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Other garbage changes to come

# By-law to ban recycling, compostables in garbage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's goodbye to the plastic leaf bag and hello to putting out the blue box the night before pick-up.

Those are two of many changes that will affect Westmounters' garbage habits in 2012 that have come to light with the in-

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Underdog BY C. LEE p. 33 Social Notes BY V. REDGRAVE p. 38 Comin' Up p. 12 • Letters p. 10 troduction of a new garbage by-law presented by city council without comment at its October 3 meeting.

The proposed draft reflects Montreal's by-law that sets out the do's and dont's of what will be accepted at the island's recycling and composting treatment centres.

It also restricts from the regular garbage those items being banned from landfill by federal and provincial governments over the next three or four years, said city environmental coordinator Marina Peter.

The bottom line for anyone not currently participating in ......blue box, green bin or continued on p. 14

Lynx win final while hosting in Kahnawake



The Westmount Lynx U16 lacrosse team won 15-4 against Vallée du Richelieu, October 23. See p. 10.

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# Metro grocery re-organizes shelves after 10 years

By Lauren O'Loughlen

It was a "real puzzle" re-organizing the store, but the Metro grocery at 4840 Sherbrooke St. succeeded in overhauling its shelving on September 30 to accommodate more products and an increasing variety of goods.

Owner Graham Fletcher explained that though some shoppers reacted negatively

to the changes, it was much needed. "It's unbelievable how upset some customers can get. I've had some come up to me and say: 'you've ruined the store!'"

He went on to explain "the last time we [re-organized the shelves] was 10 years ago. Since then, there have been so many new items – some sections are now too small or too big."

One example showing continued on p. 29



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# Community in Blooms results

# City maintains top rating, mention for heritage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount has maintained its top, five-bloom rating in this year's Communities in Bloom competition with special mention for its national heritage designation.

The "international challenge for large population category" in which it was a finalist was won by Charlottetown, PEI with a special mention for "sustainability in action."

Announced October 29 at the awards presentation in Quebec City, the results included judges' comments describing Westmount as "a vibrant urban community with beautiful tree-lined streets, lovely parks and green spaces and exquisite heritage neighbourhoods.

"The City has and continues to make substantial investment in public infrastructure, green spaces, heritage conservation, public safety and tidiness efforts, resulting in great pride of place."

It went on to note that in 2011, West-

# Flashed twice and left

A man wearing only a bath robe was reported to have disappeared in a green pick-up after two flashing incidents October 24, Public Security officials said. While officers were looking for the exhibitionist based on a call at 7:19 am to Arlington and Chesterfield – a non-existent location – they encountered a second complainant.

This woman reported a similar experience at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke and stated the man had climbed into the pick-up in the lane behind Pier I and other stores.

mount was recognized by Canadian Heritage as a site of national historic significance for its heritage neighbourhoods, in particular its efforts toward heritage conservation and sustainability.

Representing Westmount at the ceremony were Virginia Elliott, assistant Community Events' coordinator, and Jayme Gerbrandt, assistant horticulturist. Westmount horticulturist Claudette Savaria is the national chair of Communities of Bloom.

"I'm very proud of their efforts, as well as our volunteers that helped us maintain our standing," said councillor Cynthia Lulham.

Finalists registered along in the "large city" category, along with Westmount and Charlottetown, were Arroyo, California; Leduc, Alberta; Laytham, UK; Pembrooke, Ontario; Rosemere, Quebec; and Toda City, Japan.

Cities were evaluated on tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscaped areas, turf and ground covers, floral displays and community involvement, as well as sustainable development.

# Cars vandalized on Academy

Four cars had windows broken October 23 on Academy Rd., Public Security officials said. Investigating a report of vandalism at 9:39 am, public safety officers found the damage on a Toyota, Nissan, Hyundai and Volkswagen. Owners were traced through parking permits and advised to call police.





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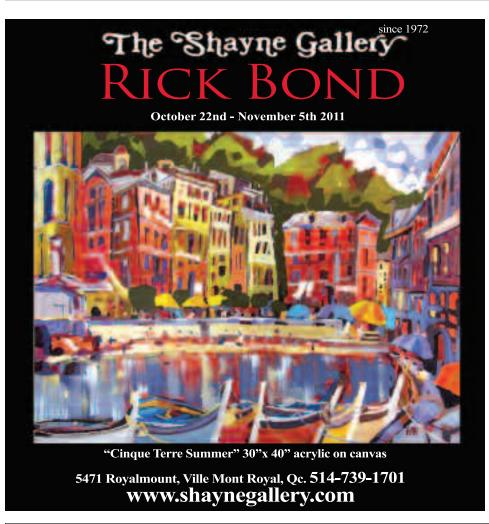






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# Halloween with the Mad Hatter



Playing the role of the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland, Andrew Katz was one of many volunteers and staff who provided clues to children who played a mystery game during a Whodunit Halloween event staged by the children's department at the Westmount Public Library October 30. There were also prizes for decorated pumpkins, cake was served and goody bags were handed out to the kids. Inset photo: One of the entries in the pumpkin decorating contest.

# Should I sell my own home: What you should know

FSBO (For Sale by owner) has become a hot trend. In a strong real estate market it might become enticing to consider selling your home yourself. People are cutting back anyway they can and are trying to put more money in their pockets. Selling your home is a risky business and a full time job. Not to mention the financial and legal complexities one can face during a transaction. Selling a property in today's market can be daunting even for those who are working with an agent. When you choose to put your home on the market yourself you are responsible to price, position, market, stage, show, negotiate, understand the legal contracts and disclosure requirements and coordinate your closing. If all this does not seem overwhelming here are some questions you should ask yourself before embarking on the FSBO ad-

# Do I know how to price my home so that it is competitive in today's market?

As we have mentioned in passed articles pricing your home is part art and part science. Your agent's job is to know your market up to the minute. Agents often see homes within the first few days on the market, either with clients or during broker inspections.

# Can I be unbiased about my properties value?

Selling is an emotional process but so is pricing. Most home owners have a hard time viewing their home as strictly a commodity.

# Do I have the required time to market and show my home?

An agent is always on call and often is called

at the last minute to show a home. It is not often that your schedule will accommodate mid-day visits let alone last minute requests. Not being able to accommodate a buyer means you might lose them to competition.

# Do I know how to market my property properly?

Have you ever sold a home before? Do you know what terms to use to attract the right buyer to your home? Do you know how to reach that demographic? Your agent has access to an array of advertising and marketing forums. They know how and where to reach your home's buyer.

# Do I know how to prescreen potential buyers so they do not waste my time?

No one likes to have their time wasted. Agents know what questions to ask potential buyers when first contacting them. Agents are able to profile buyers without seeming intrusive.

# Do I know what I have to say and more importantly what not to say to potential buyers?

Disclosure is a necessary evil. To legally protect yourself you must tell potential buyers of any serious issues with your home. However one must be careful not to turn buyers off by overly alarming them. An agent knows how to protect you from liability and misrepresentation.

# Do I know what is required to prove financing when an offer is accepted?

Has a potential buyer given you in writing how they will be paying for your home? What documents are required for a mortgage, cash sale, or balance of sale? Agents work hand in hand with mortgage brokers and financial institutions. They can often judge from the financing section of the offer whether or not a buyer will be able to acquire the necessary funds

# Do I know what legal documents are required and how to read them?

It is an agent's job to make sure that both seller and buyer understand the terms and conditions of an offer and that all required paper work is filled out properly. They set short delays and conditions so that your home is sold ASAP. The wording used can often be confusing. Without an agent you cannot be sure that a savvy buyer is not trying to take advantage of you.

# Would you know how to proceed in a multiple offer situation?

When in this situation it is often very easy to become overly ambitious and loose all offers. It is important to time things properly. An agent knows how to keep you in the driver's seat without loosing buyer's interest.

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# Do I know what to do if anything goes sideways?

Do I know how to negotiate after a negative inspection? Do I know what the disclosure implications are for future buyers? Agents deal with less then perfect inspections all the time. They know whom to call and how to find the



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If you are still convinced that you want to try your hand at this risky business be aware that buyers will expect a discount on your price because they know you are saving on commission, agents with potential buyers will still expect commission (2.5%) and you will still have to pay for marketing and closing fees. If you have now embraced the idea of using a realtor, trust that they will do their best to cover you from the start of your deal until the finish. It is their job to ensure that you feel that the brokerage fees are money well spent.

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# Academy water work set for Oct. 31

Work to install the new sewer and water lines on Academy Rd. and Park Place was slated to start October 31. This is a week's delay caused by a possible strike by Quebec construction workers.

The new date was announced in a notice October 26 to residents in the area as well as businesses and institutions on nearby St. Catherine St.

The first phase of work will include the installation of a new manhole on St. Catherine at Park Place scheduled to take one week. Traffic is expected to continue in both directions on the main artery except at the intersection where lights will be modified accordingly.

Parking permits were reported to have been sent October 21 to residents of Academy and the west side of Park Place, where the street will be torn up.

The \$500,000 project is not expected to affect water service and is scheduled to last throughout November. The replacement and partial relocation of water and sewer lines will allow for excavation of the arena/pool project expected early next year (see October 11, p. 3).

# de Mais. repaving starts Oct. 31

Work to resurface de Maisonneuve, from Wood to Greene, was slated to start Monday, October 31 and continue to November 9, weather permitting.

One lane of traffic is to be kept open at all times, according to a notice sent to residents of the area from Public Works October 28. The work is not expected to affect traffic or parking on Greene.

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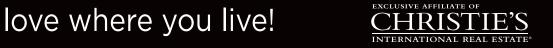
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# Contingent here for Communities in Bloom

# Japanese delegation seeks Westmount's best practices

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A delegation of 32 community volunteers from Toda City, Japan, received a warm welcome when the group came to Westmount October 26 to learn about this city's "secrets to success" as a longtime winner in the Communities in Bloom competition.

The contingent was en route to the annual symposium and awards ceremony in





Visitors from Japan are welcomed in the council chamber October 26 by Mayor Peter Trent (wearing the chain of office) and Councillor Cynthia Lulham, to the left in the back row.

Quebec City in this year's contest. Westmount is again participating in the international category (see story p. 3).



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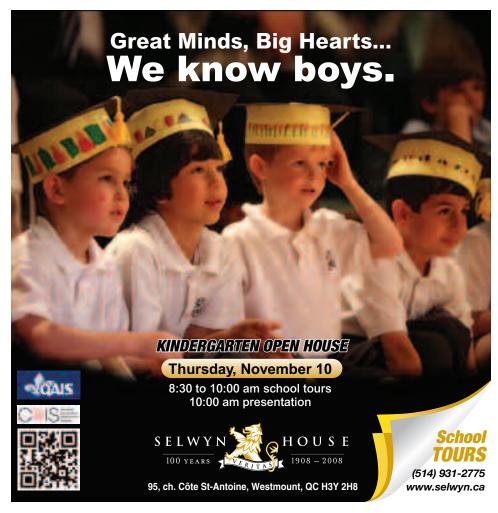
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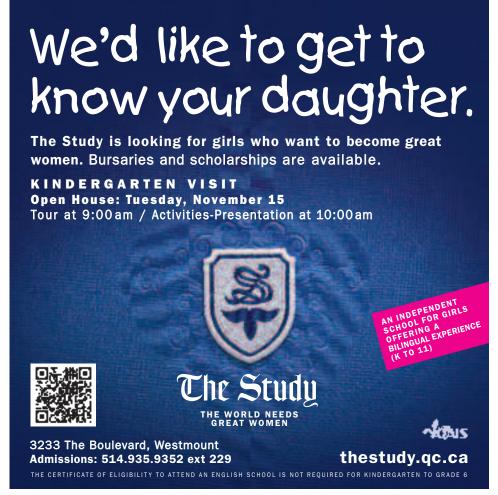
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# Japanese delegation

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along with environmental and horticultural initiatives.

The visitors were greeted at a city hall assembly before taking a tour of Summit Woods and its environs, lunching with the Rotary Club of Westmount at Victoria Hall and attending a presentation on the city's community programs.

# Defined by parks

Westmount's three main parks "help define who we are and reveal how much we revere nature," Mayor Peter Trent told the visitors in describing Summit Woods, as well as Murray and Westmount parks.

For the occasion, the Japanese flag with its rising sun stood prominently in the council chamber alongside those of Canada and Westmount. Interestingly, Westmount's depicts the setting sun.

After speeches, exchanges of gifts and a lengthy signing of the visitors' book, Takashi Nakanao, a Toda City council member, told the *Independent* through an interpreter that his municipality was the first in Japan to initiate a unique composting project.

The program encourages residents to

bring their table scraps to a central depot. In return, they receive seedlings of floral plants grown using the compost by handicapped persons who are paid for their

Councillor Cynthia Lulham led the tour of the summit accompanied by Japan's acting consul general in Montreal, Takanari Kakuda, and Japanese Westmounter Shigeko Betts, who was introduced as "a champion lawn bowler."

During the Rotary lunch, Mitsuo Akatsuka presented greetings from the Rotary Club of Toda, to which he belongs. Floral displays were provided by Adrianne Dobel of the Westmount Ikebana group.

Later, assistant city horticulturist Jayme Gerbrandt described the city programs, and the delegation was given a copy of the city's thick binder for Communities in Bloom judges, detailing Westmount's community profile and programs. "I call it our secrets to success," Lulham said.

Visitor Yoshi Takishima, representing the "Japan in Bloom" arm of Communities in Bloom, announced he would be sending Westmount a cherry tree to plant in commemoration of the visit (see separate story).

# Replacing Marler's cherry trees

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's historical connection with Japan came full circle October 26 with the promise of a "real" cherry tree from Japan to be planted in Murray Park where 50 once stood.

The offer came from Yoshi Takishima, a member of the visiting delegation from Toda City, Japan, on learning about the original trees that had been sent to the city by Westmounter Herbert M. Marler in 1933 during his term as Canada's first ambassador to Japan.

"Apparently cherry trees don't have a long life," explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chairs the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC).

"We don't know exactly where the trees were planted, only that the city's annual report for 1933 records they had been sent to the city by Marler and planted in Murray Park. I'd be interested in knowing if anyone remembers them," she added.

In relaying the information to the Japanese visitors, Lulham announced the city wanted to plant a cherry tree in Murray Park to commemorate the visit, which prompted the offer of one to come directly from Japan.

The cherry grows in the wild in Japan, and hundreds of cultivated varieties are grown throughout the country. The flower is the country's unofficial national

Interestingly, Marler (1876-1940), who lived on Holton Ave., had been sent to Japan in 1929, bearing the title of "envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Canada" to the empire of Japan. He was knighted in 1935 for his services and returned from the posting in 1936.

He was the third person ever appointed by the Canadian government as an envoy abroad with full diplomatic sta-

Marler's brother George served between 1942 and 1968 as Westmount's elected provincial and federal representatives and was a minister in the St. Laurent and Lesage cabinets.

One of George's daughters is Eve Aspinall, long-time community volunteer, who is married to former city councillor Phillip Aspinall. Her uncle Herbert was also her godfather.

"I didn't know he had sent cherry trees to Westmount," she told the *Independent*.



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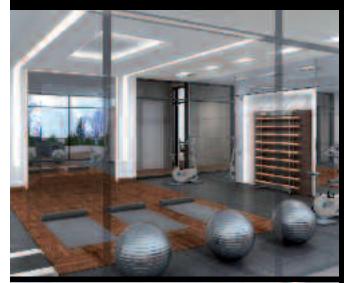
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Arena Q&A

# No underground stream exists, bonding will fix price

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.

Question: The Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) project is unlike any that has ever been built anywhere. It is largely underground and only meters from an underground river with measurable volumes. This project may be subject to serious revisions, uncertainties and the possibility of costly modifications as it progresses. The final product may be subject to unforeseen maintenance issues that may haunt us forever. We should eliminate the "pioneer-

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of earena/pool project committee, has ined Westmounters to write him with estions and comments about the project and plan. You can contact him with fur-ingressing assistance of this project and simplify it and reduce the possibility of surprises. I would hate to see Westmount burdened with on-going costs long after this administration is retired.

Resident, St. Catherine St.

Answer: First of all, I can affirm once again most assuredly that there are no underground rivers or streams in this area. That is a myth, no doubt based on the existence 100 years ago of surface streams that had cut ravines through the Glen. The ravines were filled in the 1920s, and the water was channelled into sewers. Consequently, the water table today is at least 45 feet below the surface. The WRC project will only excavate about 30 feet. It is not expected that any significant amount of water be encountered.

There is nothing pioneering technologically about the project. Most new apartment buildings in the area have garages this deep, and they have the additional difficulty of venting car exhaust; the WRC will have continued on p. 31



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### KEEP THE BIKE PATH OPEN

It is reported that Westmount will close the de Maisonneuve bike path this winter despite resident support in the IPSOS poll. This is a testament to the city's lack of commitment to active transportation and contradicts its own objectives in its Sustainable Development Plan and Traffic Master Plan, which seek to reduce motor vehicle traffic and promote active transportation for our health, the environment and our pocket books.

Cycling cannot contribute to that shift if bike paths are closed from November to April.

Evidently the city's reasons for closing the path are construction projects near the path and the need to modify traditional snow removal methods. Our research indicates that none of the projects will require closure of the bike path, and the city need only adopt snow removal methods used by Montreal, which clears 35 km of bike paths in winter – not rocket science.

The city also claims concern about cyclists' safety. However, closing the de Maisonneuve bike path will force winter cyclists onto Sherbrooke St. or St. Catherine St., both significantly more risky for cyclists. These risks include more traffic, higher vehicle speeds, buses, trucks, risk of dooring, double parking, frequent jaywalking, etc. Many of these risks are amplified in winter when car, bus and truck windshields are obstructed by snow and ice, and rush hours are in the dark. Cyclists not prepared to risk riding on these streets will transit our community by motor vehicle, to our detriment.

Furthermore, cyclists have the legal right to cycle year-round, and the city has the responsibility to provide safe infrastructure. The Westmount Walking and Cycling Association therefore urges the city to respect its commitments and assume its responsibility by keeping the de Maisonneuve bike path open.

Dan Lambert, resident of Lansdowne Ave. and president of the Westmount WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

# CYCLISTS ARE NOT 'SECOND **CLASS' COMMUTERS**

Winter cycling is rising in Montreal. I'm amazed by all the cyclists I see this time of year despite the days getting colder, and it's a good thing.

After all, commuting cyclists are doing us all a great favour - more bikes means less cars travelling through our city and that means less traffic and less air pollution (a major health problem, especially in winter). The cyclists themselves are getting good exercise and that means less health care costs to taxpayers.

But now Westmount is considering

closing the de Maisonneuve cycling path for the winter. Construction along the path and the inability to keep the path clean seem to be the reasons why.

If the city can keep de Maisonneuve open to cars, why not bicycles too?

There have been numerous construction sites along the Montreal portion of the path but it was never closed. With the Westmount portion of the path closed, the cyclists will be forced onto far more dangerous roads, like Sherbrooke or St. Catherine St. where cars travel at much higher speed, buses and trucks pass by and the risk of getting "doored" is much

Cyclists deserve the same considerations as car drivers and not be treated as second-class commuters.

The city must provide safe passage for cyclists by finding a way to keep the path

PATRICIA DUMAIS, GREENE AVE.

# FIX LIGHTS FOR EASIER CROSSING AT GREENE

For those disabled or elderly, crossing at Greene and de Maisoneuve, as well as at Greene and St. Catherine, can be intimidating. The walk time [provided by the light system] can be too short to cross and the light too long to come on.

The summer is bad enough, but the cold winter will be an imposition and possibly dangerous to walk across fast enough.

I called city hall about it recently and hope that perhaps a pedestrian urgent walk button wil be installed.

I am disabled with multiple sclerosis, but other problems of all pedestrians should be considered.

ELIZABETH GILDAY, OLIVIER AVE.

Editor's note: It is our understanding that at least some time limits at intersections are governed by provincial norms, so city hall's ability to help may be limited.

# SPOOKY? OR A LIGHT **INSTALLATION?**

The image taken by Mr. Thompson is of the light installation at the Place des Festivals, as part of the Triennale Québécoise. For more details on this contemporary art project and its creator, Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, please visit: www.quartierdesspectacles.com/en/triennale-quebecoise-2.

I would hope that it did not mislead your readers into thinking eerie and spooky thoughts!

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# Lynx win final game of season

BY OLIVER SUGDEN

The Westmount Lynx U16 lacrosse team played against Vallée du Richelieu and won 15-4 during the final game of the regular season, October 23, that took place on the field across from the Kahnawake Sports Complex.

What was of particular interest here was the fact that Westmount hosted this game on the Mohawk reserve of Kahnawake. Special permission was granted by the Quebec Lacrosse Association and by the Mohawk Band Council for Westmount to host their game on the reserve.

I was so happy to make this connection, especially since we got the chance to showcase our Mohawk players in front of their home crowd.

Westmount's fall roster now includes six players from Kahnawake. They are mostly under 14 but are very experienced lacrosse players, making it easy for them

to play in the U16 team. Some of our players are actually 12 years old, but you don't have to watch them in action for too long before realizing that these kids are extremely experienced players. Never underestimate the little guys, as they can run circles around some of their opposition!

Lynx head coach is Tim Murdoch but due to his commitments as head coach of the McGill Redmen men's lacrosse, we were very lucky to have Eric Sipperly as our head coach for the fall season. Eric is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, a freshman at McGill University and a member of the McGill Redmen varsity lacrosse team.

As we look ahead to next year's program when we play teams in Canada and the US, we are looking at the possibility of a permanent alliance with our new friends from Kahnawake.

> Oliver Sugden is team manager of the Westmount Lynx lacrosse team.



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# Police Beat

# New video camera catches busy burglar

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A 1 Westmount Square office employee who decided to install a video camera after a spate of thefts was rewarded with the image of the suspect, which led to his ar-

Police say there were several thefts in the office used by lawyers between August 15 and October 10. It was on the 10th that station 12 officers received a call for a break-in – only this time they had some much-needed evidence.

"Over a period of time, the break-ins had been happening, but this time we got to see the suspect on the video camera," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "We saw him using keys to enter the office. He then opened a strong box and stole some money, a watch and a bracelet."

Over the past few months, police say a suspect also forced his way into other strong boxes in the office.

"After we saw his image, some of the office employees said they recognized the suspect as someone who they had seen in the building, but they weren't sure if he worked there," said Pimentel. "Through our investigation, we were able to identify and arrest the suspect."

Arrested was a 35-year-old NDG man. He has been charged with breaking and entering, and theft. Other charges may follow.

#### Oh brother, who are you?

A 63-year-old Westmounter who went to visit his brother on Lewis Ave. got quite a surprise when he opened the apartment door.

Police say the man got to the apartment at 3:59 pm on October 23, but when he opened the apartment door, he wasn't greeted by his brother, but instead by a complete stranger.

"He told us there was a man standing in the back of the apartment. The suspect said, 'I'm sorry,' then ran out through the window," said Pimentel. "He made his way to a lane that runs along the railroad tracks."

Police aren't sure if anything was taken. They believe the suspect entered through an unlocked window at the back of the

The suspect is described as a white male, 23, 5'7" and 140 lbs. He wore a dark jacket, black pants and a black hat, and was carrying a backpack.

# Teens arrested after taking a shot

Station 12 police arrested two teenaged boys after they attempted to steal a laptop computer and fired a BB gun.

Police say the suspects were with two acquaintances, a 15-year-old NDG girl and a 16-vear-old Westmount girl. After getting into an argument with the boys at Park

Place and St. Catherine shortly after 6 pm on October 15, the girls tried to walk away.

"The two suspects followed them, with one of them insulting the younger girl," said Pimentel. "At one point, one of the suspects asked his friend for his BB gun, which is a replica of a 9 mm Sig Sauer. The girl told us he fired the pistol, and that the BB whizzed past her."

When they got to Sherbrooke St. near Grosvenor, one of the suspects demanded the younger girl hand over her laptop computer, but she refused.

"One of the suspects grabbed her and pushed her into the street, but when he saw the oncoming traffic, he pulled her back onto the sidewalk so she wouldn't get hit by a car," said Pimentel. The suspect then pulled out a pocketknife with a fourinch blade and once again tried to take the computer.

"But the victim saw a Public Security van and alerted them, and they called the police," said Pimentel. "We got a description of the two suspects and arrested them shortly afterwards."

Arrested were a 17-year-old from NDG and a 15-year-old from Montreal. They have been charged with armed robbery.

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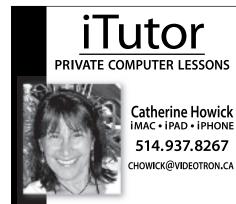
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Pendant la première semaine des travaux, la circulation sur la rue Ste-Catherine sera réduite à une seule voie en alternance à proximité de l'avenue Lansdowne.

Des mises à jour seront distribuées aux résidents du secteur affecté et publiées sur le site Web de la ville : www.westmount.org. Pour toute question concernant les travaux, veuillez appeler au 514 989-5257.



# Infrastructure Renewal

# Replacement of the water main and sewer line

St. Catherine Street and Arena Drive

The City will install a new sewer line and water main on Arena Drive and a new sewer line on the north side of St. Catherine Street between Arena Drive and Landsdowne Avenue. The project, which will begin the week of November 7, 2011, will last approximately 5 weeks. Water supply will be maintained throughout the work.

During the first week of the project, the traffic flow on St. Catherine Street will be reduced to a single lane in alternating directions in the vicinity of the Lansdowne Avenue.

Updates concerning the work will be distributed to residents of the immediate area and published on the City's website at www.westmount.org. If you have questions about the project, please contact Public Works at 514 989-5257.

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# Comin' Up

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**Annual super bazaar** at St. Léon parish (330 Clarke Ave.), 1 to 6 pm.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

Westmounter **Aurel Guillory**'s vernissage of acrylics and water soluble crayons on hand-made paper, and wine and cheese reception, 5 to 7 pm at the Unitarian Church (5035 de Maisonneuve). Info: www.colorsbyaurelien.com.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Smart Living Day, 11 am to 3 pm at Victoria Hall. An information fair featuring 26 exhibitors offering vital local information and services.t
- · Centre Greene "Café Saturdays," from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Homemade soups, snacks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.6202.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- Remembrance Day ceremony 2 to 3 pm at the cenotaph.
- The Goldbloom family forum presents "Dr. Deborah Weissman - Interreligious Dialogue: An Israeli Perspective," 7:30 pm at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom. Free, all welcome.

Monday, November 7

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

Tuesday, November 8

- Westmount Horticultural Society presents "Creative Bonsai from Wild Material," with speaker David Easterbrook, bonsai specialist, 7 pm at Westmount Public Library. Event follows a short annual general meeting. Cost: Membership fees of \$20 apply to the calendar year and may be paid at the door. Guest fees are \$5. Info: 514.932.9349.
- "The Trial of Billy Budd," by law professor Desmond Manderson at the Atwater Library auditorium, 5:30pm. Cost: \$15. Register: www.mcgill.ca/iplai/.
- Tumbling tots at Centre Greene. An indoor/park playground for parents and children under 5, 9:30 to 11 am. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in fee. Coffee and snack provided. Info: 514.931.6202.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- · Contactivity's artisan sale and bazaar, from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve, corner Lansdowne. Handknits, handmade toys, home baking, jewelry. Light lunch.
- City of Westmount fall flower show at the Westmount Conservatory. The display of chrysanthemums and other fall flowers continues for about three weeks.
- · Marina Boulos of The Foundation of Greater Montreal presents highlights of the fifth edition of a report identifying Montreal greatest needs and serving as a strategic tool in allocating grants. 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER II

TGIF at Centre Greene (1090 Greene), from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. A Friday evening meal and animated activities program for kids aged 6 to 11. Cost: \$12 drop-in or \$60/6 weeks. Info: 514.931.6202.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Matthias' Church annual Christmas fair, from 10 am to 2pm at 12 Church Hill. Crafts, books, baked good, jewellery for

# Barwick to exhibit

Westmounter Deanna Barwick is among the organizers and artists of a 7th annual art show downtown. The event runs from Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 18 at Gallery Nôta Bené (3416 Park Ave.), Mondays to Fridays from 11 am to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 5 pm.

A meet-the-artists event takes place Saturday, November 5 from 2 to 4:30 pm. This year's artists include Wilder Wall (photography), Olaf de Winter (ceramics), Ryan Hunt (photography) and Wayne Larsen (oils).

sale. Info: 514.933.4295.

- Mountainside United Church's annual bazaar from 10 am to 2 pm at 687 Roslyn Ave., corner of the Boulevard. Baked goods, jams, jellies, books, art, collectibles, knitted items and fine linens. Light lunch. Info: 514.486.1165.
- Westmount Artisans' Festival, 10 am to 5 pm at Victoria Hall. Also, Sunday, November 13. Admission: non-perishable food items or \$2.

# Bonsai demo set for horticultural meeting

Bonsai specialist David Easterbrook will make a return visit to the Westmount Horticultural Society November 8 at the group's annual general meeting. The event starts at 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library.

Easterbrook, of the Montreal Botanical Garden, is slated to present a historical talk on Bonsai culture and demonstrate the technique used in growing the miniature trees that has been developed as an art form. The event is open to members of the public at a cost of \$5.

# Shhh! before 7 am

Two complaints of before-7 am garbage pick-up and commercial deliveries were curtailed October 18. Public Security officials said. Public safety officers found the city's own garbage contractor emptying public garbage cans on Victoria at 5:45 am, as well as a delivery being made to Patisserie Gascogne in the lane behind the store on Sherbrooke at 6:20 am.

Two days later, a Videotron subcontractor on Oakland was warned not to start work until 7 am. He admitted to being on the job at 6:40 am in order to finish the day by 5 am as required by his employer.

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# Marsden takes on 'fools' in new book

By Lauren O'Loughlen

William Marsden, investigative reporter for the *Gazette* recenly spoke to the *Independent* about his latest book *Fools Rule, Inside the Failed Politics of Climate Change*, and shared his thoughts on climate change as a Westmounter.

The book takes us on a seemingly stark journey into the inefficient realm of political leaders, their sordid relationship with industry, a visit to the polar ice caps for a first hand experience of climate change and a look into our own inner machinations as conscious beings charged with the burden of free will.

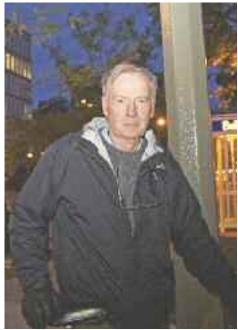
"One of the themes of my books has been this wonderful phrase from [American ecologist] Hardin: 'tragedy is defined by the solemnity of the remorseless working of things,'" said Marsden, lamenting what he sees as civilization's passive relinquishment of control to social instituions – economic, industrial and political. "[They] become their own cosmic wheel and we're trapped by that."

A resident of Westmount for 30 years, Marsden, 60, shared his observations about how Westmounters can change their habits in order to contribute positivley towards climate change.

A cyclist himself, he explained his frustration at those obstructing the development of more bike paths. "Westmount will put in a bike path somewhere and the first thing that you get is screaming and shouting from people whose driveways border on the bike path [because] they have to look a little too hard when they back out. [They should be] thanking these people for putting in this bike path to encourage people to get out of their cars [...] Westmount should be encouraging people, as much as possible to walk to work. Most of them, I imagine, work downtown."

Marsden also shares his exasperation at Westmount parents driving SUVs for school runs to pick up a single child. "What the hell is wrong with these kids that they can't walk? I mean from kindergarten I walked to school!"

Marsden said "climate changes asks for a revolution on so many levels in our society – on a political level, in international relations, in local politics. A revolution in our economics and the environment needs to become the most important aspect [of economic development] not the money at the end of the line." Fools Rule was scheduled to be launched November 2 at Paragraphe Bookstore on McGill College.



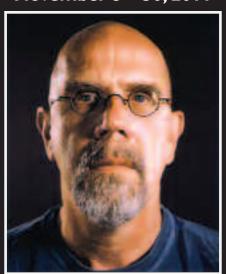
William Marsden on Greene October 27, cycling home after a day's work downtown at the

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# Garbage changes, updates

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hazardous waste collections is this: You won't have a choice under the new regulations. Throwing food or even grass cuttings into the regular garbage will be subject to fines ranging from \$100 to

In short, if an alternative service is available for disposal of something that can be eliminated from landfill, it will be prohibited from the regular garbage. This includes construction and renovation material, which must go to a Montreal ecocentre.

"After the by-law is adopted, there will be a period of education with the assistance of the Healthy City Project," Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis said last week.

"One of the new law's emphases is to keep computers and other electronic waste out of landfill along with other hazardous waste," Peter explained.

The new by-law is expected to be adopted at a subsequent meeting of council either in its draft form or with amend- leaf bags."

The draft retains many existing and local customs that exist in Westmount's 1980 by-law and subsequent amendments. Garbage will still be collected from the back vard.

But it also enshrines into law many of the recycling and composting guidelines the city has issued regarding newer programs, such as the green bin and garden debris collection of compostables.

But there are some anomalies and significant changes. Used cat litter and small animal bedding shavings that now go into the green bin for composting will no longer be accepted and will have to go into the regular garage. Why? Because they aren't on Montreal's acceptable list, Peter

# Tightens garden debris disposal

Among changes related to garden debris is the tightening of restrictions on contractors, in particular. Anyone who blows or throws leaves, grass clippings or other debris onto the sidewalk or street even briefly before cleaning up - will violate the new by-law.

This is aimed at stopping a current practice reported by Public Security in which contractors blow leaves from many neighbouring properties into the curb before returning with a collection truck, meanwhile allowing wind and passing cars to scatter them about.

Bundles of branches limited in size will also be restricted in number to six that will be taken away at any one time.

Another key change is requiring the exclusive use of kraft paper leaf bags rather than clear or compostable plastic ones now accepted, Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis pointed out last

"As I went down the street the other day, I noticed it was lined with plastic leaf bags. This will be the last year for those."

And that's why, Peter said, that "we want to give people a heads-up that this is coming so they won't stock up on plastic

#### Blue box changes

For people unable to put the blue box out earlier than 7 am on collection day, being able to do so the night before, after 8 pm, will likely be a welcome change. The new by-law, however, will make it mandatory to flatten and bundle all cardboard boxes, something that has been only a guideline.

A long list of accepted recyclable items for the blue box is contained in one of three appendices that also provide detailed lists for prohibited waste and specifications for containers (garbage, storage bins, recycling, organics and yard waste).

These lists are not necessarily straight forward, however. Some items not expressly mentioned in the draft are those dealing with pet waste and the disposal of animal remains.

All animal waste will be destined for landfill including dog feces in plastic bags. It's the plastic that makes the difference.

While the by-law states the city will pick up and dispose of dead animals up to .25m3 (a 10-inch cube), Peter said that birds, squirrels and other small animals such as hamsters may be placed in the regular garbage if well wrapped. Pets larger than the 10-inch cube should go to a veterinary clinic, though this directive isn't spelled out.

Completely extinguished ashes will still be accepted in the regular garbage.

There are also special stipulations and detailed lists for large "bulky items," such as mattresses and appliances. These are to be picked up by city crews on the day of the regular garbage collection but must be placed at curbside. Public Works will have to be informed a day before at 514.989.5311. Smaller pieces that would typically fit into a garbage bag, however, may go into regular garbage.

And how will the average resident learn about the changes? "We plan to distribute highlights of the new by-law," Peter said.

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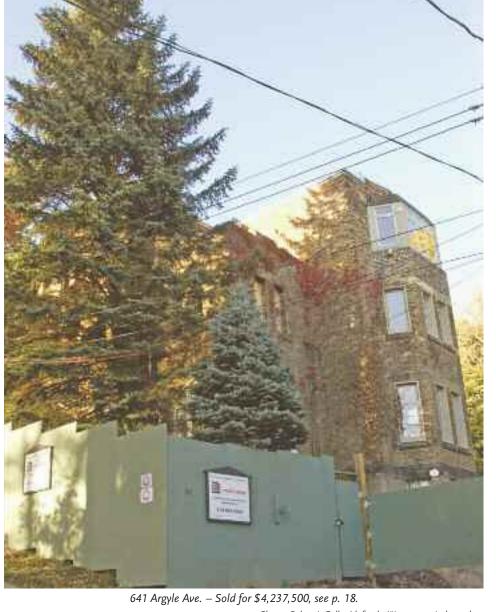
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The first condominium units for the muchanticipated 1250 Greene Ave. project are expected to be ready starting in October next year, says project developer Jacob Attias. Commercial space at street level is expected to be delivered to the owners of 5 Saisons in September to allow equipment to be installed in the food store.

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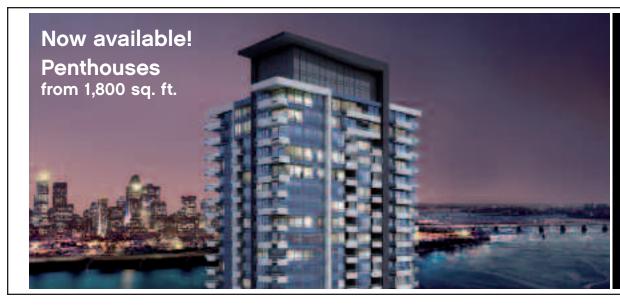


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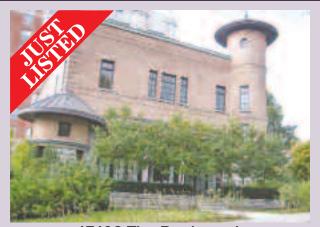
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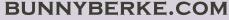
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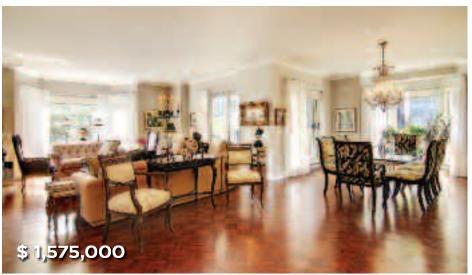
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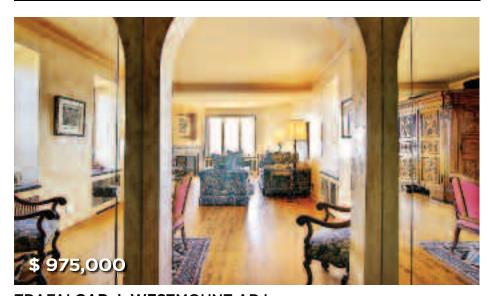
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# Selwyn football heartbreaker



The Selwyn House Bantam football team put up a strong effort against Collège Jean Eudes during the GMAA final October 29 at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, but came up a few yards short, posting a 35-29 loss. Selwyn went undefeated during the regular season, and the two teams traded touchdowns through four exciting quarters. After a last second charge down the field, Jean Eudes was able to find the end zone one last time just before the final whistle blew. Seen above, Selwyn's Patrick Bourque tackles a player of the opposing team

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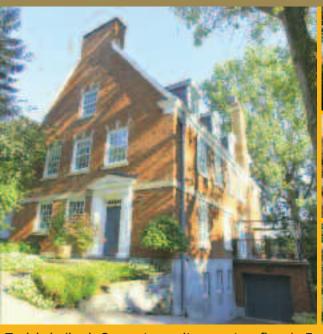
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# Greta's tips for getting over painting trauma



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Colourfully Yours in Design

GRETA VON SCHMEDLAPP, MUSE TO AURÉLIEN GUILLORY

Hello my dear design friends and fiends. Your Greta and Aurel are zipping all over town these days working to freshen up several houses before the holi-

You all know by now that paint and light are the two easiest and fastest solutions for a fresh change. During meetings, clients are often worried about the results, so here is a list that covers the most important points. These are the pills that Aurel and I prescribe to take for the illness of what we like to call...painting trauma:

- 1. Do buy quality paint, brushes and even masking tape - they all add to supe-
- 2. Don't copy or scan a colour from another company. Top brands have proprietary formulas. There will always be a
  - 3. Your labour is worth more that the

cost of the paint. The best quality always applies and coats easily, and the colour's depth and durability lasts.

- 4. Pay attention to the finish. Ceilings are best matte, usually in pale tints, unless they are ultra smooth and painted a deep gloss colour. Walls are fine in eggshell, satin or pearl; a luster/light reflection between eggshell and semi-gloss. Usually the darker the colour, the better it appears with some degree of gloss.
- 5. Use the effects of warm and cool colours to your advantage. A long hall will feel feet shorter, if you use a warm coral, terra cotta or perhaps ochre at the end. A cool blue or green will appear farther away, better for a smaller room.
- 6. Never look at a room half painted. The old colour often influences how we see the new one, especially if you are changing from a cool colour to warm or vice-versa.
- 7. Think of taupes as more dramatic and rich neutral colours, rather than the predictable beige. A complex warm grey taupe used in three levels of saturation can result in a very elegant room. Taupe neutrals accommodate and flatter art pieces, as well as enhance fine carpets and colour-

**Buyer** 

ful furniture or curtains.

- 8. Dead white should never be used for any ceilings or woodwork. Always choose an off-white that works in a complementary direction with the walls. Often a putty pale grey or a creamy ivory results in a better harmony with the wall colour. Think of a soft pale peach or straw tint for the ceilings. It's always more flattering than chalk white. Why not look your best at home?
- 9. Prices for painting can vary widely. Always get two quotes and go and visit a recent job if possible. Ask what is included in the fee, for example number of coats, quality of paint, how much prep and plastering is needed. Get a firm description of the work you want, and a completion date. Often a deposit will book your start time, well worth planning, so the rest of the furnishings can be placed just in time for the out-laws' visit!

# Recall the past

10. Finally, recall the different places you have seen where you were impressed with the colours and lighting. Remember whether they were very airy and pale, or shadowy with deep colours. Your reaction will help determine your colour/light bias, an evident key to your best personal atmosphere. Contrast Rembrandt's art with

Seller

Matisse's, and you will understand the difference.

Oh, I must tell about the new window at Arevco! The store is right next to Nick's on Greene. As all you Westmounters know, Arevco will re-wire your favourite Moorecroft vase. But notice their latest: Hubbardton Forge - Vermont-made classic modern metal lighting. The window walls are painted a rich forest charcoal green. In my opinion, the perfect background foil for the various rich metals. Never worry, they always have those obscure European bulbs in stock.

As you all have heard me mention how flattering candle lighting is, check out the Ambience rack at Hogg hardware. They have a slightly faceted surface and great colours - an easy way to accent a special holiday. At Thanksgiving, for example, we used the pumpkin orange-coloured ones for our feasting table. Please, no scented ones at the dinner table – just for living rooms and bedrooms.

So, my design friends, keep those questions and comments coming to Greta c/o Aurel: aurelien@colorsbyaurelien.com. We will reply to our devoted readers in our next edition.

Colourfully yours, Greta von Schmedlapp

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# On the Market

# House in Vic Village selling for under \$600K, needs renos

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Claim to fame: The lowest-priced house in Westmount on the market at press time.

After living in the same residence for 30 years, Isabella Pohlmann and André Dufresne have decided to move to some

new Westmount digs, but they aren't quite certain where or what type of residence.

"Maybe we will move to an apartment, where we don't have to walk up and down the stairs," said Pohlmann, who has difficulty getting around. But after living in a place for so long, it is difficult to think about moving, especially with their four

cats in tow, "who will dearly miss the back yard!"

Built in 1905, the attached, two-storey, 5-bedroom, 1.5 bathroom, residence at Somerville Ave. has been listed for sale by Sotheby's real estate broker Jill Prévost for \$599,000.



It is located in the middle of Victoria village, near the corner of Claremont, just a stone's throw away from Vendôme Metro, the new MUHC hospital and the shopping that is found in the village and neighbouring NDG.

"This home has to be completely overhauled, rather than renovated," said Prévost. "The building has also sunk down a foot at the southeast side. But it has great potential, with a buyer willing to put in the needed repairs and vision," she continued.

was renovated and sold for \$840,000 in 2010. They are the same basic design."

#### 106 years old

house has a large entrance hall with double doors and 10-foot ceilings with original mouldings. There is also a large, double-sized living room with a bay window, looking onto Somerville.

It has a solarium and two skylights on the second floor. The basement has a separate entrance and has over six-foot ceilings. There is a large garden in the back

"This home is looking for someone to

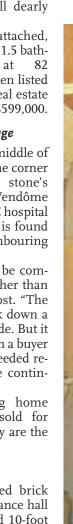
bring it back to its former glory," said Prévost.

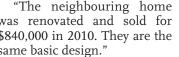
Asking price: \$599,000.

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Broker: Jill Prévost, Sotheby's International Realty Québec.

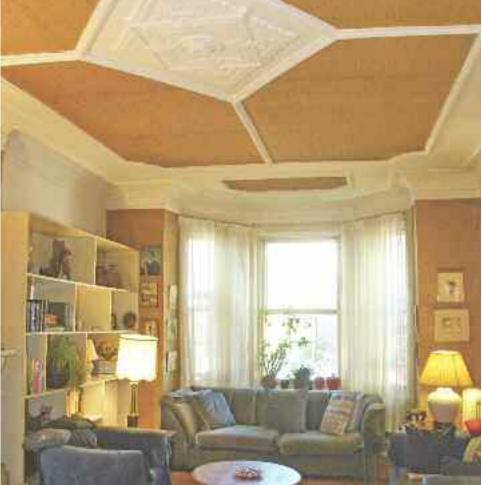
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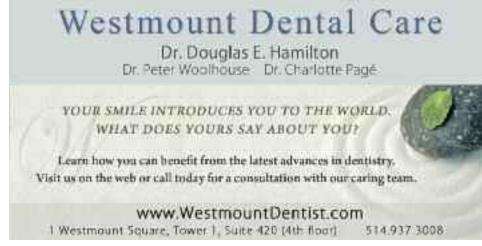
The 106-year-old red brick



Interior, looking out bay windows at 82 Somerville.



Exterior of 82 Somerville.



# Salon Pierre Mon Coiffeur: 'You buy, we give'

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLEN

Salon Pierre Mon Coiffeur is raising money to support various cancer causes. Owner Josée Asselin, who has worked at the salon for 30 years, is selling a specially selected Paul Mitchell hair product and donating all proceeds from the sale to a cancer cause of your choice.

The reason choose a Paul Mitchell volved in fundraising salon for 26 years. for the American Can-

cer Society. Each bottle of hair product sold by Asselin raises \$16.99. So far, she has



product? The hair care Pretty in pink, and raising awareness for breast cancer, from left: employee company is actively in- Carla Cimmino, owner Josée Asselin and Manon Lavoie, employee of the

sold almost 30, and is aiming to sell 60 by the end of October.

The salon, located at 4445 St. Catherine

St., has created a pink chart with the heading "You buy, we give" to track the number of sales and to indicate to which organization the money will be donated.

In 2009, Carla Cimmino, who has

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the need to do the overhaul is the ethnic foods section.

"In 2001, the Chinese food section was three feet, then it spread to three feet with an end counter [...] now we have 10 feet with all the different ethnic foods - and we still don't have enough room."

Another anecdote he shared is about the breakfast foods aisle. "I can't tell you how many times people ask, "Where is the cereal?"[...] Now we have grouped all the cereals, jams and breakfast foods in the first aisle so that people can find it."

Fletcher says that maps were made available to customers in the weeks preceding the re-org of the shelves. "I get the impression nobody read them!" he joked.

Fletcher is sympathetic to those customers who felt frustrated with the new lay-out, "people are under stress. They have 20 minutes to get in the store, and get the three items they need for lunch," he



Metro at 4840 Sherbrooke: Still the same on the outside, but different on the inside.

worked at the salon for eight years, helped raise \$8,136 by having her hair shaved off. When asked how it felt to go bald for a good cause, Cimmino said jokingly, "It was cold!" Cimmino's nine-year-old daughter also shaved off her hair in support of cancer care and research causes that year.

Asselin chose to support cancer care and research as she herself has lost loved ones to the disease. "Everyone has someone who has been touched by cancer. For me, it was my mother and father. Carla lost her mother," she said.

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# Selwyn's Shave to Save raises \$16,500 to fight breast cancer



From left: DJ Kelly Alexander, students Zach Berkson-Korenberg, Sam Skinner, Charles McCluskey, Jason Small, Max Vannelli, Breast Cancer Foundation representative Nukhet Piyale, student Marco Covello and teacher Jonathan Bracewell. Photo courtesy of Selwyn House

Six Selwyn House students and one teacher raised \$16,500 to fight breast cancer by having their heads shaved on October 27. This is the seventh year that the school has taken part in the annual Shave to Save campaign, with proceeds going to the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation. Virgin Radio 96's DI Kelly Alexander acted as MC, with stylists from La Coupe downtown doing the head shaving.

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# Joe Beef chefs visit Appetite for Books with their new cookbook



Appetite for Books cookbook shop on Victoria Ave. played host to Joe Beef chefs David McMillan and Frédéric Morin October 22, in celebration of their acclaimed new book of recipes and stories: The Art of Living According to Joe Beef. Collaborator Meredith Erickson grabs a copy to sign from two foodies, as Morin stands by with his Sharpie ready. In the background, sporting a Canadiens baseball cap, chef McMillan is overheard on his cell phone saying: "I bought tonight's supper! I bought tonight's supper!" McMillan told the Independent he lived in the neighbourhood four years ago (on Grosvenor), but joked he had to leave on account of Westmounters following him around the grocery store to see what ingredients he'd buy.

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# Arena Q&A

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no such problem. The condition of the soil is well known from the geotechnical studies, and no surprises are expected; bedrock is at least 100 feet below the surface.

From an operational and maintenance point of view, there are definite cost-saving advantages to a below-ground structure in terms of energy efficiencies.

The winning consortium will be bound by a contractual fixed price to which it must adhere. The contract will be guaranteed by a bonding company, such that if ever the consortium were unable to complete the project, it would be replaced by another group that would complete the work. The bonding company assumes the financial risk of cost overrun in such a case. Westmount's interests are well protected.

Question: How many protrusions will be on the two underground arenas for mechanical air handling purposes, fire exiting, etc?

Resident, Lewis Ave.

**Answer**: We will need to await the final design of the winning consortium in December, but we can anticipate that it will

be possible for venting and fire exits to be channelled through the above-ground pavilion and the parking areas, and that there be no protrusions in the green spaces.

Question: Can there be a provision in the design for an indoor pool later on?

- Resident, Somerville Ave.

Answer: There is nothing in the concept that would prevent the construction of an indoor pool later on, if that were to be the wish of the residents and council.

**Question**: Has the arena/pool project considered a geothermal loop to enhance energy conservation in that the two facilities are next to each other, the arenas and the pool?

- Resident, Lewis Ave.

**Answer**: Yes, indeed. We expect that the heat extracted during ice-making be reused almost completely. In winter, this energy can be used to heat the building throughout, to warm the seating areas in the rinks, to pre-heat the hot water for showers, to melt the snow dumped by the zamboni, etc. In summer, it can have the additional benefit of heating the swimming pools, while the summer ice rink will cool the air in the arena.

# One stop for 'smart living' info, November 5

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Smart Living Day this Saturday, November 5, will provide Westmounters of all ages with a "one-stop" resource-shopping opportunity to pick up many tips on - as the name implies - smart living.

"This is a convenient arrangement for residents to stop by and get an up-to-date view of useful information for all ages," said Tom Thompson, who chairs the sponsoring group, the Community Life committee of the Healthy City Project. "It will be half an hour well-spent."

The event, which brings together some 20 organizations serving the public, takes place from 10 am to 3 pm at Victoria Hall.

Among participants are police, fire prevention and Public Security personnel as well as professionals from Contactivity, The Westmount Y, Centre Greene, the Royal Bank, Montreal Children's Hospital and Hydro Westmount as well as Sports and Recreation and other city departments (see also October 18, p. 3).

Demonstrations on dog training by Little Bear and CPR by St. John Ambulance will also be on-going.

Anyone who fills out a short survey will be eligible to win iTune gift cards, a garden composter or first-aid kit, Thompson said. The city will also be handing its kitchen counter containers for table scraps. Davids Tea will be giving out samples of products while the event will supply complimentary coffees and juices served by Girl Guides.



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# Westmount squirrels now have their own Facebook page

By Lauren O'Loughlen

Caroline Lavergne and Danny Lütz have pioneered the first Facebook page dedicated entirely to the squirrel population of Westmount.

The couple was motivated to start a Facebook page after much interest was generated in their 2010 squirrel blog (http://westmountsquirrels.blogspot.com) , which showcases "high-end squirrel photography" accompanied by clever captions. The blog has had up to a 1,000 hits already according to Lavergne.

They started a Facebook page in Sep-

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A Westmount squirrel doing what he does.

tember dedicated to squirrel-related images and stories, which has already amassed 34 followers from around the world in under a month.

Lütz is originally from the Maritimes and came to Westmount to join Lavergne, a long-time resident of Roslyn Ave.

It's here that he discovered his love of

"I am a big fan of squirrels," he said. "When I moved to Westmount, the presence of squirrels here seemed more apparent [...] they seemed fluffier [...] I woke up one morning and went out and started taking pictures of squirrels and showed them to Caroline [...] we decided to start a

Soon after, "people started sending in pictures, and we became [known as] the squirrel people," joked Lütz.

Though Lavergne, a marketing and communications consultant and Lütz, a professional musician and music producer, have their daytime jobs to keep them busy, they admit that they do like to try and make time to go "squirreling" - a term they reassigned to describe their squirrel-themed photographic excursions.

When asked about the future of the Westmount squirrels blog, Lavergne an-

swered, "we're open to getting more pictures."



Screen shot of Caroline Lavergne and Danny Lütz's Facebook page dedicated to the squirrels of Westmount.

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Inky is a grey and white abstract painting, fascinating to watch, with a sweetly affectionate disposition.

Popeye is white and grey, with a wonderful pink nose and huge eyes that see everything – always looking for someone or something to play with.

Silvester is a stunningly attractive black guy with yellow eyes. When he moves, there are glints of red in his fur. He is handsome and playful.





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Your neighbour, Lysanne

# Woman assisted by passer-by, PSO

A 65-year-old woman who collapsed unconscious on the sidewalk in front of 1289 Greene at 6:48 pm October 13 was quickly assisted by a patrolling public safety officer who heard screams, Public Security officials said. She had apparently just been at a cardiologist's office.

A passer-by began chest compressions but the officer, PSO Amelie Arel, took over on spotting blood in the woman's mouth and laid her on her side. The woman was given oxygen by Urgences Santé and taken to the Montreal General Hospital. Her daughter and son were driven to the hospital by Public Security.

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# Paging geriatrics!



# The Underdog Club

CYNTHIA LEE

Did you hear the one about Linus, Slim and Doobie? Word on the street is that these dogs are just no good anymore. After all, this trio is among the older set – their collective age is 22 years. And even though they all have many good years ahead of them, they aren't young pups anymore.

And even though they're cute, friendly and perfectly great dogs – and each one would make for a fine companion for the right family – they just can't compete with the new fuzzy puppies they find themselves up against for a home.

It hardly seems fair.

Handsome Linus is the oldest of the group, but he isn't at all grouchy. This Ger-



Linus

man shepherd/Labrador mix has a love for life and a positive outlook that is infectious. He enjoys being with people, and though may seem a bit needy upon first meeting him, he calms down quickly. At eight years old, he shows no signs of slowing down. Sharing a home with cats would be fine, but maybe not with kids.

Slim, the long-haired, black-and-white border collie and springer spaniel mix is a shy guy who needs reassurance. That's his big thing: he seems shy at first but deep down is friendly and calm. At seven years, he is quiet and rarely barks. Circumstances earlier on has made him cautious and untrusting towards new people, but with a little work, Slim should come around fast. With that in mind, a household without kids would fit this loveable guy like a glove.



Slim

Doobie, the little King Charles spaniel is the last of this geriatric motley crew. He is also the newest at the shelter, where, even though he has been well treated by his mates, he has yet to figure out his role in the pack.

Bewildered and overwhelmed are just a few of the emotions that characterize this crazily cute little fellow. With some gentle nudging, he would get over his rough patch.

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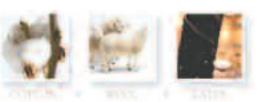
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# WMA says question period rules need tightening

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) believes Mayor Peter Trent is sometimes too lax in his enforcement of discipline during question period at city council meetings.



WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard. File photo.

At the October 17 meeting of the WMA, it was recommended that rules of conduct for question period be tightened, so that all those attending have the opportunity to take part.

"Õur intentions are not to limit accessibility or participation of people to the

question period, but really to make it more efficient and relevant and with a bit more discipline. Because if there is a lack of discipline, I think it may discourage people from participating," the association's president Jean-Pierre Picard said in a phone interview with the Independent the day after the WMA's monthly board meeting.

Picard said Mayor Trent "has been letting people go because he doesn't want to

curtail participation. But, as I say, democ- "Question period is not a debate period," says racy is a fine line between dictatorship and anarchy. We

have to make sure we stay in the middle."

The WMA is suggesting a revised formula for question period. Residents would be allowed a short explanatory preamble, followed by a question, an optional supplementary question on the same topic, after which they would return to their seat. If they have further questions, they would have to get back in line.

"I think we have to realize that question period is not a debate period," Picard continued. He said the WMA is also recommending that question period be placed after item three on the agenda (councillors' reports), instead of before the actual meeting starts.

"We feel that if a councillor's report to council also addressed previous questions that were not directly answered during the meeting, but were taken under advisement to find the answers, then they could give the answer before the question period. That could prevent recurring questions."

Picard noted that sometimes councillors will tell residents that they have no immediate answer to a question, although they will phone the resident at a later date

# Ticketted in **Summit Woods**

A resident of Somerville Ave. was issued a \$75 ticket October 20 for walking two dogs off-leash in Summit Woods at 10 am, Public Security officials report. She had been warned the previous day. Dogs are not allowed off-leash during the day in the woods until December 1.

with the answer.

WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard.

"If a question was asked in public, we

feel that even if the answer was given to the individual, should be re-

peated at the council meeting," he said. "It doesn't have to take long. And then people would realize that question period is

# Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in October were:

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# Accident caused by burning red light



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# Firefighters at Jean Coutu, Oct. 27

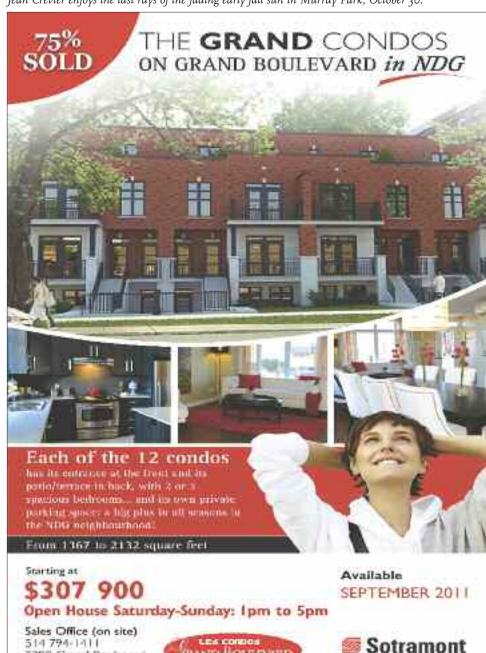


Firefighters were called into action after passers-by heard a distinct "pop" from outside Jean Coutu at 1222 Greene Ave. on October 27 at about 6:30 pm. There was a strong smell of burning in the air but no evidence of smoke. Firefighters were seen entering the pharmacy and investigating inside the premises. When contacted on October 28, none of the staff at the Jean Coutu outlet was available to speak about the details of the incident. Photo by Lauren O'Loughlen

# Last rays of fall



Jean Crevier enjoys the last rays of the fading early fall sun in Murray Park, October 30.



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# **Exposition: Nincheri. Profane**

Du 10 novembre au 16 décembre 2011 à la galerie du Victoria Hall. Une exposition consacrée à l'œuvre du peintre et verrier Montréalais Guido Nincheri (1885-1973) présentée en collaboration avec le Conseil des arts de Montréal. Info: 514 989-5521.

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# Théâtre : Far From the Madding Crowd

Une présentation de la compagnie Persephone. Une adaptation théâtrale du roman classique de Thomas Hardy, au Victoria Hall le vendredi 28 octobre à 19 h; le samedi 29 octobre à 19 h et le dimanche 30 octobre à 13 h 30 . Entrée : 25  $\$ / 14  $\$  pour étudiants. Info : 514 989-5226.  $\$ 



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# Conférences à 14 heures - The Power of Art and Aging

Vous êtes invités à rencontrer Denis Gionet, photographe, le mercredi 9 novembre à 14 h lors d'une conférence sur l'intégration de la création artistique dans la vie quotidienne, présentée dans une perspective photographique et dans le cadre du vieilllissement. Info: 514 989-5386.

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# Conférence : Managing Pain

Rencontrez les docteurs Yoram Shir et Ann Gamsa de l'unité de gestion de la douleur Alan Edwards du Centre universitaire de santé McGill (CUSM) le mercredi 9 novembre à 19 h à la Bibliothèque. Cette conférence est présentée par la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount et le Projet ville en santé de Westmount qui célèbre son 20° anniversaire. Info : 514 989-5386.



# TRAVAUX PUBLICS Floralies d'automne

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## **Exhibition: Nincheri. Profane**

November 10 to December 16, 2011 in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. An exhibition of works from Montreal painter and glass worker Guido Nincheri (1885-1973). Presented in collaboration with the Conseil des arts de Montréal. Info: 514 989-5521.

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# Theatre: Far From the Madding Crowd

Persephone Productions presents a theatre adaptation of Thomas Hardy's classic novel. Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m; Saturday, October 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$25 / \$14 for students. Info: 514 989-5226.



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# 2 O'clock Series – The Power of Art and Aging

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# DATEBOOK

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### November 7 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting City Hall



# **Lecture: Managing Pain**

Join Doctors Yoram Shir and Ann Gamsa from the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit of the McGill University Health Centre on Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Library as they discuss the management of chronic pain. Presented by the Westmount Public Library and the Westmount Healthy City Project as part of its 20th anniversary events Info: 514 989-5386.



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# Jazzin' it up at Château Westmount



Émilie Bovenzi, left, a resident of Château Westmount, dances with staff member David Paré during the "jazz corner," a music and dance event held on October 24 at the de Maisonneuve Blvd. private seniors' residence. Seen on the right dancing with resident Madeleine Laviolette is Anna Varacalli, a volunteer and wife of one of the residents. The weekly event is the initiative of octogenarian and resident Paul Violette, who is a jazz enthusiast. It's among several leisure activities the long-term chronic care centre provides its residents.

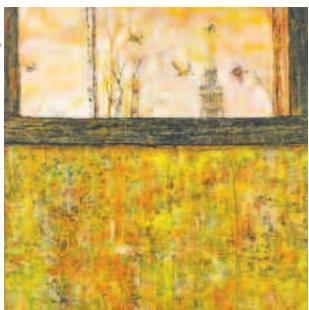
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# McCord's first wine and cheese sold-out event,



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The McCord Museum held "Wine and Food at the Museum," a delicious winetasting eve on October 13.

Eight tasting stations, with wines sup-

plied by Treasury Wine Estate, were enjoyed by wine lovers and learners, who sampled wines from California, Australia, New Zealand and Italy, as they perused the current exhibition of photographs called "OIL," by renowned artist Edward Burtynsky.

Guests were greeted by McCord CEO and president **Suzanne Sauvage**. Stylish ladies wore the footwear of the moment: most were in fall-warm boots, although serious stilettos were also noted – some with eye-catching red soles, the hallmark of



Westmounters Elizabeth Gomery, Mike Kuzmicki and Angèle Martineau, with McCord CEO Suzanne Sauvage.



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Westmounters John and Karma Hallward.

fashionista-loved shoe designer Christian Louboutin. Handbags were mostly designer: Chanel and Louis Vuitton.

Along with the myriad of wines to taste, the Joe Beef oyster bar was a popular stop, as were the nibbles by Francis Beaulieu Traiteur.

Westmount residents attending included Cynthia Cundill and daughter Elizabeth, Elise Nesbitt, Sylvie and Jean Chagnon, Jill and Stuart Cobbett, McCord Foundation executive director Elizabeth Gomery, Vytas Gruodis, Jennifer Bogert, Jane and Philip Giffin, Jorge Schwarz (whose wife is still in Chile) with his daughter Alexandra, Karma and John Hallward, new parents Charlie Flicker and Tegan Webster with Tegan's sister Bev, Heidi Luber and Robert Tellier, Mike Kuzmicki and Angèle Martineau, and Doug and Diane Deruchie.

The sold-out event was a first for the museum. continued on p. 39



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Westmounters Jorge Schwarz, Jane Giffin, Alexandra Schwarz and Philip Giffin.

Sommeliers, including oenophile and wine critic Bill Zacharkiw of The Gazette, were on hand to share their advice on distinguishing fine wines from table wines. Santé!

Some \$50,000 was raised through the

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