

## City names Genivar Inc. arena/pool project manager

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The waiting is over as city council April 20 named the project manager that will move the \$37-million arena/pool complex off the drawing board and through the building process.

In a unanimous vote, council approved the selection of the large engineering and project management firm Genivar Inc. and its bid in a total amount of \$484,369 – almost half the \$1-million budget estimate.

“We expect the work to ..... ramp up now with coordi- .....

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Blue Hounds practise at the Westmount Y, April 19. For story, see p. 9.

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New project manager Gilles Desrochers identifies challenges

# Scheduling and minimizing park impact top list

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Meet Gilles Desrochers, the project manager for the new arena/pool project, who is expected to have a high profile role in interfacing with citizens during the next two years.

And along with a need to accelerate the project, this expectation of resident involvement was one of the challenges he quickly identified in a brief phone inter-

view with the *Independent* the day after his mandate was confirmed by council April 20 as the designated representative of Genivar Inc. (see story, p. 1).

“From the tender documents, it seems that one of the challenges will be to minimize disturbance to the community and the impact on the park,” he said.

After more than a decade of experience in project management, however, he did point out that it’s not possible to carry out

a large construction project “without breaking some eggs.”

He said he had been able to obtain some of the plans from city hall during preparation of the tender submission and understood the basics of the project.

Desrochers has spent much of his time at Genivar in the university sector as project manager for Concordia’s building program, including experience with underground gyms. Most recently, he has been involved in the new engineering building as well as the research centre on the Loyola campus.

Expected to be introduced at an upcoming city council meeting, Desrochers will be meeting the Westmount public at an information session that has been delayed awaiting his appointment.

Asked whether or not he would be working exclusively on the arena/pool project, he said that had yet to be deter-

mined. He expected the “ramping-up stage” at the beginning to be time consuming. The start of construction would also be demanding.

The tender documents spelled out a broad range of responsibilities for the project manager that include bringing the project in on time and budget, helping prepare the tenders for the general contractor and hiring, coordinating the building process, inspecting work and testing (see “Tenders called...”, March 29, p. 1).

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# Project manager chosen

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nation and completion of the design by the architect,” Councillor Patrick Martin told the special public meeting attended by a handful of people.

Martin also announced that Genivar vice president Ali Ettehadihah would serve as executive liaison for the project, while the actual project manager would be Gilles Desrochers.

Ettehadihah has a long history in project management in Westmount with the conversion of the CND Mother House to Dawson College, the Westmount Public Library’s refurbishment and expansion, and the renovation of Victoria Hall.

Desrochers has more than 10 years in the field, latterly involving the management of Concordia building projects that include the new engineering building and the research centre at the Loyola campus (see story, p. 2).

Montreal-based Genivar, a firm with some 4,500 employees internationally, has experience in the field of arenas and pools, and in building to the Gold level of the environmental standard of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), Martin said.

The firm was one of two finalists selected by the city staff evaluation committee out of nine eligible tenders submitted. The committee members’ identities are not made known. A tenth submission was dismissed as being delivered to the wrong address and arriving at city hall after the deadline (see April 19, p. 1).

Among those attending the meeting was Westmounter Brian Fitzpatrick, a vice president of Groupe Axor, the other finalist. His firm was involved in the building of the Canadiens’ hockey arena and training centre in Brossard, and many area municipal arenas.

The lower Genivar bid quoted \$383,500 plus taxes, and contingencies of \$60,401.

Council decided to accept the recommendation of the evaluation committee not to divulge the amount of the Axor quote, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent*. This was based on the fact that professional services were involved, he explained.

“I was very happy to hear that Ettehadihah would be involved,” Trent said. “I found him to be a very helpful ally in bringing the library project in on time and on budget. It’s interesting that after 17 years he’ll be working with us again.”

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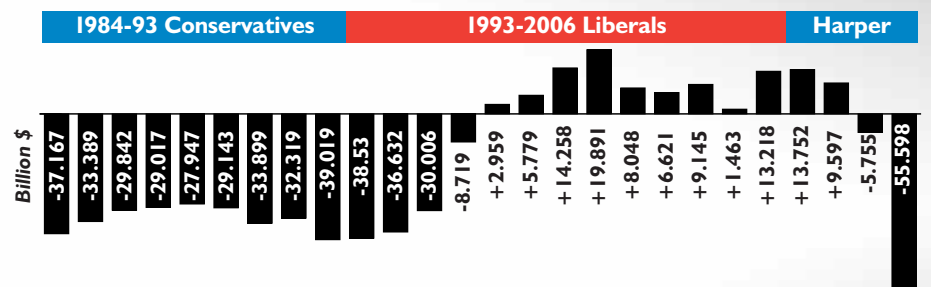
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CHAGNON NOT FIRST SPEAKER

I was appalled to read in the April 12 issue ("Chagnon: 'An honour for every Westmouter'," p. 3) that Jacques Chagnon "believes it's probably the first time a Westmount representative has been chosen to the non-partisan position [of speaker]."

Richard Hyde was Westmount's repre-



Speaker's chair in council chambers.

sentative in the Jean Lesage government. He was elected speaker [1962 to 1965] and on his retirement he donated his speaker's chair to the city of Westmount, where it can be seen in the council chamber and is used by the mayor at council meetings.

What short memories we have!

MARIGOLD HYDE, MONTROSE AVE.

## SAVE US FROM POLL-ITIS

A new epidemic seems to have surfaced in local Westmount politics. I refer to it as poll-itis: the excessive and compulsive use of polls used, presumably, to govern.

Our system of government is predicated on the individual citizen voting for the candidate that most closely represents the opinions, feelings and wishes of that citizen.

That said, the citizen has no guarantee that the councillor that he has voted for will vote as the citizen wishes on every issue.

We elect people to govern. To use their best judgments.

Polls are not democratic. As others have pointed out in the *Independent*, polls are always subject to bias, either by virtue of the question, the sample or the interpretation.

Interested parties should gather information on issues, present the facts to council, and then council should vote. If a citizen disagrees with the way his councillor votes, then the system allows for

change at the next election.

Let's stop wasting our time fighting over the validity of polls. Let's stop wasting our money funding polls. Let the elected council perform its responsibility and govern.

DAVID SCHACHTER, ST. CATHERINE ST.

## TAKE IT AS A SIGN

When will politicians learn? It's not what you say but what you do.

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## WHO GETS ELECTION JOBS?

"Most of the deputy returning officer (DRO) jobs in the riding of Westmount were recently requisitioned by the NDP and Liberal parties. They came first and were first served, as they were adamant about the job to be done by their people."

I was told the above by two recruiting officers of Election Canada. When I could neither believe the legality nor the ethics of this intervention, I was told "we cannot change the law."

Do the two candidates representing the NDP and Liberal parties, self-described as "ardent democrats," doubt the reliability of DROs of opposing or independent political parties? Would they abuse the ballot system?

More importantly, can an honest fear of bias be answered by creating an opposite form of bias?

This behaviour is unacceptable for Mr. Ignatieff, who started campaigning by proclaiming this solemn statement: "now I shall use something new in Canada: democracy." Apparently, voters should not worry, knowing their ballots are handled predominantly by Mr. Layton and Mr. Ignatieff's recommended DROs.

I am aware of this story because after

my position as a DRO in the Westmount riding was abruptly cut, I decided to inquire about the events that led to this. I had had repeated confirmation, although my training session was cancelled a day before it was due to occur.

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Gilles Paquin, regional media relations for Elections Canada responds: "The Canada Electoral Law states that the deputy returning officer 'shall be appointed from lists of names of suitable persons provided by the candidate of the registered party whose candidate finished first in the electoral district in the last election,' Part 3 (34). A similar measure Part 3 (35) states that the poll clerk is appointed from a list of names provided by the candidate who finished second. When there are not enough persons on these lists, the returning officer has the responsibility to recruit suitable staff to fill these positions and all other ones required during the election."

## Farm produce registration opens

Annual registration has begun for Westmount residents wanting to obtain weekly baskets of Quebec-grown organic vegetables and fruit over the coming summer and fall growing season.

The produce will be supplied by the same two community supported agriculture (CSA) farms that distributed in Westmount last year: Arlington Gardens on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Westmount arena and Ferme Mange Tout on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 pm at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG). Sign-up forms and further information may be obtained directly from the farms or their websites: Arlington Gardens (514.833.6521), [www.arlingtongardens.ca](http://www.arlingtongardens.ca); Ferme Mange Tout (819.620.8473), [www.fermemangetout.ca](http://www.fermemangetout.ca).

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## Most Westmounters bike for leisure

# Poll results present cycling results

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Results of the city's Ipsos poll on maintaining the winter bike path, installing Bixi stations and including cycling and walking in the upcoming master traffic plan showed Westmounters were generally in favour of all three issues.

The results were released Thursday last week and posted on the city's website.

Data were collected between March 30 and April 7 in a sampling of 500 Westmount residents aged 18 and over in a telephone survey using a randomized dialing procedure.

The survey produced the following results in summary:

Some 66 percent favoured maintaining the bike path on de Maisonneuve in winter (about 100 rides a day) but support dropped 16 points when informed of the annual cost of \$120,000.

Support was 77 percent in favour of the installation of five Bixi docking stations but dropped to 69 percent when those questioned were informed of the one-time cost of \$235,000.

A strong majority of 84 percent, how-

ever, favoured a master traffic plan that would encourage walking and cycling.

A "snapshot profile" of cyclists in Westmount showed that 4 in 10 had used a bicycle in the last year. Riding constituted a leisure activity to most as 65 percent never used their bike for commuting while 27 percent did so at least once a week.

Cyclists were more likely to be male and families compared to those living alone.

On all three topics, a slightly higher rate of favourability was obtained from cyclists or households that included a cyclist.

Results were considered by Ipsos to contain a maximum margin of error 19 times out of 20, plus or minus 4.4 percent.

## Wires in trouble

Repeated calls to Public Security from the emergency phone at Devon Park at 8:40 pm turned out to be caused by the phone wires being ripped away. Phones are located outside the comfort stations in Westmount's parks.

## Website petition opposes arena plan

Arena-plan skeptics are organizing again – this time by creating a petition on the free website [www.ipetitions.com](http://www.ipetitions.com) asking that "... city council stop the current arena/pool project and initiate a process to arrive at a plan that responds to the true needs of the community."

Save the Park! members were alerted to the petition by an April 17 email from Save the Park spokesman and arena critic Patrick Barnard. The informal organization is the petition's sponsor.

As of 5 pm on April 21, there were 145 signatories, most of whose names are publicly available on the site, including prominent arena critics Mavis Young, Larry Klepper, Andy Froncioni, Marilyn Gillies, David Parsons, Anne Monty, Peter Weldon and Trudy Asch.

Realtor Joyce Faughnan, author Terry Rigelhof and critical "Letters to the Editor" writers Gotham Hooja, Sandra Chitayat, Maya Khankhoje and John Dorey also signed electronically.

According to information on the website, 26 of the signatories were anonymous and 24 were residents of non-Westmount postal codes, including the South Shore, BC and the US. Four were both.

## Is the arena plan on your mind? Do you have questions about it?

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of the arena/pool project committee, is inviting Westmounters to write him with questions about the project and plan. You can contact him with your question at [pmartin@westmount.org](mailto:pmartin@westmount.org). Your questions and his answers will appear in subsequent issues of the *Independent*. Please indicate whether you want your name published or not.



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# Greenhouse Easter bunnies may return for Family Day

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmounters who may not have visited the mother rabbit and her four bunnies in the city's Easter flower show may have another opportunity to see them at Family Day – if they're not on the road at a petting zoo.

That's because the furry family are among many rabbits and other animals that live on a farm in Vaudreuil as part of the Town and Country pony rides and petting zoo. Both have been a favourite attraction at Family Day for years.

"It all depends where else we may be working that day or which combination of rabbits we'll put together at that time for Westmount," said Linda Townsend, whose husband, Ken, has owned the farm for 30 years.

While its name may be familiar to many who have seen the petting zoo at Fairview and other Cadillac shopping malls over the years, Townsend said the farm is phasing out its petting zoo and focusing on the pony rides.

Along with the rabbits and ponies, it maintains an array of other animals that

include horses, donkeys, llamas and goats.

The four bunnies – with mother – made their first public appearance at the Easter flower show at six weeks of age, Townsend said. They were brought to Westmount on Wednesday, April 20, and were expected to be returned to the farm some time this week.

"We pretty much keep most of them for the petting zoo," Townsend said. "Those we can't keep, we sell off as pets."

With Easter falling late in April this year, the city's Easter show was an entirely separate exhibit from the earlier spring show that opened to public viewing April 7 (see April 12, p. 3). Lilies and other new plants were phased in by head gardener Hélène Bazinet and the greenhouse staff.

The new display may be seen at the city conservatory for the next couple of weeks or until blooms fade.

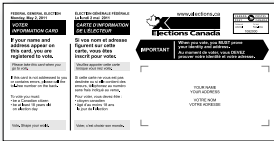
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## Decarie incident ricochets in Westmount

# Westmount to bill Montreal for water-line breaks

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount will be invoicing Montreal for costs related to at least four burst water main incidents last week, according to city director general Duncan Campbell.

Two homes here were reported to have been flooded due to the breaks and a number of residents in affected areas were left without water supply until repairs could be completed.

The breaks in the Westmount network resulted from a burst 36-inch water main on Decarie, Sunday, April 17, Campbell said. Montreal's Decarie main is fed, at least in part, by water running through Westmount since the two networks are connected.

"When Montreal shut off the valves to its main on Decarie, it dead-ended part of our network," he explained. That was required to stop the water flow to the Decarie line until repairs could be made.

What typically happens in such a circumstance is that "pressure mounts up overnight when the demand is low" caus-

ing ruptures at some of the weaker spots, Campbell said.

### Four spots hit

The Westmount breaks occurred overnight successively at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke (April 17), Côte St. Antoine and Lansdowne (April 18, see photo April 19, p. 21), Côte St. Antoine and Kensington (April 19) and at the lower intersection of Clarke and Anwoth (April 20).

City crews called in heavy equipment from Canbec – the contractor with which the city has an agreement for emergency service – and worked around the clock to repair the mains and restore water.

"Michel Berthelet (the city's water network foreman) and his crew did an exceptional job trying to localize the impact from the breaks as much as possible," Campbell said. This meant keeping the loss of water supply to as few residents as possible.

Meanwhile, Public Works distributed bottled water to households known to have been affected.

Similar water main breaks were experi-

enced by Westmount in July 2009, he recalled. That was when Montreal was undertaking work at the McTavish reservoir that also resulted in the closure of certain valves causing a build-up of pressure. The city invoiced Montreal at that time as well.

A smaller water leak on the sidewalk occurred April 22 on the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria.

## More bike education dates

The city's bike path education campaign has taken on an accelerated schedule, Public Security officials said. Police and public safety officers will now be posted at Melville and de Maisonneuve April 27-28, May 10-11 and May 17-18.

Bicycle diagnostics will be provided by personnel from Martin Swiss and cyclists will be informed of the need to ride safely observing the residential neighbourhood of the Westmount bike path (see April 12, p. 15). The program is specially designed to target commuters.

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## Wide array of issues covered

# Questions for Liberals, Conservatives dominate meeting

By MARLENE EISNER

Six of the seven candidates running in the riding of Westmount-Ville Marie in the upcoming federal election faced a feisty crowd the night of April 20 at Victoria Hall.

More than 200 people packed the main auditorium at 7 pm for a “Meet the Candidates night,” organized by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and

the *Westmount Examiner*. Present were: Joanne Corbeil, NDP; Marc Garneau, Liberal; Victoria Haliburton, Rhinoceros; Neil Drabkin, Conservative; Bill Sloan, Communist Party; and Andrew Carkner, Green Party. The Bloc’s Véronique Roy was invited but did not show up.

The rules of the evening were spelled out by moderator and president of the WMA, Jean-Pierre Picard. Each of the candidates had three minutes to introduce themselves and their party’s platform, and then it was open mic night for the audience.

In an atmosphere charged with excitement and fueled by the simmering rivalry between the Conservatives and Liberals, residents lined up to ask a candidate, or all the candidates, a question.

Garneau and Drabkin drew the bulk of the questions – and most of the audience’s emotion, eliciting cheers, applause and even the occasional booing. Corbeil fielded a number of queries, as did Carkner, while Haliburton, dressed in an eclectic array of colourful clothing, tie and hat, provided comic relief. Sloan, often seen slouched back in his chair, seemed to just take up

space.

The tension between the Liberals and Conservatives stemmed mainly from Drabkin’s attempt to drag in the Liberal’s record when answering a question directed at a Conservative policy. Well-versed in his party’s talking points, he frequently strayed from directly answering a question.

“The Liberals had a seven-year period

Act of 2000?” one resident asked of all the candidates. Requesting a simple “yes” or “no” answer, Corbeil and Carkner were unable to comment, stating they didn’t have enough information on the act. Garneau answered “yes,” while Drabkin said “no.”

On the issue of a coalition, Meagan Durnford from Victoria Ave. said she was appalled that Prime Minister Stephen Harper “described a potential coalition of



People line up at the mic ready with their questions.

of a \$55-billion surplus ... your party has a devastating deficit of around \$40 billion. I’d really like to hear how you are going to restore that,” Carolyn, from Melville Ave., asked Drabkin.

“Yes, the Liberals performed exceptionally well during Chrétien’s time and Paul Martin but as I said, there is a very clear distinction between how a Liberal government approaches things, and how a Conservative government approaches things,” responded Drabkin.

“Conservatives believe in low taxes. We believe in deficit reduction and growth and the economy and the creation of jobs. The Liberals believe in a tax-and-spend approach to everything ... They cut payments to health care, education and pensions by \$28 billion, unprecedented, unprecedented, and so if that is the way in which the Liberals are going to run the economy, God help us all.”

The other 27 questions ran the gamut from healthcare, education, democracy, the environment, supporting a Palestinian state and fixing the Champlain bridge, to the deficit, F-35 fighter planes and even the Clarity Act, the law established to define the conditions under which the federal government would negotiate with a province wishing to separate from Canada.

“Does your party support the Clarity

his opponents as a coalition of losers,” and asked how Garneau and Corbeil plan to respond to Harper’s statement so that “Canadians are not scared by the word coalition.”

Said Garneau, “They are afraid of it because the Conservatives have created this huge monster called the evil, socialist separatist coalition ... what we will do is take an approach of working with other parties.”

For her part, Corbeil said NDP leader Jack Layton’s approach “is one of working with everyone, so definitely the NDP would work with the other parties to make sure Canada works together.”

The meeting, slated to end at 9 pm, ran until 9:30, with the candidates wrapping up with closing statements.

## Please, no demolition at 12:25 am!

A resident of Olivier Ave. called Public Security at 12:25 am April 8 to complain about construction noise in the neighbourhood. Responding officers discovered a demolition company at work at 1236 Greene and reported the workers claimed not to know about the city’s noise by-law.

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# Westmount Y finds Blue Hounds a place to play

By JARED BOOK

When Dean Smith contacted Gary White, the director at the Westmount YMCA, to host the Blue Hounds spring basketball league, it was a match made in heaven. Smith and his league needed somewhere to play after they lost their previous spot at the old Marianopolis College when the land was sold. White had not only the space but the will to oblige.

“What they do with youth is perfectly in

line with what the Y does with youth,” White said. “We had to adjust our scheduling but it was well worth the effort. It was an easy decision, and there is great synergy between the Trevor Williams Kids Foundation and the YMCA,” he said.

The foundation was started by Smith and Trevor Williams in 1997. The foundation focuses on a summer basketball camp that started in 1992 but has grown to include tutoring, a reading program for kids with dyslexia and a behaviour program

that includes anger management, conflict resolution as well as a focus on bullying.

The Blue Hounds are a league formed with high school students who have a gap in their schedules once their school basketball season ends in March. The league contains 120 students, both boys and girls, and plays two days a week separated by age group.

Last season, the league did not have a home but Smith said that ..... this year they have even *continued on p. 16*

## Sports awards banquet award recipients, Part 2

The spring sports banquet took place April 13 at Victoria Hall. The following is

the remainder of the award recipients, following those listed in the April 19 issue.

**Peewee ‘B’ Inter-City Sportsmanship Award:** George Pamel.

**Banner To Peewee ‘B’ Wings:** *EHL season winner, EHL playoff champion, Coach:* McShane Jones, Dan Mehta; *Players:* Samuel Abramson, Elliot Grenier, Slava Jones, Benjamin Lazare, Justin Leutner, Dani Maaz, Brendan Markland, George Pamel, Thomas Pineau-Valencie, Ariel Rosen, Ryan Shiff, Sam Tenenbaum, Griffin Tokarsky, Alexander Zagalski.

**Medals to the Atom House League Champions:** *Stars, Coaches:* Pierre Falardeau and Andrew McGregor; *Players:* Clare Aitken, Cameron Blatt, Phillip Brathwaite, Victor Caraman, Mahdi Darehshiri, Guillaume Falardeau, Vincernt Fournier, Luka Hollinger, Gregory Isaacs, Sigrid Kristjansson, Frederic Lapointe, Abby Lustig, Liam McGregor, Selim Messier, Charles Taylor.

**Atom House League Sportsmanship Awards:** Arian Dehnavi, Alexis Cantin, Jake Stendel, Charles Taylor.

**Atom House League Most Improved Player Award:** Patrick Marler.

**Medals & Banners to the Atom “A” Inter-City Predators:** *EHL Season Champions,* Tyler Arsenaault, Justin Belland, Lucas

Clarke, Xenos Dionisopoulos, Liam Drummond, Kieran Hamilton, Alexandre Janson, Ryan Keith, Samuel Lee-Howes, Max Mashaal, Nicolas Nantel, Nicholas Pothier, Vincent Rizzolo, Ryan Santini, James Wechsler.

**Atom Inter-City Sportsmanship Awards:** Tyler Stern, Kieran Hamilton.

**Atom Inter-City Most Improved Player Awards:** Ryan Santini, Justin Goodman.

**Medals to the Novice House League Champions:** *Canadiens: Coaches:* Patrick Belland and Andrew McGregor; *Players:* Sasha Belland, Victor Chen, Andrew Cutler, Patrick Filion, Zachary Filion, Nicola Guerguinov, Sebbie Johnson, Nicolas Kaufman, Christian Lalonde, James Lustig, Colin McGregor, Toni Menear, Thomas Molson, Isaiah Stern, Victor Stroganov, Oscar Therrien.

**Novice House League Sportsmanship Awards:** James Lustig, Marius Miller, Rory Krnjevic, Alessandro Lecavalier.

**Novice House League Most Improved Player Award:** Conrad Nawacki.

**Banner and medals to Novice Inter-City Wings:** *EHL Playoff champions, St. Laurent Tournament champions: Coaches:* Vincent



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# Homeowners get the lowdown on renovation at city-sponsored workshop



Octavio Salcedo, a woodwork preservation expert, leads a session on the repair of wood windows during a home renovation workshop at Victoria Hall April 16. The morning session provided information to Westmount homeowners who wanted to plan and carry out repairs. Called "A Heritage to Build On," the event was organized by Westmount's Urban Planning department in conjunction with the Westmount Historical Association.

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Terry Fox Foundation volunteer Glemena Bettencourt, left, presents Roslyn's caretaker Eddy Nolan with a poster of Terry Fox, signed by the Fox family, during a special school assembly April 12. Roslyn School students also gave a \$5,000 cheque to a representative of the Terry Fox Foundation. The school is striving to raise \$30,000. To help reach this goal, donations may be made at [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org) in the name of "Roslyn, Eddy Nolan." Nolan is a Terry Fox Run veteran; he has participated in every run for the last 30 years. He currently suffers from throat cancer and is not working at the school. He made a special trip to join the assembly.

Photo courtesy of Roslyn School

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## Rotary celebrates Durso's 45 years of service



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Above, Andy Durso addresses Rotarians April 18 during a dinner celebration of his 45 years with Rotary. Right, Durso, second from right, with Bob Layton (second from left) and his wife in the early 1980s.



The Rotary Club of Westmount met at the Bitoque Restaurant in St. Henri the evening of April 18 to celebrate Andy Durso's 45 years of service. A longtime notary in Westmount, Durso joined Rotary in March 1966 and was president in 1970-71. He is currently secretary to the board of directors.

He is also a past president of Manoir Westmount, the seniors' residence adjoining Victoria Hall, which was the largest project undertaken by the club. It opened

in 1979.

All Rotarians bring their professional expertise as part of their service to the club, and Durso has been instrumental in guiding the club through issues of the law and procedure.

For many years he led the furniture department at Rotary's very popular annual garage sale and auction held at the Westmount arena.

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# PAPIER11 attracts art lovers and aficionados



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

This year's PAPIER11 art fair, held between April 14 and 17, was the best ever. It is the only contemporary art fair in Montreal that showcases art on paper. And what art it was!

Westmount's Galerie D'Este, and Division Gallery, formerly in Westmount, had booths amidst over 30 others from Mon-

trealm, Toronto, Quebec City and Ottawa. (As we speak, Division Gallery has just moved from Westmount to a huge, new space in St. Henri, which it will share with Galerie René Blouin.)

PAPIER11 had a mood of Art Basel Miami Beach. Okay, without the beach, the sun or the warmth! Indeed, on the red carpet opening night, over 500 guests froze as the tent's heater had run out of gas. But the big chill did little to dampen the heat of the night.

Art aficionados rushed to snap up pieces by artists **Chih-Chien Wang** (Galerie Pierre François Ouellette), **Sophie Jodoin** (Battat Contemporary Art), **Suzy**



Jean-François Bélise, director AGAC, and Westmounter Roy Heenan



Westmounter Mark Leibner, director of Westmount's D'Este Gallery



Hugues Charbonneau, director, Division Gallery, formerly in Westmount.

**Lake** (Galerie Donald Brown) and **Susi Brister** (Parisian Laundry), among others.

The event was brilliantly organized by **Jean-François Bélisle**, president of Association des galeries d'art contemporain (AGAC).

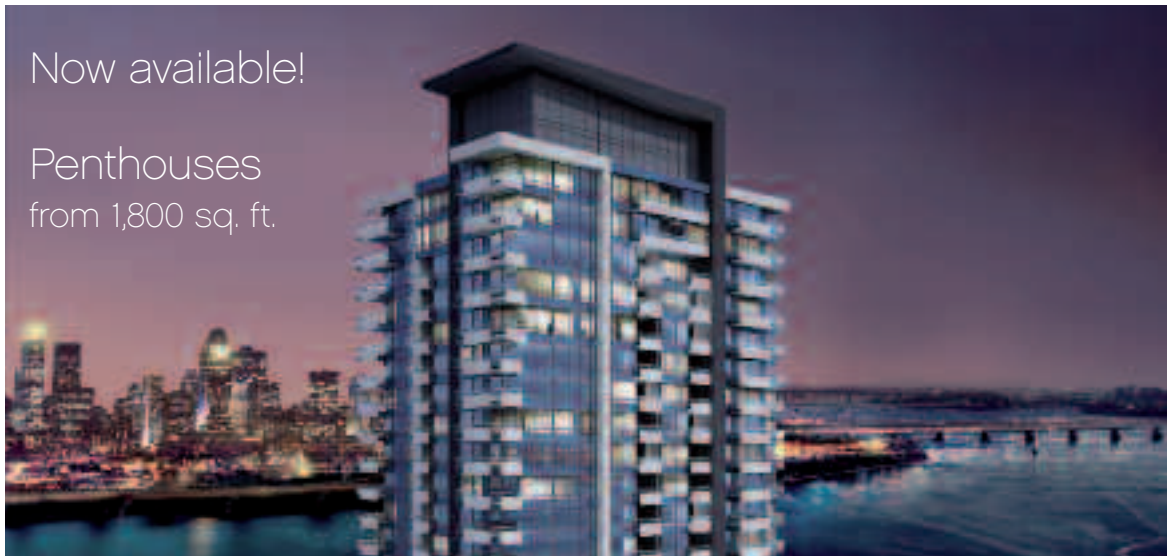
Westmounter **Roy Heenan**, president and founder of the law firm Heenan Blaikie, was the patron of honour. Heenan is not only an art aficionado, he is a major collector and has one of the largest private collections of contemporary art in Canada.

Noted strolling in the packed tent were Westmounters **Claudine Blondin** and **Stephen Bronfman**, **Ann McCall**, **Rae** and **Roy Heenan**, **Maurice Forget** and **Rubin**

**Goldbaum**, as well as **Danielle Sauvage**, **Helen Fotopulos** and **Nancy Rosenfeld**.

My favourites? All photographs: a rococo bedroom by **Robert Polidori** at Art 45; **Laurent Lamarche**'s tranquil abstract shapes photographed from recycled plastic bottles at Art Mûr, and **André-Pierre Arnal**'s torn road maps at Galerie Eric Devlin.

The fourth edition of the fair was deemed by all to be a huge success. For those who wished to continue their passion, art publications *vie des arts*, *esse*, *CV (ciel variable)*, etc and *art actuel* were available.



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At 65 lbs, Balzac is a tad overweight and would benefit from a stricter diet and more exercise. He needs someone to brush his tri-coloured coat to restore its natural gloss. Mostly, he needs someone

he can gaze upon adoringly with his big brown eyes. While Balzac can handle household stairs, he's not best suited to life in a walk-up apartment.

This good-natured dog isn't an indoor barker, though he does cut loose in the dog park when playing with friends. He travels well by car and likes to be around people.

Balzac has had all his shots, is neutered and free of worms. Could you find room in your heart for a pooch with such a lovely temperament? If so, contact Gerdy's Rescue to find out more. She can be reached by pager at 514.203.9180. You can also send an email to [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org).

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Guie Guie was also left at the SPCA Montérégie shelter a few months ago, and she is *continued on p. 20*

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# Blue Hounds at the Y

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more kids participating and that the 120 kids is the maximum they can take in.

“It’s not just sports,” Smith said. “It’s also the social aspect of boys and girls mixing because at most private schools they don’t get to mix. We don’t only teach basketball, we and the foundation teach life through basketball. I am well known in the area and the parents know me and trust me with their kids.”

Smith is the coach at ECS and said that most of the kids in the program are from schools within the Westmount area who

play in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association (GMAA). He knows most of the kids in the program and their skill level, which allows him to pick the teams.

The league also fills a need at the Y, according to White.

“We have a lot of adult members who come to use the weight room, swim laps and take a class, but the Y does a lot of things related to community development,” he said. “We have had other partnerships with schools to use our facilities and all of those partnerships allow us to complete our ... mission besides just adult memberships.”

# Fire on Belmont



A fire on Belmont (at Westmount Ave.) took place April 20 around noon. At least six trucks, including two ladder trucks, several fire vans and Westmount Public Security vans were reported by a neighbour to have been on the scene. Westmount Ave. and Belmont were blocked until 1:30 pm. Police told the Independent that the fire department believes that the cause of the fire was an electrical malfunction.

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Elliott Cohen

Welcome to spring! Everything seems to be happening at once; Easter, Passover, the royal wedding and spring cleaning. Before you know it, Mother's Day will be upon us.

So what can we cook with that's spring and fresh? Asparagus, mint, lamb, salsas, rhubarb, chicken and pasta dishes. We all know that this transition into spring is rarely smooth. One day it's sunny and warm, the next day damp and rainy or just plain cold. So don't put your comfort food recipes away just yet.

Now's also the time to get your barbecue ready. You don't want to infuse your fresh food with the residual stuff left on the grill from last summer. Most people don't spring clean their barbecues. I learned that

catering barbecues in private homes the hard way. I showed up with tons of delicious food for a "Q" and when I opened the hood it looked like it hadn't been cleaned in 10 years.

If you're thinking right now "that's me," then you know what you have to do. If you don't know how, Google "how to clean a gas grill" and watch a quick video. While you're cleaning, you'll need some super-fast recipes that I know will impress you. Did you ever make a chocolate cake in 10 minutes? Did you know you can poach a perfect egg in your microwave in about one minute? Email me at [elliott@ecca.ca](mailto:elliott@ecca.ca) and let me know what you think of these recipes. Don't forget to check out my spring cooking classes posted May 1 at [www.ecca.ca](http://www.ecca.ca).

#### Perfect poached eggs

Fill a 1-cup microwavable bowl or teacup with ½ cup water. Gently crack an egg into the water, making sure it's completely submerged. Cover the cup with a saucer and

# Stir it up!

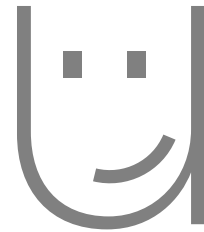


microwave on high for about 1 minute (cooking time will very depending on the microwave), or until the white is set but the yolk is still runny. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the egg to a plate. Voila!

#### Instant chocolate cake (no kidding)

In a large 2-cup microwavable mug whisk the following ingredients until smooth; ¼

cup flour, 5 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa powder, 1 egg, 3 tablespoons milk, 3 tablespoons vegetable oil and a dash each of pure vanilla extract and salt. Microwave on high until puffed, about two minutes. Sprinkle with a little cocoa powder or a small scoop of vanilla ice cream.



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Photo courtesy of A.H. Campbell Gallery

# Mulroney set for 15th year at Table of Hope



Westmounter Mila Mulroney is co-chair with Julie Snyder of Table of Hope. Held annually, the fundraiser takes place at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Monday, May 9.

This is Mulroney's 15th year supporting the cause, while raising funds to benefit Share the Warmth ([www.sharethewarmth.ca](http://www.sharethewarmth.ca)).

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28

The Gallery at Victoria Hall exhibits the works of **Mary Lou Freel** and **John Fretz** until May 20. Open from 10 am to 9 pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

• **Atwater Library's spring book sale** at 1200 Atwater, 6 to 8 pm. Antiquarian, quality used, art, music and children's books, fiction and non-fiction. Also on Sunday, April 30, 10 am to 2 pm.

• **Tap dance workshop** with "So You Think You Can Dance" participant Justin Jackson at Centre Greene, 7:15 to 8:30 pm. Register: [www.DanceJustinJackson.com](http://www.DanceJustinJackson.com).

• **Shoah Memorial Gallery**, a permanent exhibition of holocaust memorial artwork, opens at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 8:15 pm. Everyone welcome, no entrance fee. Info: Anita 514.937.3575, ext. 212 or [anita@templemontreal.ca](mailto:anita@templemontreal.ca)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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• **Opera da Camera** presents "Un Voyage d'Amour," 7:30 pm at Mountainside United Church. Cost: \$15. Reserve: [info@operadacamera.ca](mailto:info@operadacamera.ca) or 514.227.0805.

• **Moustache Cat Rescue** adoption day at Naturalanimal & Pawtisserie, 4932B Sherbrooke St., from 11 am to 4 pm. All cats have been vaccinated, sterilized and dewormed Info: 514.254.4926. Also May 7.

• **Choeur St. Léon de Westmount** presents "Mozart: Exsultate, Jubilate," 8 pm at St. Léon Church, 4311 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Tickets: pre-sale: \$20; regular: \$25; seniors: \$15; free for children under 12. Info: 514.935.4950.

MONDAY, MAY 2

The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents speaker **Katherine Nikidis**, head of ECS on "Finding our Future Women of Courage," 12:30 pm at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve. Free for members; visitors: \$10. Sandwich lunch available for \$5 beginning at 11:30 am. Info: 514.932.4005.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

**City council meeting**, 8 pm at city hall. (Rescheduled due to the federal election.)

THURSDAY, MAY 5

The Thomas More Institute presents an interview with **Désirée McGraw** on environment, 7 to 9 pm. 3405 Atwater Ave. The first in a four-part series on "Canadian Visions". Cost \$10. Reserve: 514.935.9585.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

**Dramatis Personae**, Westmount's com-

munity theatre group, presents "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas at 8 pm. Other performances are on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 7 and 14. Matinée on Saturday, May 14 at 2:30 pm. Performances are in Victoria Hall. Admission is free, donations encouraged. Reserve: [www.theatrewestmount.com](http://www.theatrewestmount.com) or 514.373.5486.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

• **"Jane's Walk – Victoria Avenue,"** organized by Westmount Historical Association, starts at The Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave., 2 pm. No cost or registration. Info: 514.282.8378.

• **Indoor community garage sale at Centre Greene**, 1090 Greene Ave., from 10 am to 3 pm. Tables available for rent at \$20. Reserve: 514.931.6202. Donations also welcome. Info: or [www.centegreene.org](http://www.centegreene.org).

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

• **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, 9 am to 5 pm at the Westmount Public Library.

Possibly coming up...Westmount investors interested in signing up for the Westmount Stock Investment Club should email Larry Klepper at [sparkey2424@videotron.ca](mailto:sparkey2424@videotron.ca) or call 514.931.8309. The goal is to have monthly meetings.

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## Three local cycling groups strive for safe bike path use

By MARTIN C. BARRY

With a rising number of people using bicycles to get around, three Westmount organizations have mobilized to lobby for the safety of cyclists and those who cross paths with them in Westmount.

### WWCA

The largest, the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), was launched in the fall of 2009. Three of its founding members are Dan Lambert, Roger Jochym and Marilyn Gillies.

"We're over 100 members right now," said Lambert, the WWCA's president.

The group, which attracts people who walk or use a bike to commute to work or simply to go to the store on errands, is interested in "urban cycling," as opposed to a more athletic activity that emphasizes long-distance excursions. They also concern themselves with walkers' interests.

"It would be good if more people had the ability to walk or cycle to work or school or go on errands, rather than having to take the car, and the key element to make that happen is safe infrastructure," said Lambert.

"If people don't feel safe, they won't do it. In the case of walking it means good sidewalks that are well-maintained and safe intersections. And for cyclists typically it means good bike paths."

### WACKO

At the opposite end of the scale, at least in terms of membership, is the Westmounters Advocating Cycling Knowledge Organization (WACKO).

"We're not that formal a group," said Stan Grossman, a longtime cycling enthusiast and WACKO's founder. According to Grossman, only three people have so far shown up for meetings held by the group.

WACKO focuses on biking issues not just from the cyclist's perspective but also in terms of the safety of those with whom cyclists cross paths. "We want the best for cyclists, but at the same time we want respect for the citizens," he said.

WACKO was created partly in response to complaints being heard from pedestrians and car owners on de Maisonneuve Blvd. west of Westmount Park about the bicycle path that runs ..... along their street.

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## Sarah the cat – 20 cat years young



The gang at Westmount Animal Hospital think Sarah the cat might be turning 21 years old in May. That would make Sarah over 100 in human years! The story according to vet technician Ariane Bigaouette is that the calico was left with the vet more than ten years ago when her owner died. Sarah was not well socialized when she first arrived, but now she can be found lolling on top of the receptionist's agenda or perched atop the book shelf, observing all activity with a wary eye. She is afraid of no human and no animal who walks in – and has been seen to defend herself successfully even without teeth. Besides a partial blindness, Sarah is doing pretty well for her age, according to Bigaouette, though she takes a “healthy cocktail” of pills each day. She will remain at the Victoria Ave. clinic for the remainder of her days. Happy birthday Sarah!

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<div></div> <div><b>HÔTEL DE VILLE</b> <b>Séance du conseil reportée</b> Veuillez noter que la séance ordinaire du conseil prévue pour le lundi 2 mai 2011 à 20 h a été reportée au lendemain, le mardi 3 mai 2011 en raison des élections fédérales. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES</b> <b>Exposition</b> La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres des artistes Mary Lou Freel et John Fretz du 28 avril au 20 mai 2011. Info : 514 989-5521.</div> <div><b>Dramatis Personae</b> Dramatis Personae présente "Under Milk Wood" de Dylan Thomas au Victoria Hall à 20 h les 6, 7 et 13 mai et à 14 h 30 et 20 h le 14 mai. Entrée gratuite; dons acceptés afin de couvrir les frais. Billets : 514 373-5486; www.theatrewestmount.com.</div> <div><b>Société d'horticulture de Westmount</b> Marcus Lobb, mycologue amateur, expliquera les mycéliums, les champignons pleurote, leur importance médicinale et comment produire des champignons chez soi le mardi 10 mai à 19 h au Victoria Hall. 5 \$/gratuit pour les membres.</div> <div><b>Concert « Replay The Beatles »</b> Revivez la magie des années Beatles avec le groupe « <i>Replay The Beatles</i> » le mercredi 25 mai au Victoria Hall. Le spectacle-hommage inclura les grands succès des <i>Beatles</i> de la période 1963 à 1970. Pour un avant-goût du groupe, visitez www.replaythebeatles.com. Billets en prévente : 20 \$ (25 \$ à la porte). Info: 514 989-5226. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>BIBLIOTHÈQUE</b> <b>Présences de la musique - Rythme et polyrythmie dans les musiques d'Afrique subsaharienne</b> Joignez vous à nous pour un diaporama sur les musiques d'Afrique subsaharienne avec Fabrice Marandola, percussionniste et professeur de l'Université de McGill le mercredi 27 avril à 19 h. Info: 514 989-5386. (en français et en anglais)</div>		<div></div> <div><b>CITY HALL</b> <b>Council meeting rescheduled</b> Please note that the regularly-scheduled Council meeting of Monday, May 2 has been changed to Tuesday, May 3 at 8 p.m. because of the federal election. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>COMMUNITY EVENTS</b> <b>Exhibition</b> The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present works by artists Mary Lou Freel and John Fretz from April 28 to May 20, 2011. Info: 514 989-5521</div> <div><b>Dramatis Personae</b> Dramatis Personae presents "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas at Victoria Hall at 8 pm on May 6, 7 and 13 and at 2:30 pm and 8 pm on May 14. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help cover costs. Tickets: 514 373-5486; www.theatrewestmount.com.</div> <div><b>Westmount Horticultural Society</b> Marcus Lobb, amateur mycologist, will help us learn about mycelium, Oyster mushrooms and medicinal values as well as how to grow mushrooms in your home. \$5/free for members.</div> <div><b>Replay the Beatles Concert</b> Relive the magic of Beatlemania with tribute band <i>Replay The Beatles</i> performing some of the Beatles' greatest hits from 1963 to 1970 at Victoria Hall on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm. Preview the band at www.replaythebeatles.com. Advance tickets \$20 (\$25 at the door) Info: 514 989-5226. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>LIBRARY</b> <b>Présences de la musique - Rythme et polyrythmie dans les musiques d'Afrique subsaharienne</b> Join McGill professor and percussionist Fabrice Marandola for this multi-media presentation on sub-Saharan African music on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386. (in French and English)</div>	
<div></div> <div><b>DATES À RETENIR</b> <b>Les 27 et 28 avril de 8 h à 10 h</b> Campagne <i>En sécurité à vélo</i> Piste cyclable (Melville et De Maisonneuve) <b>Le 3 mai à 20 h</b> Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville <b>Le 11 mai de 18 h à 20 h</b> Inscription - activités aquatiques Aréna</div>		<div></div> <div><b>DATEBOOK</b> <b>April 27 &amp; 28 - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.</b> <i>Safe Cycling</i> Campaign Bicycle Path (Melville &amp; De Maisonneuve) <b>May 3 at 8 p.m.</b> Council Meeting City Hall <b>May 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.</b> Swimming registration Arena</div>	
<div></div> <div><b>Conférences à 14 h</b> Joignez-vous à nous pour un après-midi en compagnie de Joel Yanofsky, écrivain montréalais et auteur du livre <i>Bad Animals : A Father's Accidental Education in Autism</i>, le mercredi 11 mai à 14 h. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Journey to the North: A Quest to Understand Climate Change</b> À dix-huit ans, Jessica Magonet est exploratrice polaire passionnée pour la protection de l'environnement. Elle sera des nôtres pour discuter des façons de nous impliquer dans notre communauté pour combattre le changement climatique le vendredi 6 mai à 14 h. Info: 514 989-5386. (en anglais)</div> <div><b>Conférences culturelles</b> La conteuse Stéphanie Bénéteau donnera vie à l'histoire d'amour tragique entre Tristan, le chevalier de Cornouailles et la princesse irlandaise Iseult le mercredi 18 mai à 19 h. 13 ans et + Info: 514 989-5386. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>TRAVAUX PUBLICS</b> <b>Collecte des résidus dangereux</b> Disposez en toute sécurité de vos restes de peinture et autres matières dangereuses le samedi 7 mai devant la Bibliothèque de Westmount. Profitez en même temps des collectes de vêtements et d'équipements électroniques usagés. Info : 514 989-5390.</div> <div><b>Remise de compost aux résidents</b> Venez chercher du compost gratuit le samedi 14 mai à partir de 9 h dans la rue Bethune. Apportez un sac ou une poubelle, une pelle et une preuve de résidence. Info : 514 989-5390. 🍷</div>		<div></div> <div><b>2 o'clock series</b> Join us for an afternoon with Montreal writer Joel Yanofsky, author of <i>Bad Animals: A Father's Accidental Education in Autism</i> on Wednesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386</div> <div><b>Journey to the North: A Quest to Understand Climate Change</b> Jessica Magonet, an 18 year-old polar explorer and environmental advocate will share ideas on how we can join the fight against climate change in our own community on Friday, May 6 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Cultural Lecture Series</b> Join Montreal Storyteller Stéphanie Bénéteau for her dramatic interpretation of the tragic story of the love between the Cornish knight Tristan and the Irish princess Iseult on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Ages 13+ please. Info: 514 989-5386. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b> <b>Hazardous waste collection</b> Safely dispose of your leftover paints and other dangerous materials on Saturday, May 7 in front of Westmount Library. Used clothing and electronics will be collected the same day. Info: 514 989-5390.</div> <div><b>Free compost for residents</b> Pick up compost on Saturday, May 14 beginning at 9 a.m. at Bethune Street. Bring a bag or bin, a shovel and proof of residence. Info : 514 989-5390. 🍷</div>	
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# Bike groups

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Motorists backing out of their driveways on the south side of de Maisonneuve do so with extra caution as they can't fully anticipate when a cyclist will go by, especially at night. There have also been complaints from pedestrians about dangerous intersections where the bike path passes through.

Similar problems with the de Maisonneuve bike path east of Westmount Park spurred a group of residents in that area to form yet another group – Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC). Founded by Don Taddeo, the group's members, numbering about 40, include Stephen Maislin and Irwin Edelstein.

A year ago, the WCSC tabled an 80-signature petition in city council, asking Westmount to re-examine the configuration of de Maisonneuve bike path as it was no longer being used for its original recreational purpose and had become a transportation route.

"Cycling affects everybody," said Taddeo. "It affects people who are bicycling, people who are walking, and it affects cars that are driving on the street. We are simply asking that cycling be rendered safe."

## Light pollution from 11 Hillside

Complaints were received on two successive nights concerning a bright spot light left shining on a construction trailer at the condo development site at 11 Hillside Ave., Public Security officials report. Both complaints were lodged by a resident of St. Catherine St., one at 12:26 am, April 12, the other at 11:27 pm, (also April 12) concerning bright lights.

## Ticketing starting on Summit

With the start of the bird migration period in Summit Woods (April 16 to June 15), public safety officers announced last week that the warning period had ended and the keepers of any dogs found off leash would be ticketed.

Officers are also starting to enforce the requirement that all dogs using the dog run have Westmount licences. Only two of five dogs checked between 2 and 3 pm April 17 were compliant.

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