O'Connor, Paul Beattie, Maggie Egger. **Hull:** Noura Aljabri, Eliza Bulatao, Emma Dubrovsky, Rachel Harris, Julia Johnson, Amanda Kuflik, Abby Lustig, Olivia Miller, Tracy Valentine Mulumba, Rosalie Quinn, Alison Roig, Ophelie Salice, Emily Sarid, Annabelle Swift, Coaches: Chris Kuflik, Bob Johnson.

**Sportsmanship awards for atom girls soccer:**

**Chicoutimi:** Rheanne Pascal; **Granby:** Annie Wiseman; **Hull:** Annabelle Swift; **Laval:** Annalies Smith; **Montreal:** Charlotte Vezina-Dufresne; **Sherbrooke:** Caroline Nowacki; **Sorel:** Marley Mintzberg; **Tremblant:** Emily Eiley

**Boys atom soccer champions:**

**Poland:** Nicolas Baez Guerra, Brendan

Markland, Andrew Cohen, Paul Commier, Jack Duncan, William Duquette, Ryan Garber, Justin Goldberg, Samir Gouin, Emmanuel Mavridakis, Henry Molson, Marcelo Pedroza, Lucas Teitelbaum, Coaches: Andres Pedroza, Philippe Commier, Alexander Baez.

**Sportsmanship of atom boys soccer:**

**Austria:** Alexis Cantin; **Bulgaria:** Ramzy Issa; **England:** Victor Cruz; **France:** Francis Ferst; **Germany:** Matthew Denham; **India:** Tyler Arsenault; **Morocco:** Roey Wunsh; **Poland:** William Duquette; **Portugal:** Kaelan Felcarek-Hope; **Russia:** Andres Cabrera.

**Girls novice soccer champions:**

**Goose Bay:** Abbey Bard, Megan Bernier, Kira Elbaz, Alexa Goldberg, Ana Gordon, Comille Jolicoeur, Emilie Jones, Bronwen Moisan, Clara Predergast, Daisy Smith, Eloise Valasek, Emma Westenberg, Coaches: Theresa Passarello, Valerie Schwartz.

**Sportsmanship awards for novice girls soccer:**

**Cape Breton:** Camille Battista; **Charlottetown:** Veronica Fong; **Dartmouth:** Charlotte Heward; **Fredericton:** Dafne Onder; **Goose Bay:** Megan Bernier; **Halifax:** Chella Price; **Moncton:** Jane Platt; **St. John:** Jasmine Quraishi.

**Boys novice soccer champions:**

**Canada:** Oscar Cruz, Carl Dedeyan, Alexis Delplace, Alex Hamilton, Kieran Hamilton, Hyunwoo Jeong, Jacob Kalichman, Jack Kerklaan, Terrence O'Connor, Nicholas Ostojic, Rafael Ostry, Alexandre Parent-Harvey, Nickan Sarkani, Lars Schoningh, Miller Woodward, Coaches: Ed Harvey, Doug Hamilton, Alicia Hamilton.

**Sportsmanship award for novice boys soccer:**

**Argentina:** Leo Chadwick-Brie; **Australia:** Luca Domenici; **Canada:** Nicholas Ostojic; **China:** Nick Ouellet; **Ireland:** Janik Felcarek-Hope; **Norway:** Nicholas Pothier; **Spain:** Matteo Leclair; **USA:** Nicola Guerquinov.

**Lacrosse winning team:**

**Peewee/Bantam:** Rock: Cameron Anderson, Daniel Bell, Christopher Jones, Henry Jones, Liam Marcil, Maxime Murdoch, Felix Perreault, Julian Ritchie, Zachary Rosen, Jeremy Roy, Sarah Salzmann, Daphne Trent, Justin Zipkin.

**Sportsmanship awards for lacrosse:**

**Novice/Atom:** Thomas Jay-Riendeau, Wesley Osterland; **Peewee/Bantam:** Ulysses Pamel, Nicholas Choquette, Christopher Jones, Ryan Alexanders.



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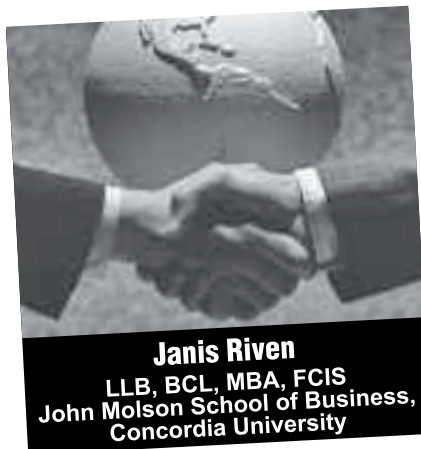
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# Westmount’s valuations up 19.9% overall in new roll

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Comparing figures from roll to roll and between municipalities can be “tricky,” Trent cautioned. This is because some of the published increases are based on “constant stock.” This excludes new additions since the last assessment roll.

As a result, Westmount’s total valuation increase has been widely reported as being

18.8 percent (in constant stock only) while in reality, it is up 19.9 percent, a figure key to determining the agglomeration share. The total roll of all 5,641 Westmount properties is \$7.2 billion. While a single family home is taxed as one property, so is an apartment building containing many rental units.

Figures applying to constant stock, however, are more important to most

property owners, Trent said. This is so they can check out their new valuation compared to their neighbours in determining whether or not to appeal the new assessment.

**Appeal before April 30**

Forms and information for doing so before the deadline of April 30, 2011 may be obtained from the city clerk’s office at Westmount city hall.

Individual property assessments may

be obtained at the city clerk’s office or on-line at [www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/evalweb](http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/evalweb).

Comparing some of the figures, especially between municipalities in determining Westmount’s share of agglomeration expenses, is fraught with complexities, Trent explained.

The suburbs’ combined base share was fixed in 2008 but may change with the addition of new building. In this respect, Trent believes Westmount may be better off this time.

## Property assessment roll – 2011-2013

	No.	2011- 2013	2007-2010	Increase in constant stock	Increase including new stock	Increase for 2007-2010 over previous roll
Montreal Island (agglo) taxable assessment		\$209.1B	\$161.9B	22.8%	29.2%	
Montreal Island (agglo) non- taxable assessment		\$ 33.0B	\$ 25.7B	19.8%	28.4%	
Montreal Island (agglo) total assessment		\$242.1B	\$187.6B	22.4%	29.1%	
Westmount share of agglo budget		TBD	2.355% (2010)			
<b>*Westmount: taxable and non-taxable assessment</b>						
– Total		<b>\$7.151B</b>	<b>\$5.962B</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	
– residential		\$5.942B		19.0%		
– non-residential		\$1.209B		17.4%		
<b>**By category</b>						
– single family dwellings	3482	\$4287.7M		18.3%		36.2%
– condos	1267	\$ 642.3M		15.5%		42.9%
– plexes 2-5 units	306	\$ 243.7M		36.8%		34-43%
– Apt. bldgs. 6+ units	106	\$ 544.8M		23.0%		34.0%
Total residential				19.0%		36.9%
Non-residential				17.4%		28.9%
Total – all properties	5641			18.8%		36.1%
<b>Average valuation</b>						
– single family dwellings		\$1,232,200	\$1,031,749			
– condos		\$787,400				
Source: Mayor Peter Trent						
NB: missing figures represent those not comparable or not available at press time						
*Includes all property in Westmount						
**Constant stock only (exempts new additions)						

## Letters, cont’d

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are stopped. A few years ago, we had very few of these intersections; now their number has greatly increased. This arrangement not only makes pedestrians safer, but it also seems to decrease jaywalking. It seems that pedestrians are more often willing to wait for their turn.

Finally, I would suggest that the police stop ticketing diagonal crossers and start ticketing pedestrians who cross when they have the “red hand” signal but the cars have the green light. Pedestrian crossing at this time is truly dangerous, not to mention unfair, and maddening for drivers who must yield to these scofflaws who are stealing the time dedicated to the cars to proceed.

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# Shine a light on beads

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Ruth Shine, the founder of Bead Emporium on Victoria Ave., which was Montreal's largest retailer of decorative beads, told members of the Westmount Historical Association on September 16 about her years in the beading business, while also delivering an account of her life.

Shine's lecture was the first of four talks the WHA is presenting as part of an exploration of the history of Victoria Ave.

Born and raised in Peru, Shine inherited a fascination with beads from her German grandmother. At the same time, she was interested in anthropology and the study of early civilizations.

"I really started to bead not because it was the fashion to sell beads – it wasn't at all," she said. "I liked beads for their historical interest and for what they meant, because beads have been around for thousands of years, and they have a history."



*Bead Emporium founder and owner Ruth Shine's love for beads came from an interest in early civilizations and history.*

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The change in systems followed an ammonia leak on September 16, 1996, which required high-profile assistance from the Montreal Fire Department's hazmat team.

The city informed nearby residents of the current work in a letter from Deegan and Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

## The 4300 hosts a BBQ for residents



Resident of 4300 de Maisonneuve, Bunney Kirsch, is served a portion of grilled salmon by Les Gants Blancs catering server, Sonia Belhabibe, at the apartment complex's annual barbecue, September 15. Rachel Adler is to her right and Christine Harper to her left.

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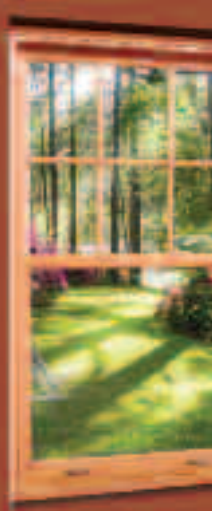


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# Rats!

Two residents of Grosvenor between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve have recently observed rats for the first time, in both cases outside their houses.

One is a five-year resident who has never seen one before; the other has lived there three years.

One theory holds that the rodents have been displaced by construction at the MUHC’s Glen Yards site as occurred during construction of the Metro line.

# Awards banquet recognizes athletes in

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Novice boys’ soccer champions – Team Canada.

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## Public Security seeks circus talent Haunted House taking shape

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As part of a “circus misfits” theme for this year’s Halloween haunted house, Public Security officials are seeking volunteers with special circus and carnival talents to help create the city’s main attraction for trick-or-treaters.

This will be the third year the lawn bowling clubhouse adjacent to city hall will be transformed into a safe place for Halloween. Parents will be able to bring younger children for games and fun outside while older ones venture through a ghoulish experience inside.

“We’re looking for people with special talents like magicians, jugglers and unicyclists, or even those with extreme physical flexibility, who would be interested in participating,” said Sgt. Kim Colquhoun.

### Coney Island

The plan is to set up the verandah like a Coney Island carnival with booths, games and other attractions.

Because the October 31 event falls on a Sunday this year, Colquhoun said there is a possibility the attraction may open ear-

lier in the day than usual.

The haunted house is also a fundraiser, through voluntary contributions, for Leucan. This is an association to enhance the recovery and wellbeing of children with cancer, which the Public Security Unit has adopted as a philanthropic cause.

“We’re hoping to surpass last year’s total of some \$400,” Colquhoun said. This was generated by the “haunted hospital” theme.

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Other members of the organizing committee are parking inspector Pierre Thibault, assistant Community Events coordinator Virginia Elliott and program and community services coordinator Claude Danis.

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## Happy-Go-Lucky Jamaille



### Underdog

MARY LAMEY

Two-year-old Jamaille has no idea he’s supposed to be a big scary guy. He’s a cream puff in a brindled pitbull’s body.

“He loves everyone he meets. If you introduced him to a goldfish, he’d probably try to be friends with it,” said Jacqueline Rockman of Reach for the Stars Rescue.

Reach for the Stars plucked Jamaille from the dog pound several months ago. He’s living with a foster family but pining for a forever home.

Shelters and rescue organizations are overrun with pitbulls these days. The dogs have been on the receiving end of some particularly bad PR in recent months.

“They’re just misunderstood,” said Rockman. “They are high-en-

ergy dogs, and some people mistake that for aggression.”

No such worries with Jamaille. Two weekends ago he spent the afternoon at the Beaconsfield Pet Fair being walked on a leash by a 9-year-old girl.

“He stopped on a dime when she told him to,” said Rockman. “He’s so eager to please.”

Jamaille is good with kids, dogs, cats and probably goldfish. He’d do well in an active family where he’d ..... have a chance to get his

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Jamaille

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## Westmount Y opens doors to public at its annual open house



An open house held at the Westmount YMCA on September 18 gave karate instructors Shannon Quessy, left, and Robert Couture the opportunity to display some of their skills to a small class of novices. Some of the other physical fitness techniques demonstrated at the Y that day included kickboxing, aerobics and weight training.

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## SNC Lavalin: Dump trucks to cease evening shift by December

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noisy earth-moving operations at the MUHC site after regular working hours, questions on the issue were bound to be raised.

Addressing a panel of representatives from the MUHC, the construction consortium and the city of Montreal, Westmounter Dorothy Lipovenko asked what time work is supposed to end on Friday and Saturday nights. She complained crews were working nearly up until midnight on a recent Friday, and nearly until midnight the following day.

"From Monday to Saturday, we are working on two shifts – a day shift and an evening shift," replied Charles Chebl, senior vice-president of SNC-Lavalin Construction. He said that night shifts from 8 pm to 4 am were abandoned, making it necessary to create an additional shift on Saturdays to compensate.

Chebl gave his assurances that the current work phase, involving a lot of back-and-forth movements by dump trucks from 7 am to midnight during the week, will be over by December, after which construction work will take place only during the day.

Some of the questions coming from Westmounters concerned issues other than noise and traffic. Bridget Blackader was interested in patient management and care. Responding to her, Imma Franco, the MUHC's associate director for services and clinical planning, outlined some of the details of the institution's design, which includes separate corridors for visitors and patients.

While saying that the MUHC planned the hospital primarily for the treatment of "the very sick" with less emphasis on "tertiary care," York Ave. resident Wanda Potrykus asked, "What do the rest of us do? ... Where does everybody else go? Do we still traipse up the hill to the Montreal General? ... Please tell us where the majority of the population is going to go for their hospital care."

### Glen yard facility to have adult emergency room

Although the MUHC will be maintaining existing emergency services at the Montreal General Hospital, Franco said the Glen Yards facility will also have an adult emergency room that can accommodate 40,000 visits per year. In addition, she said the Montreal Children's Hospital will be moving its emergency department to the MUHC's main campus.



Bridget Blackader wonders about the patients.

"We will have two large major emergency rooms with access for ambulances," she added. "We will have inter-hospital transfers to ensure that patients are getting their care at the right place for the right issue. Our challenge is to ensure that we keep these teams together."

Although none of the work to build the MUHC's main campus is taking place within the borders of Westmount, at least one measure the city of Montreal plans to implement to deal with traffic could have a local impact. Installation of important infrastructure is starting this fall beneath St. Jacques St., Decarie and de Maisonneuve boulevards. As a result, traffic will be re-routed onto three alternative streets, one of which is Claremont Ave. This news drew an audible sigh from the room.

### Access road and language issues create tension

Despite a request made to the city of Westmount to allow temporary non-emergency access on a road leading from the Glen into the MUHC site, Westmount officials are standing firm in their resolve not to allow the road to be used for anything other than emergencies. Tension arose between Westmounters and NDG residents over this issue.

There was also a sense of tension that arose surrounding language and community. Two of the city of Montreal reps spoke almost entirely in French, which created a negative reaction from a resident of the Sud Ouest.

# Strathcona street party a success despite showers



The 2010 Strathcona Street Party took place on September 12. From left: Clement Lam holds a pledge form for the annual Concordia University Shuffle Walkathon, a 6.5-kilometre walk-a-thon to raise money for undergraduate scholarships and bursaries for Concordia students; neighbour Michael Vachon; his son Matthew and daughter Michelle, an alumna of Concordia, who will also participate. The third consecutive annual event in recent years, the street party and allows new residents to meet neighbours and for kids and adults to enjoy food and activities. New this year was a collaborative art project “Express yourselves! Why is Strathcona your special place?” on a 15-foot canvas. Metro grocery store sponsored part of the food and drink, and Avenue des Arts provided some art supplies.

Photo: Lily Lam

## Underdog Jamaille

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## Shine had actress Anne Bancroft for tea and beading

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Shine was working at the Canadian embassy in Peru as an information officer, when an opportunity came up to work for the Canadian government in Canada. Here in Montreal she met her husband-to-be, architect and urban planner, Anthony Shine, with whom she has lived in Westmount ever since while raising a family.

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“She came to the store to relax,” Shine said of the visit by Bancroft. “She had tea, and she played with the beads. For her, this was a special kind of relaxation at the end of a busy day to be doing something that she enjoyed.” Shine later accompanied Bancroft on a bead-buying trip to Los Angeles, acting as her consultant.

Singer/songwriter Leonard Cohen also spent an afternoon at the store with his young son.

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Avis est également donné que toute personne peut prendre connaissance de ce rôle à mon bureau à l'Hôtel de Ville de Westmount (4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount) du lundi au vendredi durant les heures de bureau.

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Public notice is also given that any person may examine the roll in my office at Westmount City Hall, (4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount) from Monday to Friday during regular business hours.

Any application for review in respect of the roll must be filed **before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011**, by means of the prescribed form and be accompanied by the sum of money determined by by-law of Ville de Montréal, otherwise the application is deemed not to have been filed. The application for review must state briefly the grounds invoked and the conclusions sought.

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**Mario Gerbeau**  
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# ‘Disgusting’ marijuana mix uncovered

A garbage complaint September 11 led public safety officers to find a stash of large black bags containing marijuana plants behind apartments on Academy Rd., police said. Two of the six bags contained regular garbage.

The other four garbage bags, initially described as containing a green watery substance swarming with flies and white worms, were later analyzed and confirmed as containing marijuana plants as well as dog food.

“It was really quite disgusting,” said police community relations officer Adalbert

Pimentel. The bags had to be destroyed rather than being kept as possible evidence.

**Police went door to door**

Police went door-to-door to speak with apartment residents who overlooked the site where the bags had been dumped to determine if anyone might have witnessed it. They were asked to keep an eye out for any such future activity.

It was probable that the bags had been brought from elsewhere, Pimentel said.

# PSOs find widespread vandalism

A rash of vandalism activity hit upper-level streets Sunday, August 12, Public Security officials report. One house was egged, flowers were thrown onto streets, a car’s side was mirror ripped off and a mailbox overturned. A silver car was believed implicated in the incidents, which occurred between 3:40 and 4 am. All were

described as occurring at random on Shornecliffe, Oakland, Gordon Crescent, Sunnyside and Bellevue. Later that morning more vandalism, possibly related to other incidents, was discovered on Melville. The window of one car had been broken while someone had dumped the contents of a city trash can onto another.

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By ETTY B.

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No matter how many desserts I serve, this is always the one that is the most popular (except for chocolate chip cookies, of course). I use Granny Smith apples, which

are not too sweet and don’t get mushy when cooked.

Prepare the crisp in advance and freeze it before baking. About two hours before you want to serve it (as guests arrive), pop it straight into the oven from the freezer. It will be just the right temperature when you are ready for dessert. It is delicious alone but can also be served with vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream.

### Ingredients

- 8-10 apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

### Directions

Mix sliced apples with white sugar and cinnamon.

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# Free Press turns ONE!



The Free Press' chief reporter Isaac Olson (left) and editor David Goldberg hold up the paper's most recent edition – one year to the day since its first issue.

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The NDG Free Press newspaper turned one on September 16. Its first edition was published on September 16, 2009. Since then, the Free Press team has produced 22 papers. The Westmount-headquartered

twice-monthly is now also distributed in Hampstead and contains some Hampstead coverage. The paper is owned by Sherbrooke-Valois, which also owns the Westmount Independent.

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# Westmount welcomes Donna Karan for *fantastique* fundraiser



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

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Held at Westmount's Congregation Shaar Hashomayim at the end of August, Hope & Cope's annual fundraiser *Soirée Fantastique* was fantastic indeed – and star-studded! Designer **Donna Karan** was a special guest. Olympic theme composer and pianist **Stephan Moccio**, American comedian **Elon Gold** and **Liel**, a young Israeli singer, performed to huge applause.

More than \$1 million was raised for the Hope & Cope and Wellness Centre, which provides support services for cancer patients and their families.

Liel's cause – the well being of children around the world – meshes perfectly with that of philanthropist **Joey Berdugo Adler**, who was honoured at the gala. Adler travels the world as founder of OneXOne whilst also toiling as CEO of Diesel Canada.

Noted in the chic crowd were **Elaine** and **Calin Rovinescu** (Air Canada CEO and



From left: front row, Marvyn and Sheila Kussner; back row, Westmounters Joanne and John Leopold, and Janice Kussner.

pres), and Westmounters **Odette** and **Joey Basmaji** (president of Jacob) and **Dianne** and **Aldo Bensadoun** (CEO, Aldo Shoes). Dianne won an elegant pearl necklace donated by jewelry designer **Mariam Sheinberg**.

Greeting guests were Hope & Cope co-presidents **Serena Black** and **Jeannette Valmont**, co-chairs of the Souvenir Book



Dianne and Aldo Bensadoun, and Donna Karan.

**Miriam Klein** and **Joan Ungar**, and patrons' chair **Sylvia Vogel** (with husband **Lou**). Noted in the chic crowd were **Sondra** and **Martin Schwartz**, president and CEO of Dorel Industries; **Maureen** and **Jack Dym** president, Pipe & Piling Supplies; **Diane Guerrera**, founder of CURE Foundation, and **Sal Guerrera**, president Sajo Inc.



Joey Adler and Calin Rovinescu, CEO of Air Canada.

The tireless founder of Hope & Cope, **Sheila Kussner**, radiant in the palest of pink sequins and beautiful bijoux, attended with husband **Marvyn** and daughters **Janice** and Westmounter **Joanne** with hubby **John Leopold**.

The evening was a smashing success. Guests still recall Moccio's perfect piano notes evoking the joy – and fragility – of life.



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