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Close bike path this winter, says ATC

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The closure of Westmount's bike path along de Maisonneuve this winter is a distinct possibility, the *Independent* learned last week.

The matter was discussed by council October 17 at its closed-door general committee meeting based on a recommendation by the city's Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC) to close it for safety reasons due to major construction at 1250 Greene and the pending start of the arena/pool excavation, as well as snow clearing issues reported last year that are expected to be compounded by the new construction.

"The recommendation is being taken very seriously in view of the construction going on," said Councillor Gary Ikeman, who chairs the *ad hoc* cycling committee.

While it is understood that a decision has already been made, an official announcement would only be made at the

November 7 council meeting, he said.

Word of the possible closure coincides with a decision by police not to continue last winter's experimental bike patrol. "It proved to be too cold and snowy," said station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde. "It was not worth the amount of money it cost, considering the number of days it could operate and the decreased use of the bike path."

The Bixi program also does not operate during the winter.

"If Westmount decides to close the bike path, we will be extremely disappointed," said Dan Lambert, president of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA). "It would also be a testament to the city's level of commitment to active transportation."

Lambert said he was to be apprised of the city's decision in a meeting with Ikeman on Monday, October 24, after press time.

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Roslyn for cancer research



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Eddy Nolan, Roslyn School's caretaker, presents Peter Sheremeta, provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation, with a cheque for \$42,000 on October 21 during a school assembly. Roslyn raised the amount this year, surpassing its goal of \$200,000 raised over the past eight years, according to Irma Alvarez, with Roslyn Home and School. Sheremeta is wearing a dress, which he promised to do along with shaving his legs, if Roslyn reached that goal.



Photo: Martin C. Barry

Grade 5 Roslyn student Savanna Carpenter reacts as any 10-year-old girl would to losing the long hair she wore until October 20 when her head was shaved in front of all the kids at the school to raise money for breast cancer research. By that day, donations had reached \$3,000. Carpenter's hair, seen clasped in the hand of Emilie Brethes of La Coupe, will be made into a wig for someone undergoing chemotherapy.

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Public Security catches car-theft suspect hiding in Arlington Lane

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man checking the doors of parked cars near 481 Lansdowne during the night of October 20 was pursued and caught by two public safety officers (PSOs) who cornered him in Arlington Lane, Public Security officials report.

He was trapped as he hid between a car and a fence at 1:25 am by PSOs Armand

Morin and Marie-Ève Parent and held for police. He was found in possession of a flashlight, according to police, but no stolen items.

Police said a 23-year-old man is to be charged with attempted theft from cars and trespassing by night on private property. It was not known whether the suspect was involved in other recent reports of people checking out cars.

The capture of the man resulted from a call to Public Security at 1:04 am from a Lansdowne resident, who had spotted a man in his early 20s wearing a dark grey hoodie and trying the door handles of cars parked on the street and in driveways.

He yelled after the individual who ran into a back yard, said as-
sistant Public Security di- *continued on p. 5*



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‘Excessive’ speeding not among Edgehill issues

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After 10 hours in five sessions of traffic enforcement on Edgehill north of The Boulevard and Roslyn, police have concluded that while there might be some speeding, it is not considered to be “excessive,” local police commander Stéphane Plourde said last week.

“It seems that there are infractions but excessive speed is not one,” he told the *Independent* following two sessions October 13 and 19 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

During those times, no tickets were issued for speeding though police gave out six for drivers failing to obey the stop sign at Lexington Ave., he said.

On three previous evenings between 6 and 8, September 21, 26 and 28, one ticket was issued to a motorist going 58 km/h in the 30 km/h zone. Six drivers were ticketed, however, regarding the stop sign (see October 11, p. 5). Another ticket was given for an unrelated matter.

Residents have said that the evening is the worst times for speeding.

Plourde said has previously suggested that the 30 km/h was an unrealistic speed given the steep hill and that officers would be ticketing for speeding at their discretion.

Michael Schwartz, whose house is wedged between The Boulevard and Edgehill, has been asking the city over the past year to install another stop sign at Upper Lansdowne or at least a speed bump. He has also presented a petition on behalf of 11 households.

Traffic changes on hold for now

Mayor Peter Trent, who asked Plourde to ticket at the location, replied at the last two council meetings that all traffic changes are on hold pending the outcome of the city’s master traffic study.

A preliminary report was submitted to the council September 27 at the “fact collection” stage but recommendations from consultants were not expected until at least the end of the year or longer (see October 4, p. 1).



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Photo: Ralph Thompson

Arena submission review delayed

Evaluation results of the six design-build qualification submissions for the arena/pool project are now not expected until some time this week, city director general Duncan Campbell said last week. It had initially been thought the review committee might have completed its work by October 21.

Opened publicly October 14, the submissions came from the consortia put together by the six well-known construction companies and include architects, engineers and landscape architects (see Octo-

ber 18, p. 1).

"I'm very, very pleased with the calibre of the people who made the submissions," said Mayor Peter Trent.



Car-theft suspect

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rector Greg McBain in relating the incident.

By 1:06 am the PSOs were already on the scene searching the area when joined a few minutes later by police.

After checking front yards on foot, they drove north on Arlington Lane, where they spotted a man wearing a dark grey hoodie on a bike and approached him.

As they attempted to speak to him, he

disappeared into back yards. Morin and Parent began searching on foot, finding him at the back of 78 Arlington. "He was told to lie on the ground and wait for police," McBain said. Police were informed and the suspect was taken into custody at 1:25 am.

"He had thrown the bike he was riding over the fence into the back yard," McBain said, "Probably he was planning to jump over the fence too."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLASS IS HALF FULL FOR BETHUNE PROPONENTS

This is in response to Catherine Beaubien, Bram Gordon and Councillor Patrick Martin, whose letters in the *Examiner* and the *Independent* and comments in council seem to speak with one voice.

To all, I acknowledge your reservations with respect to the Bethune option, but must disagree.

I also wish to express how disheartened we are that you have missed the broader and more important point upon which this concept was introduced by its 20 authors.

Whether built at Bethune, on the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), upon surplus lands belonging to the MUHC or elsewhere, the splitting of the arena/pool project into arena and swimming components opens the door to value that we are currently squandering. Mayor Trent has openly acknowledged in council that we would be spending twice the current industry standard, if his plan were to proceed. As a result, there would remain insufficient funds for a much needed indoor pool.

In response to the questions posed and comments made, I offer the following:

- I am not in a position to know the exact needs of Public Works. All existing garage

areas projected to be removed would be replaced;

- How many millions it would cost to enlarge the current tunnel and provide a pedestrian access is open to debate. However, the \$10 million figure proposed by Patrick Martin seems arbitrary and consistent with his “glass half empty” ethos. Furthermore, I do not believe that CN would deny our request for modifications, which are minor in comparison to the substantial works at the nearby MUHC site;

- The future Ville Marie Expressway project would have to render our Bethune land all but useless before affecting our proposal, which sits at the rear;

- The concept proposed, at \$34.5 million, has already factored in the cost of the reconstruction of affected garage facilities and a \$5-million contingency for railway and soil contamination costs. The latter should be addressed irrespective of the arena being situated on Bethune and should not be passed on to future generations;

To discount, dismiss and disrespect the ideas of neighbours, without proper study or consideration, bodes ill for the future of Westmount.

If elected as mayor, I will confront this phenomenon and will always look at things as if the glass is half full.

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Westmount under water



Sam Salsberg thought the flood was a blast after the torrential downpour late afternoon on October 20. Here, he plays in the puddles on the corner of Roslyn and Sherbrooke.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



A bicyclist tries to manoeuvre through the flood waters at the corner of Roslyn and Sherbrooke. An afternoon storm on October 20 dumped a large amount of rain and hail over Montreal around 4 pm. Though the storm was short-lived, sewer lines were backed-up, and basements and driveways were reported flooded. Sherbrooke and other main arteries were backed up with traffic as rain water accumulated faster than it could drain. The water receded a few hours later.

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eReader event Oct. 20 attracts more than 40

More than 40 users of Westmount Public Library turned out October 20 to learn about eReaders and eBooks at an event called the “petting zoo.” “There was so much interest that we’re planning to repeat the experience sometime in the future,” library director Julie-Anne Cardella said this week.

The new date has not yet been set, but readers of the *Independent* are advised that in an advance story mentioning the Octo-

ber 20 date, the headline incorrectly mentioned another.

Clarification

In our October 11 issue (p. 18), 470-2 Argyle was listed as transferred at \$725,000 with a municipal evaluation of \$1,052,700. In fact, one unit of this building was transferred at \$725,000 and the evaluation of the whole building is \$1,052,700.

Statistical samplings for Sept., station 12 news

Plourde: Graffiti program ‘starting to show’ results

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A concerted effort by police and Public Security to crack down on graffiti seems to be paying off, local police station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde said in reporting crime statistics for September.

A low of four reported incidents for the month of September, he said, seemed to reflect a comment from Councillor Cynthia Lulham at the October 3 council meeting to the effect that walls and garage doors in her neighbourhood around Irvine were noticeably graffiti-free.

“We’ve been doing a lot of work with teenagers on the issue, and it’s starting to show,” Plourde said.

As well, numbers have decreased since Public Security changed its reporting system to police in June. Now, to expedite clean-up, only selected incidents – recognizable or repeated tags and graffiti causing significant damage – are forwarded to police. Previously, Public Security would have turned over all of its 19 incidents of graffiti in September, a time-consuming paperwork process.

Thefts in cars decline

A drop in the number of thefts from cars from 23 in August to 14 in September suggests that the arrest of three young people caught red-handed September 19 may have helped, Plourde said. Their crime spree involved at least five of the incidents.

Nevertheless, Plourde said, this is a crime that continues with a thirst for GPS devices and other electronics left in cars, and it’s important for people to keep such

items out of sight.

Ticket now issued in Church Hill accident

The owner of a parked car that rolled backward down Church Hill September 29 has now been issued a \$52 ticket for not turning the car’s wheels against the curb, he said. This is required by both municipal by-law and the Quebec Highway Code, he pointed out.

Noting that no tickets had been given out initially, “I asked my officers to send one to the driver because when you make a big mistake like that, there has to be some accountability,” he said.

“We’ve been very lucky that there were no injuries,” he added. (See October 4, p. 3).

Pedestrians in 13 accidents last year

In the ongoing pedestrian safety campaign, Plourde said that in 2010 there were 13 accidents in Westmount involving pedestrians and motor vehicles but fortunately no fatalities, though two people were reported to have been seriously injured and another 13 with more minor injuries. The figures, he said, would suggest that more than one person had been hit in at least one of the mishaps.

Two Westmounters robbed in NDG

The robbing of two Westmount teenagers October 6 was a crime that never made its way onto the police blotter at station 12 because it occurred in NDG, Plourde said. But when he heard about it he wanted the public to know how quickly one of the station’s bike patroller was able to act *continued on p. 23*

Westmount crime samplings

April to September 2011

Type of crime reported	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Sept. '10
Break and enter	4	13	8	6	6	10	10
Robbery	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Theft from vehicles	28	16	11	7	23	14	28
Theft of vehicles	3	3	2	1	1	5	3
Graffiti	21	31	8	13	6	4	22
Hit-and-run	13	16	23	14	14	8	20

NB: Statistics released by local station 12 no longer include sexual assault, a broad category that may often be mistaken only for rape cases.

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At a glance: NDG’s lanes

By ISAAC OLSON

The public and private lanes running behind many Montreal homes were largely built to facilitate the delivery of ice and other goods. Years later, the mostly nameless lanes – some bustling and others forgotten – have become a unique characteristic of the city’s densely packed neighbourhoods of brick and mortar.

When walking the streets of NDG, one can find dozens of hidden alleys of cement, tar, gravel or well-worn paths. Each of the borough’s 123 public lanes are maintained by city workers, though many residents chip in, helping to keep the alleys clean, as they tend to be a play place for kids, a short-cut for pedestrians and, in some cases, provide a right-of-way to backyard driveways. Many lanes also allow access to Hydro Quebec’s utility poles.

Despite the borough’s French-language signage reading “My clean lane,” some have become magnets for trash, spray paint and even speedy drivers trying to out-manoeuvre traffic. There is currently

cook on barbecues, soak up sun on their balconies or tend to their vegetable gardens. The cement lane is arguably one of the widest in the area, with a few speed bumps dotting the way and a pair of fruit-bearing pear trees on either side. A building at each end helps provide a safe, traffic-free area for kids to do what they do best – play.

For kids like 8-year-old Emily McQueen and her 11-year-old sister, Rebecca, it’s a place for all the neighbourhood kids to get together. Kids even come from other streets to play soccer, ride bikes, skateboard and more. It’s busiest during summer, said Rebecca, and “at the end of the year when there is less homework. It’s really fun.”

“We always do water fights,” said Emily and, her sister added, “There’s a lot, a lot, a lot of friends.”

Lanes: The logistics

Private lanes are not on the city’s books with any names nor does the city have exact records of how many there are.



Neighbours clean up an alley behind the NDG Food Depot in a unified effort to beautify the area.

a growing island-wide trend of greening up and beautifying lanes. It’s an effort that, promoted locally by Éco-quartier NDG and supported by the borough, can bring a neighbourhood together.

Lanes: The play place

On any given evening, the lane east of Melrose between St. Jacques and Upper Lachine is crawling with kids as parents

According to a directive adopted by the city’s executive committee on April 6 of this year, property owners wishing to acquire a city-owned alley must submit a request signed by at least two-thirds of the residents representing at least two-thirds of the land along the lane. If it decides to proceed with this request, the city may adopt a by-law ordering the closing of the alley. This rule was

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Why are Westmount

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The lanes of Westmount come in all shapes and sizes, ancestry and uses and, in many cases, are shrouded in mystery.

From private lanes to city lanes and public ones that pass through private property or no-man’s-land, there are many the city plows and rebuilds but doesn’t own, as well as those the city was owed from developers but never received title to.

Then there are the winding garden lanes and those that foster a life of their

lost in history or simply steeped in custom and tradition – or something one city official said recently “is what makes Westmount Westmount.”

But the complexity of lanes is a common situation not confined to this city and its study remains a work in progress.

In the absence of a lane inventory, questioners often turn to Peter Giambattisto in Public Works, whose knowledge comes from his mapping of the city’s infrastructure as the department’s Geographic Information Systems technician and analyst.



Avenue or lane? Riverview is the only so-called lane with civic addresses, 7 and 9, across from the railway fence. Considered a lane by Public Works, it’s on the city’s list of streets.

own, while others are lined by garages and fences that close off a sense of community.

To add to the mix, there’s Riverview, a lane that’s really a street but doesn’t even appear on Westmount’s own road maps.

Confusing? The subject leaves many property owners and even land surveyors looking for answers that may have been

“Every lane is unique and has to be researched separately and judged on its own merits,” he explained. “You can’t compare one with another.”

The reason? Because many older lanes were built to provide rear access to horse stables, deliveries of coal and ice, and use by servants. Some were ceded to the city as a developer’s cadastral contribution. Others were intended to be but never were, though the city has kept up its obligation to maintain them.



Peter Giambattisto consults cadastral plans, October 12.

In short, Westmount has a network of disparate lanes. But it’s one that Joanne Poirier, the city’s director of Urban Planning, views as the skeleton – the backbone – of Westmount.

City plows 70 lanes

What is known, said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, is that her department has

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lanes and alleys so mysterious?

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been using a figure determined years ago indicating that 9.8 kilometers of all types of lanes run through Westmount. The city maintains 70 lanes that account for 8.7 kilometers.

These are the “city-owned” lanes and those that over the years have come to be designated “public” lanes.

The other 1.1 km of lanes are those pri-

were agreed to by previous administrations and have been passed on to us,” she explained.

Regardless of ownership, these are generally the through lanes that serve communal and public interest. They are those used by many people as well as for garbage collection, utilities and fire department access. At some point in time, they were designated public lanes.

And interestingly, a research sampling

taxes. Giambattisto suspects these are lanes whose cession to the city never took place.

All those in two large blocks between Mount Pleasant and Wood, for example, fall in this category, having belonged to one William F. Lewis.

Many orphan lanes have probably never been identified and have fallen into misuse. Others have become walking trails such as the unpaved one that belonged to one David Yuile linking Belvedere Rd. with some Trafalgar homes.

Acquiring an orphan lane can be a legally and expensive series of steps involving the public curator.

Private lanes

And how many of these as well as private lanes exist in Westmount?

“I wouldn’t even hazard a guess,” Giambattisto replies. “I would have to look at aerial photos and cadastral plans and trace the ownership and history of everything that looks like it might be a lane.”

Because a strip of land resembles a lane, it doesn’t mean it is. It could just be land or a dirt strip on which neighbours have a right of passage. Sometimes people think they live on a lane that isn’t a lane at

all – only a passage way used legally or not in order to access the rear of properties.

Parking is a big issue today, Giambattisto pointed out. And some of the requests he receives are from people wanting to buy a house with a garage or parking pad off a lane and want to ensure they have a servitude or right of passage. “Who wants to find out a year from now that they can’t get into the back?” (For a story dealing with a similar issue, see “Driveway-challenged houses lead to three-way dispute,” July 5, p. 7).

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Photo: Martin C. Barry

Contrary to the homemade sign at the northwest entrance to the Mount Pleasant lane network, the connecting lanes with Elm in this block are all public ones on “no man’s land” – a vacant succession.

vately maintained, usually by groups of residents, as well as others known to exist on what is called “no-man’s-land.”

“It’s just not straight forward,” Zalzal said, as to why the city plows, sweeps, lights, repaves, regulates and patrols the 70 lanes, most of which it doesn’t own but which run through no man’s land or even private property.

“We’ve inherited certain practices that

by Giambattisto shows that aside from some 15 lanes owned outright by the city, most of the 70 it maintains lie on no-man’s-land.

Most of 70 on ‘no man’s land’

These are orphan lanes that have fallen into “vacant succession,” a term used for land never claimed by heirs of the last owner and on which no one now pays

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Greening up NDG lanes

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adopted, in part, with the objective of “releasing the city from responsibility in the streets deemed unrequired for public purposes,” states city documents.

Where some island cities like Côte St. Luc might sell lanes, no money “exchanges hands” when lanes are ceded to property owners, noted city spokesperson Patricia Lowe – except that they would now be taxed for the additional land.

green-up the laneways running behind their homes and, if enough people are interested, there is funding and support available to turn backyard lanes into green “oases.”

Started in the '90s, the Plateau Mont-Royal borough has established about 30 “green” alleys, and there are others throughout the city. The aim in NDG is to launch citizen-based initiatives around the district. Already, the lane behind the NDG Food Depot has been cleaned up and en-



A lane off Upper Lachine Rd. shows signs of unauthorized dumping.

As for public lanes, the borough is responsible for mowing the grass, maintaining the pavement and pruning the city's trees or those that encroach on the public domain.

Technically, all lanes are closed in the winter and only those with a lane-based address are ploughed by the borough. There are only three such lanes in this situation and they are all in CDN. They are the only three in the borough with names: Places Beaminster, Bradford and Campden.

Some city residents take it upon themselves to keep the lanes clear of snow, either by hiring contractors or doing it themselves. Even with the snow built up, fire trucks, said borough director Stéphane Plante, can usually access the lanes if necessary because, being so heavy, they just roll over the snow.

Lanes: The greening

Éco-quartier NDG, with the support of the borough, is encouraging residents to

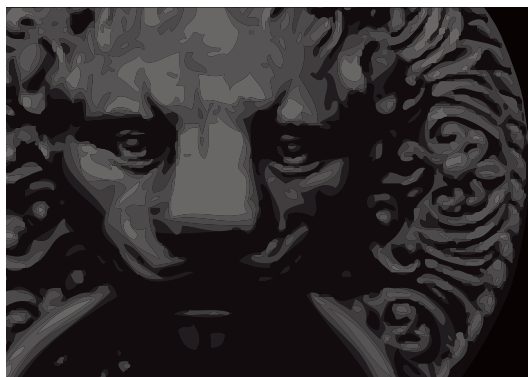
hanced by area residents interested in making it a more hospitable, inviting place for the whole neighbourhood to enjoy.

The Éco-quartier has put this effort on hold for the winter, but it is expected to continue next spring.

A similar effort took place on the westernmost edge of NDG last year as Green Thumb, a youth co-op, teamed up with local residents to restore a “no man's land” which, located between NDG and Montreal West, falls outside of both cities' jurisdiction. Between St. Jacques and the train tracks just west of Connaught Ave., the once trash-filled alley has been turned into a tranquil slice of nature.

Lanes throughout NDG have a similar feel. From dog walkers crunching on fallen leaves to the occasional bootprints tracking through snow, the alleys are, for many, just another part of what makes Montreal home.

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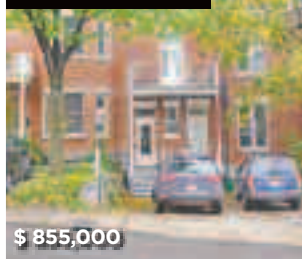
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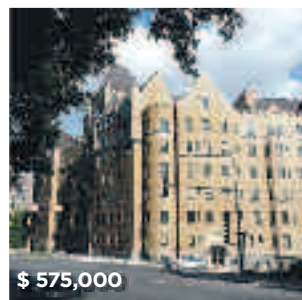
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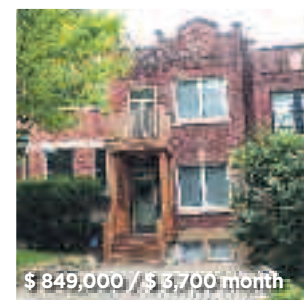
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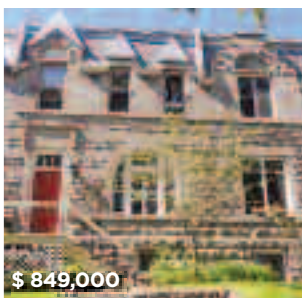
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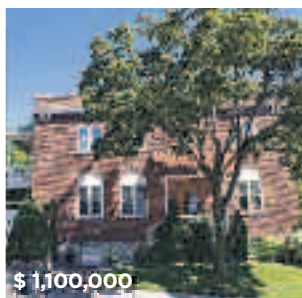
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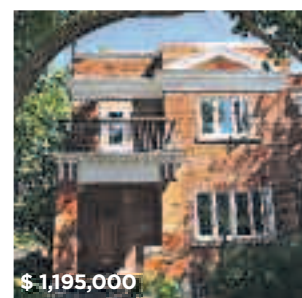
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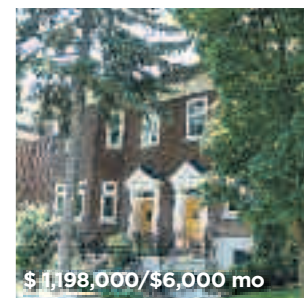
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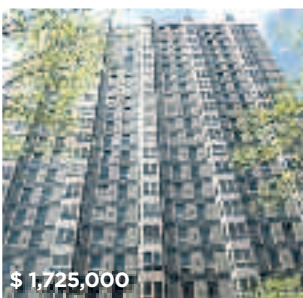
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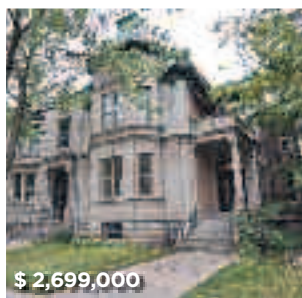
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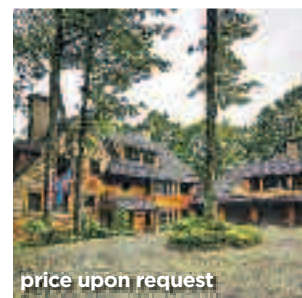
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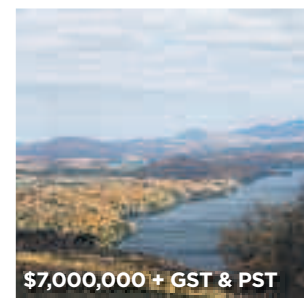
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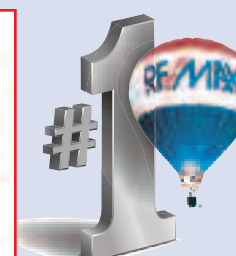
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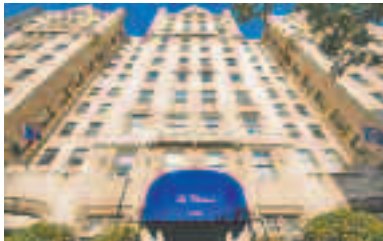
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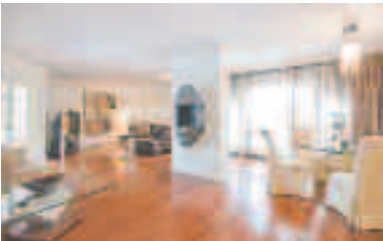
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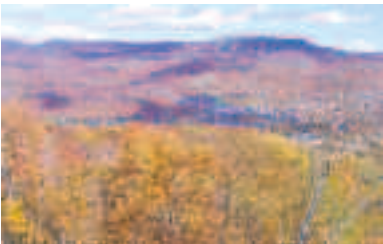
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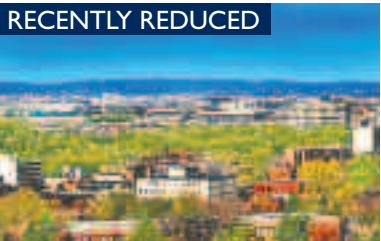
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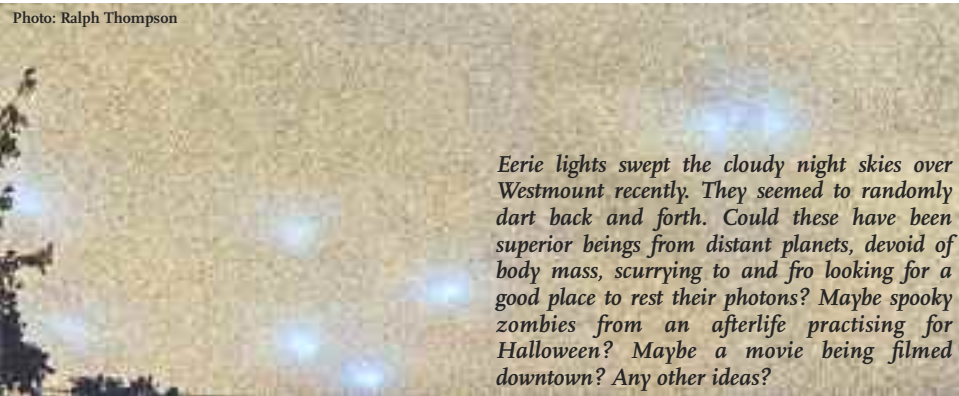


Photo: Ralph Thompson

Eerie lights swept the cloudy night skies over Westmount recently. They seemed to randomly dart back and forth. Could these have been superior beings from distant planets, devoid of body mass, scurrying to and fro looking for a good place to rest their photons? Maybe spooky zombies from an afterlife practising for Halloween? Maybe a movie being filmed downtown? Any other ideas?



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Frankenstein is to be the central figure outside the haunted house, a.k.a. the lawn bowling clubhouse adjacent to city hall. More than 1,000 people are expected to tour the attraction between 5 and 8 pm. Decorated pumpkins, entertainment and treats will also be provided on the porch for younger children not wanting to enter. Reflective arm bands and pumpkin stickers will also be available for costumed visitors. These will also be given out to trick-or- *continued on p. 24*



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Lanes: some spawn life of their own

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He advises residents to check out the deed for servitudes or rights of passage. “If there’s a right of passage, no one can park

a car to block it – a basis for a lot of complaints,” he said.

In some cases, however, property deeds that spell out ownership and rights are so old it’s impossible to say what they are, ex-

with lilacs, flowers and grass that spill uninterrupted into the lane.

“My personal feeling is that this is Westmount’s most beautiful lane from a design perspective,” Poirier said. It was built in the Arts and Crafts style in which the Priests’ Farm area was laid out in the 1920s when the Sulpician land was developed.

The lane has changed somewhat over the years, said Angela Darragh, longtime de Casson resident. People have built large decks over some areas that used to be garden and embraced different lifestyles.

Children play less often in the lane because of daycare, structured summer activities and country homes. But it comes alive on Sunday evenings as does the traditional lane party that took place only a few weeks ago – one of few.

Another lane party in September was held by residents backing onto the east-

west link between Metcalfe and Melville just north of de Maisonneuve. “There was great food, and we had about 40 or 50 people, including some of our friends,” said Brian McGuigan.

This lane also has its own life, he said. “We try to help each other out.”

This spirit along with the beautification of lanes is something the city’s Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC) is hoping to promote next year.

“We’re planning a campaign to encourage people to fix up their lanes,” explained HAC chair Cynthia Lulham, the city’s Urban Planning commissioner. This is inspired by a program called “Les Belles Ruelles” in Montreal.

Early by-law dates to 1896

The city’s regulation of lanes goes back to at least 1896 when, in by-law 64, the Town of Westmount, as it was then called,



Back gardens flow down to the picturesque winding lane between de Casson, to the left, and Holton.

plained assistant city clerk Nancy Gagnon. People may also have acquired rights.

Lane parties rare

While lanes in some municipalities spawn a life of their own, most of those in Westmount are lined with garage doors, backyard parking and high fences, which Urban Planning director Poirier describes as “sad.”

By allowing backyards to flow down unobstructed into the lane, residents can actually appropriate extra space and interact in a sense of neighbourhood, she noted.

The winding lane between de Casson and Holton serves as a model. Here, residents have created back gardens adorned



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required “proprietors or occupants” of private lanes to keep them in “clean and good sanitary state and in proper condition and repair,” failing which the city could undertake the work and pass on the charges.

One might say Arlington Lane, now a city-owned lane, was the oldest, given its purported use as an old Indian trail up and down the mountain. But the first lanes would likely have been built in the southeast sector of the city, which was the first area developed, Giambattisto pointed out.

Since many of the public lanes were upgraded to concrete, a hallmark of the Depression years in the 1930s, he surmises this was undertaken as

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Lanes: beautification program coming

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make-work projects at that time.

One lane between Barat and de Casson is unusual for having both sewer and water lines. Usually lanes don't have both, he said. It's a partial city-owned/vacant succession lane.

Riverview "Avenue" is an anomaly. This narrow roadway runs from Lewis to Abbott wedged between the railway fence and the sides and backs of buildings, but is the only lane that has civic addresses, 7 and 9, and front doors.

In 2002, in the merger with Montreal, Giambattisto said he discovered a clause in Montreal's charter that could have had an impact on the future of Westmount's

lanes "because Montreal has a way of resolving vacant secessions."

As for today's lanes, their traditions are unlikely to change, he suggested, until and unless an inventory were to be compiled providing information on which policy makers might make new decisions.

Dog returned itself

A dog found running loose by a public safety officer patrolling a lane behind Lewis Ave. at 1:05 am, October 15, ran away without letting the officer look at its collar tag. Fortunately, however, it ran into its own backyard where the owner was asked to bring it in and cautioned.

Many lanes lie in limbo

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following examples illustrate some of the complexities presented by lanes maintained by Westmount, most of which aren't owned by the city but used by the population.

One lane of mixed "ancestry" is an inverted L-shape extending north from de Maisonneuve and turning east onto Victoria. Only a small piece of the southern portion is owned by the city, while the larger remaining one is an old vacant succession in the name of one Jean-Baptiste Brouillette.

One well-used lane network lying south of Sherbrooke between Greene and Olivier is another combination of ownership. The east-west lane between the two side streets starting at the Olivier substation is owned outright by the city. The

connecting north-south and east-west portions run through the backs of private residential and commercial properties but are treated by the city as public lanes.

Contrary to public opinion and use, the block immediately south between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine contains only two small pieces of public lanes. All other lanes or roadways are on private property and not part of a public network. One of the public lanes is an L-shaped one linking St. Catherine and Olivier. It's a vacant succession from Edouard Lefebvre-de Bellefeuille, whose name was given to the building at the southwest corner of Greene and St. Catherine.

The other piece of lane is a small east-west one off Olivier just south of de Maisonneuve. It's a vacant succession bearing the name of the Sisters of Charity of the Montreal General Hospital.

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Mardi 22 novembre	9 h à 15 h	Association récréative Milton-Parc 3555, rue Saint-Urbain
Lundi 28 novembre	9 h à 18 h 30	Université Concordia 1400, boul. De Maisonneuve Ouest
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Angie Photo: Marilyn Gelfand

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Ball hockey draws old boys back to Selwyn



Members of the Old Boys' Association of Selwyn House held their second annual ball hockey tournament on October 22. The day-long event was an opportunity for school alumni to return to the school and play a game of ball hockey against staff and fellow alumni. Six teams competed for the Old Boys Trophy, on which the winners' names were inscribed.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Tees on Selwyn House athletics

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Memo from Fred Tees to the city of Westmount – stop referring to Murray Park as King George Park.

A long-time Westmounter and former athletics director at Selwyn House School,



Fred Tees shows a framed memento during his lecture to the Westmount Historical Association.

Tees was the featured speaker of the Westmount Historical Association on October 20.

As a boy, Tees attended Selwyn House when the school was downtown. The students were automatically entitled to be members of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, which owned the large playing field behind Westmount High

School, known today as the Westmount Athletics Grounds.

He remembers playing on that field in the days when soccer and cricket were favoured by Selwyn House's predominantly British teaching staff.

Tees recalled that during the royal tour of Canada in 1939, he was taken by his father, Frederick James Tees, who was a Westmount school commissioner, to Westmount city hall to see the king and queen pass by.

"I saw King George VI and Queen Elizabeth drive by, and then they drove by Murray Park," he said. "And the stupid government of the city decided that they would celebrate that by calling it King George Park.

"And nobody's called it King George Park ever since. The only people who call it King George Park are the people at city hall who don't know any better."

Tees recounted how he was affected by one of the most devastating fires ever to break out in Westmount – the 1965 blaze that destroyed the large church across from Selwyn House then at its current location. He was on vacation at the time.

"To my delight, when I got home I found that it was St. Andrew's Church," he said.

He and then headmaster Robert Speirs "got it into our heads that were going to buy that

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Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

The **University Women's Club of Montreal** honours Elizabeth Monk with a panel discussion on "Women in the Law in Québec," moderated by Anne Marie Trahan at the Atwater Club (3505 Atwater Ave.). Dinner at 6 pm. Newcomers welcome. Cost: \$30.76, Reserve: Carly 514.288.9765, or Margaret 514.932.3922.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- **Valérie d. Walker** gives an illustrated talk on Ada Lovelace (1815-1852), an early computer programmer, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Info: www.atwaterlibrary.ca.
- **The Atwater Poetry Project**, coordinated by poet Katia Grubisic, presents readings by poets Nick Thran and Warren Heiti, 7 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. For schedule, biographies and podcasts, visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca/events/atwater-poetry-project.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Rocky Horror Picture Show** Halloween Ball, 8 pm and 11 pm, produced by Westmounter **Philippe Spurrell**, at the Impérial Cinéma (1430 Bleury St.). Also 8 pm and 11 pm on Saturday, October 29 and Monday, October 31. Cost: \$17.95 in advance or \$19.95 at the door (plus taxes and service). Info: www.rockyhorrormontreal.com.
- **TGIF** at Centre Greene, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. A meal and animated activities for kids 6 to 11. Cost: \$12 drop-in, or \$60 for six weeks. Info: 514.931.6202 or www.centre-greene.org.
- **Far From The Madding Crowd**, 7 pm at Victoria Hall. A theatre adaptation of the Thomas Hardy's novel by Persephone Productions. Also, Saturday, October 29 at 7 pm (includes wine and cheese), and Sunday, October 30 at 1:30 pm. Cost: \$25, and \$14 for students. Tickets available at Victoria Hall. For phone bookings, call Ann

Elbourne 514.486.7423.

- **Open house at the Argyle Institute**, 4150, St. Catherine St., suite 328, at 12 pm for speakers, including keynote Professor Angela Burlton, and awards; 12:30 pm for lunch reception. Register: Edna Mendelson at emendelson@argyleinstitute.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **"Alice in Wonderland Whodunit"** for families who participated in the children's library's pumpkin decorating contest, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. For a free ticket, members can bring in a decorated pumpkin before closing time, Friday, October 28. Info: 514.989.5229.
- **Animated music program** at Centre Greene, from 9 to 10 am for kids aged three and over; and from 10 to 11 am, for parents and children aged six months to four years. Cost: \$5 drop-in. Info: 514.931.6202 or www.centregreene.org.
- **Ian Rankin**, crime and mystery author of *The Impossible Dead* speaks at 2 pm at Victoria Hall. Cost: \$5, or \$3 for students or seniors. Info: 514.845.5811.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- Centre Greene **Lego club**, 10:30 to 1 pm, for kids aged three and over. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in. Info: 514.931.6202 or www.centregreene.org.
- **Bazaar at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom**, 4100 Sherbrooke St., from 9 am to 5 pm.
- **Marianopolis College** hosts its open house noon to 4 pm at 4873 Westmount Ave. Free parking on campus. Info: www.marianopolis.edu.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Atwater Library benefit cocktail, with guests of honour Westmounters Julie Keith and Richard Pound. Silent auction, live music by the Dave Turner Jazz Trio, and smoked meat sandwiches. Tickets: \$125. Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514.935.7344 or tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca.

Personal trainer volunteer needed at Nazareth House

Nazareth House, a home environment for men who suffer from mental distress located just east of Atwater on Seymour Ave., is looking for a volunteer personal trainer to set up programs for the residents, suggest equipment needed and help monitor residents to improve their fitness level. Please contact Sheila Woodhouse at 514.933.6916 or nazareth.house1-@bell.net, and mention file #24040.

Ticket issued after two warnings

A resident of St. Catherine St. near Lewis was issued a \$146 ticket October 17 for loud music at 4:49 am, Public Security officials said. The man was reported to have been cautioned twice previously, on September 12 at 12:15 am and September 20 at 11:21 pm.

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Public safety officers track hold-up victims, enable charges to be laid

A public safety officer went to the assistance of two teenaged girls, October 15 who had left the scene after being threatened at knifepoint by three boys and were fleeing up Victoria from Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said.

The incident began with a call to Public Security at 6:48 pm for a group of teens involved in an altercation near the pool. Public safety officer Paul Moarcas found no one at the location but spotted some youths at Sherbrooke and Lansdowne, where one seemed to be holding what looked like a toy gun.

Keeping the group under surveillance, he noticed, as they approached Victoria, that one male appeared confrontational as the girls proceeded up Victoria. Circling around he caught up with the girls further up the hill and asked if they were alright.

One of the girls burst into tears and said a boy, armed with a knife, had tried to steal her laptop.

Moarcas returned to Sherbrooke where he found police had three youths in custody at Grosvenor in possession of a knife and a beebee gun.

Moarcas then returned to the victims and brought them to police. The victims were identified as a 16-year-old Westmount girl and a 14-year-old living on Côte St. Luc Rd.

“He was very observant,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. “By being there to witness what had happened and bringing the victims to police, it made it possible for charges to be laid.”

The trio, aged about 15, faced charges of threat, assault and attempted armed robbery. – *LS*

Ivory and Hugessen in the running for MUHC board

At least two Westmounters are running for a seat on the McGill University Health Centre’s (MUHC) board of directors: Joan Ivory and Jill Hugessen. For a story on Ivory, see October 11 issue, p. 21.

On their applications, Ivory states she “firmly believes in the MUHC” and Hugessen notes her long-standing volunteer-level involvement with MUHC member institutions.

Any of-age islander not employed by the MUHC can vote. There are 11 candidates running for two open spots. To vote, go to one of six hospital-based polling stations, such as Royal Victoria Hospital at 687 Pine Ave. in the nurses’ lounge (H4) on November 1 from noon to 8 pm.

For more information, visit: muhc.ca/homepage/election.

This week, the *Independent’s* sister paper, the *Free Press*, also covered the MUHC candidacy of former NDG Community Council president Louise Fournier, see p. 12.

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on a good hunch.

Cst. Karim Filali, learning the pair had been swarmed by five youths – one of them very tall and wearing a yellow jacket – “he had the idea that maybe they went up to Subway to have something to eat and followed up quickly.” It didn’t take long for him to spot the yellow jacket and the five, aged 14 to 16, were arrested, Plourde said. None lived in Westmount.

“We’re very privileged to have a bike patrol with members of our MAP (Module d’actions par projet) group,” he said.

Ensure bikes are well-lit

During the evening of October 18, police gave out 70 bicycle lights (white and red) on the de Maisonneuve bike path, Plourde said.

“We spoke to the cyclists and once again explained the importance of being visible at night and keeping safe on the road, always respecting traffic lights and paying attention to pedestrians and vehicles.”

Fred Tees

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piece of property and we were going to turn it into a skating rink.” As Selwyn House had little space for sports facilities at the time, that would help solve its problem.


“Unfortunately the people of St. Andrew’s Church decided to rebuild, and so we never got our skating rink,” he said. However, following the decision by St. Andrew’s to merge with Dominion Douglas and to sell the rebuilt church to Selwyn House, “I understand that their sanctuary is now a basketball court,” Tees added.

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Stir it up!



Elliott Cohen

Recently, I was working out at the gym, and during one of my many water breaks, I had a moment of revelation when I realized how many ways I have put a spin on water over the years and that I've never ad-

dressed it in any cooking class.

Have you ever heard a chef talking about how to prepare water? An unlikely topic for a hot culinary conversation but I want to disprove that.

The bottled water market is exploding with spins on water: some healthy, some not. We need it, consume a lot of it: so why not make your water even cooler? Why settle for ordinary taste or artificial flavours when you can simply make your water extraordinary? For a taste that's surprisingly unexpected, add a few fresh mint or basil leaves, tear leaves in half to release their flavour and add sliced cucumber.

Orange and grapefruit slices are very refreshing. Adding a few drops of natural-flavour extracts, like peppermint, vanilla or raspberry, is another option. A celery stalk, melon chunk, vanilla bean or sliver of fresh ginger can also give your H₂O a kick. You can even keep your flavour cool by dropping a raspberry or squeezing some lime into each compartment of the ice cube tray before freezing the water. Be

creative and put a cool spin on your next glass of water.

What we're really talking about is turning an everyday, boring product into something special. It's a skill that good cooks have: make the most ordinary things extraordinary, for example, mayonnaise. Instead of seeing it as a finished product, see it as the opposite – a blank white slate to embellish.

Now, I'm thinking of an appetizer that will help me use up some leftover steak. What about slicing a baguette and lightly toasting it? Then smear a little mayo on it and add a few slices of thinly sliced sirloin. Voilà, a great appetizer.

But, let's continue along the path to extraordinary. Beef is strong flavoured so we need other strong flavours in the mayo to

complement it. Take a ½ cup of mayo and add 1 or 2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard to it. Now we have dijon mayo. Finely chop a tablespoon of fresh rosemary into the mixture, with a dash of salt and pepper. Take the toasted baguette slice, spread the rosemary Dijon mayo onto it, then the

slices of sirloin – and now we have a yummy appetizer.

To make it unforgettable, caramelize some onions and top the crostini with a small mound.

Some other ideas for this appetizer could be adding roasted garlic or make a blue cheese mayo.

So the next time you use water, mayo, butter, yogurt, mustard, ketchup, olive oil, soy sauce, kick it up!



Westmounters busy with Montreal Children's Library fundraisers



Lorraine Deley, treasurer of The Montreal Children's Library, and Westmounter Karen Cooke, board member, during Jaeger/Aquascutum's October 13 fundraising event at Ogilvy's to benefit The Montreal Children's Library.

Photo courtesy of the Montreal Children's Library

A fundraiser for the The Montreal Children's Library, sponsored by clothing retailer Jaeger and Aquascutum, took place October 13 at Ogilvy's. Three percent of sales were to be donated to the library during the three-day event, which included cocktails, mini manicures, perfume presentations, chocolate tastings, gift bags and a silent auction for luxury items.

The library's annual bridge luncheon, organized by board member and Westmounter Heather Gibbons, takes place Wednesday, October 26 at Mountainside United Church. Board members will be on hand to serve refreshments. Remaining items from the silent auction, open until October 29, will be available for bids.

The Montreal Children's Library is a non-profit, independent library that connects inner city kids with literacy. It has three branches in Montreal, including the Westmount-area branch located at 1200 Atwater. It has served Montreal children for 82 years.

Cars targeted on Lansdowne, Parkman Pl.

At 12:33 am on October 15, Public Security received a call about a man in dark clothes checking cars on Parkman Place. The area was searched by police and Public Security and no one matching the description could be found.

Soon after at 2:15 am, Public Security received another call stating two cars

parked outside 250 Lansdowne had had their windshields smashed. Officers found a Toyota and Hyundai had apparently been broken into.

The owner of one confirmed that a GPS had been stolen. The cars windows were covered by plastic to protect them from inclement weather.

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treaters by at least six public safety officers the city plans to have patrolling the streets that night.

An annual attraction, the haunted house is organized by Sergeant Kim

Colquhoun, parking inspector Pierre Thibault and the city's Community Events personnel and staffed by volunteers, including students from Queen of Angels Academy.

Voluntary donations will be accepted for Leucan, an association dedicated to enhancing the lives of children with cancer, a cause espoused by Public Security.

At the Westmount Public Library, an *Alice in Wonderland* Whodunit for families who participated in the children's department's pumpkin decorating contest will take place October 29 at 7 pm. – LS



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Action Centre celebrates 10 years at Atwater Club



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On October 5, the Atwater Club hosted the Action Centre's 10th anniversary soirée, "Come Fly with Me," complete with a pre-party cocktail, a cocktail *dinatoire*, a silent auction, and party party. What a night!

Arriving guests were graciously greeted by young adults from the centre, some in wheelchairs. The event honoured the centre's founding members **Kevin Harrison**, and his "six angels:" **Sue McConnell**, **Jamie Orchard** and **Ginger Petty**, along with Westmounters **Rosemary Hoppenheim**, **Sandra Schlemm** and **Karen Velan**.

Executive director of the centre, Westmounter **Joanne Heward** – in a sensational shimmering little black dress –



Dr. Angela Genge, Westmounters Mel, Rosemary and Jenny Hoppenheim.

attended with her husband **Geoffrey Heward**, who co-chaired the event with **Andrew Pepper**, there with his wife **Sophie**. Other Westmounters attending were **Jodi Lafrenière** and **Scott Pritchard**, **Suzan Moreau-Desjardins**, **Amanda Jelowicki-Dunn**, **Susan** and **Karl Nemec**, **Anna** and **Phil Belec**, **Micki Morton**, **Gwen Nacos** and daughter **Christina**, **Marc Culver**, **Tyler Schlemm**, **Laura Santini**, **Patrick** and **Jennifer Lavoie**, **Andrea** and **Paul Beattie**, **Bunny Berke** and **Larry Lusko**, **Anna Goth**, **Sophie Palmer** and **Kelly Patrick**, **Ginny** and **Chil Heward**.

Many ladies wore chic skirts either with pretty ballet flats or sky-high heels.

Mel Hoppenheim was the witty auctioneer for the live auction.

Former long-time Canadiens player **Chris Nilan** gave a moving speech and made a commitment to spend a day in a

wheelchair next year in support of the centre.

An elegant pre-party cocktail for donors pledging gifts of \$1,500 was hosted by past soirée honouree **Dr. Arthur Porter**, director general and CEO of the McGill University Health Centre.

Past honourees attending were **John Rae**, and **Suzan Cavell**, there with hubby **Charles**. The event raised \$175,000.

The Action Centre is a bilingual day



Arthur Porter and Westmounter Joanne Heward.

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Jojo and Rufus



Rufus

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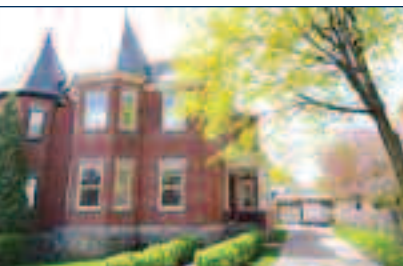


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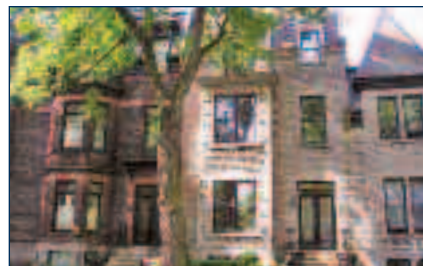
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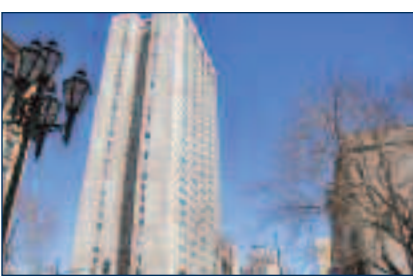
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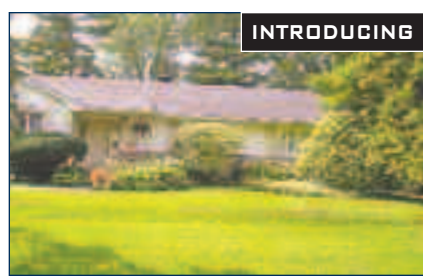
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