

Public input sought on sound barrier proposals

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Updated proposals for sound barrier options along the Ville Marie Expressway through Westmount were slated to be tabled by city council May 4. The new recommendations address Turcot reconstruction plans and increasing train frequency.

The detailed designs and costs are contained in a revised consultant's report from 2000 commissioned by the city that will be made public at the council meeting, according to Environment commissioner Theodora Samiotis.

Tabling of the report is to be followed in late May by public consultation meetings in each of the two affected areas (city wards 7 and 8), she said. These border the highway from Atwater west to the city limits.

The report analyzes noise potential and provides various solutions for sound reduction based on the configuration of the proposed highway elevations and the availability of space for creating sound-lowering devices at certain points.

These include a mix of berms and clear barriers such as the Plexiglas prototype installed experimentally some years ago at the foot of Abbott Ave.

The decision to hold two separate public meetings stems from different needs in the two districts along the highway identified by the same Planex consultants who compiled an original sound barrier needs study *continued on p. 4*

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Photo: Veronica Redgrave

Too few people sign rezoning registers

By-law to limit building size east of Clarke wins approval

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A drive to overturn limitations on the building of so-called supersized houses in three R2 zones in mid-level Westmount proved unsuccessful April 26 when referendum registers in each area failed to collect enough signatures.

While a sufficient number of qualified voters signed an initial petition to open the

registers at city hall, far fewer turned out than the numbers required for the city to proceed to referenda or withdraw the rezoning measures.

A campaign to oppose the zoning changes was spearheaded by Shatha Al-Musawi, who has spent the last decade trying to obtain a city permit to build a controversial new house at 3283 Cedar in zone R2- *continued on p. 4*

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Dawson's Peace Garden planted April 27

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

A special space is sprouting in Westmount. Dawson College has created a peace garden, a living memorial to Anastasia DeSousa, who was killed during the 2006 shooting spree at the CEGEP, to the survivors who were physically or psychologically injured, to the families of the victims and to the community "who came to together to move past the tragedy."

At the centre of the garden is an almond tree, which will flower in pink – DeSousa's favourite colour – and was planted in her memory.

The garden covers 20,000 square feet and encompasses a series of interlocking

"infinity loop" trails on the west lawn at the corner of Sherbrooke and Wood. Last fall, 1,200 perennials and 6,000 bulbs were planted. Another 2,000 flowering plants and 55 rose bushes are due to be planted soon.

Many native plants were planted inside the rock formations. The rocks tell their own story: "They are 600 million years old and are full of fossils," explained student Brian Manning Dahan, as he dug his shovel in the wet earth (see photo, p. 1).

During the week, the mood at Dawson was far from facts and figures. In what felt like a spirit of solidarity and hope, hundreds of Dawson volunteers took part to

raise funds for the garden.

Jean Trudel, founder of Cercle de Paix, watched as the young adults put up posters promoting peace. Trudel has worked with the Dawson team, in particular Chris Adam, who is in charge of project development, Sustainable Dawson, and Dawson communications manager Donna Varrica.

Through the Cercle de Paix, Trudel allied the garden project with the UN's International Day of Peace of September 2011.

The Peace Garden, managed by Cindy Elliott, coordinator of Sustainable Dawson, is college-run with volunteers that include Dawson students, faculty and staff.

On the day of the fundraising, they were out en masse, smiling, shovelling, asking for "just \$1, please!", selling bracelets and listening to a live band – in memory of the event.

For previous coverage, see "Dawson peace garden to take root," May 18, 2010, p. 1.

WMA to honour Kiely May 18

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The volunteer of the year award will be presented by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) to Maureen Kiely May 18 at the organization's annual general meeting.

Kiely, a medical scientist at the MUHC and assistant professor of psychiatry at McGill, is being recognized, in particular, for her recent ongoing volunteer efforts to integrate the new superhospital into the neighbourhood as Westmount's representative on the Concertation Inter-Quartiers (CIQ) and the WMA's representative to the CURA Project, a community/academic committee.

"I'm so glad she's getting the recognition she deserves," said Rosalind Davis, a member of the selection committee, in announcing the selection of Kiely to the *Independent* April 27.

Interestingly, Kiely was informed of her selection by the WMA April 21, three days before the close of nominations April 24, a deadline further extended to allow for ad-

ditional submissions (see "WMA extends search for volunteer of the year", April 19, p. 3).

Asked why the selection process appeared to have been shortened, Davis attributed it to a mix-up and said she was "at a loss for any answer" but was aware the committee had earlier decided, pending other nominations, that Kiely was indeed very deserving.

A regular attender of council meetings over the last 20 years, Kiely has also served on the board of the WMA, the city's now defunct Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC) and the board of the Municipal Housing Bureau. She is currently a member of the Healthy City Project's Community Life Committee.

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Rezoning register

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07-01 (see April 12, p. 1).

Register results reported by assistant city clerk Nancy Gagnon the day after showed eight people had signed the book for zone R2-07-01, where 26 had been required.

Seven signatures were obtained in each of the two remaining zones, far short of the 36 needed in zone R2-09-01 and 37 in zone R2-10-01.

As a result, the rezoning by-laws adopted by city council April 4 are deemed to be approved and will go into effect with the city's official public notice following the May 3 council meeting.

The three irregularly shaped zones are located between The Boulevard and Sherbrooke from Clarke east to the city limits.

The changes reduce site coverage and increase lateral setbacks at properties of 8,000 square feet or more. They also limit the sizes of new basements or extensions to the building lines at properties of all sizes in the three zones. Previously, underground construction could extend from one side property line to the other.



Shatha Al-Musawi vows to force a referendum on the R2 rezoning during a February 23 public consultation meeting on the issue.

GoWestmount to showcase local eateries

The GoWestmount website, created by two Westmounters, will launch a new feature for May and June, spotlighting one local restaurant or eatery each week.

"We're selecting those that have a good sense of community," said Rosalind Davis, who began building the site with Beryl Bowser a year ago.

The feature is expected to start the week of May 8, Davis said, with promotional discount coupons to be offered by whatever establishment is the flavour of the week.

The website may be accessed at www.gowestmount.ca.

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for the city a decade ago.

One is ward 7, represented by Councilor Cynthia Lulham, and located to the west of Hollowell. This is where plans for the reconstruction of the Turcot interchange call for lowering the elevated expressway.

As a result, highway noise is projected to be substantially reduced while increased train noise would reach much higher levels right through the railway corridor.

Ward 8, represented by Samiotis, located to the east of the WAG is where the highway is to remain at the existing level and where no reduction in noise could be expected.

Until now, the sound barrier issue has been "put on ice" pending the Turcot project.

The city expects the Quebec Transport ministry to help with financing, though this is to be negotiated, Samiotis pointed out. Declining to provide actual costs outlined in the report, she said they would all depend on the types and combinations of devices used.

Mayor Peter Trent said he has told Transport minister Sam Hamad he expects the government to pick up the tab for the entire portion east of Hollowell. The western allotment would have to be determined.

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120 fill out bike path surveys

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's educational bike path campaign was launched Wednesday, April 27 at Melville and de Maisonneuve, when almost 100 cyclists took the time to stop during the morning rush period 8 to 10 am to fill out an origin-destination survey.

Another 20 completed the surveys the next morning, a rainy period when the number of users was noticeably lower, said Greg McBain, assistant director of the Public Security Unit, which organized the campaign in coordination with police.

In addition to the 120 questioned on their cycling habits (99 one day and 21 the next), other bike path users also stopped to hear the officers' message on safe and respectful riding through the residential and park areas.

"Some of them had comments and suggestions that we're in the process of tabulating," McBain said.

The campaign, whose launch involved Public Security commissioner Gary Ike-man, is also slated to take place May 10 and 11, as well as May 17 and 18.

In a quick glance through some of the surveys, McBain said a variety of replies included a range of ages and people using the bike path from Westmount, NDG, LaSalle and other areas of Montreal destined for school, university, work, shopping and pleasure in Westmount and downtown.

One Bixi bike was also noticed though the five Bixi docking stations in Westmount have not yet been installed.

The campaign was planned during the morn- continued on p. 18



Westmount Public Security Officers Jason Souza, left, and Rodrigo Garcia were at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Melville Ave. from 8 to 9 am on April 28. They were handing out safety tips to cyclists travelling along the bicycle path as part of the city's bike path education campaign. Odin Marole, right, a resident of Montreal's Plateau district, stopped a while to chat. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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ATWATER GETS PROVINCIAL AID BUT COULD USE MORE

We appreciated the attention Jack Locke drew in his letter to the editor (April 19, p. 7) to the challenges faced by the Atwater Library and Computer Centre in funding our services to the community, with governments providing only 11 percent of our operating budget last year.

While we believe, along with Mr. Locke, that the Quebec government could be doing much more to support library and community services, he is not accurate in stating that the Atwater Library received nothing from the provincial government.

In particular, we were the recipient of a generous three-year grant from the ministère des Services gouvernementaux du Québec designated to expand our efforts to foster an information society.

While we appreciate the personal support of Jacques Chagnon, we certainly hope that he is [encouraging] and will continue to encourage and promote additional government funding for this important cultural institution serving the Westmount-St. Louis riding.

MARK GALLOP, PRESIDENT, ATWATER LIBRARY AND COMPUTER CENTRE

‘STOP’ MEANS STOP

As a professional dog walker, I spend a great deal of time walking the sidewalks of

Westmount with precious cargo in tow. Each spring I’m reminded of the importance of road safety as sidewalk traffic increases, cyclists return to the streets and drivers increase their driving speeds due to the melting of ice and snow.

I’m writing this letter to encourage all walkers, cyclists and drivers to be aware of one another and respect the laws of the road – they’re in place to keep everyone safe...and alive!

I just returned from walking three rambunctious Pomeranians down Brooke Ave. near St. Antoine and was nearly struck by a red Italian sports car that failed to respect a stop sign. Despite the fact that I was wearing a reflective vest and made a hand gesture that I was crossing, the driver yelled profanities at me, sped through the intersection and was within inches of hitting all three dogs. All of this was entirely avoidable had the laws been respected.

All of us have to share the streets so we need to be courteous to one another. Let’s respect the laws and have a safe spring and summer!

BEN POBJOY, ST. ANTOINE ST.

GOOD TO BE HOME – BENCH

After a dark frigid winter in the municipal yard and a quick visit to the shop, I have been placed back on the corner of Sherbrooke and Strathcona. I feel as fresh

and young as the new flowers sprouting up around me!

I’ve missed being able to take in the finer sights of Westmount Park and the library. I look forward to seeing all the Westmounters walk by or stop in for a rest.

A sight I am particularly grateful for is the one of the attractive lady bench across the street by the bus stop...

BENJAMIN BENCH, SHERBROOKE ST.

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I am writing this letter in hopes that some of your readers will respond to the plight of some unfortunate animals.

It concerns the Montreal North cat shelter. Its 300 cats were recently in the news because they had been evicted from a building, which has been deemed unsafe and a fire hazard.

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GIVE THANKS TO HÉBERT, DON’T HARASS

I am writing in response to the article by Marlene Eisner, published in the *Westmount Independent* (“Banking clients complain to Royal...,” April 19, p. 4) about the harassment of Mr. Jean-Guy Hébert.

I fail to understand how the Royal Bank justifies alerting Public Security or the police in order to acquiesce to complaints by their customers.

Does the bank not consider the fact that it was the very same Mr. Jean-Guy Hébert who alerted the police about credit card fraud from ATMs at the Royal, the Laurentian and the CIBC, which resulted in an arrest?

It would seem to me that Mr. Hébert should be thanked and hopefully rewarded for having alerted the banks of the frauds. Could the complaining customers not be informed of this fact?

I would like to join the ranks of those caring Westmounters, and there are a large number of them, to voice my concern about the treatment of Mr. Hébert, who is not to be feared but rather under-

stood and thanked!

Westmounters, let us follow the Golden Rule – “Do unto others as you would that they do unto you.” When you come to *know* the “other,” you come to understand and care. Believe me, the care you offer the less fortunate is a source of joy. Try it – smile, have a chat, understand and help, and you will reap great joy! I have.

LOY DENIS, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

RESPONSE TO SQUIRRLYPHOBIA

In response to Susan Schneir’s desperate plea to know why squirrels have such devoted fans, (“Squirrel-feeding not appreciated,” April 19, p. 6), allow me to break the news gently to her:

- Squirrels are city dwellers’ ambassadors to wildlife. For many of us, they are the only wild animal we can interact with in a safe manner. They share the same parks, roads, trees and sometimes housing with us, surviving in what can only be described as a hostile environment.

- A squirrel chasing another squirrel up and around a tree is truly a majestic display of acrobatics and balance, one of the more entertaining sights a backyard is likely to witness.

- In cities comprised mostly of concrete and asphalt, squirrels inject a living element that otherwise would be sorely missed. Visit a city without squirrels and it feels stark, devoid of nature.

And while rats are mostly nocturnal, squirrels keep the same hours we do, waking up with a yawn around 6 am and retreating for the night when it gets dark.

My question to Susan would be: if you don’t object to picking up a winter’s worth of dog poop on your lawn, how tough can it be to rake the peanut shells?

As far as most squirrels are concerned, the only trespassing going on is from humans that keep building on their stomping grounds.

I do empathize with you in one regard. No one should anonymously be leaving peanuts on your lawn. If they weren’t so cheap, they would be leaving more nutritious walnuts, which in turn would make your spring clean-up quite a bit easier.

I am not the culprit, as this ex-Westmounter now lives in Toronto (where we have abundant amounts of highly trained squirrels). I just hope that if you ever catch the person, you talk them into leaving a better quality nut.

BARRY LUBOTTA, TORONTO

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Arena Q&A

Topics: Pool location, keeping to budget, ventilation

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

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

What is being done to keep the pool protected from St. Catherine St. noise and pollution? Considering increased traffic in lower Westmount due to the Turcot renovations and MUHC construction, would it not be advised to keep the swimming pool in its current location in front of Westmount Park United Church? – Louis Grondin, St. Antoine St.

The pool is so popular that, in response to demand from swimmers, it will be expanded to eight lanes, with a separate pool and water games for children, representing a 40-percent increase in area. This cannot be accommodated at the current location; nor is the front door of a church necessarily the best location for 300 swimmers.

The current pool location is only 30 feet from Lansdowne Ave., where there are approximately 3,000 vehicles per day. The

new location will be further south, but will be over 100 feet from St. Catherine and a similar distance from Lansdowne. It will be protected from traffic noise and pollution by an expanse of park with landscaping and trees. – PM

If the project manager is responsible for bringing the project in “on time and on budget,” is he liable if he doesn’t achieve this? Who else is liable? – Name withheld by request

The project manager will assure that construction bid documents prepared by the architect and engineers are complete and fully coordinated, and that nothing is overlooked that could lead to extra costs. The winning bidder for the construction will be held to a fixed-price contract that will only be awarded if it is for an amount acceptable to the city. The project manager and the consultants will supervise the work to assure that Westmount’s high standards of quality are maintained while remaining within the agreed fixed contract amount. The construction contractor will be fully liable in this regard, and his performance will be bonded. – PM

My main concern regards budget overruns due to the extensive excavations that have to be performed. There are always unknowns when excavating and their potential cost impact impossible to predict with any precision. Examples: cost of treatment of contaminated soils, discovery of

archaeological artifacts, buried sewers or electrical conduits, oil containers and underground streams. – Alfred Edel, Victoria Ave.

We are fortunate to have a detailed 200-year history of the previous uses of this site. There have never been houses or industrial activity that would leave large debris or contaminants. The water pipes, sewers and electrical conduits were all built and maintained by the city itself over the last 100 years and their locations are well known. The water table is 45 feet below ground, below any anticipated excavation. The exterior walls of the building will have drainage pipes that will carry away any water in the unlikely event that a small underground stream is discovered. The history of the terrain is such that no archaeological finds are expected.

Almost all the excavated soil will be hauled away. Based on 300 soil samples taken from 27 boreholes around the site, the engineers estimated the amount of contaminated soil and of the additional cost of transport to approved dump sites for treatment. The budget also includes a contingency amount in case additional

contamination is found, but it is also possible that there be a lesser quantity, in which case the cost will be below the budgeted amount. – PM

The ventilation system for an underground facility will be huge. What will it sound like indoors and outdoors? More precisely, will the exterior duct sound like a low flying aircraft all day long? And will the humidity of the ice rinks increase the liability of serious bacterial and viral infections? – Name withheld by request

In fact a properly built facility will have identical ventilation requirements whether it be above or below ground. The quantity of fresh air to be introduced into the building is the same in both cases. As for humidity and hygiene, the new facility will have conditioned air to control humidity, unlike the existing building. In general, an underground building requires less heating and air conditioning because the ground outside the walls maintains a relatively constant temperature throughout the year. It is a much more energy efficient and environmentally sustainable solution. – PM

Dramatis Personae to perform Thomas’s Under Milk Wood



Dramatis Personae, a Westmount theatrical troupe, will be performing Dylan Thomas’s drama Under Milk Wood, which portrays a day in the life of a group of eccentric characters in a village in Wales. There will be five performances: at 8 pm on Fridays, May 6 and 13 and on Saturdays, May 7 and 14, and a matinée on Saturday May 14 at 2:30 pm. All performances will be at Victoria Hall. Admission is free although donations are encouraged.

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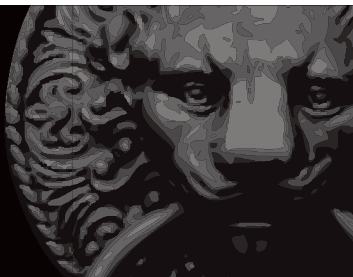
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Police Beat

Cops looking for car break-in victim, grafitti arrest made

By DAVID GOLDBERG

If your car was broken into earlier this month and you're missing a watch and a bottle of perfume, Station 12 police are looking for you.

A pedestrian called the police at 10:15 pm on April 22 when he saw two youths checking car doors near Redfern and Sherbrooke. When the officers showed up, they found two suspects matching the witness' description and detained the pair.

"They were read their rights and questioned," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "They admitted they were trying car doors, and they said they did steal two items from one car where the doors were left unlocked."

The officers tried to find the car, but the suspects couldn't offer a description of the vehicle or where it was parked.

Stolen was a watch and a bottle of perfume. If those items were stolen from your car, you are asked to call Station 12 at 514.280.0112 and use the report number 12110422030.

Arrested were two youths, aged 14 and 15, both from the Snowdon district of Montreal. Their file is pending and charges may follow as the investigation continues.

Graffiti artist arrested

Westmount Public Safety officers and Station 12 police working together managed to apprehend and arrest a young man, who allegedly perpetrated some graffiti in Westmount Park.

The police received a call from the PSOs, stating they had a suspect who drew graffiti in the park's comfort station. When the constables arrived at 4:24 pm on April 19, they questioned the suspect, who at first denied he did the act.

"But there was a security camera in the [comfort station] that caught the suspect, and the description matched the suspect who was in custody," said Pimentel. "The suspect, who had a marker in his possession, finally admitted he did the graffiti."

Arrested was a 17-year-old from NDG. He has been charged with mischief.

Bus skirmish ends in violence

A 15-year-old NDG boy was taken to hospital after a fight on a bus in which he was attacked by a knife-wielding suspect. Police say both the victim and suspect

got onto a bus outside of the Pepsi Forum around 2 am on April 23.

"A verbal argument began between the two, although we don't know what started it," said Pimentel. "That escalated in pushing, and the suspect pulled out a knife and hit the victim to the face."

The victim was taken to the nearby Montreal Children's Hospital for treatment. Police say his wound was superficial.

Arrested was an 18-year-old man from the East End. He has been charged with armed assault.

Firearms collection day

Station 12 will be holding a firearms collection day from 9 am to 5 pm on May 7 at the station, located at 21 Stanton.

"We aren't asking residents to bring guns to the station unless they're non-restricted and the owner has all documents and permits for the weapon," said Pimentel. "In that case, make sure the weapon is not loaded and placed securely in the locked trunk of your car. When you get to the station, leave the weapon in your car when you enter the station."

In cases where the weapon is restricted or prohibited, don't bring it to the station. Instead, call 514.280.0112 and police will come to your residence to pick up the weapon.

"Each weapon we receive will be investigated," said Pimentel. "We will check the serial number, and it will be sent to ballistics to make sure it has not been used in the commission of a crime."

Pimentel said all guns will be destroyed with one exception.

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A car was seen going east, against the one-way, on de Maisonneuve towards Victoria at around 8 pm on April 13. A west-going motorist honked until the

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Advisory group calls for urgent action

Spring reveals erosion of Summit Woods

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The late melting of snow this year has revealed a pressing need, say advocates, for regenerating Summit Woods where winter damage is reported to have left behind pools of mud, washed out trails and further erosion of the nature reserve.

The call for swift action came last week from John Fretz, who has been monitoring the urban forest's condition for several years and chairs the city's newly created Summit Woods Advisory Committee (SWAC).

"Some areas are totally bald," he said. "We now have new signs installed at the entrances but the one at the top of Belvedere Rd. is in such a bad state, it doesn't even look like the entry to a nature reserve.

"We need a vision for this summer and for the future."

New plantings, protection of vulnerable sections and the rehabilitation of trails need immediate attention, he said.

They are among the items the SWAC plans to pursue at a meeting with the city tentatively scheduled for May 9 with city horticulturist Claudette Savaria and parks commissioner Cynthia Lulham, who has been spearheading the rehabilitation initiative at the council level.

"We're working together to improve the conditions," Savaria said.

SWAC's concerns coincide with the official onset of the bird migration period April 16 to June 15, installation of the new signage, stricter Public Security enforcement of dog licensing and on-leash requirements and a Summit Woods education campaign.

While these are a good start, Fretz said, people are walking off the trails and traipsing through the fragile underbrush and

emerging spring growth in the bird and flora sanctuary.

"We need clear demarcation of the trails and a procedure for closing off pathways and cordoning off sections that require rejuvenation."

Savaria told the *Independent* that this year's late spring with muddy conditions had delayed regular seasonal maintenance of the summit, which includes raking the river pebbles back up onto the pathways.

"The snow melts and there's an accumulation of water," she explained. "We'll start to clean up the park at the beginning of May."

The first major rehabilitation of the nature reserve took place in the early 1990s with the development of the current pathway design by landscape architect Sandra Donaldson. Before that, there were only muddy paths.

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SWAC survey identifies immediate needs for Summit Woods

A number of recommendations for rehabilitating Summit Woods have stemmed from a survey tour of the nature reserve in November by the Summit Woods Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Undertaken by representatives of many types of users, from dog walkers to bird watchers, the survey "brought all of our concerns into sharp focus," explained John Fretz, who chairs SWAC.

The recommendations are contained in a SWAC report January 21 to city councillor Cynthia Lulham and city horticulturist Claudette Savaria.

They include the overall need for a vision statement as well as a public information campaign, the regular presence of public safety officers to enforce regulations and improved signage.

Group: Keep Circle closed

The report also asked the city to "renew its pledge not to snow blow into the gully of the north face of the mountain where serious damage has also occurred" and to keep Summit Circle closed to traffic along the north side.

Trails, the report said, require on-going

maintenance and repair "with a budget allocated yearly to this essential work and a designated landscape architect to submit annual reports."

Plant vegetation should flourish up to and alongside the pathways rather than 10 feet or further into the woods, and various natural techniques should be used to address erosion, protect regenerating sections and drainage runoff.

Other recommendations call for studying why so many established trees are deteriorating at the crossroads area, block off redundant trails, replant eroded areas and control the spread of invasive trees.

They also call for planting more spruce and pine trees to make up for "a significant loss" of evergreens since a 1998 botanical inventory of the woods. These are important for small birds and wintering species such as chickadees.

Certain berry-bearing native trees and bushes are also proposed.

Many of the same suggestions were made in 2008 by Fretz in an illustrated 11-page pamphlet called *Our lovely Summit Woods ... need help*.

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Freel and Fretz exhibit at The Gallery at Victoria Hall



Mary Lou Freel discusses one of her tapestries named "Circus Maximus" at the Victoria Hall Gallery April 27. The works of Freel and sculptor John Fretz will be on display from April 28 to May 20.

Photos: Ralph Thompson



Sculptor John Fretz presenting an exhibition of his "dogs" at the Victoria Hall Gallery during a vernissage the evening of April 7. The proceeds from the sale of his work will be donated to the SPCA.

Police

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lectibles will be sent to a museum," he said. "At that point, the weapon can only be moved to another museum and will never be used. But around 99 percent of the guns will be destroyed."

Pimentel said it's very important to get unused weapons out of the home.

"Some can be used for suicide attempts or during conjugal violence," he said. "And we don't want these guns stolen in case your home gets broken into."

Beware of chimney cleaning scam

A resident of Metcalfe Ave. fell victim to someone calling at his door April 24 offering to clean the chimney and furnace for \$65, Public Security officials said.

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Westmounters help 60 Million Girls bring Mortenson to Montreal

BY LAUREN O'LOUGHLIN

Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, will be coming to Montreal on May 5 to talk about “promoting peace through education.”

Mortenson’s visit is part of the fifth anniversary celebrations of the 60 Million Girls foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes access to education for

socially marginalized girls.

Westmounters Rebecca Lee and Tanya Guyatt have volunteered their time with the organization since 2007 and are both involved in international development. Guyatt emphasized that the organization is not just about schools “but about education for girls.” Lee continued, “for the most part it’s not infrastructure; we try to go to areas where we know education for

girls will succeed.”

The conference will be held at Concordia University’s Hall Building at 7 pm. A VIP ticket is available for those interested in attending a cocktail and book signing session before the conference. Tickets are on sale at www.60millionsdefilles.org/english/home.html.

A recent edition of the television show *60 Minutes* aired an investigation into Mortenson.

Business Insider.com reported that Steve Kroft interviewed several people who allege that Mortenson’s story is “false or wildly exaggerated.” Also, the charity that Mortenson founded to build schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan is said to spend too much on his travel expenses related to book tours. Mortenson refused to be interviewed and defended the travel as “integral to our mission and operations.”


In reaction and following her interview with the *Independent*, Lee commented “No donations from this event or from 60 Million Girls are going to the Central Asia Institute (CAI), Greg Mortenson’s charity.

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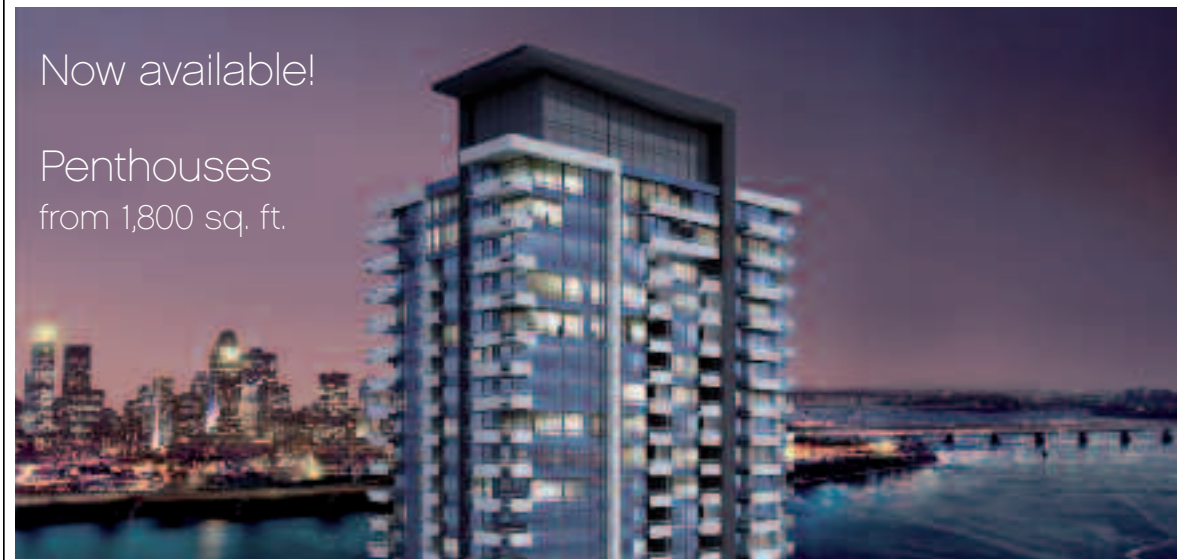
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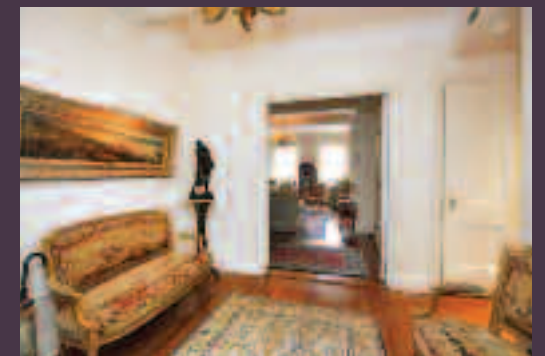
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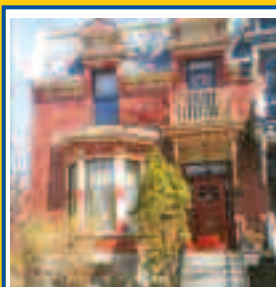
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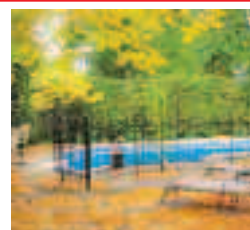
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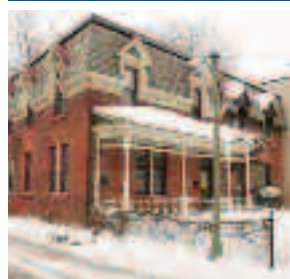
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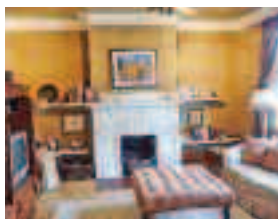


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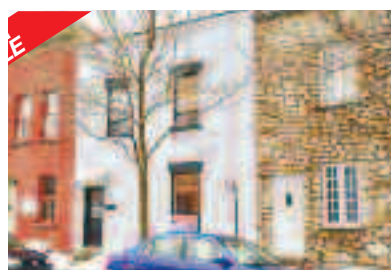
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Westmount Art Scene

Provost and DeFrancesca: A multi-textured presence

BY HEATHER BLACK

Creating interest and form, texture is art’s handmaiden. This month Sophie De-Francesca’s mesh sculptures at Galerie D’Este and Jean-François Provost’s patterned collages at Galerie de Bellefeuille remind viewers of the expressive potential of texture.

Provost at Galerie de Bellefeuille

Known for abstract compositions distinguished by irregular shapes, drawn squiggles and rich spot colours, Provost plays with composition. In “Perdre pied,” coloured splotches – evoking a woman’s shoe – fit snugly in one canvas corner. In contrast, “Composition #1,” a dazzling mélange of paint, pattern and vertical lines, fills a monochromatic grey frame.

In the dramatic composition, “Lamen-

tation #6,” irregular shapes create a musical rhythm. Here, one bold yellow note cheerfully escapes the confines of the black background, conveying new life and new hope.

“Motet 4” continues this musical theme. A sequence of patterned shapes against a black canvas background evokes the title – a harmonized choral music for individual voices. Playing with tempo, the artist creates a complex orchestration held together by a few baton-thin lines.

The musicality of these works is no surprise – the artist was once a student of classical guitar. Yet, his most recent work is bolder, more complex and – with added pattern – more ornate. Provost exhibits at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave.

DeFrancesca at Galerie D’Este

In the exhibit “Butterfly Effect,” figurative sculptor Sophie DeFrancesca turns mesh into magic. Evoking both memory and dream, glitzy evening and cocktail dresses capture a past era. One, a black skirt complete with legs and spike heels, is entitled “The 80’s Were Fun.” Another, “Courage my Love,” depicts a little black



Jean-Francois Provost “Lamentation #6”

dress, the mesh glamorizing the human form as well as forming a cage.

For DeFrancesca, female identity is a dominant theme. In one piece, a teapot with a double spout and two tops contains a mesh infant inside. Entitled “Steepped in Turmoil,” the unpainted mesh is transparent and fragile.

Animals are also a new subject matter. For “Bambino,” the painted white mesh captures the fawn’s fragility. And, not surprisingly, a mounted deer’s head is blood red.

DeFrancesca’s analogies are also cathartic. A floor-length evening gown “Butterfly Effect” resembles a rabble of brilliant butterflies. continued on p. 20



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Spotting a bird of prey in park



Photographer and Westmounter Ralph Thompson took this photo of a merlin (also known as pigeon hawk) in Murray Park on April 27. "I'm constantly amazed by the wildlife mingling in our urban environment," he said, and mentioned that it's a good time of year to see wildlife around Westmount, including marmots, raccoons, Canada geese, owl and migrating warblers and vireos.

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Benoit protests against the Berger Blanc at rally



John Benoit, left, stands with Gerdy Gouron of Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions at the April 23 protest at Montreal city hall asking Montreal's mayor to cancel contracts with the Berger Blanc. Benoit, who owns Sherbrooke St. shops Ben & Tournesol and Wilfrid & Adrienne, is an animal activist who works with the ASPCA and does active animal rescue. Commenting on his participation at the protest, Benoit said of the Berger Blanc – the animal shelter on the south shore which takes in Montreal's stray animals and is currently under fire, among other things, for its euthanization methods “It is unacceptable. And also unacceptable are the policies and inadequacies of animal welfare in Quebec.” The next demonstration is said to take place Friday, May 13 at 5:30 pm. For more information, visit www.bergerblancrcruaute.com.

Photo: L. Fowler

Bike path survey

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ing hour to target commuters. But quite surprisingly, McBain said, was the number of pedestrians and joggers using the bike path. “We explained to them that they should be using the pedestrian path even though it meanders through the park.”

The use of the bike path by non-cyclists was one of the complaints voiced by the cyclists, he said.

He also said he was surprised at how many cyclists only slowed down but never stopped at the stop sign even with the presence of the police bike patrol, officers and high-profile marked cars. No tickets were issued but those who could be easily stopped were cautioned. Westmount-based bicycle repair and retail store Martin Swiss was also on the scene to provide bicycle checks and undertake minor repairs.



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Magazines

“Executive order: Students expect that earning an EMBA will help get them a promotion and a raise. Generally, it works out, but sometimes they get more than they bargained for” by David Pimentel in *Financial Post Magazine*, March 2011, p. 24.

“The political power of social media: Communications technology will help promote freedom – but it might take a while” by Clay Shirky, in *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2011, p. 28.

“Les impôts: la colère monte: les Québécois en ont marre d’être pressés comme des citrons. D’être de plus en plus taxés tout en continuant à rouler sur des nids-de-poule et à attendre aux urgences des hôpitaux. Ont-ils raison? Quelles sont les solutions?” by Dominique Forget, in *L’Actualité*, April 15, 2011, p. 22.

Adult books

The Company We Keep: A Husband and Wife True-Life Spy Story by Robert and Dayna Baer – A CIA operative and his CIA sharpshooter wife describe how they unexpectedly fell in love during a mission and the complicated challenges they faced in their shared effort to return to civilian life.

A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS by Jennet Conant – A new

book tells the cloak-and-dagger story of the famous chef’s early years in espionage in the Far East.

Adult French – Trapped!

127 heures by Aron Ralston – The author, a young rock climber, was trekking in a remote canyon when a 800-pound boulder tumbled down and pinned him by the arm. After six days of hell, his ordeal ended in an incredible manner. This piece of non-fiction inspired the movie with the same title.

Enterrés vivants by Jonathan Franklin – On August 5, 2010, 33 Chilean miners descended in a copper mine only to be trapped by a rock fall for 69 days. This book focuses on the human aspects of their long wait and describes the interaction between personalities as well as the solidarity between them.

Books on CD

Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy – When Noël learns that his former flame is terminally ill and pregnant with a child she claims is his, he agrees to take care of the baby once she’s born. But as a recovering alcoholic whose demons are barely under control, he can’t do it alone. An amazing network of family and friends are ready to step in and help.

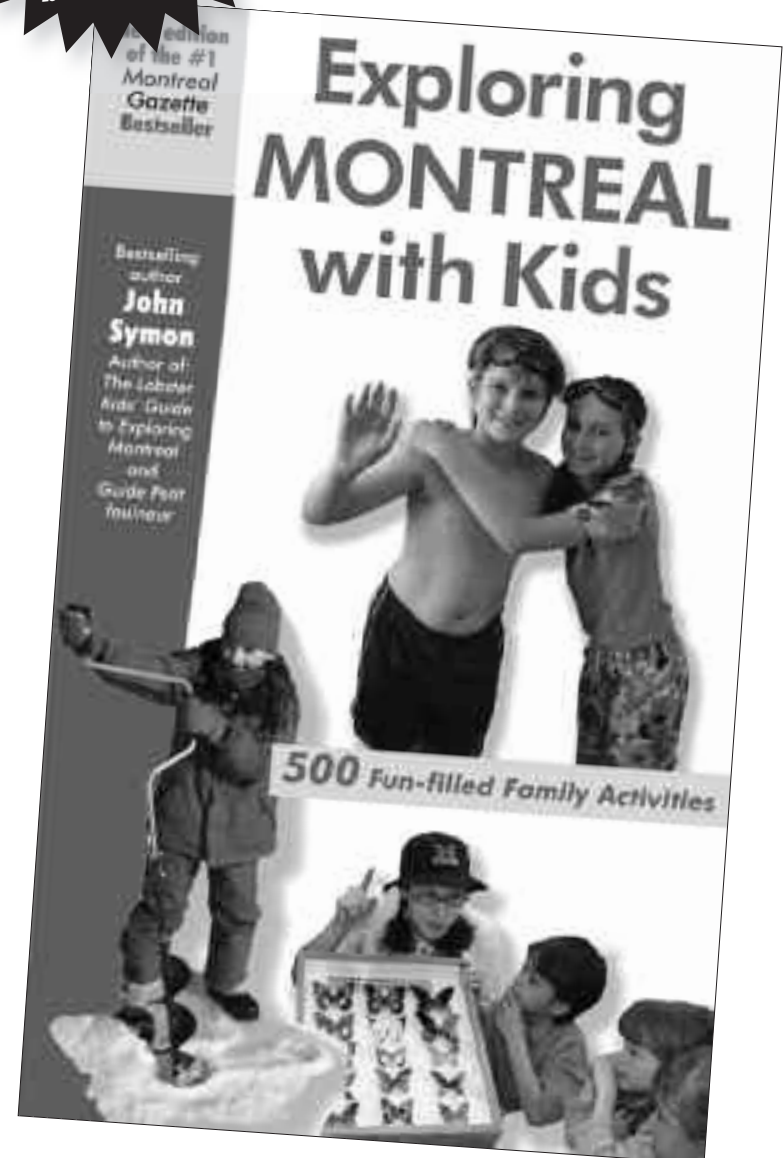
The King’s Speech by Mark Logue – Based on the recently discovered diaries of Lionel Logue, this book presents the Australian speech therapist who helped the English king, George VI, overcome a lifelong speech disorder and become an eloquent leader of his people during the difficult days of World War II.

Picture books about dogs

Dog Loves Books by Louise Yates – When Dog opens a bookstore and no customers come, he decides to keep himself amused by read- continued on p. 22

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Westmount art scene

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Saucy in yellow outdoor paint, it suggests the magic of creation as well as a cheerful resilience.

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Summit Woods

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the medium chosen then" to delineate the trails and create a hard surfacing for walkers, Savaria explained. Times have changed, however, "and there are now new ways to improve the pathways." One consideration, she said, is to use coarse mulch on secondary pathways.

What is essential, Fretz said, is a commitment by the city to provide a budget to support the ongoing maintenance and repair of Summit Woods as recommended in a report by SWAC to the city January 21 (see story, p. 10).

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- Writer, photographer, filmmaker **Louise Abbott**, presents *Eeyou Istchee: Land of the Cree on the History and Cultural Traditions of the Cree of Eastern James Bay*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.
- The Thomas More Institute presents an interview with **Désirée McGraw** on environment, 7 to 9 pm. 3405 Atwater Ave. Cost \$10. Reserve: 514.935.9585.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Dramatis Personae presents "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, 8 pm at Victoria Hall. Other performances are on May 7, May 13, and 14. Matinée on May 14 at 2:30 pm. Admission is free, donations invited. Reserve: www.theatrewestmount.com or 514.373.5486.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- "Family ties," an exhibition by Westmounters **Gabor Szilasi**, **Doreen Lindsay**, and **Andrea Szilasi** and **Michael Merrill** at the Stewart Hall art gallery, 176 Lakeshore Rd., Pointe Claire. Continues until June 19. Info: www.ville.pointe-claire.qc.ca.
- "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**, from 10 am to 3 pm. Tables available for rent at \$20. Reserve: 514.931.6202. Info: www.centregreene.org.
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TUESDAY, MAY 10

"Understanding your body's response to stress and ways to relieve it," by **naturopathic doctor Orna Villazan**, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Westmount Y. Free, donations invited. Registration not required but preferred: vanessa.valente@ymcaquebec.org or 514.931.8046.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- Author **Litsa Bolontzakis** and illustrator **Daniela Zekina** launch season-themed children's picture books from 4:30 to 6 pm at Babar en Ville. Suitable for children aged 3 and up. Info: 514.931.0606.
- "Under the Tuscan Sun" fundraiser for the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex at Parisian Laundry, 3550 St. Antoine St. Tickets; \$125. Info: 514.485.5018 or rpelletier@qehc.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- **Spin-a-thon** to raise money for children's programming at the Westmount Y, 9 am to 12 noon. Info: Susan Doherty 514.846.1440 or dohertys@selwyn.ca.
- **Anthony Housefather**, mayor of Côte St. Luc will discuss "International and local current events," 12 noon at Shaar Hashomayim. Lunch followed by lecture. Cost: \$5. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

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Photo courtesy of ECS

Leaf blower season now over

A gardener working at 4350 Sherbrooke St. was issued a \$267 ticket April 22 ticket for operating a leaf blower on Good Friday, a legal holiday, Public Security officials report. With the start of May, the use of the devices at any time in Westmount is illegal. They are allowed only during the spring and fall clean-up periods.

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City employees prepare for Denim Day



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Photo courtesy of city of Westmount

A group of city of Westmount employees is preparing for its fourteenth year of fundraising for breast cancer research. Over the last 13 years, city employees have raised just over \$24,000.

Again this year, a bake sale will be held at the Westmount Public Library, Victoria Hall and city hall on Tuesday, May 10 from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Profits raised during

the National Denim Day will go to the CURE Foundation.

Said librarian Donna Lach of the reason behind supporting the cause, “We are so passionate about this event because we all know a relative or friend or co-worker who has been affected by this disease and want to support them as best we can.”

May at the art galleries

Galerie de Bellefeuille

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Dale Chihuly. Exhibit continues to May 21.
Damien Hirst “The Souls.” Exhibit: May 7 to 18.

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Adam Pendleton “Band.” Exhibit continues to June 4.

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Knock, knock – recycling out too early

Two residents of Aberdeen Ave. were visited by public safety officers Tuesday, April 26 and asked to take in their recycling bins until the Wednesday pickup. The bins were spotted at curbside by a patrol at 5:07 pm. Westmount’s garbage by-law prohibits garbage being put out in advance of collection day.

Surprise: dog did need a leash

A \$75 ticket has been mailed to a woman walking a black Labrador off leash April 27 in Prince Albert Park, according to Public Security officials. She reportedly told officers the dog didn’t need one. She also had a second dog that was leashed. The woman lived in Montreal but claimed to be walking the dogs for her boyfriend who lived nearby.

Jane walks Westmount



Doreen Lindsay, left, and Ruth Allan-Rigby of the Westmount Historical Association have organized a “Jane’s walk” of Westmount. The walks are named for the late Jane Jacobs, the urban planning author most famous for *The Life and Death of Great American Cities*. She argued for densely populated, human-scale cities, replete with walkable destinations for shopping, recreation and businesses, as many contest Westmount is. The walk starts at the Visual Arts Centre (350 Victoria) at 2 pm on Saturday, May 7. There is no registration or fee, and the walks will be led by English- and French-speaking guides.

Photo: Independent

Two hours late for dinner

A 13-year-old Westmount boy who was two hours late for dinner April 8 was located at the teen centre, Public Security officials said. The boy was supposed to have been at the library and home for 6 pm.

When he failed to return by 8 pm, his worried mother called public safety officers, who scoured the library, checked out Westmount Park and eventually found him at the centre. They called police to the scene who drove him home on Bellevue.

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Real estate, on average

Number of transactions in parentheses. All dollar amounts are averages.

	May 3	April 5	March 1	Feb. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 2	Oct. 5	Sept. 1
Semidetached on the flat	\$1,045,000 (1)	\$826,667 (3)	\$925,000 (1)	\$640,000 (1)	none	none	947,500 (1)	\$547,500 (2)
Semidetached, Mid-Westmount	\$1,239,500 (6)	\$1,020,000 (5)	\$950,000 (1)	\$1,239,222 (9)	\$1,171,750 (8)	\$1,220,000 (1)	1,159,333 (3)	\$1,183,965 (12)
By type								
Detached	\$2,028,571 (7)	\$2,105,000 (3)	\$2,483,333 (3)	\$1,729,621 (4)	\$2,290,000 (3)	\$1,371,000 (5)	\$2,530,000 (4)	\$2,064,545 (11)
Semidetached	\$1,216,500 (8)	\$947,500 (8)	\$937,500 (2)	\$1,179,300 (10)	\$1,171,750 (8)	\$1,220,000 (1)	\$1,106,375 (4)	\$1,093,041 (14)
Townhouse	\$1,300,000 (1)	\$775,000 (2)	\$812,400 (5)	\$722,333 (3)	\$903,000 (5)	\$722,667 (3)	\$658,250 (4)	\$875,136 (11)
Duplex/triplex (1 unit)	\$250,643 (7)	\$445,690 (3)	\$424,300 (3)	\$373,125 (8)	\$540,000 (2)	\$475,833 (6)	\$415,150 (8)	\$476,938 (8)
Condo	\$385,500 (2)	none	\$617,500 (2)**	none	\$573,650 (6)	\$527,000 (1)*	none	\$720,000 (4) ***
Commercial	none	none	\$24,100,000 (1)	\$1,519,167 (3)	none	\$1,200,000 (1)	\$4,000,000 (1)	\$3,000,000 (1)
Land	none	none	none	\$3,700,000 (1)	\$150,000 (1)	none	none	none
By area (excl. commercial and land)								
Upper Westmount	\$2,069,167 (6)	\$2,105,000 (3)	\$3,550,000 (1)	\$1,573,317 (1)	\$3,800,000 (1)	\$1,371,000 (5)	\$2,310,000 (2)	\$1,497,000 (5)
Mid-Westmount	\$1,161,682 (11)	\$937,500 (8)	\$1,038,738 (8)	\$1,403,180 (12)	\$1,115,267 (15)	\$909,333 (3)	\$1,065,615 (13)	\$1,277,003 (31)
On the flat	\$512,800 (5)	\$741,767 (4)	\$688,333 (6)	\$681,500 (8)	\$593,988 (8)	\$673,667 (6)*	\$506,675 (4)	\$855,208 (12) ***
All transactions	\$1,261,705 (22)	\$1,118,805 (15)	\$2,505,619 (16)	\$1,284,839 (25)	\$1,017,236 (25)	\$939,063 (16)	\$1,224,985 (20)	\$1,146,692 (49) ***
Average price/evaluation, arithmetic	1.07	1.02	1.04**	1.24	1.08	1.10*	1.06	1.05***
Average price/evaluation, \$ weighted	1.08	0.99	1.01**	1.27	1.05*	1.03*	1.07	1.04***

Data is by newspaper reporting date, not notarial registration or sale agreement date. The dividing lines between the three geographic areas are the middles of The Boulevard and Sherbrooke St. All data excludes parking lot and storage transactions. All evaluation data is from the 2011 roll.

* Excludes possible related-party transaction at 35 percent of evaluation.
** Excludes a condo at 51 percent and a commercial transaction at 73 percent of evaluation.
*** Excludes condo transaction at \$1.

Sugar Ball benefits McCord Museum



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The McCord Museum’s annual Sugar Ball, held March 25 on a bitter cold night, was a sweet success.

There were so many guests, that at the

very last minute, the event – calorie-heavy candies, lollipops and all – was moved: from the McCord (too small) to le Windsor on Peel (just right!).

There, gaggles of girls arrived, most in LBDs (little black dresses), some with fringes in a nod to the Twenties theme, which honoured the McCord’s 90th anniversary.

Most also wore pearls – the classy country club type, as well as “not your mother’s” pearls – cool chokers of grey pearls with big bling.

Westmounters enjoying the smoked meat (Snowdon Deli) and oysters (Joe Beef) included **Linda and Terry Smith, Rosemarie and Frank Niro, Rosie and Sal Parasuco, Nicholas Niro and Yasemin Comert, Elise Nesbitt, Sarah Sedcole-Claxton, Stephen Reitman**, (daughter **Emma** came in from New York with former Montrealer **Adam Rozencwajg**), **Judy Wolfe** and daughter **Rebecca**, and **Cecilia and Jorge Schwarz**.

Attending from the McCord were **Suzanne Sauvage**, president and CEO, and **Pascale Grignon**, director marketing.

Committee members were Westmounters **Alexandra Schwarz**, (there with hubby **Colin Brown**), who co-chaired the gala with former Westmounter **Nadia Niro** (with hub **John Anthony Luzio**) and **Lisa Reitman** (with fiancé **Ari Himmel**), working with **Raphaëlle Marchese** (with hub **Brad Massi**), **Sonia Katiya**, **Christine Lenis**,



Westmounter Alexandra Schwarz, a co-chair of the Sugar Ball, with parents Jorge and Cecilia Schwarz.

Brigitte Lenis, Simon Richard, Pierre-Luc Fountaine-Gouin, and Hardip Manku.

Gorgeous gals in backless white tuxedo vests served nibbles and shots of energy drinks. Sponsor **Josh Silver** had his hostesses in sizzling itsy-bitsy black.

Needless to say, nearly all the guests’ dresses were sky-high – worn with über-stilettos (note to self: throw away the comfy *continued on p. 27*

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This car was photographed on Winchester Ave. on April 29 – a very public warning to all: pay those tickets!
Photo: Oliver Sugden

Sugar Ball

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shoes!). Bars offering SKYY vodka and Hype drinks kept the crowd replenished while the live band, Hellbound Hepcats, played oldies but great goodies. Then, DJ Yo-C kept the energy elevated.

Over 500 guests, between the ages 25 to 40, attended the sold-out second edition of the Sugar Ball presented by the Young McCord members. All proceeds go to the McCord Museum Foundation.



Andrew Hopps, Westmounters Karen Karpman, Rosemarie and Frank Niro.



McCord Museum director of marketing Pascale Grignon, and former Westmounter Nadia Niro, a co-chair of the Sugar Ball.

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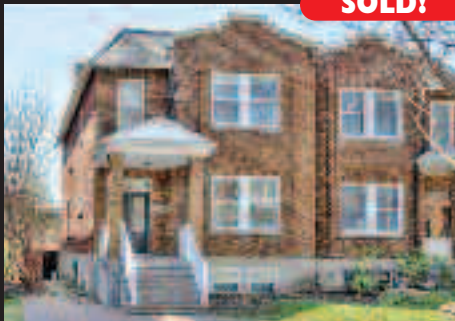
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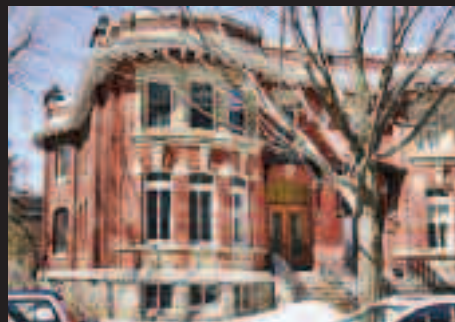
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