

Network rejects Marianopolis/Villa Maria location

Bixis could come to Westmount soon

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A handful of Bixi stations appear to be coming ever closer to Westmount to serve 186 local users and help extend the service westward, possibly to the Vendôme Metro station, the *Independent* learned last week.

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But city efforts to provide Bixis for Marianopolis students via the Villa Maria Metro station have been dismissed by the bicycle sharing service, director general Duncan Campbell said.

He had earlier told the council meeting February 7 that he expected to have recommendations for council members "in the next couple of weeks" following negotiations to reduce costs and numbers of stations.

The Montreal Public Bike System, which operates the service, had quoted \$609,000 to introduce Bixis at 15 locations to *continued on p. 11*

**Pool to stay open
this summer, see p. 7.**

Public meeting set for Feb. 23

Move to curb 'supersize' houses goes down mountain

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Zoning changes adopted in 2009 to prevent the building of so-called supersize homes north of The Boulevard, and in a few other R1-zoned areas, are now going down the hill.

The proposals were introduced by city council February 7 for three R2 zones to

the south east, where some 65 large properties – 8,000 square feet or more – are located.

These changes would reduce site coverage while increasing the distance required from the side property lines. They would also limit underground construction to the same building lines for properties of all *continued on p. 27*

Scherzer and Loertscher capture Golden Globes, Jennifer Love Hewitt



Former Belmont Ave. resident Christina Loertscher and Alexandra Scherzer hit it big this year when their jewelry line was featured at the 2011 Golden Globe awards in Beverly Hills, California this past January. The childhood friends, co-owners of Chris & Alix, launched a new line of earrings while they were at the pre-Golden Globe event called Bianca Bella. According to Loertscher, the jewelry was "a big hit"

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From left, Alexandra Scherzer and former Westmounter Christine Loertscher with Jennifer Love Hewitt displaying Chris & Alix Bianca Bella Interchangeable Earrings.

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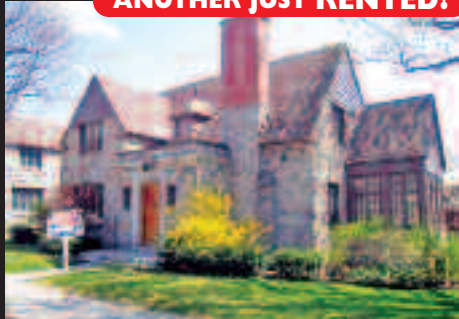
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First 'Winter Classic' has Atom A Predators out against the Wings in outdoor hockey game in Prince Albert Park

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season. Reports the photographer, “the weather was great, the ice was perfect and the stage was set.”

The final score? A 7-to-7 tie.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO MORE MONOPOLY MONEY FOR SAQ

Is it not enough that this despicable monopoly rips off the public because it has no real competition? Is the whole Greene/Atwater area – a major shopping area – to be left unserved after the two planned closures?

Is everyone without a car to be required to take public transport to Sherbrooke and Victoria for every bottle of alcoholic beverage? Is everyone with a car to be required to add to the heavy congestion at Sherbrooke and Victoria, and try to find parking?

Let the SAQ monopoly be abolished and see how long these “managers” have jobs. The SAQ be damned. Lobby for its privatization and the abolition of its monopoly.

STEPHEN SCOTT, SHERBROOKE ST.

KEEP WESTMOUNT SQUARE SAQ OPEN

At about the same time those of us who live in eastern Westmount will lose* the valuable services of the 5 Saisons grocery store, we will also face the closing of the Société des Alcools (SAQ) outlet in Westmount Square. All this is scheduled for March, [while we’re] still in the depths of winter. Both will be significant losses for those of us who prefer to, or need to, do

our shopping on foot.

I learned of the closing of the SAQ outlet about 10 days ago from an employee of the store, who suggested I call customer service. He said the store is profitable, so there is no good reason to close it. When I spoke with someone in customer service, I was told that all Westmounters are now expected to patronize the store on Victoria Ave., which is quite a trek from eastern Westmount.

Does city council have any influence on the SAQ? If so, it would be nice if they could forestall the closure of our local outlet at least until winter is over. For anyone who is affected by this plan, the number to call to complain is 514.254.2020.

MARGARET PITON,
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

* Editor’s note: 5 Saisons is scheduled to reappear at its current location once the largely residential development at 1250 Greene is completed. Those units are currently scheduled for delivery in 2012.

QUEBEC SKIMPING ON SAQ ACCESS FOR EASTERN WESTMOUNT

Closing both SAQ stores, blocks from one another at Westmount Square and the Pepsi Forum shows a complete lack of consideration for the pedestrian shoppers in that area. Is Victoria Ave. to be the al-

ternative?

It’s a long walk, and parking is difficult in that area. It is all about money and profit for the Quebec government and not about service to the public.

BEVERLEY HUTCHISON, KITCHENER AVE.

For story on Mayor Peter Trent’s position on the closing of two SAQs, see p. 7.

UPROOT THE CHRISTMAS TREE? INFLATE BABY JESUS?

I am writing in response to M. René le Clère’s letter in the January 11 *Independent* (p. 4) about the Hannukah menorah outside Westmount city hall. He complains that the menorah was closer to the door than the Christmas tree. Does he want to uproot the tree to bring it closer?

He is indignant that there was no baby Jesus the same size as the menorah. Does he really want to see that? Perhaps an inflatable one like the snowmen and reindeer ones seen around town would mollify him – or has he another suggestion of where to find this giant baby?

He also mentions how disturbing the eruv has been to “many citizens.” I would be surprised if one could find many citizens who could: a) tell me what an eruv is; b) locate it; and c) explain how it impacts their lives. It is very evident that Mr. le Clère agrees that multiculturalism is not a Quebec value. I can only hope that he remains here, so as not to risk running into others who feel about him as he feels about “les autres.”

Oh, by the way, how large would he like the Christmas tree lights to be instead of the minuscule ones that so offend him?

ANDREA FELDMAN, ARLINGTON AVE.

WESTMOUNT SHOULD UNDERSTAND SPCA’S STRAY POLICY

I would like to respond to the January 25 article on Westmount’s proposed SPCA contract (p. 3), in particular the council’s

hesitation to agree to one of the SPCA’s new conditions: that stray animals be sterilized before returning them to their owners.

To understand the SPCA’s concerns, let’s put this into the wider context of the explosion of unwanted animals, with their consequent suffering, throughout Montreal.

An ongoing study of Montreal’s animal control situation for the 19 merged boroughs produces the following figures for 2009*:

- 11,674 animals taken in; 688 returned to owners; 3,133 adopted; 2,619 “put to sleep” (a comforting, if misleading, euphemism).

Note that almost half of the animals turned in are not accounted for, and it is unlikely that their unrecorded fate is a happy one. These stats probably err on the conservative side and do not include the de-merged boroughs, nor the many rescue groups and small shelters endlessly “filling sandbags” to stem this deluge.

Also consider the alternative: the Berger Blanc (bergerblanc.com), located in Rivière des Prairies. This is hardly handy for the frequent visits necessary to see whether your animal has been found. Be advised that most municipal contracts only require a pound to keep your furry friend for three, or sometimes five, days before adoption (the fortunate few), or euthanasia. For further discussions of this pound, Google “Petition Berger Blanc” on the web.

Finally, concerning the difficulty of ascertaining the spayed status of an animal, microchipping your animal ensures that all relevant information, including its sterility status, is readily available, and greatly improves the odds of your animal being returned.

MARGARET GUNDARA,
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* Editor’s note: Letter writer’s source for the statistics listed above is the Animal Alliance of Canada.

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A Public handshake



During the appointment February 7 of Gregory McBain (left) as the Public Security Unit's new assistant director (see story February 8, p. 5), local police commander Stéphane Plourde extends congratulation. Public Security director David Sedgwick sits between them at the city council meeting.

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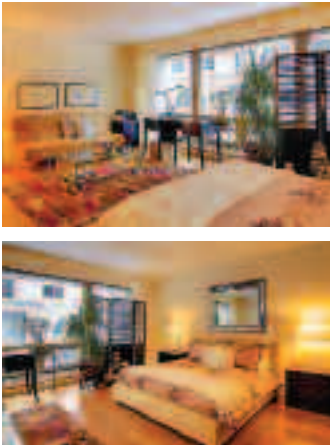
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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Fix dog-run gates, enforce Summit leash laws, council asked

Some dog-run gates still do not close easily, despite assurances at previous city council meetings that the problem would be attended to, Cynthia Grahame of Grosvenor Ave. said February 7.

"I'd like to find out when this will happen," she said.

She also questioned council on what measures would be taken to ensure that dogs were leashed in Summit Woods during the upcoming bird migration period in April and suggested the city "crack the whip – or the leash" against offenders.

City director general Duncan Campbell said the city first needed to make sure that the signs – some inconsistent or contradictory – reflect the regulations that Public Security would be asked to enforce.

Mayor Peter Trent said he agreed with Grahame's concerns about the Summit while Councillor Patrick Martin cited the need to install signage on the closed part of Summit Circle.

This is not considered to be part of the Summit Woods dog run, and tickets are issued for dogs off-leash on this portion.

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City renews membership, Trent stays off UMQ board

City council has renewed Westmount's annual membership in the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) at a cost of \$20,284 despite Mayor Peter Trent's refusal – for now – to return to the board.

Trent reiterated his position at the February 7 city council meeting, saying he would maintain his boycott until Laval mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, now under police investigation, leaves the UMQ board.

Trent stepped down November 16 when clouds of alleged wrongdoing swirled around then president Marc Gascon, mayor of St. Jérôme. After Gascon re-

signed, Trent called for Vaillancourt to depart on grounds the leadership of the organization should set an example of integrity (see story November 23, p. 3).

"I'm staying off the board by principle," he told the meeting, noting the presidency is still vacant. Nevertheless, the city, through its membership, wants to support the work of the UMQ.

The council proceeded to approve Councillor Victor Drury's attendance at the annual UMQ conference in Quebec City, May 5 to 7.

Una Kay: Rid apartments of second-hand smoke

Longtime resident Una Kay proposed to city council February 7 that Westmount become totally smoke-free within all apartments and other multi-unit buildings.

"Let's become a real green city," she said, explaining that many older buildings have systems that circulate the smoke from smokers' dwellings into their neighbours' units.

Mayor Peter Trent explained that Westmount had been the second city in Quebec to enact non-smoking legislation in public places, including private offices.

But since Quebec had brought in over-riding provincial legislation in this area, any by-law the city would now enact in this regard could be found to be ultra vires (invalid).

Undeterred, Kay persisted that something be done. Turning to the audience, she said: "Do you agree? Give it a try!"

After the meeting, one person in attendance suggested that perhaps a campaign could be launched encouraging tenants to band together and urge landlords to create smoke-free buildings.

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Barnard keeps pressure on city for arena soil info, finds that Marks council spent \$23k for PR

City council was told February 7 that information being sought concerning soil tests in the area of the arena had not yet been received.

Patrick Barnard, of Melville Ave., explained he had only that day received information requested three months earlier concerning another request: the amount of money the city had paid to a PR firm in connection with arena/pool project.

"I waited a long time for the information I requested. I went to city hall three or four times." When the information was not forthcoming, he said, he lodged a complaint in a letter to the Access to Information Commission of Quebec February 4 because the legislation was quite clear, requiring 20 days plus a 10-day extension, if required after notifying the applicant.

"So today [February 7] I got the information about National Public Relations. But "it shouldn't take three months to get."

The information showed the city had paid the firm \$22,774, before tax, between March 31 and September 30, 2009 for government relations, writing and a press conference, all during the term of the previous city council.

Barnard had previously asked the city for information on fees paid to Bruce St. Louis in his role as consultant on the project and if anyone had registered as a lobbyist for Westmount regarding grant money from the provincial and federal governments for the project, to which the city provided the information on December 22, 2010.

In Barnard's request to the Quebec commission regarding soil tests at the arena, he stated he had been promised the information by Mayor Peter Trent at the January 10 council meeting.

He was informed by a city email on February 7 that the City Clerk's office had received that information and he could receive it on the return of the city clerk from vacation on February 14.

MEETING, FEBRUARY 7

Two loan by-laws up for approval

Two loan by-laws for the upgrading of roads, water mains, sewers and Hydro Westmount's electrical network were adopted at the February 7 council meeting pending results from upcoming registers. These are to be held February 22 at city hall.

The borrowing of \$5.4 million in total will involve some of the work called for under the city's 2011 capital works budget.

John Fretz of Lansdowne Ave. asked whether this work would be paid for from the pay-as-you-go portion of the city's operating budget or borrowed in full. When told it would be borrowed, he asked if it would then not add another \$5 million to the city's \$38-million debt.

"No," said director general Duncan Campbell, because while \$5 million was being added to the long-term debt, other

debt was being paid off. "Like water coming in and out" of a bucket, Mayor Peter Trent added.

But Fretz, appearing puzzled, wondered about the "middle bucket [of outstanding debt]." Trent said that within about 10 years, the city would have built up the pay-as-you-go funding for all "routine" capital works.

Director general Duncan Campbell later told the *Independent* that current projections showed the city's level of indebtedness (excluding the arena/pool project) should peak in the next two years and start to reduce in 2013. "By 2017, we should be in a position to pay our capital expenditures through pay-as-you-go."

This is based on current budgeting and the move in 2011 to reduce capital projects other than the new arena, a special one.

Trent: arena won't be downsized, pool to stay open

Council attender Patrick Barnard who has persistently asked for the arena/pool project to be downsized, asked Mayor Peter Trent at the February 7 meeting if he had changed his mind about building "two ice surfaces."

No, the mayor replied.

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Positive response from the survey sent to all households last April gave the council "marching orders" to proceed with the proposed two underground rinks.

The mayor announced, at the end of the meeting, plans to appoint a project manager by the end of March and hold a public information meeting thereafter.

Demolition of the pool would be delayed until in September, he explained, allowing it to remain open this summer (see February 8, p. 1).

Trent protests SAQ plans to close outlets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The announced closure of SAQ outlets at Westmount Square and the Pepsi Forum has generated "great concern," Mayor Peter Trent wrote February 3 in a letter to SAQ president Norman Hébert.

Protesting the decision and offering to be available for further discussion, Trent pointed out that access to the remaining SAQ store at Sherbrooke and Victoria is difficult for many of the residents between Atwater and Greene who are, in large part, retirees and elderly persons.

As well, he also cited that 40 percent of Westmounters choose to walk, cycle or use public transportation. For them, neighbourhood stores are very important.

As well as being close to a Metro station, the two SAQ branches slated to close are part of the commercial landscape of the area, Trent explained.

His letter made no mention of the negotiations he brokered just over a year ago to keep Les 5 Saisons store open on Greene Ave. Its future was threatened by the proposed development of a condo project at the site, which generated similar

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With 143 new members, train group steams ahead

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG), which had some success in getting CP Rail to reduce noise and vibration produced by trains that pass through Westmount, has recently seen a huge increase in its membership.

In a six-week period through last September to November, membership grew from about 7 members to more than 150, according to David Schachter, who lives on St. Catherine St. and is WTAG's appointed spokesperson.

He believes recent public discussion of the proposed downtown/Dorval airport rail shuttle, combined with demands by West Islanders for more commuter rail service, have led to an upsurge of local interest in the group.

A proposed sound barrier alongside the Ville Marie Expressway, and the impending demolition and reconstruction of the Turcot interchange are also stirring up interest.

"We are anticipating an exponential increase in commuter rail traffic between the West Island and downtown Montreal," said Schachter.

"We want to make it such that if and

when it happens, the technology used is going to resolve most or all of the environmental issues that exist, such as noise, vibration and pollution."

WTAG has come a considerable distance since its founding by Ian Bidgood more than a decade ago. He is no longer involved.

While the group tended at first to be discreet and avoided the usual channels (such as working closely with local elected officials), it nonetheless had some success convincing CP Rail and the Agence Métropolitaine de Transport (AMT) to implement measures to attenuate vibrations and noise caused by passing trains. One example was that the track bed was rebuilt with more gravel and the tracks were welded to reduce "clickety-clack" noise.

"We still try and do things quietly," said Schachter, while noting that WTAG now enjoys the open support of Mayor Peter Trent; as well as councillors Gary Ikeman, Cynthia Lulham and Theodora Samiotis, who reside near the railway. Schachter believes WTAG can be most effective by working with the city.

"I don't think it's feasible for a small, poorly-funded private group to start dealing with government officials at the higher levels ... without some kind of help, without some kind of input, from the local government."

The group wants to expand its membership and may start to be "a little bit more upfront than we have been in the past," he added. Besides the major membership drive undertaken last fall, which netted approximately 150 new members, there is a move to double membership this spring.

As for maintaining contacts with influential people, Schachter said WTAG wants to continue to have good relations with key players at the Canadian Transportation Agency, CP, the AMT, the city of Westmount and the provincial government.

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"We still try and do things quietly," said WTAG chief spokesperson David Schachter.

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Milo and Azrieli gear up for concert of music for lovers



Joseph Milo

A concert slated for the end of this month in neighbouring NDG has two Westmount connections.

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Joseph Milo, a former Westmount resident, and soloist Sharon Azrieli, who grew in Westmount, will both be performing in the Musicians of the World Symphony Orchestra's upcoming "Romantic Arias – Music for Lovers."



Sharon Azrieli

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Toma Blatchford, a grade 11 student from Grosvenor Ave., was named athlete of the week last week by his New-York-based high school.

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Usage-based billing could crush healthy internet service provider competition



Our Man in Ottawa

MARC GARNEAU, MP
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The decision by the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to adopt usage-based billing for all internet service providers has provoked a strong negative reaction from the vast majority of internet users.

The internet is changing rapidly and becoming a powerful medium for entertainment, education and business. We have social media such as Facebook and Twitter, video links like Skype, online video games, streaming television and films from services like Netflix and Apple TV.

Think of the internet as a network that links the whole planet. Data moves over fibre optic or copper cable, wireless links or via satellites. Whatever we choose to stream into our homes uses bandwidth.

An email of a few lines does not involve much bandwidth but a high-quality film does. Increasingly, people want to use more and more bandwidth.

The CRTC has accepted advice from large internet service providers like Bell and decided that the more information you send and receive, the more you should pay. Specifically, the large providers would like the small providers to adopt a fee structure like theirs that is based on caps, above which cost of service increases. Unfortunately, this specific ruling risks killing off the competition provided by small internet service providers.

Bear in mind that the small providers lease internet infrastructure from the big providers who, it must be said, have made sizeable investments to provide the infrastructure that carries the internet.

Why do we need small providers? Because they compete with the big providers and competition is good for consumer choice and for innovation. In fact, the small players hustle to offer new services that consumers want, some of which involve increasingly large streams of data.

Up until the recent CRTC decision,

many small internet service providers offered you virtually unlimited quantities of data at one price. This made them very attractive. But with the proposed CRTC ruling, this would no longer be the case. The result is that the small service provider would no longer be able to differentiate itself as an attractive alternative to the large service provider. This is unacceptable. Consumers have a right to expect more.

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Police/city: report based on standards not guidelines

Safe cycling group queries bike path report

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC), a group of residents along de Maisonneuve, has questioned the future character of the bike path, following city decisions based on recommendations from a consultant.

The firm, Bourgeois Signalisation, was commissioned by the city some months ago to look into safety, configuration, signage and winter use of the bicycle route.

The WCSC takes particular issue with the removal of some stop signs (especially near large buildings), the city's goal to smooth the flow of traffic, the trial opening of the route for the winter and its very existence as a two-way path on a one-way street.

In a commentary submitted at the council meeting February 7, the group further said measures are incompatible with the residential character of the street, destroy the existing nature of the path and do not follow Vélo-Québec's best practices.

These measures were among those announced at the December 6 city council meeting as recommendations being

adopted from the consultant's report (see story December 15, p. 4).

The group also challenged the quality of the report submitted in two parts on November 22 and 24.

To review comments

"We're open to looking at your comments," Councillor Gary Ikeman told Brigitte St. Laurent, who spoke on behalf of the group in presenting the report.

Ikeman, who chairs the city's *ad hoc* cycling committee, explained that the recommended changes were only part of an evaluation process.

Police and city officials later told the *Independent* that the consultant's recommendations were designed to conform to standards laid down by the Quebec Transport ministry rather than guidelines from Vélo-Québec.

Local police commander Stéphane Plourde, who attended the council meeting, said that while the police department partners with Vélo-Québec, the bicycle organization's guidelines are suggestions. Some may or may not be applicable to the urban bike route.

Police and the city follow norms established by the Quebec ministry of Transport in its *Signalisation Routière, Tome V* – "the bible" for all road signage, line painting and other criteria, including bike paths, Plourde said.

These were also the standards used by the consultant to improve and update signage along the bike path.

New signs ready

Some of the new signs have already been received and are ready for installation, according to Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, who chairs the city's Administrative Traffic committee.

Among some "faulty and at times contradictory information" claimed by the WCSC are measurements of the bike path's width, reported as being 3 meters, when it narrows to 2.56 meters between Clarke and Melville.

"More disturbingly," the group states, is that the recommendations "hint at solutions that would call for the removal of stop signs and traffic lights (along the bike path) in order to lessen the levels of frustration of users who must observe stop



Brigitte St. Laurent comments during question period, February 7, at the city council meeting.

signs and traffic lights that are not justified."

Reverses essence

This is a solution "that does not reinforce the residential character of the street but rather allows for a freer flow of bicycles and cars – reversing, in essence, what the city spent 30 years to put in place."

While the group acknowledges the technical merit of certain recommendations, it is "deeply concerned about the consequences of pursuing this direction, given the incompatibility of having a two-way path on a one-way street and Vélo-Québec guidelines that call for prohibiting parking under such conditions.

City director general Duncan Campbell later pointed to the two-way bike path on one-way Hutchison St. downtown as being far more hazardous since parking was permitted on both sides of the street.

With regard to the bike path's winter usage," the WCSC states, "an earlier release of this report would have permitted a more informed discussion and decision."

The report, which actually comprises two documents, was delivered at the end of November, announced in December and posted on the city website in January.

Stayner Park eviction

Two men known to public safety officers and described as vagrants were ejected from the Stayner Park comfort station on two occasions February 1. They were found drinking alcohol at 8:20 pm as well as earlier in the day. Both were told not to return, officials said. One later received a warning for the third time.

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Police Beat

Blood trail leads cops to homeless robber

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A homeless man who allegedly broke into Vago restaurant was eventually arrested by police, when his own blood trail led the officers to his location outside of the building.

Police got a call from an alarm company at 10:45 am on Sunday, January 30 for the building at 1336 Greene Ave., which houses Vago's. When they arrived, they searched the area outside and found blood on some of the door handles. That trail ended in an alley behind the building, where they found the suspect.

"Apparently, what happened was the suspect was sleeping in the building overnight near a heating grate," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "In the morning, he realized he was locked in the building and he began looking for a way out."

Exiting in the morning, the suspect used an empty beer bottle to break the front-door window of Vago's, then went in

and helped himself to a bottle of gin and one of vodka.

"The suspect cut his right index finger during the incident, and he made his way out of the restaurant through the emergency door," said Pimentel. "But once outside, the suspect realized he left his bag with his belongings in the restaurant, and he tried to find a way back in to retrieve the bag."

The suspect tried multiple doors, but with no success. However, that explained the blood on all the door handles seen by the officers.

Arrested was a 64-year-old man with no fixed address. He is expected to be charged with breaking and entering, and possession of stolen goods.

Claremont tagger detained by PSO, and later arrested

A public safety officer, who witnessed a young man drawing graffiti on a Claremont Ave. wall, managed to detain the

suspect until the arrival of police, who took him into custody. Police say a second man, who may have been an accomplice, got away.

The incident took place at 3:08 am on February 6 on the wall of the building located at 390 Claremont, near Sherbrooke.

"When the officers arrived, the PSO had the suspect, along with a can of black spray paint," said Pimentel.

Police say the tag "Leof" was sprayed on the wall by the suspect. It was three feet by one-and-a-half feet.

"The officers on the scene said the suspect appeared to be under the influence," said Pimentel.

Arrested was a 20-year-old man from the Plateau district. He was charged with public mischief – graffiti.

The man who fled is described as a white male, 20, 5'8" with a medium build. He was wearing black pants and a green, checkered jacket.

– with files from the Independent

Westmount Bixis would help network go west

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Westmount.

Campbell subsequently told the *Independent* that "one of the advantages to bringing the service to Westmount would be to assist the network in expanding westward more easily."

The installation of a bike station at the Vendôme Metro would "make sense."

He said that information provided to Westmount showed that 186 residents used the service. While scattered throughout the community, most lived south of Côte St. Antoine Rd. and it's the de Maisonneuve bike corridor that the Bixi company is most interested in serving.

Now that a Bixi station for Marianopolis "doesn't seem to be in the cards, what we're trying to do is put in the basic stations to test their use by citizens," Campbell said.

The Bixi issue had been raised in council by Patricia Dumais on behalf of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. Negotiations have been underway for many months since the council balked at the original estimates of costs.

Other financial concerns involved fu-

ture liabilities, such as the company's long-term debt.

The use of Bixis for Marianopolis students had been part of Philip Cutler's electoral platform in the last municipal vote. Cutler came second in the three-way race in District 2 to current councillor Tim Price.

Boy injured in carnival sliding accident

A 12-year-old Westmount boy was taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital February 3 in a mishap on the Murray Park hill. The accident occurred during the annual tobogganing event at the start of the Westmount winter carnival. He was not believed to have been seriously hurt.

Public Security officials said the boy and another slider collided "head to head" around 8:10 pm. While using the designated portion of the hill, neither was reported to have been wearing protective head gear as advised by signage.



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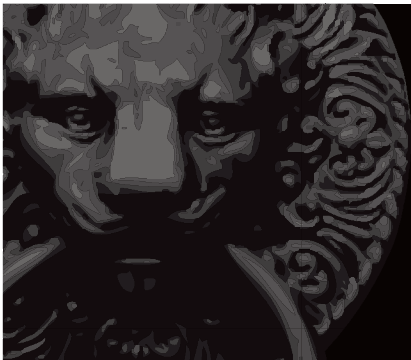
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Workman arrested for attempted break-in on Summit Crescent

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

A suspicious-looking vehicle led Station 12 police to a man they believe was trying to break into a home on Summit Crescent.

A snow-removal truck spotted two individuals running from a beige Toyota Corolla at 1:45 am on January 31. He called Public Security, and when the officers showed up at 2:15 am they spotted the car, with the keys in the ignition and the doors unlocked.

“Our constables showed up just before

2:30 am and saw the car, which also contained winter jackets,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “They entered the car’s license-plate number in their computer and discovered the car was not reported stolen, and that the driver was not from this sector.”

The police decided to have two undercover officers surveil the car, and that decision paid off at 3:10 am, when an individual got into it.

“He drove off, but the car was inter-

cepted by the officers only a few blocks away,” said Pimentel. “While they were following the car, the officers saw the driver making quick movements with his hand, as if he was trying to hide something on the floor.”

The officers ordered the man out of the car and searched him. They found a knife and a tool kit in his possession.

“The tools are the kind used to break into houses, so he was placed under arrest,” said Pimentel. “The officers also found it strange that the suspect was covered in snow, and that he was warm even though he wasn’t wearing a jacket.”

The police then searched the car. Inside, they found a bag that contained three knives, a walkie-talkie, a laptop computer, wire-cutters and a house plan for a residence on Summit Crescent. The officers also found four pills that they believe to be amphetamines.

“The house plans had areas marked off showing where valuable items would be kept in the home,” said Pimentel. “After investigating, we found out the suspect

was an apprentice electrician, who was one of the workers hired to do major renovations on the house.”

Asked what he was doing at the scene, the suspect replied, “Just waiting for my girlfriend.”

The police believe someone else was actually waiting for the suspect.

“While he was in custody, the suspect’s cell phone rang,” said Pimentel. “One of the constables answered the phone and heard someone say, ‘Where are you? I’m freezing. Come pick me up.’”

They called in the canine unit to search the area, but no accomplice was found.

“Investigators searched the area and found multiple tracks in the snow around the house, but there was no sign of a break-in,” said Pimentel.

Arrested was a 24-year-old South Shore man. He has been charged with attempted breaking and entering, possession of tools that can be used in the commission of a break-in and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was scheduled to appear in court on February 14.

It’s winter – let’s talk colours!



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GRETA VON
SCHMEDLAPP,
MUSE TO AURÉLIEN
GUILLORY

Well, hello, all of my dear Design Friends and Fiends.

Aurel and I have been working on several projects: among them, refurbishing the entire lower floor of a lovely, almost invisible, townhouse near The Boulevard and the classic Trafalgar; moving a landscape architect’s offices to a loft in the newly thriving area on St. Ambroise; and creating an Empire/Versace master bedroom suite in Hampstead.

We are using very different colour schemes for each one.

Aurel always has an in-depth discussion of the client’s needs. Too often, his new clients say “What colours are ‘they’ using these days?”

He counters: “More importantly, ‘What have you been dreaming about?’” Trends are often nothing more than marketing, making consumers dissatisfied with their current things. When he and I diagnose their psychological needs for the space, these findings create the best atmosphere for them.

Three projects, three schemes

The finished results are becoming apparent now. The townhouse suite has golden amber walls and new maple-plank floors with tribal Persian carpets. The final results showcase artifacts of the client’s many exotic vacations, creating an ethnic and folkloric theme.

The loft for the architect has massive columns painted a rich leafy green, the new walls for the office are clay ochre, and the reception partition that hides the kitchenette is a robust terra-cotta. The rest of

the 12-foot walls and ceiling are a light biscuit. We are waiting for the delivery of a nine-foot ficus and its huge clay pot. It will be up-lit from behind, so the silhouette will echo the client’s love of trees.

The master bedroom’s decadent “Versace-esque” custom furniture uses Aurel’s favourite wood veneer of anigre – with a blond rippled satiny pattern. The soft creamy beiges with a touch of peach complement the classic empire black and gold satins and stripes. The centrepiece is a 32-inch diameter crystal beaded hemisphere with brass trimming. We are currently researching the right Récamier to be centred at the windows. It will be just the spot for a light nap after a long day. I, Greta von Schmedlapp, think that there must find a perfect brass and marble table for a classic martini.

Go Westmount!

I must not forget to cheer the following Westmount shops. The super new owners of the Bistro on the Avenue, Kripesh Paul and Gopen Dev, must be lauded for their choice of the marvelous rich Pompeian red wall that casts a flattering glow. Then we must rave about fresh aqua sign of newbie David’s Teas – especially since Aurel is always looking for a super new tea for his morning cup. We really love the sunny ochre gold of the display window of Han Art over on St. Catherine near Greene. The owner, Andrew Lau, is a talented artist as well. His current expo of Dorothy Knowles paintings is worth a special trip.

Hugs, your Greta von Schmedlapp.

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Marianopolis Groundhog Day for alumni raises over \$6K



At Marianopolis College's annual Groundhog Day alumni reunion and silent auction on February 3, from left, Westmounters and alumni Lorraine Briscoe, Tim Dobby and Charlene Laprise, with Westmount resident Suzanne Daningburg, Marianopolis writing professional. According to the college, over 125 alumni, faculty, staff and friends joined the alumni association to raise over \$6,000 at the silent auction for its student support programs. The evening also included a tribute to the memory of long-time student-life animator, Doug Howes. The beer for the event was supplied by Westmounter Charles Bierbrier (class of '95) of Bierbrier Brewing.

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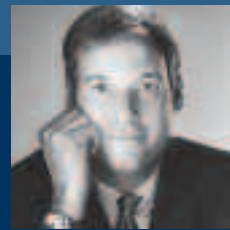
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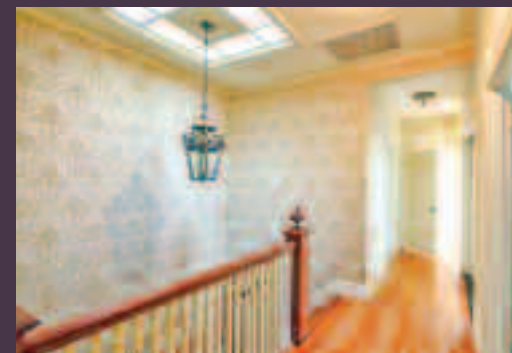
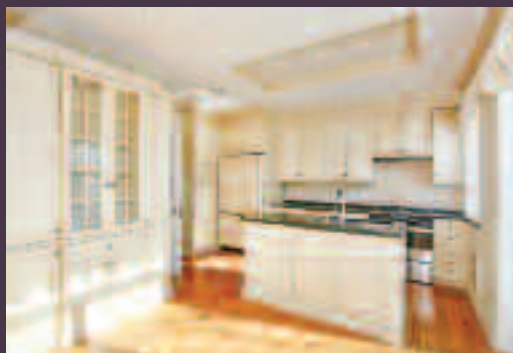
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Car hits tree on slippery slope

A car smashed into a tree at 168 Côte St. Antoine Rd. around 11:30 pm February 5, Public Security officials report. Driving down Forden Ave., it had slid across the intersection during wet blowing snow in what were described as "slippery road conditions." No injuries were reported, but damage was sufficient to require towing service.

Noisy Sunday

Public safety officers responded to three noise complaints Sunday, January 30. The first was generated by loud music at 2:18 am at a home on Grosvenor just north of Sherbrooke. The second complaint followed quickly at 2:36 am when partygoers were talking loudly in a back yard on Willow Ave. where they were smoking. The third involved a loud TV at 11:36 am in an apartment on Redfern. All offenders complied with requests to lower the noise.



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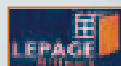
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TRENDSETTERS

CLAIRE WEBSTER

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

I see Claire Webster often, and usually when we are both in tennis whites. However, I also see this gal clad in glamour at the red carpet events I cover for the Westmount Independent, and I noted that she wears both styles with ease. Like many women of her generation, she manages family and daily errands in a casual style: comfort is paramount. But at evening events, elegance comes to the fore.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Sporty during the day, and simple, elegant in the evening.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

On a day-to-day basis, I spend most of my time working from home, running errands for the family, walking the dog and exercising when I can, so I tend to live in Lululemon yoga pants, t-shirts and comfy fitted jackets. When I need to dress for an evening out with friends or a business meeting, I love to wear a chic pair of jeans or pants paired with an elegant blouse and blazer complemented by beautiful accessories. I love tall boots!

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

Comfortable jeans or yoga pants and comfy sweaters or tops.

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world (money no object)?

Being fortunate enough to have travelled quite a bit, I truly love living in Montreal, however, I would definitely want to have a home somewhere in the Caribbean

by the ocean, where I could visit throughout the year. Need I say it? It would be warm in the Caribbean in February!

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?

We frequently have orchids – my very favourite flower – in our home. Oh, and at times we have various bouquets of flowers, especially when my husband is in the “dog house”!

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, and from any era?

Robert Redford, Julie Andrews, Queen Noor of Jordan, Grace Kelly and John F. Kennedy Jr.

GALAS

What is your favourite big Montreal gala?

My husband Stuart and I were recently invited to the St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation Ball for the first time, and I must say that it was one of the best events that we have attended in many years. The entertainment was outstanding, the décor and food were fabulous, and everything was perfectly timed. We all had a wonderful evening for a great cause.



Claire Webster

Photo: Ralph Thompson

What designer do you like to wear to these black tie events...or what kind of dress?

As I’m almost 6 feet tall, I like to wear sleeveless, very long and fitted gowns that are often black.

FASHION

Today, many stores such as Zara and Le Château offer the latest looks at an affordable price. Possibly Armani is the last “old school designer” to be still creating. What do you think of today’s fashions?

There are so many talented designers

and great retailers who are able to respond to the various fashion preferences of the public. As my style is very classic and contemporary, I enjoy following the trends in the magazines but not necessarily always acquiring them. Michael Kors, Tory Burch, and Marie Saint-Pierre are definitely my preferences as they “follow the trends” yet keep their style chic. Retailers such as Zara, Le Château, H & M and Forever 21 are doing a fabulous job at producing trendy, affordable clothes, especially for the younger generation.

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Comin’ Up

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- George Wall Shakespeare lecture on *Henry V*, 7 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Cost: \$20. Info: 514.935.7344.
- Author **Mary Soderstrom** leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Dom Casmurro* by Machado de Assis, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Info: 514.935.7344. Book club schedule: www.atwaterlibrary.ca/book-club.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- The Westmount Historical Association “**Greene Avenue Talks**” presents France Vanlaethem and Phyllis Lambert speaking on Mies Van Der Rohe and Westmount Square, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Cost: free for members; \$5 for non-members at the door. Info: 514.989.5510.
- Psychotherapist and author Alyson Schafer speaks on **parenting techniques** at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom, 7:30 to 9 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Free. Info: mshulman@selwyn.ca.
- Public hearing to consider the **demolition of 28 Devon**, 6 pm, city hall.
- The Gallery at Victoria Hall exhibits the works of **Susan Brainerd Alain and Ilyse Segal**. Opens today and runs to March 12. Info: 514.989.5521.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Concordia’s professor **Harold Chorney** on the direction of the West’s economy, followed by a question period, 8:15 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Open to all. Info: 514.937.3575, ext. 212

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

James Barry, Simone Nicole and the Left of Center Theater Company present *Al-*

addin and the Lamp, 2 pm, Victoria Hall. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors and students; \$8 for children 12 years and under. Tickets available at Victoria Hall. Performance repeats on Sunday, February 20, same time.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

The Women’s Canadian Club of Montreal presents **Phyllis Lambert** of the Canadian Centre for Architecture on “Architecture and the City,” 12:30 pm at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve (cross street Claremont Ave.) Guest fee: \$10, Men are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Public consultation meeting 7 pm at City Hall on **re-zoning bylaw** to prevent the building of so-called super-size homes in three R2 zones.

- Kidzsafe presents **The Yello Dyno** Child Protection Program, which teaches children to protect themselves from people who want to harm them, 4 pm at the children’s library of the Westmount Public Library. Space limited, register: 514.989.5229. For ages 2.5 to 6 years. Free, donations accepted. Info: www.kidzsafe.org.

- Bishop’s University Professor Trygve Umland will deliver the free talk “Travel, discovery and political ideas” as part of Marianopolis College’s annual speaker series. Lecture 7 p.m. in the Marianopolis Auditorium. Arrive early to secure your seat. Refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 pm, Info: www.marianopolis.edu/speakerseries.

New owner for former Kastel Gallery on Greene Ave.

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A commercial building on Greene Ave. that was for decades closely associated with the sale of fine Canadian art has changed ownership.

For some, 1368 Greene is considered a historic address, as it was the longtime location of the Kastel Gallery, one of the oldest and most highly-regarded venues in

Kastel. That building’s current tenant is Nicholas Hoare Books.

Reached in Toronto where his company also has a store, Nicholas Hoare said in an interview last week that having a new landlord for the Greene Ave. outlet won’t have any impact on his business. “It’s business as usual, steady as she goes as far as I know, and we’re looking forward to the new relationship,” he said.



7709595 Canada Inc. is the new owner of 1366 and 1368 Greene Ave

Quebec for Canadian art. Established in the mid-1950s by art dealer and Westmount resident Paul Kastel, the Kastel Gallery closed in 2006, although two other galleries, Galerie sur Greene and Galerie Division, have since taken over the space.

While Kastel and his partner, Anthony Nevin, co-owned 1368 Greene, the adjoining building, 1366 Greene (which was also recently sold), was owned exclusively by

According to property transfer records, the buyer of both buildings is 7709595 Canada Inc. Industry Canada’s corporate registry web site lists Louis, Jack and Philip Cola as directors of the company. The Colas have a stake in Quebec’s meat-packing industry, with a rising interest in children’s daycare centres.

At least one neighbouring business owner on Greene Ave. told the *Independent* that a

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Doris, staying at Westmount Animal Hospital, looking for forever home

	<p>9 Lives</p> <p>LYZANNE</p>
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There is no way to make this sound better than it is: Tiny Doris was left inside a duffle bag in the doorway at the Westmount Animal Hospital on December 23. The vet staff took her in and is hoping she will find a nice new home.

Doris is a cream-coloured Persian, with those amazing amber-coloured Persian cat

eyes. She has a very affectionate personality, a cuddly nature and kitten-ish curiosity. She quite likes people, as she greets clients and their pets when they arrive at the clinic.

Doris is between two and three years old, very healthy, with all her shots. She has not been spayed yet, which should be done by the hospital after she settles into a home.

If you would like more information on Doris, please call the Westmount Animal Hospital 514.487.5300 or drop by to see her at the clinic, which is located at 349 Victoria Ave.

Your neighbour, Lyzanne



Doris



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ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres des artistes Susan Brainerd Alain et Ilyse Segal du 17 février au 12 mars 2011. Info : 514 989-5521.

Galerie : appel de dossiers

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2011-2012 (septembre 2011 à août 2012). Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure 10 photographies ou images électroniques d'œuvres récentes; une liste des titres et description; un court curriculum vitae ainsi qu'un exposé portant sur la démarche artistique du candidat. Les artistes sont également invités à proposer jusqu'à cinq œuvres pour une exposition de groupe.

Période d'inscription annuelle : du 15 février au 15 avril. Les dossiers doivent être envoyés au soin du comité de sélection, Victoria Hall, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 ou déposés au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Info : 514 989-5521.

Aladin et la lampe

La troupe de théâtre *Left of Center* présente le conte classique d'Aladin au Victoria Hall les 19 et 20 février à 14 h (présentations en anglais). L'humour, la comédie et la participation de l'auditoire feront de ce spectacle une occasion pour tous. Billets : 12 \$ et 8 \$, disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.

Musique en folie le 1^{er} mars

9 h Ateliers : Brico-voix pour les enfants de 3 à 6 ans; Ma musique en BD pour les enfants de 7 à 12 ans. Ateliers bilingues. Billets : 5 \$, disponibles au Victoria Hall
10 h Concert : Annabelle Canto : une chanteuse talentueuse perd malencontreusement sa voix et part à la recherche d'une voix magique; pour les 6 à 12 ans. Bilingue. Entrée gratuite; laissez-passer disponibles au Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.

Soirée Pub irlandais au Victoria Hall

Fêtez le Saint-Patrick au son de la musique traditionnelle irlandaise au pub irlandais The Raven & The Rose au Victoria Hall le 16 mars de 20 h à 22 h. Billets : 15 \$, bar payant. Participez en même temps au concours de Limericks. Info : 514 989-5226.

DATES À RETENIR

Le 7 mars à 20 h

Séance du conseil
Hôtel de Ville

Le 20 mars à 12 h

Défilé de la Saint-Patrick
Montréal, centre-ville

Une heure pour la terre : sous les étoiles au parc Westmount

La Ville de Westmount et le Projet ville en santé de Westmount invitent les résidents à marquer **Une heure pour la Terre 2011** avec une foule d'activités : films, kiosques d'information et invités distingués le samedi 26 mars 2011 de 18 h à 22 h 30 au Victoria Hall. De plus, vous pouvez participer à l'observation d'étoiles et de planètes au parc Westmount avec les membres de la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada. Info: 514 989-5265. 🌿



BIBLIOTHÈQUE Conférences à 14 h

Joignez-vous à nous à l'occasion de la lecture théâtrale de *After Miss Julie* avec *The Golden Stagers* le mercredi 9 mars à 14 h. Info : 514 989-5386.

Les vendredis du cinéma

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COMMUNITY EVENTS Exhibition

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present works by Susan Brainerd Alain and Ilyse Segal from February 17 to March 12, 2011. Info: 514 989-5521.

Gallery: call for projects

The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces a call for projects for its 2011-2012 exhibition season (September 2011 to August 2012). Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include 10 photographs or electronic images of recent works, an accompanying list of titles with descriptive information, a short résumé and an artist's statement. Artists may also apply to participate in a group exhibition (maximum 5 images).

Annual registration period: February 15 to April 15. Please forward your project to: Gallery Selection Committee, Victoria Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 or deliver it to Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. Info: 514 989-5521.

Aladdin and the Lamp

The Left of Center Theater Company presents the classic tale of Aladdin at Victoria Hall at 2 p.m. on February 19th and 20th (performances in English). Combining hilarity, slapstick and audience participation, this show is for all ages. Tickets, \$12 & \$8, are available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.

March Musical Madness

March 1st at Victoria Hall:

9 am Workshops: Brico-Voix for children 3-6 years old and Music as Cartoons for children 7-12 years old. Bilingual. Tickets, \$5, are available at Victoria Hall.

10 am Concert: Annabelle Canto: a humorous story of a singer who loses her voice and searches for a new one. For ages 6 to 12. Bilingual; free passes available at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.

Irish Pub night at Victoria Hall

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an evening of live traditional Irish music at The Raven & The Rose Irish Pub at Victoria Hall on March 16th from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets \$15, cash bar. Participate in the Limerick contest. Info: 514 989-5226.

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DATEBOOK

March 7 at 8 p.m.

Council meeting
City Hall

March 20 at 12 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parade
Montreal - downtown

Earth Hour: Stargazing in Westmount Park

The City of Westmount and the Westmount Healthy City Project invite residents to mark **Earth Hour** on Saturday, March 26 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall with activities, information booths, movies and special guests. There will also be stargazing in Westmount Park with members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Info: 514 989-5265. 🌿



LIBRARY 2 O'Clock Series

Join us for a dramatic reading of the play *After Miss Julie* with *The Golden Stagers* on Wednesday, March 9 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

Friday Film Club

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PUBLIC SECURITY

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Report graffiti incidents in Westmount by phone at 514 989-5222, by visiting the Web site www.westmount.org or by e-mailing directly graffiti@westmount.org. Photos are accepted. Info : 514 989-5222. 🍷



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



**PROCÉDURES D'ENREGISTREMENT
RÈGLEMENTS Nos 1404 ET 1405
LE MARDI 22 FÉVRIER 2011
À TOUTES LES PERSONNES HABLES À VOTER AYANT LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITES
SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDAIRE DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT**

**AVIS PUBLIC EST PAR LES PRÉSENTES DONNÉ PAR LE SOUSSIGNÉ,
GREFFIER DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, DE CE QUI SUIT :**

Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le 7 février 2011, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté les règlements suivants :

Règlement n° 1404 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 5 146 400 \$ POUR L'EXÉCUTION DE TRAVAUX DE RÉFECTION ROUTIÈRE, DE RESTAURATION DE CONDUITES D'AQUEDUC ET DE RÉHABILITATION DE CONDUITES D'ÉGOUTS », dont l'objet vise à autoriser un emprunt de 5 146 400 \$ relativement à l'exécution de travaux de réfection routière, de restauration de conduites d'aqueduc et de réhabilitation de conduites d'égouts.

Règlement n° 1405 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT AUTORISANT UN EMPRUNT DE 245 600 \$ POUR LES TRAVAUX DE RÉALISATION DU PROGRAMME DE RESTAURATION DES RÉSEAUX AÉRIEN ET SOUTERRAIN DE DISTRIBUTION ÉLECTRIQUE D'HYDRO WESTMOUNT AINSI QUE L'ACHAT DE VÉHICULES », dont l'objet vise à autoriser un emprunt de 245 600 \$ relativement à l'exécution de travaux de réalisation du programme de restauration des réseaux aérien et souterrain de distribution électrique d'Hydro Westmount ainsi que l'achat de véhicules.

REGISTRE

Les personnes habiles à voter ayant le droit d'être inscrites sur la liste référendaire de la Ville de Westmount peuvent demander que l'un ou les deux règlements **1404** et **1405** fassent l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire en inscrivant leur nom, adresse et qualité et en apposant leur signature dans les registres ouverts à cette fin.

Pour signer les registres, les personnes habiles à voter devront établir leur identité en présentant une des pièces suivantes :

- carte d'assurance maladie délivrée par la Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec;
- permis de conduire ou permis de conduire probatoire délivrés sur support plastique par la Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec;
- passeport canadien;
- certificat de statut d'Indien délivré aux personnes inscrites au Registre des Indiens en vertu de la Loi sur les indiens; ou
- carte d'identité des Forces canadiennes délivrée par le ministère de la Défense nationale.

Les registres seront accessibles de **9 h à 19 h le mardi 22 février 2011** dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount, située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Le nombre requis de demandes pour que chacun des règlements **1404** et **1405** fassent l'objet d'un scrutin référendaire est de **500**. Si ce nombre n'est pas atteint, les règlements **1404** et **1405** seront réputés approuvés par les personnes habiles à voter.

Les résultats des procédures d'enregistrement seront annoncés à 19 h 05 le 22 février 2011, dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter les règlements **1404** et **1405** et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 et pendant les heures d'enregistrement.

**CONDITIONS POUR ÊTRE UNE PERSONNE HABLE À VOTER AYANT
LE DROIT D'ÊTRE INSCRITE SUR LA LISTE RÉFÉRENDAIRE
DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT**

Est une personne habile à voter selon l'ordre de priorité suivant :

- 1° Toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 7 février 2011** :
 - être domiciliée sur le territoire de la ville de Westmount;
 - être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec;
- 2° Tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 7 février 2011** :
 - être propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire de la ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
 - avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature des registres un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- 3° Tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes **le 7 février 2011** :
 - être copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé sur le territoire la ville de Westmount depuis au moins 12 mois;
 - être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois, comme celui qui a le droit de signer les registres en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite pour être admis à s'enregistrer.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, il faut qu'elle soit majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, **le 7 février 2011** est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit ou produire au moment de la signature des registres une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer les registres et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 15 février 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



**REGISTRATION PROCEDURES
BY-LAW NOS. 1404 and 1405
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
TO ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAME ENTERED ON
THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT, OF THE FOLLOWING:

At its regular sitting held on February 7, 2011, the municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted the following by-laws:

By-law No. 1404 entitled “BY-LAW TO PROVIDE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,146,400 FOR THE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, THE REFURBISHING OF WATER MAINS AND THE REHABILITATION OF SEWERS” the object of which is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$5,146,400 to carry out work for the roadway reconstruction programme, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers.

By-law No. 1405 entitled “BY-LAW TO PROVIDE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,600 TO CARRY OUT WORK FOR THE HYDRO WESTMOUNT AERIAL AND UNDERGROUND NETWORK RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES” the object of which is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$245,600 to carry out work for the Hydro Westmount aerial and underground network restoration programs and for the purchase of vehicles.

REGISTER

All qualified voters entitled to have their name entered on the referendum list of the City of Westmount may demand that one or both by-laws **1404** and **1405** be submitted to a referendum poll by entering their name, address and capacity and by apposing their signature in the registers open for that purpose.

To sign the registers, the qualified voters will be required to produce one of the following identification, namely:

- Health insurance card (Medicare) issued by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*;
- Driver's license or probationary licence issued in plastic form by the *Société de l'assurance-automobile du Québec*;
- Canadian passport;
- Certificate of Indian Status issued to persons registered in the Indian Register under the *Indian Act*; or
- Canadian Armed Forces identification card issued under Order of the Department of National Defence.

The registers will be open for registration from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke West.

The number of applications needed to require that each of the by-laws **1404** and **1405** be submitted to a poll is **500**. Failing such number, by-laws **1404** and **1405** shall be deemed to have been approved by the qualified voters.

The results of the registration procedures will be announced at 7:05 p.m. on February 22, 2011, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall.

Any interested person may consult by-laws **1404** and **1405** at the office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during the registration hours.

CONDITIONS TO BE A QUALIFIED VOTER ENTITLED TO HAVE ONE'S NAME ENTERED ON THE REFERENDUM LIST OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT

Is a qualified voter according to the following order of preference:

1. Any person not disqualified from voting and who meets the following requirements on **February 7, 2011**:
 - is domiciled in the territory of the City of Westmount;
 - has been domiciled for at least six months in Quebec;
2. Any sole owner of an immoveable or sole occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following requirements on **February 7, 2011**:
 - has been, for at least 12 months, the owner of an immoveable or the occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
 - has filed, or file when signing the registers, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be;
3. Any undivided co-owner of an immoveable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **February 7, 2011**:
 - has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immoveable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the territory of the City of Westmount;
 - be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of the persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as being the one having the right to sign the registers in their name and to have the right to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed to be entitled to register.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- have designated by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **February 7, 2011**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting;
- have filed, or file the resolution when signing the registers, designating the person authorized to sign the registers and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

GIVEN at Westmount, this February 15, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
City Clerk

Community Scene

What's happening at local community centres this winter

BY MARYLIN SMITH CARSELEY

There are several recreational destinations situated in Westmount. Located on Sherbrooke St. across from Westmount Park is the YMCA, and the schedule offered here is replete with choices. Since the start of this new year, that annual exercising resolution at the Y has been in full movement.

Director Gary White hopes that this year members will remain committed. "The focus and the challenge is to keep people satisfied so that we continue to see their faces in March," he told me when I spoke to him last month. "This Y is special as it is a neighbourhood landmark. It is not just a fitness centre; it is a real community meeting place and always intent on satisfying all age categories."

More space for adult fitness at the Y

The Y tries to continually update its facilities. Modifications have been made to the second floor to accommodate more adult fitness programs. The children's gym, originally located in that area, has been moved to the mezzanine level to join the other children's classes. The pool has been equipped with new filters, and renovations are being done to the observation deck so that parents can comfortably watch their children during the popular swimming lessons.

Fitness director Trudie Ogden has been organizing many of the existing and new

fitness programs – both worth exploring. People are invited to try TRX classes, which is an innovative resistance form of training by using suspension cables. In addition, there are more classes in yoga, Pilates, tai chi, Zumba, Bollywood dancing and many other ways in which to keep active.

The Nia technique is novel in its combination of jazz, tai chi, yoga and several other disciplines. If you'd rather get your exercise in the wintery outdoors, there is a Nordic walking class for winter enthusiasts. With so much available, Westmounters should venture to the Y and take a firmer and more successful grip on this New Year's resolution of keeping fit.

Centre Greene open to all ages

Centre Greene, an independent non-profit organization located at 1090 Greene Ave., just below Dorchester, organizes its cultural, social and recreational agenda to accommodate all. There is ballet, hip-hop dancing, yoga, martial arts gym activities for children, ballroom dancing, senior activities and much more. For all children who are interested, there will be a March Spring Break Camp from February 28 to March 4.

Its spring community fundraising events include its annual book sale on April 1 and 2, where all proceeds will go directly to the its summer camp and community programs. The annual community garage sale on May 7 will have tables available for rental.

Recently, Centre Greene became a location for the Good Food Box, which is a collective buying group for fresh fruits and vegetables. For more details, check www.centregreene.org or call 514.931.6202. In addition, the centre has space available that can be rented for events and parties.

During the hibernating winter months and throughout all the seasons, the Westmount Y and Centre Greene offer a diverse assortment of ways in which to keep happy, healthy and physically occupied.

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Shamus, a touch of black dog syndrome, perhaps?



Gerdy's Rescue picked four-year-old Shamus up from a local dog pound, where he was down to his last few days on death row.

It must have been the luck of the Irish that brought Gerdy to his rescue. He's a bumptious boy and, dare we say, at 105 lbs, a tad overweight. He's got enthusiasm to spare, for people, other dogs, for whatever is at the absolute other end of his leash.

More than anything, Shamus needs a home where he can learn to curb his enthusiasm, first by learning to walk nicely on his leash and by cutting back at mealtime.

He's a happy-go-lucky guy who whose biggest fault is an unbridled appetite for life.

Gerdy subscribes to the theory that black dogs face a harder time finding homes than more colourful pooches. She calls it "black dog syndrome" and works extra hard to find homes for the darklings who come into her care.

"The eye just naturally passes over a black dog in the group. That's why some shelters put brightly colored scarves around the necks of their black dogs," she said. Her eye didn't pass over Shamus with his goofy smile and shiny coat. Here's hoping yours won't either.

Shamus has had all his shots and has been dewormed and tested negative for heartworm.

He's been neutered and is ready to start a new life. Could it be with you? If so, visit www.underdogclub.org, email contact@underdogclub.org or call 1.877.43.DOGGY to find out more about Shamus or other dogs needing homes. The Underdog Club is committed to helping ugly, old and unpopular dogs get a second leash on life.



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AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1406 LE MERCREDI 23 FÉVRIER 2011 – 19 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PREMIER PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT n° 1406 INTITULÉ « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le Règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – implantation, espaces découverts et constructions souterraines dans les cours latérales et arrière dans les zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 et R2-10-01 »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 7 février 2011, le conseil a adopté par résolution le premier projet de règlement n° 1406, intitulé « Règlement visant à modifier de nouveau le Règlement 1303 concernant le zonage – implantation, espaces découverts et constructions souterraines dans les cours latérales et arrière dans les zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 et R2-10-01 ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (L.R.Q., chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 23 février 2011 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le premier projet de règlement n° 1406 dont l'objet vise notamment à :

- augmenter les exigences des marges latérales de 7 à 10 pieds pour un lot d'une superficie de 8 000 pieds carrés ou plus, dans les zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 et R2-10-01;
 - réduire à 3 200 pieds carrés (297,29 mètres carrés) la superficie d'implantation maximum ou 35% du lot ou terrain, si la superficie du lot ou parcelle de terrain est de 8 000 pieds carrés (743,2 mètres carrés) ou plus; et
 - interdire la construction en-dessous de l'espace découvert minimum requis dans les cours latérales et dans les cours arrière, à l'exception des empattements, des accès vers les sous-sols et les puits de fenêtres.
3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le premier projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
 4. Le premier projet de règlement comporte des dispositions propres à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
 5. Le premier projet de règlement s'applique aux zones concernées R2-07-01, R2-09-01 et R2-10-01.
 6. **LE CROQUIS DES ZONES CONCERNÉES :**
Le croquis des zones concernées est reproduit ci-contre.
 7. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le premier projet de règlement n° 1406 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 15 février 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW 1406 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE FIRST DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1406 ENTITLED “By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – Site coverage, uncovered spaces and underground structures in side yards and rear yards in zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 and R2-10-01”

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2011, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law No. 1406 entitled “By-law to further amend Zoning By-law 1303 – Site coverage, uncovered spaces and underground structures in side yards and rear yards in zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 and R2-10-01”.
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (R.S.Q., chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the first draft By-law No. 1406, the object of which is, among other things to:

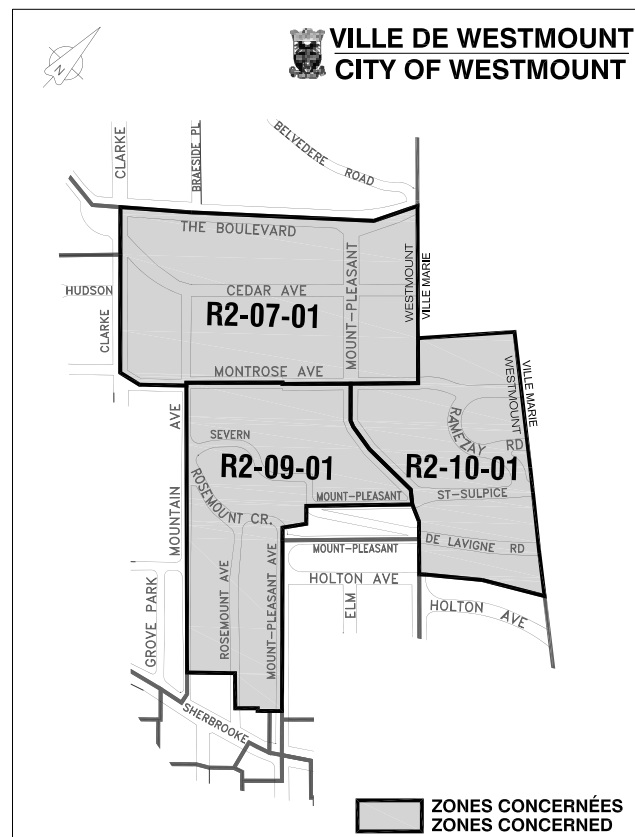
- To increase the lateral setback requirements in zones R2-07-01, R2-09-01 and R2-10-01 from 7 feet to 10 feet for a lot of 8,000 square feet or more;
- To reduce the maximum permissible site coverage to 3,200 square feet (297.29 square meters) or 35% of the area of the lot or parcel of land, whichever is the greater area, if the area of the lot or parcel of land is 8,000 square feet (743.2 square meters) or greater;

- To forbid below grade construction in the required minimum open space in the side yards and in the rear yards with the exception of footings, basement accesses and window well.

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the first draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The first draft by-law contains provisions making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. The first draft by-law concerns zones R2-07-01, R2-09-02 and R2-10-01.
6. **SKETCH OF THE CONCERNED ZONES:**
The sketch of the concerned zones is reproduced herewith.
7. Any interested person may consult the first draft By-law No. 1406 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, February 15, 2011.

Mario Gerbeau
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BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for exterior construction, alterations and renovation were approved at the February 7 meeting of city council.

499 Elm: at a Category I house, to create a second entrance identical to the existing one, provided no awnings are installed over either;

667 Belmont: to build a rear two-storey extension 6-feet 6-inches wide, a new balcony on the south side on the level of the attic and modify balconies on the first and second floors.

72 Columbia: to convert a rear window into a door;

347 Redfern: to landscape at the front including changes to the pathway and to build new retaining walls;

672 Belmont: to replace some windows and storms;

4960 Sherbrooke: to renovate the front façade and install a new awning;

441 Mount Pleasant: at a Category I house, to convert a rear door into a window;

4633 Sherbrooke: to replace the front door;

4100 St. Catherine: at a Category I building, to erect a sign for TNT;

4101 St. Catherine: at a Category I building, to erect a sign for Java U;

4855 Sherbrooke: to erect three signs for Hogg's;

221 Victoria: to erect a sign for auto centre.

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From Darmo to POM, and Auto Robert to Le Fournil

A bell makes the rounds in Vic Village – and leaves urban legends in its wake

By ISAAC OLSON

It’s a story of freshly baked bread, a newly painted storefront and a mysterious bell. It’s a story of one business owner tapping the shoulder of another for his secret refinishing techniques. It’s a story, it appears, that urban legends are made of.

“It has a nice ring to it,” grunted Bob Cotter as he wrestled the some 50-pound bell back onto a sawhorse after taking it for a test spin. The ring seemed to echo in the small auto-body garage, but it was probably just a couple sets of ear drums vibrating like tuning forks.

By the time the tale made it to the *Independent’s* editorial desk, the bell was believed to date back to the early 1900s, when scents of baking bread filled the streets of Westmount, pouring out of a factory owned by the same Harrison family that eventually founded POM. Once based on Prince Albert, Harrison Bakeries first relied on horse-drawn waggons to deliver the bread and, legend has it, the bell in Cotter’s garage was used to signal a new batch was ready for delivery.

His shop is located at 21 Somerville near Prince Albert – the same location that

the Harrisons may have kept some of the estimated 165 horses needed to make the rounds. More recently, the string of garages, which resembles a converted horse stable, belonged to Albert Darmo, who ran Darmo Auto at the location. Now Cotter rents one of several stalls from the property’s newest owner.

Standing among three old cars, an assortment of tools, work benches and even an antique violin he aims to fix up, Cotter said he can refurbish just about everything in his garage, Classique Auto Robert. So, it was only natural that he agreed to restore an old bell for the owners of neighbouring Boulangerie Le Fournil, found just around the corner at 348 Victoria.

“There were three different stages of grinding and sanding,” recounts Cotter, noting the process took about two days. “I have a couple of special resurfacing tools. I got all the scales and rust off and then did a kind of secret procedure to get that smoke-black look with a little gloss to it.”

As far as he heard, Cotter said the bell hung in Le Fournil’s doorway and was used to signal customers when the bakery’s bread was hot out of the oven.

Well, he’s right about where it hung,

but the current owners of the bakery, who commissioned Cotter to do the job, would be waking Westmounters up well before sunrise if they rang it every time the bread was done.

Robyn Friedman, who co-owns the bakery with her sister Tawn, laughed when she heard the developing through-the-grape-vine story. She said the already rusty bell was *continued on p. 29*



Bob Cotter holds up the refinished bell in his auto-body shop, Classique Auto Robert.

Re-zoning reduces site coverage, basements

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sizes in those zones.

A public consultation meeting will be held February 23 at 7 pm at city hall to provide further detail and solicit comment, said Councillor Theodora Samiotis in introducing the re-zoning bylaw.

The three affected irregularly shaped zones (R2-07-01, R2-09-01 and R2-10-01) are located in the mid-section of the city extending from the south side of The Boulevard east of Clarke down to just above Sherbrooke at Mountain and east to the city limits (see figure at right).

The area includes such streets as Cedar, part of Montrose, Mount Pleasant, Rosemount, Ramezay and de Lavigne.

“This seems to be the most problematic area because of the topography and where people want to maximize the size of their property to build supersize houses,” according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

While there are other large properties in R2 zones to the west, above Sherbrooke, she told the *Independent*, “the current thinking” is not to extend the changes to those zones. “The rezoning is an exten-

sion of what we did in R1.”

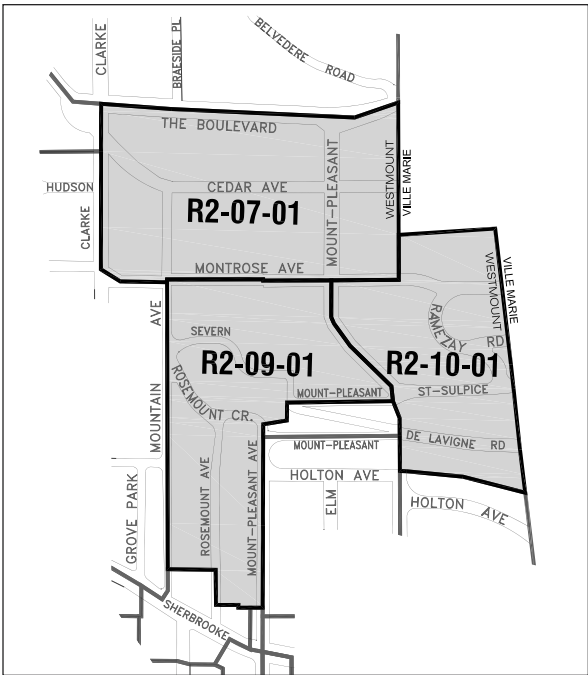
While the 65 large properties are most directly affected by the downsizing, lots of all sizes are governed by the new restrictions on below-grade construction of basements and garages. This aims to prevent continuous wall-to-wall underground structures that can affect water drainage and cause other issues.

Under the proposed amendments for lots of 8,000 square feet or more, no building will be permitted to extend closer than

10 feet from the side property lines. It had been seven feet.

As well, the maximum site coverage would be 3,200 square feet or 35 percent, whichever is greater. For smaller properties, maximum site coverage would be set at 40 percent.

These provisions automatically came in force with the adoption of the first draft bylaw February 7 for new building or extensions and additions not yet requested.



Areas to be re-zoned.

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Artful party launches winter season at Parisian Laundry



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Parisian Laundry launched its winter season January 12 with a show that attracted the young and the restless, the glam and the gorgeous, and – most importantly – the art aficionados of Montreal: collectors, critics and gallerists. (FYI: Parisian Laundry is just on the border of Westmount and St. Henri.)

From the Musée d'art contemporain, director **Paulette Gagnon** attended, as did **Marie Fraser**, **Marc Lanctôt** and **Lesley Johnstone**. Art critics and journalists included **Eric Clément**, **Marie Claude Lortie** and **Nathalie Petrowski** from *la Presse*, **Nicolas Mavrikakis** (*Voir*), and **John Pohl** (the *Gazette*).

They came to see artists **Valérie Blass** (“Petit losange laqué veiné”) and **Susi Brister** (“Ménagerie”). Blass’s quirky works are sculpted from found objects. Commanding attention in the middle of the main

room, “Femme Panier 2010” was made up of bits and pieces: ceramic hands, a basket (hence the “panier” one presumes), a “found” shirt and mesh stockings placed on a store mannequin. Her “Femme Planche” was a woman resting on her elbows, with a “found” shovel lying on her



Westmounter Clarence Epstein



Westmount's Stéphane Laveur and Claude Abitbol, Jeannie Riddle, and artists Valérie Blass and Susi Brister.

buttocks, and a flower pot (yes, “found”) on the head. It looked like she was carved from wood but was made of Styrofoam. Blass was formerly a set designer for films, hence her ability for *trompe l'oeil*.

Downstairs in the “bunker,” Texas-based artist Brister’s charming colour photos showed human shapes wrapped in fabrics whose designs matched the patterns of the backgrounds against which they were posed. The forms were shot in isolation, yet their snuggling shapes suggested a sense of security.

Seen in the packed room were Westmounters **Pierre Trahan** (Greene Ave.’s Division Gallery), **Clarence Epstein**, **Claude Abitbol** and **Stéphane Laveur**.

Also attending was **Nancy Rosenfeld**, president of the Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Family Foundation.

Artists **Ben Klein**, **Jake Moore** (also director of Concordia’s FOFA gallery) and **Sophie Jodoin** attended, as did collectors **François Rochon** (Giverny Capital) and **Jo Ann Kane** (National Bank Collection), all greeted by Parisian Laundry’s director **Jeannie Riddle** and **Dacil Kurzweg**.

The show ends February 19 – so do pop down the hill.



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New UPS shop owner settles in, has tales to tell

BY ISAAC OLSON

Gabriel Antenucci is no stranger to the delivery business, but he takes pleasure in knowing he will no longer be logging long days in that famous brown delivery truck, dropping off packages on his usual Westmount route.

Though the NDGer resigned from his position with UPS after more than seven years doing just about everything except mopping the warehouse floors, he isn't packing it in just yet.

About three months ago, 29-year-old Antenucci became a franchisee when he took over the UPS store at 4148A St. Catherine near the Wood intersection.

And, he said, he has already had several interesting experiences as he works to repair what he says was a lacklustre performance by the previous owner.

With customers like Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Heil looking to mail her skis to Calgary or another customer wanting to send all of her belongings to Columbia as she moves to South America, Antenucci said he can find a way to ship almost anything. Citing examples, he said one client came in with a 90-pound antique dresser that was too big for UPS, so he wrapped it up in bubble wrap and loaded it on a freight train.

His goal, he explained, is to make customer service the number one priority while building on his already deep-rooted connections in the delivery industry – be it UPS, freight or even FedEx. The shop

also provides a full-range of printing services, he added.

“So far, so good,” said Antenucci, who married his wife in September, resigned from UPS, honeymooned and came back to his new career as a store owner. “People really seem to take well to good customer service. I think that is the basis to any good business.”



UPS store owner Gabriel Antenucci shows how he gets packing “peanuts” into boxes.

Community Events launches ‘Cultural Wednesdays’

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

With an eye set on restoring Victoria Hall as a venue for culture, the city of Westmount's Community Events department is launching a series of cultural presentations to take place at Victoria Hall every two months on Wednesday evenings.

Since Victoria Hall was extensively renovated in the late 1990s, it has tended to be used mostly for teaching classes, explained assistant Community Events coordinator Virginia Elliott.

But the city has access, through subsidized organizations like the Conseil des arts de Montréal, to programs such as Daniel Taylor of the Theatre of Early Music and Quatuor Bozzini, who have per-

formed at larger venues like Place des Arts.

The objective of “Cultural Wednesdays,” according to Elliott, is to make the performing arts more accessible to Westmounters. Ticket prices will be kept at a reasonable level so that residents will be able to attend these events in a venue close to home.

On February 9, the first of the performances was held – a concert by Quazar Quatuor. The group of brass musicians played music from widely different eras, ranging from the baroque Bach to Frank Zappa in our modern era.

While the Community Events department hasn't yet developed a fixed schedule of the performances, information can be obtained by calling 514.989.5226.

Bell, bakery, horse stables...

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there when they bought the place from the previous owner about seven years ago. They took it down to paint the storefront, she said, but she didn't know where it came from.

“It was always here,” she said, responding to the impromptu interview as she ran in the back to check the oven, handled a dairy delivery and sold fresh-baked goods to late morning customers as they trickled in from the bustling Victoria Village. “Some people noticed the bell and some didn't. Now that it's going to be refurbished and shiny, it's going to look even better in front of the store.”

As it turns out, it was never actually rung to signal ready bread, but that was the original plan when Tim Goforth bought the bell in a Foster, Quebec antique shop.

Goforth, a Montreal West resident who founded, owned and operated Le Fournil alongside his wife from 1997 to 1904, said he bought the bell because it reminded him of his childhood in Scarborough, Ontario. His mother, he explained, would ring a large bell mounted on their coun-

tryside home at meal time – a sound that carried far and wide to bring he and siblings in for lunch or dinner.

The bell in question was new when he bought it, he said, and he suspects it was made in China judging by what he described as poorly made castings that came in separate parts. He put the bell together himself and hung it up over the door where it stayed until the Friedman sisters took it down many years later.

“The idea was, we were going to ring the bell when the bread was out of the oven,” said Goforth, but that plan never actually materialized. “We were too busy making the bread. We were too busy trying to make a living.”

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New ‘owner’ introduces himself

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man named Georges Hassan had dropped by briefly to introduce himself as the new owner of 1366 and 1368 Greene.

In a phone interview, Hassan initially confirmed he is the owner, then hesitated when asked whether he had partners. “I don't really know why these things are important,” he said at one point, while suggesting the *Independent* submit questions

to him by email. Hassan had not responded to an emailed query by deadline.

Hassan said his company is undecided on the future use of its newly-acquired properties on Greene. “We are uncertain at this point,” he said. “We are looking to rent those premises. So depending on who those new tenants would be, it would depend on that.”

Stars align for duo's jewelry

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and actors including Jennifer Love Hewitt, *The Fighter* stars Dendrie Taylor and Melissa McMeekin, Lorraine Brocco (*Sopranos*) and Ashley Jones (*True Blood*) all took a pair of the earrings home.

Their business, called Chris & Alix, was launched in 2008, but, said Loertscher, the friends have been making jewelry for sale under their own names since 2000. Loertscher worked at Bead Emporium on Victoria Ave. (now closed), where she learned the basics in jewelry design.

Theirs was a cottage industry that grew into hosting small jewelry parties in West-

mount for family and friends. Eventually they hosted parties in a St. Laurent Blvd art gallery. Then the Chris & Alix studio boutique was born in the spring of 2009 in Montreal's East End and an online boutique was launched this January.

Both did their elementary and secondary schooling in Westmount. Scherzer attended the Priory School, while Loertscher attended Roslyn and the Study. They graduated from ECS in 1997.

Their jewelry line caught the eye of the Golden Globe organizers from a article that appeared in September 2010 issue of *InStyle* magazine. For more information, visit www.chris-alix.com.

Retail Watch

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

"O" Way organic coiffure-spa opens on Sherbrooke

Patricia Soussana opened "O" Way coiffure-spa on 4926 Sherbrooke St. in December 2010. Sousanna spent her early years working at her mother's business, Fanny's of Westmount, once located across the street on the corner of Sherbrooke and Prince Albert and now operating in Old Montreal. For the past seven years, the beauty specialist has dedicated herself to opening an all-organic spa that caters to a savvy clientele looking for a more balanced approach to life – both in-

side and out. "People are becoming more aware of health, so the products are important," said Soussana about her line of all-natural make-up, shampoos and hair dyes.

The hair products at "O" Way are imported directly from Italy, and packaged with the spa's own label. It also carries a wide range of Jane Iredale mineral-based make-up products. Soussana expressed her interest in meeting her clients' individual needs and said our "clients are having good experiences so far and the products are selling themselves."



Patricia Soussana, organic beauty specialist and owner of "O" Way coiffure-spa.

Quelque Chose is coming to Westmount

After 35 years in NDG, Quelque Chose, which specializes in antiques, lamps and custom lampshades, is moving to Westmount. Annie White and her daughter Sophie Bourassa bought the store five years ago. The store will be opening at 4910 Sherbrooke St., near Prince Albert on May 1.

"We are hoping to fit in well and make the Sherbrooke shopping experience a lit-



Annie White displays some of the unique lamps she has restored and created using candle holders, antique bottles and even an antique blow torch.

tle bit more special...I am hoping to make new customers and also bring along old ones," said White. Along with a new location, Quelque Chose will be introducing new items to its selection and focusing more on custom lampshades. "There's just no more business for antiques because of the high prices," she explained. The current tenants of 4910 Sherbrooke, Décor Casa Fina, will continue to operate the home décor business in Côte St. Luc.

Inspira Crea, is about "back to basic" in its Victorian-era setting

Inspira Crea is a new health and wellness centre founded by Westmount resident Johanne Pothier. The clinic offers an integral approach to health encompassing the mind, body, soul, family and work environment. Some of the services offered are meditation groups, massage therapy, career and life coaching, psychotherapy, acupuncture, healthy eating demonstrations, yoga, pilates and qigong.

Pothier, its president, opened the centre in Westmount because she believed it

was unique to the location. Finding the correct building (a Victorian-style building located at 4455 Sherbrooke, near Metcalfe) was another important factor in choosing Westmount. "I wanted to have a home setting, not a clinic or an office, I want people to feel good the minute they walk in," she explained. When asked what inspired her to open the centre Pothier said, "I wanted to use all I had learned over the years to give back to people."

Pothier is a qualified life coach and energy healing therapist, and has 28 years of experience in business management.



Inspira Crea's Johanne Pothier, a Westmounter, spent a year renovating the Victorian establishment now home to the health and wellness centre.

Collage Pediatric Therapy's multi-disciplinary approach to childhood development

Collage Pediatric Therapy has been based at 4141 Sherbrooke St. since August 2010. It was previously Rich Rewards Speech Therapy clinic. The team is composed of speech-language pathologists, psychologists, occupa-

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tional therapists and play therapists who work together to help children up to 18 years old who have a wide spectrum of developmental issues. The service is private, however, “Collage Therapy does work closely with various non-profit organizations that can offer funding to qualifying candidates,” explained director of motor services, Jennifer Sailofsky, who is also one of the clinic’s physiotherapists.

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courage parents to come sooner rather than later” if they are worried about their child’s development or “their ability to perform activities at the same rate as their peers. The earlier problems are detected, the more efficient the response to therapy,” she explained.

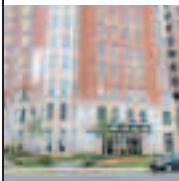
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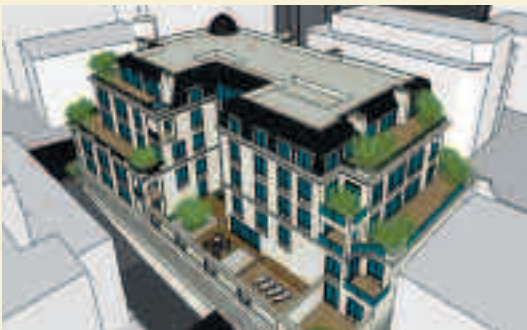
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