

## 13-year-old girls set fire in Westmount Park bathroom

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three 13-year-old girls, dressed in white, were reported to have admitted setting a fire in the comfort station at Westmount Park September 26, Public Security officials said. They were caught by officers soon after being captured on the park's surveillance camera running from the chalet.

An hour earlier, three girls in white had been seen lighting a separate small fire at

the foot of Hollowell St., which was extinguished by firefighters shortly after 5:35 pm. A resident called Public Security to report the sighting of the three who had already fled.

At 6:40 pm, as the fire alarm was set off at the comfort station in the park, the city's security camera showed three girls dressed in white running out the door of the building.

When public safety officers arrived, they found the trio in the park and confronted them with the evidence. The three admitted to setting the fire but did not admit to the Hollowell incident, officials said. The second fire was set on the ceramic floor of the women's washroom. No damage was reported.

Matches and lighters found in the girls' possession were confiscated and turned over to ..... continued on p. 22

## Roslyn's Nolan runs again



After being absent most of this year while receiving treatment for cancer, Roslyn School's custodian, Eddy Nolan, returned on September 28 to lead the children in the school's Terry Fox Run. Nolan, who's been taking part in Terry Fox runs for the past 31 years, started the run at Roslyn 10 years ago and has never missed participating in it. He was diagnosed with cancer in January. This year, the school reached its goal of raising \$30,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

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## Traffic study offers masses of data to end first phase

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A preliminary report from Westmount's traffic consultants was presented to city council and the Administrative Traffic Committee September 27, describing conditions in every part of Westmount, Mayor Peter Trent said the next day.

The information presented by the Genivar consultants was a "fact collection" that included 52 maps and graphs, he said.

These depicted data amassed from walking every street in Westmount, study-

ing speed limits, stop signs, lights, calming devices, patterns, speeding and anomalies. They also include why people drive on certain streets and many aspects of active transportation, including cycling.

"Seeing the information is fascinating," Trent said. "It's just what we wanted. I think people will appreciate the effort that has gone into it and find the information very, very useful. In many cases, when people see how traffic patterns flow, solutions will be almost self-evident."

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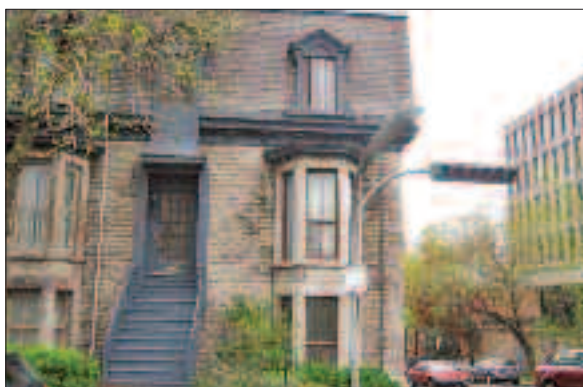


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# Toddlers unhurt when struck by runaway car on Church Hill

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It could be called a miracle on Church Hill.

Two Westmount toddlers emerged unharmed September 29 when the stroller carrying them was squeezed up against St. Matthias' Church by a parked car being pushed up over the sidewalk by one rolling backward down the steep hill, police said.

The brother and sister – aged 2- and almost 4 years respectively – were not reported injured but were taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital by Urgences Santé as a precaution.

The incident took place just after 8:30 am near the entrance used by Miss Vicky's daycare and pre-school. Another parked car was also hit before the driverless, runaway car came to a stop.

"When I heard about this, my first reaction was to say thank goodness no one was injured," said police community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel. But, he added, even investigators were trying to determine "how could this happen that a car squeezes a stroller against a building and no one is hurt? In all that bad luck there was a stroke of good luck."

The breakaway car, a Lexus, hit the two parked cars with such force that it "totalled" the first one – a Subaru Forester, Public Security officials said. It then pushed a Land Rover sideways across the street.

The drama unfolded as the youngsters were being pushed up the hill on the west side, police said in relating the sequence of events. One sat in the stroller and the other stood on a platform behind.

Meanwhile, the Lexus had been parked northbound on the east

side of the street north of Thornhill outside a house where the driver, a 43-year-old Westmount woman, was making a delivery. Rolling backward, it crossed the street striking the parked Subaru that wedged the stroller against the church and then the Land Rover.

The Lexus, which had an automatic transmission, had been left in park, and no tickets were issued, police said.

Public safety officers blocked off the street while investigators tried to piece together how the accident occurred and the vehicles were removed.

This is not the first empty vehicle that has crashed in recent years at this location on Church Hill. See "Unmanned recycling truck slams into St. Matthias" (December 15, 2009, p. 6).



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# Resident tips PSOs to capture graffiti vandal red-handed

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A call to Public Security about graffiti in progress September 23 led officers to apprehend a group of young people red-handed at public stairs rising from Mount Pleasant and de Lavigne to St. Sulpice.

One admitted to defacing a stone wall after his hands revealed still-wet blue and white markings, Public Security officials said. The other six or seven were asked to leave. Acting supervisor Patrice Dion called police, saying the unit wanted to press charges.

An 18-year-old Dawson College student, a resident of Pointe Claire, is to be

charged with the offence and will be pursued by the city clerk's office for damages.

This was the fourth time in six weeks that officers had caught usually elusive graffiti vandals in the act. This enables the city to pursue them for costs related to the clean-up.

The call from a resident reporting the incident was received by Public Security at 3:05 pm on the Friday afternoon sending PSOs Mario Testa and Sabrina Tremblay to the location where they boxed in the group at the top and bottom of the staircase.

They discovered words written in thick markers and then the still-wet markings on the hands of one suspect.

## Stolen car recovered

A stolen car was recovered Sunday afternoon, September 25, at 1:19 pm while parked in front of 3238 The Boulevard, Public Security officials report. The green Honda Civic hatchback had no licence or transit paper and had been damaged. Police were notified, confirmed it stolen and the car was removed.

## No tag obtained after 26 days

A Westmount dog owner was issued a \$75 ticket by mail September 26 after it was discovered he had failed to obtain a dog licence within the time delay he had been given August 30, Public Security officials said. He lived on St. Antoine St.

## Service to continue uninterrupted

# New Academy water, sewer lines make way for arena

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The upcoming installation of new east-west water and sewer lines along Academy Rd. from Arena Drive to Park Place will replace those that currently run into areas to be excavated for the new arena/pool.

But because the existing century-old infrastructure under Academy will remain in the ground, the apartment buildings will continue to use the existing services throughout the five-week work period until they are transferred over to the new network, said assistant Public Works director Andrew Duffield.

"The beauty of this approach is that the water supply will remain in service," he explained. The new water and sewer lines are to be installed in a new single trench.

The work is expected to start around October 17, assuming the contractor can obtain materials in time, Duffield said.

City council is slated to approve the winning bid Monday, October 3 after press time, from 10 that were opened September 23. The project has been budgetted at

\$475,000 before taxes.

A new fire hydrant at the southeast corner of Academy and Arena Drive will replace the one at the northeast corner and will anchor the western end of the new water line which will connect via Park Place into the main on St. Catherine that was replaced in 1979.

The new line will also replace most of the old one on Park Place to ensure adequate water pressure. A small portion of this line had also been replaced in 1979.

The current line turns north at Arena Drive to connect into the water main that runs through Westmount Park.

Both the 1912 water line and the 1911 clay sewer will be capped at Arena Drive, allowing them to continue servicing the existing arena. The old Academy sewer runs west under the arena to connect into the Lansdowne collector. The new sewer will drain into the St. Catherine network via Park Place. The relining of the water main that has been under way near the bike path is unrelated to the Academy project (see September 6, p. 12).

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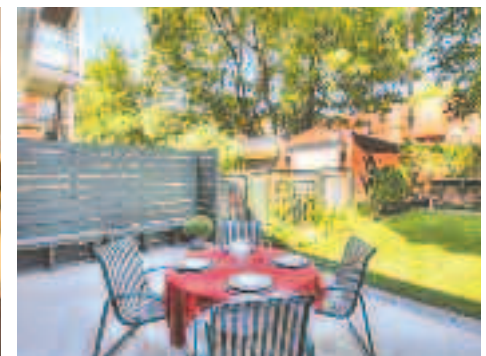


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# Hurtubise House shown to public by WHA



President of the Westmount Historical Association Doreen Lindsay welcomes the first tour group, September 24, into one of Montreal's oldest homes – the Hurtubise House, built in 1739.

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount's oldest property, the Hurtubise House, located at 563 Côte St. Antoine Rd., was opened to the public September 24 and 25. The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) in cooperation with the city of Westmount and Cana-

dian Heritage of Quebec provided guided tours, detailed historical facts and anecdotes in English and French.

More than 30 people were lined up for the first tour before its opening at 11 am on Saturday, and close to 100 were signed up for the tours within ..... one hour.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A WIN-WIN REVISION TO THE ARENA/POOL PROJECT

We are two of the Westmounters who signed the proposal to relocate the arenas to the Bethune service area. It is late in the day, but with imagination we feel there can be a happy outcome to this divisive project.

Since the city is encountering problems with the design-build process for the original design, could we not all rally around two NHL-sized arenas of a simpler design at Bethune, plus an indoor-outdoor pool complex, with fitness and social amenities, beside the park?

The new architects could probably produce this quite easily with the eased space restrictions and the fact that these are well known structures to designers. Of course there will be issues with the Bethune site, but could these not be solved, given what we have to gain in amenities and cohesion?

We believe that the mayor and council would be praised for such a move. No one would lose anything, and we would gain an indoor pool. When you consider the demographic that uses the arenas, together with the demographic that would use an indoor pool, it covers a huge proportion of our Westmount community.

The proposal would also solve the problem of a future demand for an indoor pool, for which there is no natural site in the city, quite apart from the question of

funds.

We ask the city to take this suggestion seriously. It was made in a spirit of problem-solving and community building.

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### NAMING RIGHTS TO LOCAL GROUNDHOG

An apparently quite rare black groundhog has repeatedly visited the back yard of a residence on Grosvenor Ave., where he treats the premises as his own personal salad bar.

When startled, he makes a beeline for the adjoining property on Victoria.

However, we saw him first! So we reserve the right to name him Grosvenor Gregory – in the grand old tradition of Wiarton Willy and Punxsutawney Phil.

Other suggestions will be considered.  
HUGUETTE KIHL, GROSVENOR AVE.



*Grosvenor Gregory?*

## Redfern traffic concerns shared by committee

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC) shares the concerns of Redfern Ave. residents over the use of their street by construction trucks during conversion of the former Reader's Digest building into condominiums, the *Independent* learned last week.

"It's too narrow for construction trucks, especially in the winter," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, the outgoing head of the ATC.

Public Security director David Sedgwick, who is replacing her as head of the committee, said a meeting is to be set up with the contractor to go over site management and find a way to restrict the trucks to St. Catherine.

"We're not at all in favour of them

going north of de Maisonneuve and crossing over the bike path," he explained.

Several intervenors at the demolition hearing June 28 contended that neighbourhood safety would be compromised by allowing trucks and heavy equipment to operate from the Redfern side of the building and travel north. They asked that the vehicles be restricted to St. Catherine St.

The city issued a permit September 19 for the demolition of interior partitions at the building, 215 Redfern, though the exterior demolition work on the facade is not to take place until spring. The permit came four days after a tenant of the building dropped his appeal of the city's decision to allow the demolition (see September 27, p. 5).



## Police Beat

# NDG brothers attacked and tagger arrested

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Two NDG brothers returning from a downtown bar were attacked by three assailants on St. Catherine near Redfern.

Police say the brothers, aged 19 and 21, were in a taxi with a 20-year-old female friend, also from NDG, when they asked the driver to let them out at St. Catherine and Clarke at 3:10 am on September 25. As they walked along St. Catherine, the two brothers got into an argument as the female walked behind them.

“Suddenly, a car pulled up next to them, and one of the three suspects inside said, ‘You want to fight?’” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “One of the brothers said ‘no,’ he was just having a disagreement with his brother and he didn’t want any trouble.”

But the suspects got out of their car, and one of them began choking the younger brother. The other two suspects smashed a parking meter to the ground, using a metal tube from the meter to beat the older brother.

“The female tried to get the first suspect off of the victim, but she was unable to do so,” said Pimentel. “Then, the three suspects got back into their car and drove off.”

Police say both victims were covered in blood when they arrived on the scene. The younger victim had marks around his

neck, while his older brother had welts on his face. Both victims were taken to the Montreal General Hospital for treatment.

“We believe the older victim was given a CT scan to determine what injuries he may have suffered,” said Pimentel.

One of the suspects is described as a 22-year-old white male, 6’ and 200 lbs. There is no description of the other two suspects. They drove in a four-door, silver car.

Police say the victims claimed they did not know the suspects, and nothing was stolen during the attack.

### Graffiti arrest on Mt. Pleasant

Station 12 officers arrested a suspect who got a little too artistic on a cement pillar on Mt. Pleasant and De Lavigne.

Police say a Public Security officer had the suspect detained at 3:43 pm on September 23 when their constables arrived. The two graffiti tags, one measuring 10 by four inches, and another measuring 12 by three inches, were drawn with markers on the pillar near the exterior public stairs, said Pimentel. “The suspect was very co-operative, admitting he had done the graffiti. He also had the markers in his backpack.”

Arrested was an 18-year-old Pointe Claire man. He has been charged with public mischief – graffiti. For more, see p. 11.

## Suburban mayors submit brief to MMC

A written brief from the 15 demerged municipalities containing comments and recommendations regarding the Montreal Metropolitan Community’s development plan has been submitted in lieu of a verbal presentation at ongoing public consultations.

In a press release September 29, the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), headed by Mayor Peter Trent, stated the 10-minute timeframe it had been allotted for a presentation, questions and answers was insufficient “to adequately present its recommendations.”

A total of 389 citizens and organizations had registered to participate in the consultations by the September 2 deadline.

The brief highlights concerns specific to the Montreal agglomeration, such as urban migration and traffic congestion as

previously reported by Trent (see August 30, p. 5). The brief can be viewed by clicking on the ASM banner at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

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# Westmounters complain super hospital lacks accessibility

By Isaac Olson

During an NDG-based public assembly September 27, a handful of Westmounters slammed what they described as the McGill University Health Centre’s (MUHC) lack of foresight as the institute, teamed up with the province, builds a super hospital that seemingly caters more to motorists than walkers, cyclists and public transportation users.

At the same time, those Westmounters



Mary Stark of the Contactivity Centre asked about hospital access routes for people with reduced mobility.

are getting uneasy about Montreal’s inability to look ahead, finalize plans and keep the community informed of what will happen with what is perceived as the currently inadequate infrastructure surrounding the mega medical facility.

Come 2014, the hospital is expected to bring some 8,000 people to the neighbourhood every day and that number will certainly increase as medical offices set up shop and the agglomeration uses tax breaks to encourage industrial growth in the area.

Westmounters, alongside other locals, questioned how the Vendôme Metro station, already at capacity, will handle the expected crowds. Others, like Mary Stark of Contactivity Centre, asked how people with reduced mobility will be able to access the hospital on foot from de Maisonneuve.

### ‘Recipe for disaster’

Maureen Kiely of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) described the current bike path on de Maisonneuve as a recipe for disaster, while the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association’s Roger Jochym alleged the hospital is too focused on cars.

“We do not have time to plan anymore,” said Jochym. “Plans have to be put into action. What is being constructed right now is, with all the vehicular access, underground parking and exit ramps, on its way to becoming a West Island shopping plaza that is unrelated to the community surrounding it.”

The information session was hosted by the not-for-profit NDG Community Council. The event was held in collaboration



Maureen Kiely of the Westmount Municipal Association cited concerns over the thousands of commuters that will be streaming in once the hospital is built.

with several area organizations, such as the WMA and the Concertation Interquartier (CIQ) — a group that unites St. Henri, NDG and Westmount organizations to maximize the positive benefits of area development. Questions raised during the event will be sent to the hospital and Montreal officials because those same officials declined invitations to attend the assembly.

In a later interview, MUHC’s senior advisor, Caroline Phaneuf, said the invitation to attend was received only after the event was scheduled and staff members were not available on that date. There are also plans on behalf of the city to host a similar information session sometime in October, noted the NDGCC’s executive director.

Phaneuf went on to say that the MUHC’s planning process is unique because of the public private partnership (PPP) which, while Quebecers don’t see a lot of these arrangements, are commonly run in such a way. Plans are being finalized as the building goes up, be it the access points or even the interior design, she said. As it is, there are plans to have tunnel access from the Metro station, and planning for a second entrance, just east of the

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# Ikeman repeats: Glen access only for emergency access

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station, is still in the works. MUHC officials would prefer, she noted, a tunnel that connects de Maisonneuve with the Metro platform and the hospital. However, an open-air pedestrian bridge over the tracks is the cheapest option that has been at the forefront of discussions.

There will be a bike path looping around the facility, she noted, as well as an access point from Glen Rd. While it will only be used by vehicles in emergencies, she said, the gated route will be open to pedestrians and cyclists.

“Our concerns are very similar to the community’s concerns,” said Phaneuf. “They want easy access to the site from

public and active transport, and we want exactly the same thing. We won’t have enough parking for all the cars. We want people to come by public transit, and we want people to feel comfortable coming to a campus that is very welcoming.”

However, contends Westmount city councillor Gary Ikeman, the Glen Rd. access was allowed by the city council solely in order to provide the hospital a secondary emergency access point were there to be a fire or other catastrophic events.

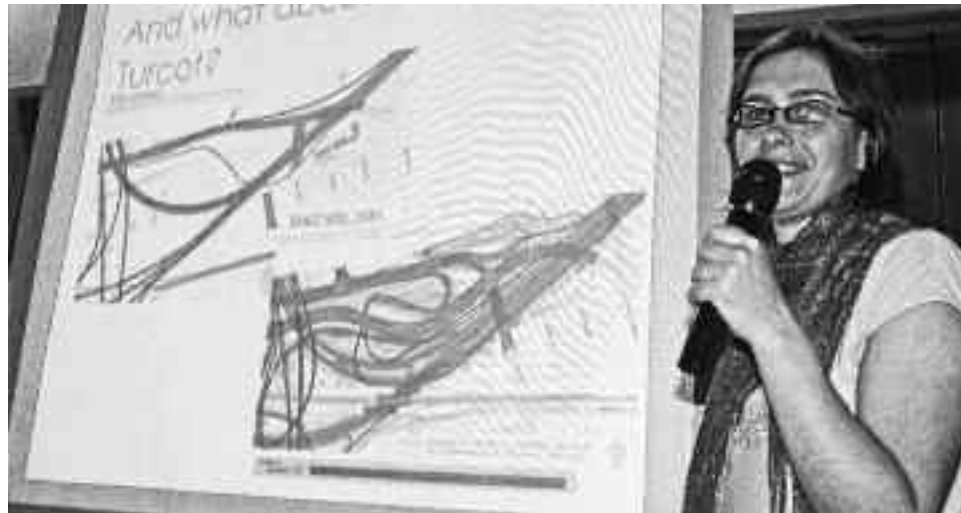
Though the MUHC and Montreal have teamed up to lobby Westmount into renouncing the restrictive zoning by-law, Mayor Peter Trent has not budged. All these access demands, said Ikeman, are coming after the fact and the hospital’s newest announcement, made without consulting local officials, need to be studied before it is given the green light.

“We have not made any decisions about this at all,” he added. “I’m not sure the hospital has any unilateral right to do this.”

There is a potential danger in having northbound cyclists, who ride in the right lane, crossing two-way vehicular and southbound cycle traffic to enter the hospital, he said. Citing the train viaduct,

nearly blind curve, plenty of cars and speedy downhill cyclists, the councillor said safety experts may take issue with walkers and riders merging in and out of that already hectic area.

There are plans, he noted, to have a second access from de Maisonneuve and that, when it comes to cyclists’ access, is “where the emphasis should be. To throw this out without any study, to me, is not very responsible and does no service to cyclists.”



The crowd erupted into laughter when Solidarité St. Henri’s Shannon Franssen unveiled the “before and after” images of what will become of the Turcot interchange if all goes as planned. The “after” is the wet-noodle network of highways in the bottom right of the screen.

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Arena Q&A

# Can the city have more grass at the pool?

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of the arena/pool project committee, has invited Westmounters to write him with questions and comments about the project and plan. You can contact him with further questions at pmartin@westmount.org. Your questions and his answers will appear in subsequent issues of the *Independent*, space permitting. Please indicate whether you want your name published or not.

For reasons of space, Councillor Martin has paraphrased the questions.

**Could you please clarify for me exactly where the entrances/exits and parking will be for the new recreation centre? My mother lives at 200 Lansdowne and is quite concerned about possible increased traffic should the entrance for parking be located on Lansdowne between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine.**

– Katie Malloch, Clarke Ave.

The current plan provides for some parking spaces accessible from Lansdowne with the bulk of the parking accessible from St. Catherine St. Any parking on Lansdowne relative to 200 Lansdowne will be on the opposite side of the street

and further north. There are currently up to 1,600 vehicles per hour during peak traffic at St. Catherine and Lansdowne. In this context your mother should not notice any difference due to the few cars headed to the recreation centre. Keep in mind that on busy hockey nights we have counted as many as 22 cars parked (many illegally) on the link between Academy Rd. and de Maisonneuve; all of these cars, and many of the additional 40 or so that park on Arena Drive, exit via Lansdowne. The closure of this link in fact may result in an overall decrease in traffic on Lansdowne related to the recreation centre. – PM

**When will construction begin? Are they dynamiting underground? How close is this to the Westmount Park School and what protective measures are being taken? Resident of Sherbrooke St.**

Construction of the recreation centre will begin early in the new year, shortly after the winning design/build partner has been selected late this year. Based on the extensive geotechnical studies undertaken, no dynamiting is expected whatsoever. Bedrock is some 100 feet deep, whereas the project will only excavate to about 35 feet. The subsurface soil is mostly loosely packed fill from the 1920s, when the Glen ravines were filled in with soil from excavation and demolition materials from other projects in the area. The site is quite distant from Westmount Park School, and the construction area will be protected by a solid hoarding of at least 2 meters in height. The school children will no doubt be fascinated by the construction activity. – PM

**Considering that there will be a large green (i.e. grassy) area between our future pool and St. Catherine St., would it be possible to use some of this space as a lounging area, in addition to the area**

**immediately surrounding the pool, which will presumably be made of stone or concrete? Recently, I spent time at a pool that had access to such a green area. There was a water basin separating the immediate pool area from the green area, thereby ensuring that people's feet were kept clean when returning to the pool area. Implementing such an idea could have two benefits: 1. having access to a softer ground when there are no more lounge chairs available at the pool; and .) having access to a quieter environment just a few meters away from the pool."**

– Gaël C. Gravenor, Blenheim Pl.

Those are excellent ideas. We plan to incorporate the best hygiene practices in the pool and other operations. Ensuring the water remains without impurities is a priority, as is the provision of adequate lounging areas. – PM

## No lifts, jackhammers on Saturday

Contractors at two separate locations were asked to cease work on Saturday, September 24, to comply with the city's by-law prohibiting the use of heavy equipment on the weekend. Both cooperated.

Public Security officials said the first noise complaint was received at 9:52 am concerning the operation of a mechanical lift at 4865 de Maisonneuve being used by painters. They were given 10 minutes to finish. The next complaint came at 10:17 am from a resident of 2 Westmount Square where noise and vibration was caused by jack hammers in the parking garage.

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# Hurtubise House explored

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This was an opportunity to view one of the oldest and best preserved homes on the island of Montreal, said Jacques Archambault, general manager at Canadian Heritage of Quebec, to visitors before the tour. The farm house was built in 1739 by Pierre Hurtubise on land ceded by Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve around 1650.

The house was lived in continuously by six generations of the Hurtubise family until its sale in 1955, following the death

of Dr. Leopold Hurtubise.

It was rescued through the action of Alice Lighthall, one of the founders of the WHA and a heritage activist. Consequently, Colin J. Molson, his sister Mable and James Beattie bought the property and established Canadian Heritage of Quebec, transferring ownership of the property in 1961. The Hurtubise family house and grounds were officially classified as historical by the Quebec's ministry of Culture, Communications and Status of Women in 2004.

WHA president Doreen Lindsay and vice president Caroline Breslaw gave the first tour showing many of the original features of the house, including a small, dim night light cleverly located in the centre of the first floor and providing illumination to three rooms; large structural beams cut by hand with an adze and joints secured with wooden pins; and a shallow stone sink for washing vegetables that drained through a small hole under a window.

More information can be obtained from the WHA website at [www.westmounthistorical.org](http://www.westmounthistorical.org) or by emailing [info@westmounthistorical.org](mailto:info@westmounthistorical.org).

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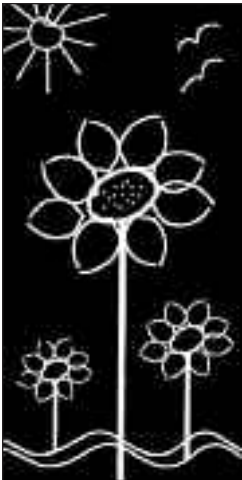
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## After council: New challenges in public life

# Marks joins new Revenue Quebec board

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount taxpayers now have a strong local voice at another level of government with the naming of former mayor Karin Marks to the founding board of l'Agence du Revenu du Québec.

This is the crown corporation created six months ago from Revenue Quebec to give it more flexibility as a separate entity from the government.

"I'm finding it fascinating," she told the *Independent* last week. Marks is also sitting on the agency's HR committee.

The new step in her career, she said, evolved from her experience on the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) board during her mayoralty. She also developed a close working association with Finance and Revenue minister Raymond Bachand over Bill 22, when he was minister for the Montreal region. Bill 22 addressed perceived demerger injustices.

And while she admits she's not "a fiscalist," she said she was asked to join the board for having dealt with a large citizenry. One of the agency's priorities "is to deal with tax evasion as a matter of social equity. I hadn't looked at it that way before."

In the two years since she retired from 18 years on city council – eight as mayor – Marks has also joined the boards of the Atwater Library and Dawson College (where she had taught for almost a

decade), as well as the STM's Governance and Ethics Committee.

### Opened door for Desta

After retiring as mayor, "I started off saying 'no' to everything," she said. But bit by bit, she began accepting positions that had particular appeal, starting with two



Karin Marks

short-term commitments. The first was joining a fundraising committee for Desta – the black youth network in Little Burgundy.

Marks, who founded the Westmount teen centre, had long encouraged the Westmount Sports and Recreation department to support Desta. And, in her new role, she said, she was able to open doors for Desta through her connections in the city of Montreal.

She next joined an organizing committee for an urban planning conference held in Montreal last October by IPAM (the Institut de politiques alternatives de Montréal), an urban planning think tank headed by Phyllis Lambert of the Centre for Canadian Architecture.

The conference, called "Citizens' Agora on Land-Use and Development in the Montreal Metropolitan Region," coincided with the Quebec government's introduction of draft Bill 58 on changes to the Law on Land Use, Planning and Development, as well as preparation of the development plan by the Montreal Metropolitan Community.

Marks was able to draw on information and contacts through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Making Cities Livable conferences to help bring in keynote speakers for the conference from

elsewhere in North America.

"It was an intense amount of work," she said, but her passion for urban planning was what had propelled her into politics in the first place and led her to serve 14 years on Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

She felt the conference was an important way to stimulate interest in Bill 58, whose public hearings have just concluded, and for government officials and others to hear perspectives from other places that have also been dealing with urban sprawl, densification, public transit and environmental issues.

She said she would like to see a payroll tax implemented to help fund public transit. "At the STM, there was so much endless discussion about finding ways for funding."

### Tough giving up STM board

Having to give up the STM board on leaving city council "was one of the saddest things for me," she said. She found the transit commission to be forward thinking and innovative, ..... for which it later received *continued on p. 18*

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## Heures d'ouverture et services municipaux La fête de l'Action de grâces

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**La collecte des résidus alimentaires et de jardinage s'effectuera selon l'horaire régulier.**

## Business Hours and Municipal Services Thanksgiving Holiday

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on **Monday, October 10, 2011** for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on **Sunday, October 9 and Monday, October 10**.

**The kitchen and garden waste collection will take place according to the regular schedule.**

## Marks looking forward to completion of portrait

There's no turning back for former mayor Karin Marks. She has no aspirations to return as mayor one day, she said last week.

"When you go back to something, you expect it to be what it was, so there's always an element of disappointment," she explained.

To underline her conviction, Marks is already having her council chamber portrait painted by Trevor Goring, a former Westmount resident. It's expected to be finished in the spring, she said.

While Marks wants to keep other details under wraps until the painting is unveiled, she disclosed that its style would be "slightly impressionistic" – half way between the contemporary portrayal of the late May Cutler and the more traditional formality of the other mayors.



# Urban forester speaks on Oct. 11

The title of the October 11 talk at the Westmount Horticultural Society (WHS) speaks for itself: “Much more than just green spaces: urban trees, gardens and parks are wealth providers.”

Discussing the issue will be Christian Messier, researcher, author and professor of Forest Ecology at Université du Québec à Montréal, who has worked at the University of Helsinki and has recently co-authored a book on sustainable forest management and another for the general public titled *Ecology for the City*.

“As humans, we live more and more in urban spaces,” Messier states. “So we tend to feel somewhat disconnected from the natural world. To compensate, we garden, plant trees and visit parks in our surroundings.”

“These green spaces look beautiful but they play an increasingly important and often unknown role in our well-being. This talk will look at green spaces in urban areas from the perspective of the social, economic and ecological services they are providing.”

“This is certainly a hot topic,” said Sally Cooke, WHS president, who expects the talk to generate considerable interest.

The monthly meeting takes place in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Pub-

lic Library at 7 pm with doors opening at 6:30 pm. It is also open to non-members at a cost of \$5.

– LS

# Traffic data

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Council will now be discussing ways in which the information can be distributed to residents so they can study the information while council is doing the same during what he called an interim period.

“We need to dig further into the information to be able to prioritize our goals – give direction to the consultants as to what is important to us,” Trent explained. That will lead to the final phase, the recommendations.

While it had been announced that the final report would be complete by the end of the year, he said there is so much information that “we won’t be held hostage to any time frame when we’re trying to map out the future of Westmount traffic.”

“It will be a template for long-term planning, not a magic bullet,” he said. It might take 10 years to implement more costly recommendations such as changes in traffic lights or street engineering.

# Harvest from Westmount’s edible planters goes to NDG Food Depot

Westmount’s edible plant containers were “half-harvested” and their produce distributed two weeks ago in food baskets delivered by the NDG Food Depot.

Marci Babineau, a member of Westmount’s Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC), initiated the harvest as a way to help others eat locally, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chairs HAC. Otherwise, she noted, the contents of the planters will soon become compost as the containers are removed for the winter.

“I’m just so grateful to be living in this local neighbourhood that is embracing the food movement,” Babineau said. “For me, living in Westmount has been such a great boon as we begin to develop our own food culture.”

Among the items harvested September 20, she said, were “loads of” Swiss chard, kale, peppers, sage and basil.” Some of the sage was dried while the rest was distributed September 24 with the other produce as part of the weekly baskets.

– LS



Emily Carpenter, distribution and volunteer coordinator with the NDG Food Depot organizes the harvest collected September 20 from Westmount’s edible planters. The vegetables were distributed to depot clients on September 22.

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## Public Works winner of the annual lawnbowling Mayor's Cup




Westmount employees held their 6th annual Mayor's Cup lawnbowling tournament final on September 21 at the Westmount lawn bowling green. The week before was the round robin tournament, with 45 participants making up 12 teams of four players each. Former director general and VP of the club Bruce St. Louis commented "Over the years, it's been pretty consistent for participation. It involves all city departments and is great for employees to meet others and have a good time together." From left: Jean Blouin of Public Works, Mayor Peter Trent, Stephen Elder and Louise Boucher of Public Works, and Jillian Barnes of Community Events.

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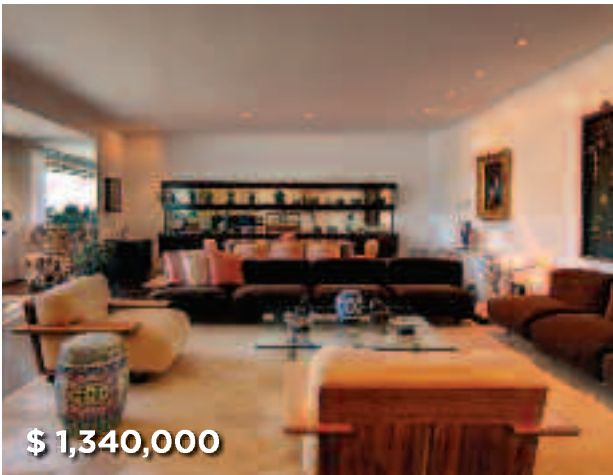
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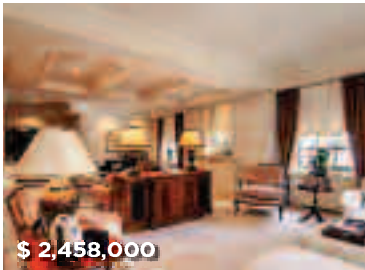
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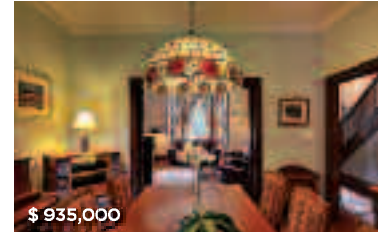
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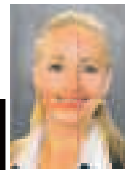
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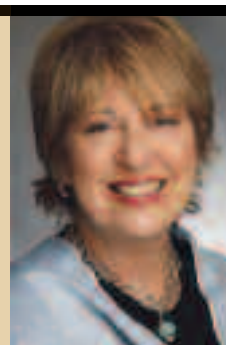
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## Roberts' work purchased by Campbell benefits the Y



When Cynthia Campbell (right) saw a painting hanging in Campbell Gallery that Westmount artist Bruce Roberts (left) had recently donated to the Westmount YMCA, she knew it would look perfect in the stairwell of her Grosvenor Ave. home. The Y is \$2,000 richer today after Campbell purchased the seven-foot wide work depicting galloping horses. The money will be going towards the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, which helps children with special needs and who need financial support. To Roberts' right is Y community initiatives coordinator Vanessa Valente.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Karin Marks

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an award as being the best transportation system in North America.

Along with her new commitments, Marks continues as vice president of the Westmount-St. Louis riding association of the Quebec Liberal Party, a position she has held for 20 years.

She also has more time for family, setting aside one afternoon a week for her five-year-old granddaughter, Kiley Savage, who this fall became the third generation in the family to attend Roslyn School, after her mother, Sue Ann Puddington, and her grandmother.

Marks also enjoys greater flexibility in visiting her mother, Irene Marks, who lives independently in Westmount in her 90s. Karin and her husband, Brian Puddington, have also acquired a house in Venice, Florida.

"When I left council, I didn't know what direction my life would take," she explained. "I had thought I would like to be involved in the private sector but it seems that the things that end up appealing to me are those oriented to public service."

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## Merrill's works featured at McClure



"Outer Space," an exhibition of ink wash drawings created by Montreal artist Michael Merrill (right), opened on September 28 at the McClure Gallery on Victoria Ave., where it runs until Saturday, October 22. Raised on Metcalfe Ave. in Westmount, Merrill is seen here during a vernissage on opening night chatting with fellow Montreal artist Pierre Dorion (left). One of Merrill's works is in the background.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



## Westmount Art Scene

## Figurative Artists: Hayes and Fisher

BY HEATHER BLACK

Local painters Mary Hayes and Liselotte Fisher celebrate the figure in line and colour. Hayes, a watercolourist and in-



Mary Hayes "Dead guy (Prince Philip)"

structor at the Visual Art Centre now adds expressive renditions of historical portraits to her repertoire, while Fisher paints exuberant and dynamic coloured forms.

#### Mary Hayes at the McClure Gallery

"Princes, Monsters and Ghosts" is the title of Hayes' most recent exhibit at the Visual Arts Centre. Painted in rich tones, watercolour renditions of Velasquez's "Prince Philip" or Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" are refreshingly new. Their fluid lines reflect a subtle irreverence.

Pierrot is also a recurring subject for this show. Captured in fluid blue and tan strokes, colours merge with each other to create a harmonious whole, while another is a delicate grey and white composition. In one "Self-portrait," the figure is unmistakably the artist.

But Hayes also returns to her unsentimental portraits of children. In "Halloween," two young girls are captured as devil and angel. Her style of loose colour forms on textured paper relay the immediacy and energy of childhood.

This exhibit also showcased the artist's jewellery line "crankyhayes." Like minia-

tures of yesteryear, Hayes photocopied portraits adorned with pendants she herself designed. This exhibit was the first of the new season at the Visual Art Centre, 350 Victoria Ave.

#### Liselotte Fisher at The Gallery at Victoria Hall

"Then and Now" is the title of Fisher's retrospective of paintings. Executed over a period of four decades, her work is con-

sistently exuberant, irrespective of medium or time.

Fisher's dramatic and oversized self-portraits exude a lively spontaneity. "Self Portrait #1" is an gestural blue line drawing on mylar. "Self Portrait #2" painted in rich rusts and ochres is a coloured version of the first, while "Self Portrait #3" features a green face painted on canvas.

This exhibit also includes traditional still lifes *continued on p. 23*



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# Laliberté's photos from space featured at Galerie de Bellefeuille



Jacques de Bellefeuille of Galerie de Bellefeuille in front of one of Guy Laliberté's photographs taken from space.

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Galerie de Bellefeuille is featuring the world première of Gaia, an exhibition of 150 photos taken by Guy Laliberté while he was in space.

Laliberté is the founder of Cirque du Soleil and of the One Drop Foundation, to which he is donating all proceeds from sales of the photographs and three books.

The exhibition features photos from

350 kilometres above the Earth – so far away that countries and oceans seem like abstract shapes.

The photos come in small, medium and large sizes, as does the book, which has a collector's edition and a coffee table version.

The exhibition runs until mid October, however the gallery, open seven days a week, will continue to display the photos afterwards.



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## Social calendar

## Lots of balls, fundraisers this fall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**The Action Centre Soirée**, 6:30 to 10 pm at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Ave. The evening honours Westmounters Sandra Schlemm, Karen Velan and Rosemary Hoppenheim. Westmount residents Andrew Pepper and Geoffrey Heward are co-chairs. Westmounters on the committee are Alison Jarvis, Anna Goth, Charles Frosst, Connie and Javier San Juan, Harriett and Laurence Moquette, Jodi Lafrenière, Laura Santini, Rosemary and Mel Hoppenheim, Sandra Schlemm and her son Tyler, Sophie Palmer and Suzan Moreau-Desjardins. The eve honours Arthur Porter, director general and CEO, MUHC. Tickets \$175. Includes valet parking. RSVP Joanne Heward, 514.366.6868, ext. 224 or soiree@centreaction.org. Info: www.centreaction.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- **Vie des arts** auction with Westmounter Dorota Kozinski, editor of the English edition, and Bernard Lévy, editor in chief. Curator is Winston McQuade. Alexandre F. Brunet, Catherine Chevette, Felix Antoine Joli-Coeur, Georges Laoun, Robert Poulin, and Paul St-Pierre Plamondon join celebrity chef Chuck Hughes and media personality Philippe Marcoux on the honorary committee. Works of top Quebec artists to be auctioned can be viewed at www.viedesarts.com. 6 pm at Centre Canadien d'Architecture, 1920 Baile St. Tickets \$50. Info: 514.282.0205.
- **Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Montreal Art Auction** honours Westmount gallerists Helen and Jacques de Bellefeuille. Chairs: Sarah Hutman and Alana Shiveck. Espace Reunion, 6:30 pm at 6600 Hutchison. Cocktail dinatoire. Tickets \$100. Info: alanna@montrealchw.ca.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**Atwater Library and Computer Centre Benefit Cocktail** honours Westmounters Julie Keith and Richard Pound. Dennis Trudeau is emcee. 6 pm at 1200 Atwater Ave. Tickets \$125 (\$100 tax receipt). Info: Tanya Mayhew at 514.935.7344 or tanyamayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**Sarah Cook Fund "Grin and Bear It"** black tie gala. 6 pm at Centre CDP Capital – La Parquet. Tickets from \$1,500 (corporate tables of 10). Info: Westmounter Jeff Shamie at 514.934.1934, ext. 71204 or Casey Tabah at 514.934.1934, ext. 71207 or caseytabah@muhc.mcgill.ca. Info: www.sarahsgala.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**Montreal Museum of Fine Arts** museum ball. Westmounter Suzanne Legge Orr presides over the inaugural celebration of the new Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavillion of Quebec and Canadian Art, and the Bourgie Concert Hall. Guests of honour are the Bourgie family. Co-presidents are Normand Hébert, Jr., chairman of Groupe Park Avenue and Westmounter Jeffrey Orr, president and CEO of Power Financial Corporation, 6:30 pm at 1370 Sherbrooke St. Tickets: \$1,000. Info: 514.842.7436 or events@mbamtl.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Congregation Shaar Hashomayim** holds its 165th anniversary event "Music of the Cinema and Stage." Gala multimedia symphony orchestra concerts honours 48 people from the Shaar community who are members, officers and companions of the Order of Canada/British Empire. Info: Arlene Scher at 514.937.9471, ext. 169 or ascher@theshaar.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**Les Fleurons Glorieux Gala** honours Canadian soldiers returning from Afghanistan. Westmounter Paul Desmarais Jr. co-chairs with Pierre Beaudoin, Denis Parent and Louis Vachon, 6 pm at Windsor Station (1160 de la Gauchetière). Info: Jennifer Roman at 514.484.2291.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**St. Mary's 74th ball.** Co-presidents are Donna and Luc Bertrand, with Paul Chacra and 1945 performing, 6 pm at Windsor Station (1160 de la Gauchetière). Info: Nathalie Kamel at 514.734.2694.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Segal Cancer Centre Gala.** Honoree is Westmounter Alvin Segal. Honorary chairs Westmounter E. Leo Kolber with Lucien Bouchard and chancellor Arnold Steinberg, Chairs Harold (Sonny) Gordon, Tony Loffreda and Joel Segal, 6 pm at Windsor Station (1100 Canadiens de Montreal Ave.) Black tie. Info: 514-340-8222, ext. 4602 or agoldman@jgh.mcgill.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Canadian Technion Society's 26th Montreal Gala.** Honoree is Stephan Ouaknine. Chairs are Eric Levy and Marvin Ostin. Featuring 21-year-old Israeli singer songwriter Liel. Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave. Info: Anna Kalles at 514.735.5541 or montreal@cdntech.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Israel Cancer Research Fun and Pink Lady Fund Women of Action Brunch.** Keynote speaker Sheri Salata, president Oprah Winfrey Network. Honorees Véronique Benhamou, Suzanne Costom and Bonnie Rothstein, 11:30 am at Shaar Hashomayim (450 Kensington). Info: 514.481.2723.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Trafalgar School's Father and Daughter Breakfast.** Featuring Westmounters Bill Brownstein, and Bowser and Blue. Info: Christina Marie Phelps 514.935.2644, ext. 219 or cphelps@trafalgar.qc.ca

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**B'nai Brith Gala** honours Westmounter Calin Rovinescu, 6 pm at Fairmont Queen Elizabeth (900 René Lévesque Blvd. W.) Tickets: Cindy Hershon at 514.733.5377, ext. 23 or chershon@bnaibrith.ca.

FRIAY, NOVEMBER 25

**St. Andrew's Society 176th Ball.** Marriott Château Champlain. 1050 de la Gauchetière St. W. Info: 514.842.2030 or info@standrews.qc.ca.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **ORT Benefit Gala** honouring Charles Sirois. Chairs Lois and Gary Alexander, 8 pm at Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts. Tickets: \$175 to \$5,000. Info: Carolyn Joffe at 514.481.2787 or carolynj@ort-montreal.org.
- **Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Key of Knowledge Award.** To be presented to former Westmounter and producer Jake Eberts. Imax Theatre, Montreal Science Centre. Info: Carolyn Steinman 514.932.2133.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- **Annual Toy Tea at Ogilvy**, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Fashion show, school choir performances and guest appearances. Westmounter Claire Kruyt co-chairs with Ginger Petty. Westmount committee members are Andrea Beatty, Elizabeth Dallaire, Anna Goth, Alicia Hamilton, Christine Henderson, Joanne Heward, Sarah Ivory, Jodi Lafrenière, Joanne McLer-

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# The next ‘Coup de Coeur’ winner?



344 Metcalfe is under renovation again.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Is the heritage house at 344 Metcalfe the one that will touch the hearts of Montrealers when they vote online for this year’s island-wide winner of the “La Maison Coup de Coeur” competition?

It all depends on how many online votes it receives at [lamaisoncoupdecoeur.com](http://lamaisoncoupdecoeur.com), said Councillor Cynthia Lulham. Encouraging Westmounters to support the Westmount finalist by voting for #4, she noted that votes must be cast before November 6.

The annual competition is part of the 2011 Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign, which recognizes buildings that have been renovated and maintained

“meticulously” to preserve their heritage quality.

Westmount’s Urban Planning department submitted three entries in the residential category and two commercial ones.

The Metcalfe house, currently owned by Pierre Ancil and Carole Diodati, carried off the “heritage emeritus award” residentially for Westmount and was then selected as one of five finalists from across the island for the “Maison Coup de Coeur” award.

The award was presented to the previous owners, Leigh Mccool and Nino Guerriero, who had undertaken renovations over seven years.

Featured in the campaign’s “Montreal Belles” booklet distributed last week with

## 155-year-old Blakes turns 10



*Westmounters at Blake, Cassels & Graydon, from left, Montreal managing partner Robert Torralbo with lawyers Patrick Shea, Bernard Boucher, Tricia Kuhl, Michael Bantey and Sébastien Vilder at the 10th anniversary of their Montreal office, which took place September 22 at The Belvedere in Old Montreal. The firm itself is 155 years old.*

Photo courtesy of Blakes

the *Gazette*, it has a distinctive setting sun motif in the woodwork detailing of a gabled roof.

Its citation reads: “This remarkable 1880 house features detailed decorative wood giving it a country look. Restoration work on the second-floor balcony as well as woodwork repair on the façade was carried out a few years ago in keeping with the building’s original character.”

**Commercial winner**

In the commercial category, the campaign’s emeritus award was carried off by the two-storey building at 4458-4466 St. Catherine St. at Metcalfe, owned by Michael Dennis. This building houses the Copoli restaurant and Western Cleaners,

among other tenants.

“Designed in 1926 by architects Lawson & Little, this building features brick covering with stone inserts on the upper level of the façades,” its description reads. “An integrated design concept for the main façades and signs was developed in 2006, which brought consistency and fluidity to the original decorative elements.”

Both emeritus winners were honoured at a city of Montreal reception September 23. Other winners can be viewed at [operationpatrimoine.com](http://operationpatrimoine.com).

A previous Coup de Coeur recipient was the Tudor-style house at 12 Aberdeen designed by Robert Findlay and dating from the end of the 19th century.

## Matches and lighters recovered at scene

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police.

No charges were laid against the three but they agreed to stay out of the park for a while. Public safety officers managed to contact the parents of two of the girls to explain what had occurred. One was identified as a Westmount resident. The other two live in NDG.

While the two fire incidents appeared

to be possibly related, officers said if the Hallowell resident had not called to inform them about the suspects, they would never have known about the possible link.

The city’s dispatcher had also suggested that the caller notify 911 since the information might be helpful to the police and fire departments relating to other incidents, within and outside Westmount.

“It’s always important for the proper authorities to be notified,” said Public Security assistant director Greg McBain.



4458-4466 St. Catherine St. at Metcalfe was commercial winner.



## Westmounters attend kick-off fundraising for the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf



From left: Karma Hallward, Martha Hallward, Alexia Calvillo, Anthony Calvillo, Hugh Hallward and John Hallward at Power Corp.'s headquarters on September 13.

Photo: Peter Ford

Montreal Alouettes' quarterback Anthony Calvillo and his wife Alexia joined Westmounters Tom and Linda Birks; Randall and Jeniene (Phillips) Birks; and Raphael and Christine (Stamegna) Kertesz at the launch of "Voices – From Silence to Song" kick-off fundraising campaign to benefit the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD).

The private cocktail party held September 13 was hosted by Power Corporation and its executive vice president John Rae.

The small gathering included Quebec songwriter and performer Gregory Charles and Westmounters Karen Kear-Jodoin, Claude Jodoin, Constance Pathy, Pierre Simard, Hugh and Martha Hallward, John and Karma Hallward, Nancy Dufour Zitzmann, and Isabelle de Gaspé Beaubien.

The funds raised will go directly to supporting Montreal-area children in the school's infant-parent program and diagnostic nursery class.

MOSD, located on St. Catherine St. across from the arena, is a non-profit institution that helps hard-of-hearing children to listen and speak with the help of technology and specialized staff.

More fundraising events are planned for the spring. Visit [www.voicesbenefit.ca](http://www.voicesbenefit.ca) for more details.

## Fisher exhibits at The Gallery

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and references several styles. In "Maybe Biedermeier," a chair is painted against a rich chartreuse background. In the 1971 "Still Life," a fruit and flower scene is impressionistic. Another "Yet Undiscovered #2," muted in tans and greys, features a donkey in a theme that recalls Chagall.

But Fisher also creates scenes that ask us to ponder the human condition. In the vivid blue composition "Making Flowers Dance," a figure tends her garden. But in "No means No," a well-heeled woman in bright orange takes a switch to an outcast, the artist turns to political statement. Fisher's exhibit was the first of the season at The Gallery at Victoria Hall, located at 4626 Sherbrooke St.

Oscar Wilde once wrote: "Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter." Certainly that

statement is true for both Hayes and Fisher. Conveying ideas through story and portraiture, these artists express an irreverent and vivid vision.

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non, Heather Monaghan, Harriett Moquette, Susan Nemec, Sophie Palmer, Sylvia Papachristou-Rourke and Tori Schofield. Tickets: A donation of two or more new, unwrapped, non-violent toys. Ogilvy, 5th floor, 1307 St. Catherine St. W. Info: Ginger Petty 514.934.2292.

• **Cystic Fibrosis Quebec Benefit Gala.** Cocktails at 6 pm. Palais des congrès, 201 Viger Ave. W. Tickets: \$350 and \$450. Info: 514.877.6161 or [evenement@fibrosekystiquequebec.ca](mailto:evenement@fibrosekystiquequebec.ca).

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What's new in Community Events

Music and theatre coming to a hall near you

By VIRGINIA ELLIOTT

Westmount's Community Events department has put together a packed cultural program this fall to bring several world class concerts "nearer to home," as Councillor Nicole Forbes has put it. As city council's commissioner of Culture and Community Services, she believes that Victoria Hall is an ideal location to present

a variety of cultural events for Westmount residents.

"Last June, we hosted a theatre group from France, which brought a wonderful circus comedy to our St. Jean program. This was combined with French-speaking Americans from Maine, who were thrilled to play for an audience that understood the words of their Acadian music! This fall there are shows every month at Victoria

Hall," she said.

Through programs like the Conseil des Arts and Jeunesses Musicales combined with local talent that loves to perform for a home audience, Community Events presents top shows at bottom dollar prices.

World renowned classical guitarist Michael Laucke will be playing on Wednesday, October 12 with Flamenco Fiesta. This performance of flamenco dance and music has wooed audiences around the world.


On Saturday, October 22, there will be a Big Band Dance in true 1930s style with Ballroom Blitz Orchestra. Last year over 200 people flocked to Victoria Hall recalling the days of the Johnny Holmes Orchestra with Oscar Peterson. Although

this famous pianist is no longer with us, his legacy and his piano have remained in the concert hall.


November will see an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan with the Montreal West Operatic Society on Wednesday, November 23, followed by the annual Christmas and Hanukah celebrations in December.

The Westmount city website [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) has more information about these and other events in Westmount in the calendar section. You can always call Victoria Hall at 514.989.5226 for more information.


*Virginia Elliott is assistant community events coordinator with Sports, Recreation and Community Events department.*



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# Rotary relaxes rules and opens up to the public

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

The Rotary Club of Westmount is inviting members of the public to join its lunchtime presentations at Victoria Hall each Wednesday at 12 noon.

“Rotary international has relaxed the rules” in an effort to make the club more accessible to the general public, explained president Ralph Thompson. Previously, membership was only possible through invitation. Now “individuals can come and visit [...] and can become associate members if [they] enjoy coming to the presentations, and they can get a discounted fee. We welcome people to come and join us,” he said.

Thompson is eager to remind the public that Rotary is not exclusively for senior citizens “because it’s a service club, it sounds like something for people that served in World War I,” he joked. “But we also help the community and the areas around Westmount like St. Henri and Point St. Charles.”

Projects run by the Rotary Club of Westmount include Christmas baskets, lifelines for the elderly, garage sales and

humanitarian assistance to individuals. It is also involved in a global fundraising campaign, backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to eradicate polio in developing countries. “There’s a lot going on but it’s also an opportunity to give back to the community,” he explained.

The lunchtime presentations include a catered buffet lunch, served during the “meet and greet.” A fee of \$20 for lunch and \$5 for wine is charged to non members. “It’s tasty, light and very enjoyable. And there’s dessert too!” Thompson said. A raffle for a bottle of wine is held after each presentation.

Some of the upcoming speakers include author Ginger Petty on October 5; Doreen Lindsay, president of Westmount Historical Association, on October 12; and Dr. Richard Lalonde, head of MUCH’s infectious diseases department, on October 19.

Those interested in attending must reserve by calling the Rotary office at 514.935.3344 before Monday, and leaving a voice message. For more information, visit [www.rotarywestmount.org](http://www.rotarywestmount.org).

## Profusion Realty wins Christie’s International Real Estate award



President of Profusion Realty Louise Rémillard (second from right) accepted the Affiliate-of-the-Year Award in London, England on September 14. To the left, Neil Palmer, CEO of Christie’s International Real Estate and Jarvis Slade, managing director, Americas. To the right, Kathleen Coumou, vice president, VP northeast/central region. Rémillard was accepting the award for the medium market, (population between 275,000 and 1,750,000). Profusion opened its doors in January 2009. It now has 45 realtors at its Greene office.

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## ON THE SHELVES

Among recent reading and audio-visual material at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

### Magazine articles

“Rites of return: Odysseus, Don Quixote, modern refugees – some of us never truly leave home behind. On why we travel in circles,” by Abou Farman in *Maisonnette*, summer 2011, p. 34.

“Getting schooled: The re-education of an American teacher,” by Garret Keizer in *Harper’s Magazine*, September 2011, p. 33.

“Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal: Le nouveau pavillon: son et images,” by Marie-Hélène Racicot in *Vie des arts*, summer 2011, p. 30.

### Adult English – Modern India: a land of contradictions...

*The Beautiful and the Damned: A Portrait of the New India* by Siddhartha Deb – A frank look at modern India told through the stories of its hopeful and desperate people, where in a jumbled country of contradictions, BMWs idle before gentle cows.

*India Calling: An Intimate Portrait of a Nation’s Remaking* by Anand Giridharadas – An American-born son of Indian parents describes his stay in India, observing the dilemmas and contradictions of the country and recounting the stories of individuals, from industrialists and religious seekers to entrepreneurs and everyday families.

### Adult French – La rentrée littéraire

*Des vies d’oiseaux* by Véronique Ovaldé – The first books of the autumn crop have just come in, and Ovaldé follows up on her best-selling novel with this mix of comedy, mystery and family drama set in an imaginary country somewhere in South America. Newfound love is the central theme, in which a housewife experiences a strange break-in at her home while her teenage daughter elopes with a mysterious gardener.

*L’équation africaine* by Yasmina Khadra – Trying to overcome the pain caused by his wife’s suicide, Kurt Krausman embarks on a sailing trip. Horror awaits him as he is captured by pirates off the Somali coast and carted off on a journey through Somalia and Sudan. He will discover the contradictions of Africa: sometimes irrational and violent, but also proud and courageous.

### DVDs

*Jane Eyre* – When orphaned governess Jane Eyre arrives at imposing Thornfield Hall, she’s intrigued by her brooding,

wealthy employer, Rochester. His dark moods and the strange occurrences in the house lead her to discover a terrible secret that he had hoped to hide from her forever.

*The Lincoln Lawyer* – Michael Haller is a slick, charismatic Los Angeles criminal defense attorney, who operates out of the back of his Lincoln Town Car. Having spent most of his career defending petty, gutter-variety criminals, Michael unexpectedly lands the case of a lifetime. What initially appears to be a straightforward case with a big money payoff develops into a deadly match between two masters of manipulation and a crisis of conscience.

### Novels for 9 to 12 year olds

*The Girl who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of her own Making* by Catherynne Valente – 12-year-old September is invited to Fairyland by the Green Wind and a Leopard. When she arrives, she realizes that the land is in chaos and it will be up to her and her newfound friends to restore order.

*Théo et l’énigme des diamants* by Didier Leterq – Eleven-year-old Théo discovers a mysterious message hidden in an envelope at the bottom of a garbage can. With the help of his grandfather, a former British spy, Théo embarks on an exciting adventure to try to solve the mystery.

### Reference

*Encyclopedia of nanoscience and society*  
*Historical dictionary of surrealism* by Keith Aspley.

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## Rubin named chair of the JGH Foundation



Lexington Ave.'s Allen Rubin was recently elected chair of the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) Foundation. Born and raised in Montreal, Rubin is vice president of operations at Reitmans (Canada).

He has been associated with the hospital since join-

ing its board of directors in 2001, serving as both secretary of the foundation and vice chair. Rubin chaired the Weekend to End Women's Cancers in 2006 and 2007, and with his wife Sarah, co-chaired the 2010 Doctors' Gala.

Rubin's friend and Lexington Ave. neighbour Richard Dubrovsky was recently named president of JGH's board of directors. (See September 6, p. 12).



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- A **gambling awareness workshop** will be held at the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St.) from 7 pm to 8:30 pm by La Maison Jean Lapointe. Free. RSVP: Vanessa Valente 514.931.6770, ext. 230 or [vanessa.valente@ymcaquebec.org](mailto:vanessa.valente@ymcaquebec.org).
- Montreal author **Lisa Bolontzakis** and illustrator **Daniela Zekina** present their latest book *Autumn: The In-Between Season* at 10:30 am at the Westmount Public Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Centre Greene Café**, 9:30 am until 1 pm. Homemade soups (vegetarian as well), snacks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, served at a reasonable price.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Sundays at the Shaar presents **Ira Robinson**, Concordia professor of Judaic studies, on "Peace in the Middle East – Dream or Possibility?" Lunch at 12 pm; lecture at 1 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Cost: \$5 for lunch and lecture. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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- "Much more than just green spaces: urban trees, gardens and parks are wealth providers," hosted by the **Westmount Horticultural Society** in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library at 7 pm; doors open at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$5 for non-members. See p. 12.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- **Guitarist Michael Laucke** plays classical works in flamenco style accompanied by the dance troupe **Fiesta Flamenco**, from 7 pm to 1 am at Victoria Hall. Cash bar featuring sangria and tapas. Tickets: \$15; seniors \$10 available at the Community Events office at Victoria Hall or at the door.
- Author **Mary Soderstrom** leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library.
- **Seniors' luncheon** at Centre Greene. Three-course, home-cooked meal, served at 12:15 pm. Cost: \$5. RSVP: 514.931.6202.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- **The Montreal Storytellers' Guild** presents Carolyn Lancaster who will share stories about growing up in England and Ariel Balevi, a storyteller of Persian folklore, who will tell stories on Rumi, from 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Storytelling events occur on the second Thursday of the month. Open to call. Free. Info: [www.mtlstorytellers.wordpress.com](http://www.mtlstorytellers.wordpress.com) or 514.593.9947.
- Artist **Mark Andrews'** exhibition "De-Notations" runs from October 13 to November 5 at The Gallery at Victoria Hall (4626, Sherbrooke St.). Info: 514.989.5521.
- **Muriel Gold**, theatre educator and director, discusses the development of theatre in Montreal, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Household hazardous waste collection** from 9 am to 5 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Includes collection of paint, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, used clothing and used electronics. Info: Marina Peter with Public Works at 514.989.5390.

- **St. Matthias' Church fall rummage sale** at 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd., 10 am to 1 pm in the lower hall. Info: 514.933.4295.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- **Westmount Municipal Association** meeting, 7 pm in the Westmount Public Library.

## Call for senior volunteers to help youth read and write

Seniors with a love of creative writing and reading, enthusiasm and patience are encouraged to volunteer to work collaboratively with students from grades 3 to 6 on reading and writing projects over the course of 10 weeks. Meeting once a week for an hour, senior volunteers will work with their student partners to create, write and edit poems, short stories and biographies, under the instructions of a monitor. This program will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St.).

The session begins on Tuesday, October 11 and runs until Tuesday, December 13.

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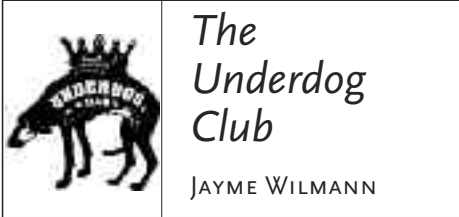
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# Bloom: What's in name?



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In *Romeo and Juliet*, it was proclaimed “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

Bloom, despite her flowery name, smells infinitely more like a dog than a rose. However, Shakespeare’s sentiment certainly rings true as this beautiful one-and-a-half-year-old great Dane mix has managed to charm her way into the hearts of everyone around her – and did so even before she had a name!

Found as a stray in a cornfield near Huntington, Quebec, Bloom was not only nameless but homeless as well. The couple that found her saw her gorgeous face peeking out at them curiously through the corn stalks and assumed that she belonged to a local resident. It was only as she drew nearer that they realized the dog had clearly been left behind as she was emaciated and had some obvious physical problems.

Bloom has a rounded spine and a bent leg with a turned-out paw, which are likely

congenital abnormalities. Her foster mum has made an appointment for her to see a specialist for further assessment.

In spite of the fact that she will likely need to be on medication for the rest of her life in order to manage the pain caused by her condition, you will never see Bloom feeling sorry for herself. And you have never met a dog with a sweeter disposition.

Great with people and other dogs, she is also good with children and would thrive in almost any family setting.

While small for a great Dane at 85 lbs, Bloom loves to cuddle and considers herself a lap dog! A country girl through and through, Bloom is eager to adjust to city life by taking on new tasks such as on-leash walking and house training, which are both coming along nicely thanks to daily practice with her foster parents.

Whether it be house of Capulet, Montague or anything in between, this sweet girl just wants a home with few stairs and a family to love her, somewhere she can, well, bloom.

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Bloom

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His brother Peter is a black and white mini work of art with dark eyes like his brother, a contrast when they are snuggling!

They are both very funny and curious, quite the sociable pair that really like cuddling up to people. They have started eat-



*Tippy and Peter*

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# Sidewalk sale over, Greene Ave. merchants prepare for Christmas

By MARTIN C. BARRY

While declaring the recent sidewalk sale by the store owners of Greene Ave. a resounding success, the head of the merchants' association said preparations are under way for another promotional event this holiday season.

On September 23 and 24, participating businesses on Greene displayed their wares outside, gave away recyclable shopping bags printed with the merchants' association logo and distributed copies of a directory listing all of its members.

For part of the event, which was the first to be held on Greene in many years, the parking lot near Sherbrooke St. up to de Maisonneuve Blvd. was closed so that shoppers could walk unconstrained by cars. Musicians performed and a number of community groups interacted with the public.

"I believe there was a lot more customer traffic than there is normally," said

West End Gallery owner Michael Millman, who heads the association. "It worked better for some people than others. I think the restaurants did quite well. I think most of the merchants we've talked to are pleased."

According to Millman, the overall feeling among the business owners about such events is positive and they seem ready to continue. "We're already talking about doing some sort of promotion for Christmas,"

he said, adding that it will probably be taking place on the last three days before the



Healthy City Project's Jenny Patton, volunteer Louise Girouard and Councillor Nicole Forbes take part in Greene Ave.'s merchants' street festival and car-free day September 24, handing out counter compost buckets to residents. Several community groups participated, including the Girl Guides and the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. Photo: a friendly passer-by

holiday. In the meantime, the association is working with the city of Westmount to install festive holiday lighting on Greene Ave. Some other ideas include banners hung from lamp posts, strolling carolers and free hot mulled cider.

In addition to these endeavors, the association is in the process of updating its web site with more information and better indexing. It will soon also be publishing the Christmas holiday version of its directory of merchants.

After starting out with no more than a half-dozen members about a year ago, the Greene Ave. merchants' association now has nearly 30. "I think everybody believes there's a certain benefit from being part of the collectivity," said Millman.



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## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES Concert : Michael Laucke

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Veuillez vous joindre à David Franklin, Consul Honoraire d'Islande, le mercredi 19 octobre à 14 h pour une conférence à propos de l'Islande accompagnée d'une projection de photographies. L'Islande est connue comme un pays de mares de boue bouillonnante, de geysers, glaciers et chutes, mais c'est aussi un haut-lieu des sports d'aventure. Info : 514 989-5386.

## Extravaganza de l'Halloween

Décorez une citrouille à la maison (aucun découpage s'il vous plaît) et venez la porter à la bibliothèque entre le 1<sup>er</sup> et 28 octobre, pour obtenir votre billet afin d'assister à notre 14<sup>e</sup> édition de la Grande fête de l'Halloween le samedi 29 octobre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5229. 🌿



## TRAVAUX PUBLICS Collecte RDD le 15 octobre

Disposez en toute sécurité de vos restes de peinture et de solvants, de vos piles usagées, de vos pesticides et autres substances dangereuses en les apportant au stationnement de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount le samedi 15 octobre entre 9 h et 17 h. Une collecte de vêtements usagés et d'équipements électroniques usagés aura également lieu à cette occasion. Info : 514 989-5390.

## Travaux de réhabilitation d'une conduite d'eau principale

La Ville de Montréal effectuera des travaux de réhabilitation de la conduite d'eau principale située dans le boulevard De Maisonneuve entre des avenues Melville et Lansdowne jusqu'à la fin du mois de novembre. Des entraves à la circulation ainsi qu'au stationnement sont à prévoir dans les rues adjacentes. Consultez [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) ou [www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/chantiers](http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/chantiers) pour plus de renseignements. 🌿



## CITY HALL Office Hours and Municipal Services

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Sports and Recreation, and Public Security) will be closed on Monday, October 10 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on both Sunday, October 9 and Monday, October 10. The kitchen and garden waste collection will take place according to the regular schedule. Info: 514 989-5226. 🌿



## COMMUNITY EVENTS Concert: Michael Laucke

Michael Laucke, "one of the world's greatest guitarists" (New York Post, Eugenia Sheppard), will be playing classical works and pieces in his popular flamenco style on Wednesday, October 12, in the concert Hall at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke W. accompanied by the dance troupe Fiesta Flamenco. Tickets are \$15, seniors \$10 available at the Community Events Office at Victoria Hall or at the door. Info: 514 989-5521.

## Volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels

Task: Delivery of meals to shut-ins. The meals are prepared and ready. You will have your own private chauffeur. 2 hours - Mondays or Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Vicinity of St.Matthias Church in Westmount. Phone Bob: 514 846-0024. 🌿



## LIBRARY Chess and Scrabble Club

Our Chess and Scrabble club will meet on Friday, October 7 at 2 p.m. Drop by for a friendly game as we look forward to meeting new players. Info: 514 989-5386.

## English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 as they discuss *Far from the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy. Info: 514 989-5386.

[www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org)  
info : 514 989-5200



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## DATEBOOK

### October 15 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
Westmount Public Library Parking Lot

### November 7 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall

## 2 O'clock Series – Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice

Join David Franklin, Honorary Consul of Iceland for this stunning visual presentation of Iceland on Wednesday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. While Iceland is known as a land of boiling mud pools, spurting geysers, glaciers and waterfalls, it is also an adventure playground. Its breathtaking landscape is an inspiration to artists and photographers. Info: 514 989-5386.

## Halloween Extravaganza

Decorate a pumpkin at home (no carving please) and bring it to the Library between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 28. Then, pick up your ticket for our 14<sup>th</sup> annual family Halloween Extravaganza Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Info 514 989-5229. 🌿



## PUBLIC WORKS HHW Collection October 15<sup>th</sup>

Safely dispose of your leftover paints, solvents, used batteries, pesticides, etc. by bringing them to the parking lot of the Westmount Library on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Used clothing and used electronics will be collected the same day. Info: 514 989-5390.

## Water Main Rehabilitation work

The City of Montreal will carry out work on the water main located at De Maisonneuve Boulevard between Melville and Lansdowne Avenues until late November, affecting parking and traffic flow in the immediate area. To find out more, consult [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) or [www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/chantiers](http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/chantiers). 🌿



# The ‘Mac’ Ball decorated by Dick Walsh



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The annual ball at the Musée d'art con-

temporain (affectionately known as “the MAC”), held this year on September 10, is always one of the most interesting of the fall social season. This year was no exception with an amazing decor created by design guru Dick Walsh.

Huge shiny black club house chairs, glossy white armchairs and hot pink sofas for three were paired with the “Ghost Chair,” the Philippe Starck piece that is

fabulously chic without taking up space: it is made of transparent lucite. This incredible lightness of beauty was repeated with translucent tables with snow white bouquets in shiny silver urns.

Classical ballet students who swung – yes, on swings! – wore classic white tutus and danced delicately throughout the night.

Debbie Zakaib chaired the organizing committee of the MAC Foundation, comprising Marie-Claude Tellier, François Dufresne (chair), Chantal Dufresne, Robert Côté, Nathalie Goyette, Eleonore Derome, Dominique Lancôt, Katerine Rochleau and Danièle Patenaude.

On the red carpet the elegant arrivals were greeted by the MAC’s director Paulette Gagnon and chair Marc DeSerres with Céline Blanchet.

Guests included Christine St-Pierre, minister of Culture, Communications and Status of Women; Suzanne Tellier and Gérard Tremblay, mayor of Montreal; René Guimond, VP of public affairs and communications, Cogeco; Manuela Goya, secretary general, Montreal, Cultural Metropolis; designers Marie

Saint-Pierre and Jean-Claude Poitras; and Westmounters Claudine and Stephen Bronfman.



Marc DeSerres and Christine St-Pierre.

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## Strathcona street party marks the end of summer



The annual Strathcona Ave. party was held on September 11.

Photo courtesy of Alicia Hamilton

## Davids Tea creates Kanpe brand to support Haiti



The Davids Tea outlet on Sherbrooke St. unveiled one of the latest additions to its selection of teas on September 22. Kanpe tea was created in collaboration with Montreal-based and NGO Kanpe, which supports agriculture, nutrition, education, safe housing and health programs in Haiti. Kanpe's co-founder, Dominique Anglade, is a Westmounter. All profits from the sales of the tea are being donated to Kanpe. Seen here are Davids Tea employees Jean-Marc Bennett and Cassandra Rudolph-Métivier.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

### Electronic *Independents* available

Enjoy the *Indie* at supper time on Tuesdays! Sign up by writing us: [office@westmountindependent.com](mailto:office@westmountindependent.com).

## OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2011



Take a tour, and see classes in action: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

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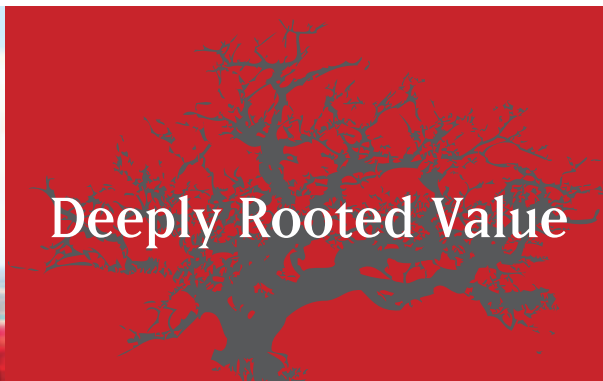
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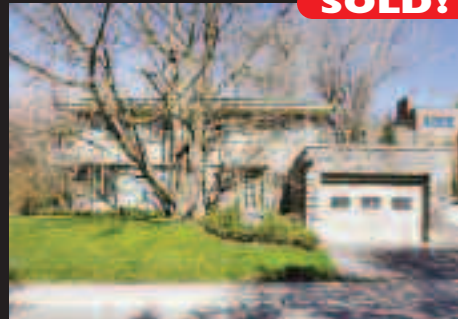
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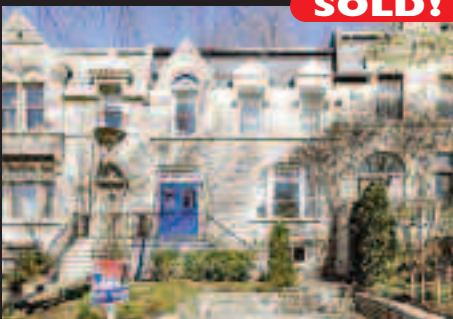
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