

City demands night rail work cease

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount served demand letters on both CP Rail and the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) October 11 ordering them to cease work on the Westmount portion of the track between 11 pm and 7 am. If they did not comply within 24 hours, the city would have “no other choice” than to seek a court order, the letter said.

While the city’s noise by-law does not allow construction work after 9 pm, the two-hour toleration was provided “to show a little understanding” for the mandatory nature of the work while recognizing the residents’ need to sleep, according to city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

The letters (*mise en demeure*) had been drafted *continued on p. 9*

Old post office, new face



In preparation for the installation of copper flashing, a sheetmetal worker chips away at old roofing tar from the base of a yellow sandstone relief on the top of Westmount’s old post office building at the corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve on September 28. See p. 10.


Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

‘No surprise’ Neuro may move here

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An MUHC announcement last week that it plans to construct a separate new building for the Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI) at the Glen site – likely on land in Westmount – did not come as a surprise to the city, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent*.

“The rumour has been rife for some time,” he *continued on p. 5*

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Committee approves 'second' demo of 28 Devon

Parking of workers' cars remains a condition

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition committee has approved a request to raze the house at 28 Devon following a public hearing on the issue October 9, chair Patrick Martin announced two days later adding, "to no surprise."

The same committee had already approved a similar application from the previous owner last year but for a slightly different replacement house. The owner had sold the existing one before the demolition permit was issued.

Like the first time around, last week's decision is also conditional on the submission of a plan for the parking of construction workers' cars in a way that would not cause congestion and take up available parking, Martin said.

This was one of several concerns raised

by Jewel Lowenstein of Lexington Ave., the lone neighbour attending the October 9 hearing, in contrast with a large contingent of concerned residents who had turned out on February 17, 2011.

Lowenstein also queried the scale of the proposed two-storey house with a sloping copper roof relative to those on either side, which currently bracket a single-storey home. She further raised the potential for a long-lasting "unsightly" worksite.

No objections received

Her concerns echoed those previously brought up though no letters of opposition or requests for official intervention were received by the city to the current project, Martin reported at the start of the hearing, whose panel included councillors Kathleen Duncan and Theodora Samiotis.

He also noted that the proposed re-

placement house had received preliminary approval in principle from the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

Martin pursued the parking concerns, which were immediately answered by the contractor, Westmount resident Garry Garbarino. "Ninety-five percent of the time," he said, the contractor can control worker parking.

Ben Cohen, the new homeowner and a commercial developer with Triad, said he

was building the new house so his family could move from the West Island to Westmount, in part because of "the schools."

So as not to reinvent the wheel, he told the *Independent*, he had retained the Westmount architectural firm Architettura (Adam Borowczyk and Marie Farmer) along with Garbarino since all had worked on the previous owner's proposed new house and were familiar with many of the com- *continued on p. 16*



At the demolition hearing October 9, contractor Garry Garbarino, left, and homeowner Ben Cohen, speak with meeting attendee Jewel Lowenstein.

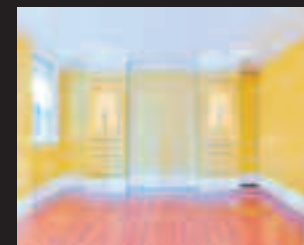
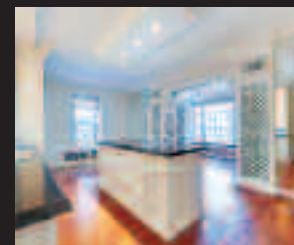
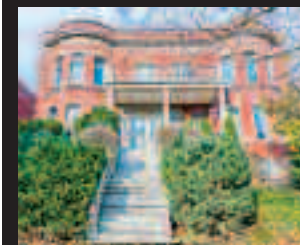


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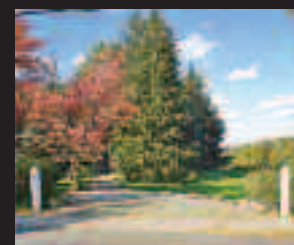
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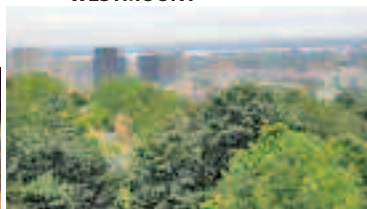
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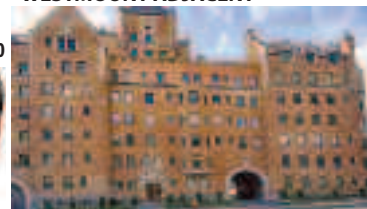
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Lights given out to 100 cyclists

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Of all the cyclists stopped at de Maison-neuve and Lansdowne October 4 as part of a police program called Operation Éclairage, some 100 were given lights for their bikes, according to local Station 12 traffic officer Cst. Steven Goldberg.

In all, 182 red or white LED lights were

Lighting to be improved at entry to Westmount Park

The city's Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC) is working with Hydro Westmount to improve lighting at the Lansdowne entrance to Westmount Park in response to resident complaints, police said last week.

Since the start of construction for the Westmount recreation centre, the bike and pedestrian paths have been moved closer to each other, while work in the area tends to further narrow the area in front of Westmount Park Church, said constable Steven Goldberg, who represents police on the ATC.

Lighting is especially important at this time of shorter daylight hours when both cyclists and pedestrians wear darker clothing, he pointed out.

installed as needed on the front or back of the bikes in 90 minutes by police, public safety officers and Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association, Goldberg said.

The program to improve the visibility of cyclists took place from 4 pm to 5:30 pm targetting users of the bike path as they entered or exited the portion through Westmount Park.

Since Bixis and the bicycles belonging to most "professional riders" already had lights, those handed out went went to what Goldberg called other personal cyclists. He estimated about 80 percent of all personal bikes were not properly equipped.

Because it was not easy to see at a glance which bicycles already had lights, Goldberg said as many as possible were stopped and checked. This also provided an opportunity for personnel to distribute a Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec pamphlet on safe cycling to as many cyclists as possible and to deliver a verbal safety message.

"It was such a success, that I've asked for more lights so we can do the program again," Goldberg said.

At two recent city council meetings, Councillor Gary Ikeman has asked for cyclists to be more visible at night to pedestrians, especially as they ride through the park at night.

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said.

When he visited the site a few months ago, he said, he asked personnel if anything would be built on the Westmount part of the site, "and they were somewhat noncommittal, but did suggest that the MNI might go there – but hastened to add that it was years away."

Trent emphasized that the area is currently zoned by Westmount only for low-rise residential dwellings. Until more is known about such items as proposed height, density and traffic impact related to the new building, "we shall wait for them to present us something."

He added: "I'm not sure that they will want to try and get Quebec's approval for any sort of plan and budget while there is a minority government."

Various scenarios have been suggested over the years for the MNI but no associated costs have been included in the budget for either the building of the super-hospital or extensive renovations to the Montreal General Hospital.

Noisy party costs host \$146

When some 20 partygoers in a backyard on Clarke Ave. south of Sherbrooke continued to annoy neighbours October 7, public safety officers issued a ticket for \$146 to the party host. The 18-year-old had initially been asked to bring guests inside after several complaints were received around 11:18 am. When more came in after 12:45 am, officers returned and the party broke up.

Ticket issued, but few complaints

A ticket for \$267 was issued October 3 for the use of heavy equipment at 1250 Greene at 7 pm, an hour past the 6 pm deadline, Public Security officials said. The work was spotted by a patroller but had not generated complaints. Considering the extent of the condo development at the southwest corner of de Maisonneuve, relatively few complaints have been received, it was reported.

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OWL SPOTTED

This owl was seen in a tree next to the small playing field on Academy Rd. the morning of October 13.

It was not very big, maybe 10 to 12 inches high. Does anyone know what kind of owl this is?

BELINDA BOWES, ACADEMY RD.



Photo courtesy of Belinda Bowes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE BIKE PATH THIS WINTER?

Last year, I attended an “*ad hoc*” session that included several groups concerned about cycling through Westmount. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Gary Ikeman.

Councillor Ikeman announced that Westmount would not maintain the bicycles paths during the winter months. At the council meeting following this session, the mayor, contradicting the announcement, declared that the bike paths would remain open for the winter. Why the change?

For this winter, Westmount citizens desire the following information:

- Will the bike paths remain open?
- What additional costs are incurred for this maintenance?
- How much revenue is forfeited by the shutting down of parking meters along the de Maisonneuve bike path?
- How many cyclists use the bicycle paths, through Westmount, in wintertime?

STANLEY GROSSMAN,
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Editor's note: If city council is willing to share its answer with us, we will publish it for the benefit of readers.

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Thanks to the Rotary Club of Westmount, our users' committee was able to invest in a laptop computer for the use of Fulford House ladies and their families.

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Fulford resident Gertrude Clancy on the laptop computer in March.

Photo courtesy of Fulford House

computer from the office and carry it to any room to show the ladies that they too can enjoy browsing the internet or sending emails to family members. Most of the ladies begin hesitantly and then experience delight! They see themselves in the photo gallery of the Fulford website or they explore their church websites. With the help of family members, they can enjoy photos of grandchildren and visit places they have travelled.

We thank the Rotary members for this gift that is helping our ladies to understand a world that frequently seems so foreign to their experience.

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VIC VILLAGE RESIDENT DEMOGRAPHICS – THAT'S THE QUESTION FOR RENEWAL

The city of Westmount is planning to revitalize Victoria village. At the recent public consultation meeting, consultants provided detail on the history and architecture of the area and current building

uses. While residents were asked to comment on green spaces and commercial development, no overall vision for Victoria village was presented nor any information on the key issue of who will likely be living and shopping in the village.

This is especially surprising given the demographic changes one can expect with the MUHC super-hospital [coming in].

According to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, the city's goal is to attract young families. My question is: what vision of Victoria village does the city believe will accomplish this? Is the goal simply to attract young families to live there or to develop the Victoria village brand, be it a family-friendly neighbourhood with a convenient shopping district or a quirky/trendy area that attracts those from outside Westmount?

Further, how can we engage in successful revitalization without understanding the characteristics of the population who live there now and who will live there in five or 10 years? For example, medical staff will undoubtedly find Victoria village an attractive place to live. Will they prefer to rent or buy? Do we need more apartments, condos or houses?

Before dedicating more space to an already struggling commercial area, let's not miss an opportunity to both attract new residents with spending power, and to curtail the current monopoly on commercial rents that plagues the area.

As someone who grew up in Victoria village and is now a frequent shopper on Sherbrooke St. with my 16-month-old twins, I sincerely hope that thought is being given to these questions.

We need to base revitalization on a broader vision for Victoria village – one that is based on demographic research.

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Parliament resumed last month, and the pace has been brisk with legislation being debated, questions being asked and urgent matters being raised.

To give you a sense of what is happening, allow me to highlight three matters amongst many. Two are of particular importance to me.

Omnibus bills

The first was my effort to bring a greater level of democracy to the house, specifically when it comes to government omnibus bills – those huge bills that contain everything from soup to nuts. We are expecting another such bill this fall.

We all remember Bill C-38, which led to 25 hours of voting last June because of a large number of opposition amendments; the reason being that the bill contained a myriad of legislative matters which should have *each* been treated separately instead of being bundled into a single mammoth bill.

Because of this, I proposed a motion for the study in committee of ways to constrain omnibus bills so that they could not contain an unlimited number of unrelated subjects. Sad to say, the government was not interested in such a study and my mo-

tion was not allowed to proceed: a sad day for democracy.

E. coli

Switching to question period, the issue that has resulted in the most questions for the government is, without a doubt, the processed beef E. coli outbreak.

What is surprising here is the government's reaction to the crisis. The proper response would have been to say: yes, we have a very serious problem, and we are getting onto it as fast as possible because food safety and consumer health are top priorities. Canadians would have been satisfied with such a response.

Instead, the government chose to deny the problem initially, then evade, then make excuses and finally to offload the blame – not what we would have expected from a responsible government.

Private member's bill

Finally, it is with great pride that I presented my private member's bill (C-420) for the creation of a national commissioner of Children and Young Persons at second reading on October 2. Voting on it will take place in November. I am pleased to say that the NDP party supports the bill as does the leader of the Green Party. At this time however, the Conservative government does not. I will do my best in the coming weeks to get as many Conservatives as possible to reconsider. The creation of a national commissioner for Children and Young Persons is just too important to ignore.

It's a wrap – Eastwood filmed latest movie on Wood Ave.

A new film by Clint Eastwood was filmed on location at a house on Wood near Holton. An article by Bill Brownstein in the *Gazette* on October 11 describes an NDG-born cameraman, returning home to do the shoot, who followed the “movements of Bruce Willis, Catherine Zeta-Jones and John Malkovich around a tony Westmount townhouse – which alternates between doubling for Paris and London – on the set of *Red 2*.” The filming was recently wrapped up and is scheduled to be released in August 2013.

Branches obstruct scaffolding

Investigating a call October 3 for tree cutting in progress at Château Maisonneuve, corner of de Maisonneuve and Victoria, public safety officers found that workers were simply pruning branches in order to raise scaffolding for exterior repairs to the large apartment building.

Dead tree cut, no permit

Public Security officials report that the cutting down on October 3 of a tree considered dead was referred to Urban Planning. The tree was located on private property in front of a house on Côte St. Antoine near Forden. While a permit had been applied for, none had yet been issued.

Greene Ave. shops showcase post-construction feel



Finally free of orange construction cones on Greene, the Greene Ave. Merchants Association (GAMA) gave the green light to a media tour, organized by a media relations firm, October 11. “It's time for people to start coming back to see the new atmosphere,” said Tony Fagnoli, owner of Tony Shoes and a board member of GAMA. Roughly a half-dozen journalists were taken on a 14-shop tour to showcase the revitalized street's post-construction amenities.

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A visit to the arena construction site



City officials, including Mayor Peter Trent and several city councillors and department heads, visited new arena construction site on October 12 at around 12:30 pm. A tent had been erected on the southwest corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine on the work site.

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Trent calls – again – for Laval mayor to step down from UMQ

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the wake of recent inquiries into the construction industry and police raids at the homes and office of Laval mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, Mayor Peter Trent last week called again on the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) to require that Vaillancourt step aside from various positions he holds with the group until his name is cleared.

“Every elected official has to be above reproach,” Trent said in an interview with the *Independent*. “This is not a court of law, but while people are under investigation by police they should step aside temporarily until their name is cleared.”

On October 12, it was reported that the UMQ had asked Vaillancourt to no longer act as a spokesperson, Trent said. “So this is at least a partial victory for me.”

Two years ago, Trent resigned his own position on the UMQ executive in protest over its failure to require its president at the time, St. Jérôme mayor Marc Gascon, and Vaillancourt to remove themselves over allegations of conflict of interest. While Gascon did so within a few days, Vaillancourt did not (see November 23,

2010, p. 3).

Trent’s seat representing the island of Montreal is still vacant pending his return.

Supported by suburban mayors

His recent demand that Vaillancourt step aside came in a letter October 5 he sent on behalf of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) to UMQ president Éric Forest the day after the police raids in Laval.

“Given all that is transpiring at the Charbonneau commission, it is even more important today that elected officials regain the trust and confidence of the public,” he is quoted as saying in a press release.

The UMQ’s position, he told the *Independent*, is that “It’s not the person but the position he or she occupies” that determines their responsibilities within the organization.

He said a “perfect” example of political integrity was demonstrated when former provincial minister of Municipal Affairs Nathalie Normandeau required Vaillancourt to leave the board of Hydro Quebec in 2010 over allegations at that time.

Another was the way Jacques Duches-

neau (now a CAQ provincial legislator) stepped down from his position in a corruption investigator until his name was cleared in allegations of election irregularities during an unsuccessful bid for the Montreal mayoralty.

And in the event that Vaillancourt does step aside, will Trent reclaim his vacant UMQ seat?

“I’ll be back in a flash,” he said.

Rotary Club looking for storage space

The Rotary Club of Westmount’s auction and garage sale is in doubt unless they can find a suitable storage and sorting space, says Rotary president Ian Moodie.

The sale returned in June after a three-year absence caused in part by the unknown availability of the Westmount arena, the event’s location for over 20 years. In the past, the arena was available the week before the auction and sale so Rotarians and volunteers could sort through a year’s worth of collected furniture, pictures, antiques and housewares. The best of the items were sold at a Friday evening auction and the rest sold garage-sale style the following day.

Storage was wherever they could find it, including rented semi-trailers and containers. “We never really knew what we had collected until we pulled it all out the week before the sale,” Moodie said.

Last year a donation of a nearby warehouse space allowed for pre-sorting and a quicker set-up at the RMR Armory where the events were held. The event raised over \$20,000.

The storage space is no longer available, and the club is looking for another one, Moodie said.

An accessible storage space gives the club much more flexibility in what Rotary can do with its stock, he explained. “For example, if a needy family requires furniture after a fire, we can provide it right away. Helping people is our preoccupation. Either directly with material goods, or with money raised by the auction and sale.”

Anyone able to help with a nearby location can contact Ted Sancton at 514.488.7366 or ted@studiomelrose.ca.

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Train track work, continued from p. 1

and sent by the city’s Legal department.

Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* he had instructed city staff to start legal action because “we lost patience” with the continuing overnight work despite previous efforts to resolve the issue.

“I think it’s been established with CP and the AMT that the noise is intolerable,” he said.

Trent wrote to CP September 28 citing “unacceptable” noise from equipment and workers’ voices. He asked that the matter be “rectified through neighbourliness and corporate responsibility” or the city would be forced to take “further action” (see October 9, p. 13).

Aware of inconvenience

A letter of reply October 3 from Claude Pelletier and Randy Marsh, directors of Public Affairs at the AMT and CP respectively, states in part that, “We are aware of the inconvenience this type of work may temporarily present to residents.”

The work to build up the road bed (for a third track) would end October 5, it explains. This would be followed by fibre optic and other “minor” work from Octo-

ber 9 to 31 “which would have less impact.” While residents had been previously informed of the night work, it states, the contractor had readjusted the schedule, but the exact location of the work would fluctuate from day to day.

The next phase of the project, in the fall, involves the laying of the track, which would take place during the day, the letter states.

When Trent subsequently learned from David Schachter, of the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG), that “backdiggers” had been at work on the tracks at 2 am (October 10), he said, he instructed the city to take the first legal steps.

Schachter later said that WTAG was “very encouraged by what the city did” and that the city had “reacted in a forthright and positive way.” The railroads, he added “can’t be a law unto themselves.”

Schachter had been informed by Alan Kulaga, in his capacity as substitute city director general, that he been told by AMT that CP was communicating with the contractor to ensure that the 11 pm to 7 am rule would be respected.



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Napping in the lake



On the Lighter Side

INGRID KOVITCH-DANNENBAUM

I am not an enthusiastic swimmer.

To wit, there are generally only two scenarios that prompt me to test the waters. The first is when I am recovering from injury. (I swim a lot. Alas.) The second is when I have been pitched, unexpectedly, from some sort of watercraft. Understandably, neither of these inspires particularly positive associations.

It is not so much the getting wet, *per se*, that troubles me. After all, I am not above sweating. Frequently. Even profusely. Liquids egressing from the body can be perfectly acceptable. Sometimes even a welcome relief. But fluids trying to hammer their way *in*, stinging eyes, swamping ears, inundating mouths (and other unspecified orifices) – ick!

Cleansing?

Many point out that the robust sinus lavage one can enjoy with a spirited leap from the dock has profound therapeutic effects. So too does electro-convulsive therapy.

A more vexing problem lies in the unfortunate reality that I cannot both swim and converse, simultaneously. Besides the oral challenge (see above), I am categorically incapable of chatting *sans* expansive arm gestures. Thus, any attempts to yam-

mer away seriously compromise my efforts at forward propulsion. Worse yet, the resulting tsunami effect bears disturbing similarity to a drowning-in-progress (further suggested by my startling lack of buoyancy), leading to frequent – if unnecessary – rescue attempts.

Then there is all the paraphernalia. Who would imagine that an activity requiring such a minimum of essential attire – as little as three square (and grossly inadequate) inches of fabric – could possibly involve so much *stuff*. There are floaty boards in all manner of colours and sizes, paddles and flippers for hands and feet, and a multitude of training buoys resembling variously-shaped pastas.

But most bewildering of all are the bottles of water kept by so many swimmers, at the end of their lane of water, in the middle of the pool of water. Don't they realize that if they just swallowed a wee bit more *while* they were swimming, they wouldn't have to stop to rehydrate?

Lakes are better

I admit that I am marginally less unhappy in the lake. Because in the lake, I am free to swim *with my eyes closed*. A not-surprisingly relaxing way to go about one's workout.

My kids discovered that I indulged in this harmless foible when they kayaked over to ask me something during my swim. At first they rowed in front of me; then to the side. They hollered and waved. They slapped oars against the water like vigilant beavers sounding the alarm. Finally they gave me a gentle drubbing across the backside with their (surprisingly honed) paddles.

They were intrigued when they discovered why I had been paying them no heed. My eldest, in particular, found this quirky habit rather endearing. He made sure to catch me each time I headed off toward the dock.

“Going for another nap in the lake, mum?” he would ask.

For the record, this is far less deranged than it sounds. After all, why bother to battle the eyelid droop when there are only two possibilities of what one might spy lurking in the depths.

Nothing. Or ... *something!*

Perhaps if my kids could be convinced to scull alongside me while squirting yummy, fudgy, high-performance gel into my mouth – à la English-Channel-crossing – I would be more inclined to pay attention to my surroundings.

Until then, sweet dreams.

Post office building reno almost done

BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

After undergoing a year's worth of restoration work, the old post office building at the northwest corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve is near completion.

Built in 1907, the yellow sandstone building at 1304 Greene Ave. was in dire need of a renovation. The exterior stone façade had started to degrade from the effects of a spreading moisture problem and a lack of maintenance, said Philippe Dandurand, the building's owner.

Dandurand bought the property two years ago and started turning the building into the headquarters of his wine importation business Vins Philippe Dandurand Wines.

“I had it inspected and realized there was a big problem with the stone around the roof. The stone was becoming displaced and very dangerous,” explained Dandurand. “Over \$700,000 was spent on the exterior of the building, which amongst other repairs, included pointing and stabilizing the stonework, replacing the roof and its copper flashing and exposing and restoring the carved reliefs that were blackened by time and in bad need of an upgrade.”

It wasn't in the original renovation plan, but Dandurand recently realized that the copper dome on the roof had to be re-coppered as well. This has increased the total repair price to close to \$1 million, with most of this going to the outside repairs. “We tried to really give it the original architectural look,” he said.

Dandurand had applied to the city of Westmount for a permit to plant four trees alongside the building, but that request is still under consideration by the Urban Planning department.

“I'm looking forward to putting up some trees to make the property more natural, which I will bear the cost of, but I am very concerned about the outcome,” Dandurand said. “I want my building project to have some green added to it. We don't want just plain tile around it.”

Joanne Poirier, director of Urban Planning explained, “there will be a discussion in October with the four corner property owners and the city, on the best plan for the proposed square. It's too premature to make any decisions as a proposal is presently being prepared for the square.”

For the moment, the design has not been con- *continued on p. 18*

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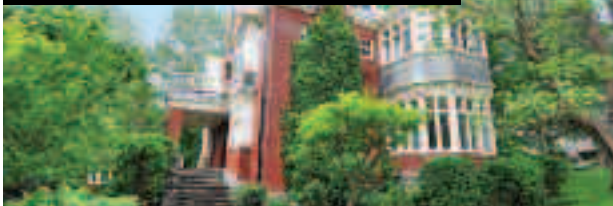
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Westmounter Elizabeth Currie (right) stands at the corner of Stanton St. and Côte St. Antoine Rd. during a guided tour October 14. She pointed up the street to show where there was once a quarry.

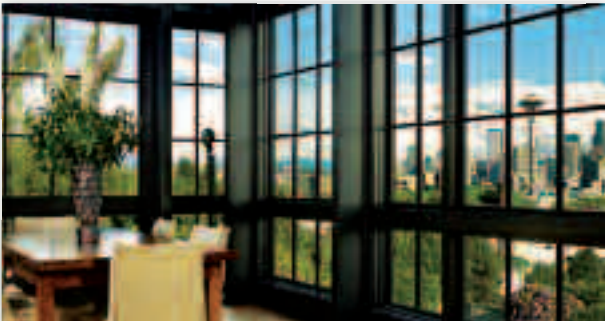
BY JOANNE PENHALE

Despite pouring rain, Westmount Historical Association (WHA) member Elizabeth Currie spent more than two hours giving a tour along Côte St. Antoine Rd. on October 14.

Currie was one of six WHA guides who

led free walking tours along the historic road that day, describing how the area’s land was originally parcelled, and providing detail about the architecture of houses built along it over the past three centuries. The tours were part of the 2012 Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign, with the sup- *continued on p. 26*

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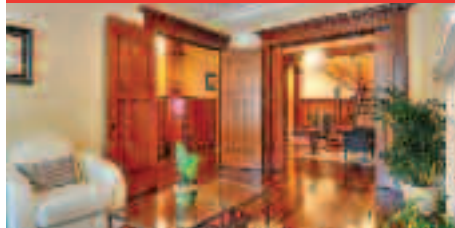
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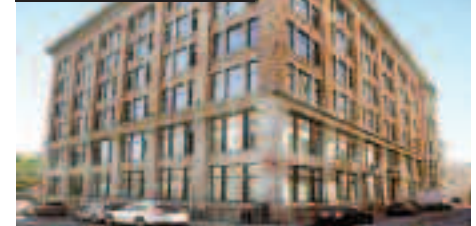
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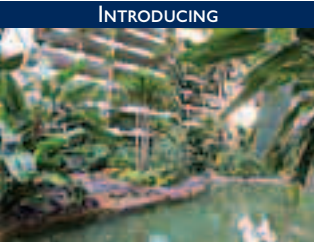
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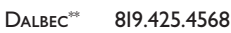


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28 Devon as it exists.



A drawing of the proposed replacement house provided by Architettura.

Devon, continued from p. 3

mon aspects of the projects.
“We’d like to move the house more to the middle of the lot,” said Borowczyk in comparing it with the existing one, which is built on the south side of the property close to the house next door.
The new one is also to be positioned closer to the street and aligned with the

curve in Devon at its intersection with Lexington to provide more harmony within the streetscape.
Both Borowczyk and Paul Grenier, who spoke on behalf of PAC, referred to the existing house as resembling a “country chalet” compared to more “classical” houses in the area – and the one proposed

to replace it.
In questioning its scale, Lowenstein asked about the height of the two-storey roof relative to those next door.
While the slope of the land will elevate the new house above the one to the south, Borowczyk said that even with the second storey, the new home’s sloping roof is seven feet below the maximum height permitted by the city.
Owner Cohen added that he under-

stood there were flooding issues and that precautions would be taken to prevent creating a “watershed.”
Lowenstein, who was also concerned about dynamiting, noted that neighbours had already “had to live through” the “unsightly” construction site of another house in the area and hoped the contractor would be more sensitive to the neighbourhood.

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Renaud selected to tour for TD Book Week

Latest two kids' books launch Oct. 20 at Babar

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount children's author Anne Renaud's two new books reflect both her bilingual upbringing and her own life experiences that spark subtle messages: a love of trains as a solution to her dislike of flying, and memories of coins her grandfather jingled in his pockets.

Both books, she said, were written in English, her mother tongue, but self-translated into French, the language in which she was schooled and in which they are being launched October 20 at Babar en Ville (1235 Greene Ave.) at 2 pm.



Anne Renaud's latest two books bring her published total to nine.

They are: *Mousseline vol un vent* and *Les pierres d'Emma*.

News of their launch coincides with Renaud's recent selection as one of 30 children's authors, illustrators and storytellers to tour Canadian provinces next May for TD Book Week 2013. She'll be touring Ontario.

The new books, for ages 4 to 8, bring her total of published books to nine: five in English and four in French. While both new ones are published by Dominique et compagnie in French, she said she hopes they will also be published in English.

Renaud, who works as an executive assistant in the mayor's office at Westmount city hall, expects both new books will be available at the Westmount Public Library

along with her other titles.

Mousseline vol un vent, illustrated by Charlotte Bourges, is about a witch so thin and light she blows off her broomstick so has no way to travel to a witches' conference. In search of a solution, she transforms herself into an elephant, an octopus and then a homing pigeon. When none work, she decides to take the train.

"The subtle message is that sometimes the best solutions are the simplest ones," Renaud said. "Try again. There is a solution to every problem."

Les pierres d'Emma

Les pierres d'Emma, illustrated by Leanne Franson, "introduces the concept of thinking of others and giving back," Renaud explained.

In the story, Emma discovers that every time Grandpa does a good turn for someone, an animal or the environment, he moves a small stone from one pocket to the other. He calls these his "generosity gems" that remind him he has an opportunity to do three random acts of kindness every day, Renaud said.

Emma decides to do the same thing using coloured beads: She turns off all the unneeded lights in the house, cleans the cat's litter box and then places her favourite teddy bear on her little brother's pillow.



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September sales on hold



Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings, which were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in September 2012. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time (see p. 26).

The Westmount real estate market slowed to a near stop after the September 4 provincial election that brought the Parti Québécois to power for the first time in nine years. Two house sales, both over \$1 million, were logged on September 6, then four more were negotiated in the following three weeks, one for \$2.8 million – the highest price negotiated since April – and the other three below \$1 million. The average monthly volume is 11.5, so September this year is just over half the average.

The low number of sales has a tendency to skew the price figures, and though the adjusted average price moved up slightly, the main message is that the

market has not completely collapsed, just gone “on hold” until buyers determine the impact of a minority government on their major investment.

In 1994, when Daniel Johnson (junior), took over the Liberal Party from Robert Bourassa and then lost the September election to Jacques Parizeau, Westmount suffered its lowest volume in recent history: only three sales were posted that September.

Other than that, the six sales logged this year match the September volume in 1991 and 2001, but except for those years, this is the lowest for a September in the last quarter century. On a year-to-date basis, 2012 has been fairly good compared to the past five years; September heralds the lowest monthly volume so far this year.

Five condominium sales last month indicated an improvement in that market, compared with one each in July and August. All five in September were apartments, one in the newly-constructed 11 Hillside Ave. building and one at 1250 Greene Ave., now nearing completion. Among the resales, prices have moved up only slightly in the past year, with sale prices averaging about 18 percent above municipal valuation in both 2011 and 2012.

Things were slow in adjacent-Westmount as well with only two homes sold,

one just north of Westmount and the other just east. In September last year, there were 10 sales reported, bringing the total in all adjacent-Westmount areas (including the “Square Mile”) for the first nine months to 62; 72 for the entire year. This year, there have been only 45 one- and two-family dwelling sales so far.

Perhaps indicative of the buyers’ hesitancy, eight rentals were reported in September, of which four were houses.

Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is andy@andydodgeassociates.com

Five seen prowling around Summit house

The suspicions of public safety officers were aroused at 1:43 am October 6 when they spotted five people walking around the back of a house under construction on Summit Circle next to the lookout. All were questioned and identified as living in east-end Montreal. They departed in a beige Toyota and officers continued their patrol.

Ten minutes later, however, the same car was spotted returning to the lookout with its headlights turned out, and police were called to follow up. The car was reported to have been intercepted at St. Catherine and Pierce St., near Guy, and the occupants questioned.

Fade to black...



The Underdog Club

CYNTHIA LEE



Henri

Ever wear camouflage? Or leopard print to the zoo? You know when you just want to blend in and not get noticed? Some pull a cap way down over their eyes. Others just avoid manoeuvres in daylight. But imagine what that’s like all the time. You fade right in and blend into the surroundings so well you may as well be part of the furniture.

This situation is a page out of Henri’s book, only his outfit isn’t optional or temporary. Meaning no matter how hard this 7-year-old rottie shepherd mix tries to take centre stage, he always manages just to land a role as part of the chorus.

Henri has been looking for a new place to live since his owner went to assisted living, and he discovered, to his dismay, that no one would be providing for him any longer with food, water, shelter, walks and affection – how rude!

But for this student of the school of hard knocks, his ability to blend right in, or just be so darned unremarkable has been paramount in his rotten situation. He’s like a dull normal for us folks who walk on two legs and not four.

But really when you come to think about it, what’s wrong with flying under the radar? Henri is an easy dog, who loves to be around people and is a friend to dogs and cats alike. A good day for him is playing fetch and chasing squeaky toys. Not difficult to please is our dull Henri. Ideally,

he would fit best in an active household with a yard or access to an outdoor location where he could run and feel the wind in his fur.

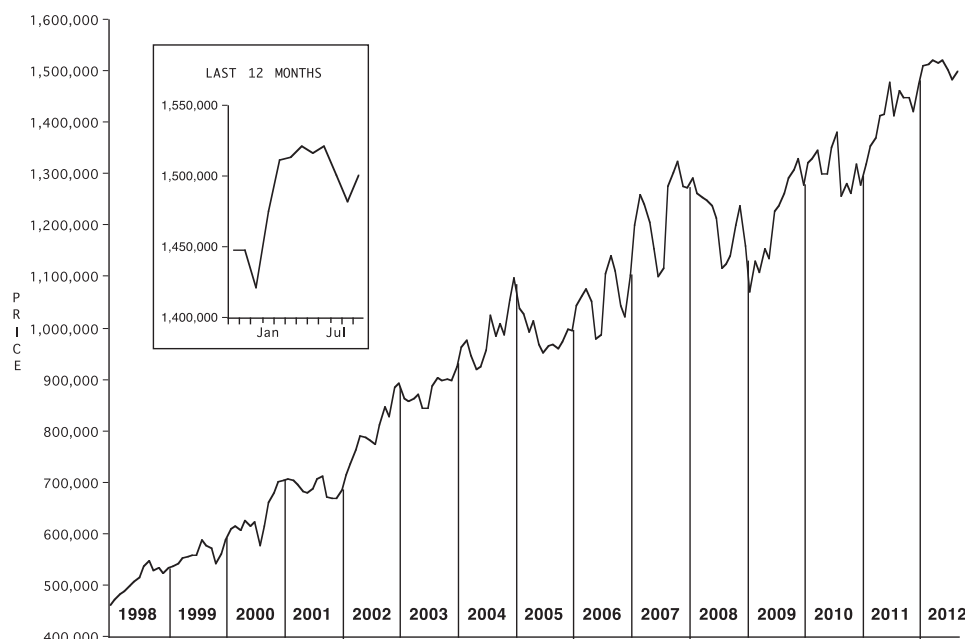
Not the life of the party? Not fond of the jerks who are? Henri understands fully. These days, he is being housed at the Annexe, formerly known as the SPCA e-shelter. Contact them today at adoptions.sPCA@gmail.com or 514.915.7311.

Email us at contact@underdogclub.org.

Unleashed dog generates \$75 ticket

A dog belonging to a Lansdowne resident was frolicking off-leash with a leashed dog October 9 in Westmount Park, Public Security officials said. The dog owner began walking away with the dog when approached by the parks patroller who informed him of the offence. The man replied he was in a rush and couldn’t wait. A \$75 ticket was to be issued by mail.

Average adjusted price of typical Westmount property by month from Jan. 1998 to Sept. 2012, based on accepted offer dates



Source: Andy Dodge & Assoc. Inc.

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Healthy City group busy touring



A Healthy City Project group touring the recycling sorting plant in east-end St. Michel September 27 are from left, back row: Willem Westenberg, Tony Moffat and Nancy Walkling, Virginia Elliott and Rosalind Davis; front row: Councillor Nicole Forbes, Maureen Kiely, Marina Peter (city Environmental coordinator), Councillor Theodora Samiotis and Flora Lee Wagner. Photo courtesy of the Healthy City Project.

A contingent of 10 from the Westmount Healthy City Project toured the recycling sorting plant at the former Miron quarry September 27 to find out first hand just how the process works, Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the city council meeting October 1.

The group saw how paper is sorted, compacted and packaged, and how cans are flattened. The workers are reported to sort through some 150 truck loads of re-

cyclable material per day while about 40 truckfuls leave the plant with the processed material.

The centre receives and sorts all the recycling material from the island of Montreal. Since the former landfill site has been covered over as parkland, it has become home to the St. Michel Environmental Complex, which also includes a composting facility.

Grumman '78 hits Westmount



Chantale Casavant was the first customer at the iconic Grumman '78 taco truck, parked on Sherbrooke outside UGG Australia the afternoon of October 14. Casavant had received a voucher for a taco following her purchase of a pair of UGGs. In the truck, Kaitlin Doucette and Jean-Benoit Morin served UGG clients. The streetfood was not for sale to the public.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

recycling plant and super-hospital



Members of the Westmount Healthy City Project visit the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) Glen construction site on October 2. From left: Councillor Nicole Forbes, Jean Williams, Francie Montgomery, Marilyn Elkin and Tom Thompson. They were invited by Jill Harrington with the Best Care for Life Campaign, who provided an overview of progress and an explanation of the various components of the project. The group got a panoramic view from the roof of the old Air Canada building, now part of MUHC. "The purpose is to review critical items, such as public access, green space, delivery of service, impact on the environment and surrounding infrastructure," said Thompson, the Healthy City's chair.

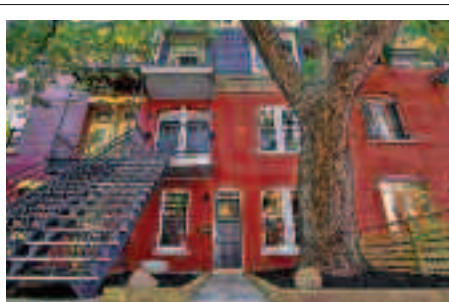
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Social calendar, part 2

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **An Evening of Glamour and Couture.** Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada's fundraising gala. 6 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel. \$375. kristah@colorectal-cancer.ca
- **Gold Medal Plates** event, benefitting the Canadian Olympic Foundation. 5:30 pm. Montreal Science Centre, 2 de la Commune. Chairs Tony Loffreda, Norman Hébert, Tom Quinn. With 30 Olympians and Sam Roberts. Range of ticket packages available. Claudette Dupras 514.743.1884. montreal@goldmedalplates.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **Atwater Library and Computer Centre Benefit Cocktail Party.** 6 pm. 1200 Atwater. Honoured guests Norman Webster and Patterson Webster. Emcee Dennis Trudeau. With Dave Turner Jazz Trio. \$125. Tanya Mayhew 514.935.7344, ext. 203. tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca
- **Glowing Hearts Evening** presented by Canada Company. A benefit for military families in need. Honorary chair Thomas Dyck, executive vice president TD Bank. 6 pm. Côte des Neiges Armory, 4185 Côte des Neiges Rd. Military personnel tickets \$125. Regular \$250. VIP \$500. RJV Communications: 514.875.1353, ext. 203; kc@rjvcom.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **La Soirée Jeunes Musiciens du Monde** benefit under the Patronage of Jacques Tardif of La Capitale Financial Group. Telus Theatre, 1280 St. Denis. Cocktail and concert \$150. Concert only \$35. Kat Coric: 514 875-1353 x 203 kc@rjvcom.com
- **Night of 100 Dinners** organized by Women's Philanthropy CJA. Cocktail reception 6:30 pm. Espace Reunion, 6600 Hutchison. Followed by dinners at various homes hosted by community members. Tickets and information Alexis Heppner 514.345.2645, ext 3308. alexis.heppner@federationcja.org.
- **The Leucan Experience** supporting children living with cancer. 6 pm. Sheraton Centre, 1201 René Lévesque Blvd. Honorary president Renée Larouche, Rio Tinto Alcan. \$500. Paule Labelle, 514.242.4452. paule@caverose.com.
- **Founder's Award Gala** of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. 6:30 pm. Windsor Ballroom, 1170 Peel St. Honorary president Tony Loffreda, head, National client Group Quebec – RBC Royal Bank. Award campaign president Luciano D'Ignazio, Schwartz Levitsky Feldman. \$325. Linda Pellas 514.938.4515, ext 227. linda.pel-

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

St. Mary's Diamond Anniversary Ball. 6:30 pm. Windsor Station, 1160 de la Gauchetière. Co-presidents Carolyn and Richard Renaud. \$1,000. Valet parking Nathalie Kamel 514.345.3511, ext 5196. nathalie.kamel@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Peter Frampton. Première of his Frampton Comes Alive! 35th World Concert Tour film. Benefit for Saku Koivu Foundation. IMAX, Montreal Science Centre, 2 de la Commune. 6 p.m. VIP cocktail dinatoire with Peter Frampton. Valet parking. \$100. VIP cocktail with signed concert merchandise \$200. 8 p.m. General admission \$50 (popcorn, refreshments, film). Tickets Steve Stein. 514-583-3554. surrice365@gmail.com. www.peterframptonmtl.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

La Gala Vues et Voix Benefit, for the Mag-netothèque (audio books for the visually impaired). 6:30 p.m. Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1228 Sherbrooke St. W. Honorary president Albert Millaire. Regular tickets \$350 VIP \$500. RJV Communications 514-875-1353, ext. 203. kc@rjvcom.com www.lamagnetothèque.qc.ca.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada – 25th annual ball to benefit the Marie Enfant Rehabilitation Centre for Speech Disabilities. Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1228 Sherbrooke St. W., Honorary chair Vittorio Pellegrino, vice president commercial banking, Montreal district – BMO Bank of Montreal. \$500. Valet parking. Connie Russo 514-844-4249, ext. 229. Russo.montreal@italchamber.qc.ca.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

53rd Viennese Ball of Montreal celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birthday of Austrian painter Gustav Klimt. Under the patronage of the Austrian ambassador and consul general of Austria in Montreal. 7 pm. Marriott Château Champlain, 1050 de la Gauchetière. Ball president Harold Scheer. Guest of honour Allen Graham, president/CEO Air Transat. \$250. Ages 30 and under \$150. Anita Hold 514-369-2339. ahold@tonalco.ca. Elisabeth Canisius 514-989-9612. lisacanis@yahoo.com. www.balviennoisdemontreal.org.

Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Author **Mary Soderstrom** leads the Atwater Library book club in a discussion of *The Mistress of Nothing* by Kate Pullinger, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library.
- Launch of **"Questions, Quizzes, and Quotations"** by Benny Beattie, 3 to 6 pm at Westmount Park United Church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

"Forden, the crescent and its architecture," with speaker Bruce Anderson, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Part of the **Westmount Historical Association's** fall lecture series. Admission free for members; non-members \$5 at door. Info: 514.989.5510.

- **Stephen Bronfman**, director and chair of Claridge Inc., will deliver a talk and answer questions, 12:45 pm in the auditorium of Marianopolis. He was invited by the college's Young Executives Business Club. Free, open to the public.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Author and journalist **Linda Kay** gives an illustrated presentation on her book *The Sweet Sixteen: The Journey That Inspired the Canadian Women's Press Club*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

"Back to the Present: A Retrospective – Dan Delaney and Brenda Kennedy," 1 to 6 pm; also Sunday, October 21, 1 to 5 pm. 440 Mount Stephen, Apt. 25 (3rd floor walk-up. Info: 613.360.5123.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

RedOwl, duo of baroque violinist Sari Tsuji and harpsichordist Jonathan Addleman, performs at 3 pm at Westmount Park United Church (4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Admission is voluntary contribution. Info: www.redowl.ca.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Public meeting on the city's **Master Traffic Plan**, 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- The first in a series of three on **"Reform Judaism – Past, Present and Future,"** presented by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, 7 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom (395 Elm). Free.
- **Ruth Wisse** speaks on "The Mixed Blessings of Jewish Humour," 8:25 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim (450 Kensington Ave.). Free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- Author **John Ralston Saul** speaks at Vic-

toria Hall, 7 pm. Part of the Westmount Public Library's Fall Author Series. Tickets: \$5.70 for adults; \$3.40 for students and seniors.

- **Marianopolis Music Concert Series** starts with the faculty concert, 7:30 pm in the Marianopolis auditorium (4873 Westmount Ave.). Free.

- **Live & Become** (Vas Vis et Deviens) to be screened at 7:30 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim (425 Metcalfe Ave.) Story of an Ethiopian boy who is airlifted from a Sudanese refugee camp to Israel in 1984 during Operation Moses. The film is in Hebrew and French with English subtitles. Free. Info: 514.937.9471.

Library hosts 'Guess the Giller'

"Guess the Giller" is a game created by the Westmount Public Library to encourage residents to guess who will win this year's Giller literary prize. Participants can make their predictions through an e-ballot at www.westlib.org.

A "Guess the Giller soirée" takes place on Tuesday, October 23 at 7 pm at the library and features Shelley Pomerance and library staff, who will defend their pick of the five Canadian novels that have been shortlisted for the Giller.

The 2012 finalists are: *The Imposter Bride* by Nancy Richler, defended by Colette Connors; *419* by Will Ferguson, defended by Jocelyne Andrews; *Ru* by Kim Thúy, defended by Wendy Wayling; *Whirl Away* by Russell Wangersky, defended by Donna Lach; and *Inside* by Alex Ohlin, defended by Mai Jay.

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founder and artistic director of the festival, welcomed one and all with his wife **Julie**. He played a pivotal role in the creation of the Instrument Bank of the Canada Council for the Arts, which lent him a magnificent 1706 Tecchler cello for his lifetime use. To the delight of those attending, he used it to perform with violinist **Giora Schmidt**, a Starling Fellow, who was Itzhak Perlman’s assistant at the Juilliard

School from 2004 to 2006, and violinist/violist **Barry Shiffman**, executive director of Vancouver’s Music in the Morning and the Banff International String Quartet Competition, and associate dean and director of chamber music at the Glenn Gould School, Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

The program consisted of “Passacaglia” by Han- continued on p. 26



From left: Phyllis Lambert, Denis and Julie Brott.

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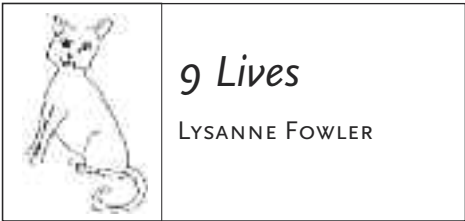


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| <div></div> <div>HÔTEL DE VILLE Atelier de consultation : Plan directeur de la circulation et du transport actif de Westmount Des représentants de la firme de génie-conseil Genivar présenteront leurs recommandations et dirigeront une discussion à propos des orientations et des priorités du Plan directeur de la circulation et du transport actif de Westmount le lundi 22 octobre à 19 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Le public est invité à participer en grand nombre.</div> <div>Séance de dédicace du livre <i>La Folie des grands</i> - fusion et défections sur l'île de Montréal Rencontrez le maire de Westmount, M. Peter F. Trent, le mardi 13 novembre prochain de 16 h à 18 h à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount, 4574, rue Sherbrooke Ouest lors de la séance de dédicace de son nouveau livre <i>La Folie des grands - Fusion et défection sur l'île de Montréal</i> (Les Éditions du Septentrion). Info : 514 989-5240. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div>BIBLIOTHÈQUE Soirée « Guess the Giller » Venez rencontrer Shelley Pomerance et le personnel de la Bibliothèque qui discuteront des cinq romans canadiens présélectionnés pour le prix Giller, le prix littéraire le plus prestigieux du Canada le mardi 23 octobre à 19 h. RSVP: 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Words After Dark : John Ralston Saul Venez rencontrer John Ralston Saul, auteur du livre <i>Dark Divisions</i> le 24 octobre à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Rencontre d'auteure : Kim Thúy Venez rencontrer Kim Thúy, auteure de <i>Ru</i>, le 25 octobre à 19 h à la bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Rencontre d'auteurs : « Fresh Faces of Fiction » Rencontrez les auteurs Chris Cleave (<i>Gold</i>), CS Richardson (<i>The Emperor of Paris</i>) et Emily Schultz (<i>The Blondes</i>) le samedi 27 octobre à 15 h au Victoria Hall. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Fête familiale de l'Halloween - Le Magicien d'Oz : une chasse au trésor Décorez une citrouille à la maison (aucun découpage svp!) et apportez-la à la Bibliothèque entre le 1^{er} et le 27 octobre afin d'obtenir un billet d'entrée à la 15^e édition de la Grande fête familiale de l'Halloween. Enfilez ensuite votre costume d'Halloween et venez vous amuser le samedi 27 octobre de 19h à 21h. Les citrouilles gagnantes seront annoncées lors du gala. Un événement amusant pour toute la famille! (6 ans et plus). Billets requis. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> | | <div>DATES À RETENIR</div> <div>Le 1^{er} novembre à 19 h Conférences ville en santé : Dr Craig Townsend Bibliothèque</div> <div>Le 4 novembre à 14 h Cérémonie du Jour du Souvenir Cénotaphe de Westmount</div> <div>Le 5 novembre à 20 h Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville</div> <div></div> <div>Devenez bénévole à la bibliothèque ! Êtes-vous en Secondaire III, IV ou V? Aimerez-vous aider les enfants à faire leurs devoirs en français? Les aides aux devoirs travaillent de façon individuelle avec des étudiants du primaire pour les aider à lire et écrire en français. Info : 514 989-5357. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div>ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES La galerie du Victoria Hall La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une exposition rétrospective des œuvres de l'artiste Hannah Franklin du 11 octobre au 3 novembre. Info : 514 989-5521.</div> <div>Concert : hommage à James Taylor Samedi le 20 octobre à 20 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Venez-vous joindre à nous dans le cadre d'une soirée empreinte de la musique de James Taylor. Cette soirée mettra en vedette le chanteur Denis Ducharme qui sera aussi au clavier, John Landon et sa guitare acoustique « Olson », Gary White à la batterie et à l'accompagnement vocal, Tony Cuco à la basse et à l'accompagnement vocal, ainsi que Roger Mann à la guitare et à l'accompagnement vocal. Une interprétation des grands succès de James Taylor par le groupe « <i>We Love JT</i> ». Billets : 25 \$ / 20 \$ à l'avance. Info: 514 989-5226.</div> <div>Projection : Winds of Heaven Le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée et la Ville de Westmount présentent une projection du film <i>Winds of Heaven: Emily Carr, Carvers & the Spirits of the Forest</i> le mardi 23 octobre à 19 h à la Galerie du Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Le réalisateur Michael Ostroff sera présent. (N.B. : v.o. en anglais; résumé offert en français.) Info : 514 989-5226.</div> <div>L'apocalypse des morts-vivants Préparez-vous! Les morts-vivants vous attendent au pavillon du bowling de Westmount (à côté de l'hôtel de ville) le 31 octobre prochain entre 17 h et 20 h. Génial pour les jeunes de tous les âges. Venez déguisés. Entrée gratuite. Info : halloween@westmount.org 🍷.</div> | |
| <div></div> <div>CITY HALL Consultation Workshop: Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan Representatives of the engineering and consulting firm Genivar will present their recommendations and lead a discussion on the direction and priorities of the Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan on Monday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626, Sherbrooke St. W. The public is invited to participate.</div> <div>Book signing: <i>The Merger Delusion - How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal</i> Meet Westmount Mayor Peter F. Trent on Tuesday, November 13th between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, on the occasion of the signing of his new book <i>The Merger Delusion - How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal</i> (McGill - Queen's University Press). Info: 514 989-5240. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div>LIBRARY Guess the Giller Soirée Join Shelley Pomerance and Library staff as they discuss the five Canadian novels on the Giller's shortlist, Canada's most prestigious literary prize Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m. RSVP: 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Words After Dark: John Ralston Saul Come meet John Ralston Saul, author of <i>Dark Divisions</i> on Wednesday, October 24th at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Author Event: Kim Thúy Come meet Kim Thúy, author of <i>Ru</i> on Thursday, October 25th at 7 p.m. at the Library. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Author Event: Fresh Faces Of Fiction Meet authors Chris Cleave (<i>Gold</i>), CS Richardson (<i>The Emperor of Paris</i>) and Emily Schultz (<i>The Blondes</i>) on Saturday, October 27th at 3 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div>Halloween Extravaganza - The Wizard of Oz: A Scavenger Hunt Decorate a pumpkin at home (no carving please) and bring it to the Library between October 1st and October 27th. Then, pick up your ticket for the 15th annual Family Extravaganza. Join us after hours on Saturday, October 27th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the pumpkin contest. A family event for children aged 6 and up. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> | | <div>DATEBOOK</div> <div>November 1 at 7 p.m. Healthy City Speaker Series: Dr Craig Townsend Library</div> <div>November 4 at 2 p.m. Remembrance Day Ceremony Westmount Cenotaph</div> <div>November 5 at 8 p.m. Council Meeting City Hall</div> <div></div> <div>Teen volunteers needed at the Library! Are you in Secondary III, IV or V? Would you like to help children with their French homework? Homework Helpers work one-on-one with elementary school students, lending a hand with reading and writing in French. Info : 514 989-5357. 🍷</div> <div></div> <div>COMMUNITY EVENTS The Gallery at Victoria Hall The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature a retrospective exhibition of Hannah Franklin's works from October 11th to November 3rd. Info: 514 989-5521.</div> <div>Concert: Tribute to James Taylor Saturday, October 20 at 8 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626, Sherbrooke Street West. Please join us for an evening of the music of James Taylor, featuring Denis Ducharme on vocals and keyboards, John Landon on his "Olson" acoustic guitar, Gary White on drums and backing vocals, Tony Cuco on bass & backing vocals and Roger Mann on guitar & backing vocals. A tribute concert featuring the greatest hits of James Taylor by "<i>We Love JT</i>." Tickets: \$25 / \$20 in advance. Info: 514 989-5299.</div> <div>Film: Winds of Heaven The <i>Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée</i> and the City of Westmount present a screening of <i>Winds of Heaven: Emily Carr, Carvers & the Spirits of the Forest</i> on October 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Gallery at Victoria Hall, 4626, Sherbrooke St. W. Director Michael Ostroff will be present. Info: 514 989-5226</div> <div>Halloween: Zombie Apocalypse Get ready! The zombies will be waiting for you at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse (next to City Hall) on October 31st between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Great for all ages. Costumes a must! Free admission. Info: halloween@westmount.org. 🍷</div> | |



Honor and Douglas Robertson.



Kiki and daughter Karen Etingen.

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del-Halvorsen, Serenade in C Major, Opus 10 by Dohnanyi and Trio, Opus 9 # 1 by Beethoven.

Westmounters lending their ear to the evening included **Stratton Stevens**, **Honor** (cool in navy) and **Douglas Robertson** (his suit perked up with red tie and pocket handkerchief), **Cornelia Nihon**, **Tony** and **Pam Layton** (in a fun fuchsia top), **Gail**

and **Peter Johnson**, **Pierre Mantha**, **Karen Etingin** (wearing a double-strapped Hermès watch) and her mother **Kiki Etingin**, **Harriett Moquette**, **Barbara Bronfman**, **Jacques Chagnon**, **Fran** and **Reuben Croll**, **Sheldon Magder** and his wife **Annette Lefebvre**, **Minna Shulman** and **Stephen Rotman**, **Clarence Epstein** and **Concordia's** new president **Alan Shepard**, as well

as **Davis Joachim**, **Michael Boyd**, **Kate Reed**, **Jacques Robert**, **Louise Roy**, (a stand-out in turquoise), **Louise Harel**, **Sylvie Demers** and **Phyllis Lambert**, classically elegant in black, in whose home the concert was held.

The evening raised \$25,000 for the festival, which will next take place from May 9 to June 1, 2013.

Public Works truck hit

A car parked on Summit Circle at the lookout pulled out into the path of a passing Public Works truck October 8, Public Security officials said. The driver of the truck claimed to have been passing the lookout slowly to check it out at 3:15 pm when the Volvo struck the city vehicle scraping its paint but pulling off the car's front fender.

Shri Yoga to offer by-donation yoga class

Westmount's Shri Yoga is now offering a weekly class that costs whatever the participant would like to pay. When asked why they were offering this by-donation class, **Barrie Risman**, co-owner and teacher, said it was "to make high-quality yoga instruction available to everyone." A trend that runs in other private yoga studios, the "pay as you wish" class is also an opportunity, she said, for Shri to allow new instructors to gain some teaching experience.

The new class runs on Thursday between 1:30 and 2:45 pm and is designed for beginners. The suggested donation is \$10.

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port of the city of Westmount and Canadian Heritage of Quebec.

"Farm concessions shaped the street configurations that Westmount still has today," Currie told her tour group. In 1699, she explained, the first of several farm concessions – in what is now Westmount – was granted to the Hurtubise family by the Sulpician seigneurs.

Orchards, wood lots, stable

The long narrow parcel of land, like several concessions to the east that also made up the village of Côte St. Antoine, began at the escarpment and stretched up to Queen Mary Rd., she explained. The Hurtubise concession included orchards, pastures, fields for crops, a stable, wood lots, outbuildings and a kitchen garden near to the Hurtubise home – all typical of the neighbouring farms.

The original Hurtubise home was wooden, Currie said, built in 1699. In 1739, it was replaced with the stone farmhouse now standing at 563 Côte St. Antoine, which was originally covered in stucco – common at that time, Currie said. Westmount's oldest home, it is now owned by Canadian Heritage of Quebec. Its nearby wooden carriage house was built in 1880.

Chemin de la Côte St. Antoine was built by the Sulpicians in the 1690s along an Amerindian trail, Currie said, and it cut through all the farm concessions that made up the village of Côte St. Antoine. French farming families occupied each of the concessions, and in 1895, after much of the land had been divided and sold to predominantly English families, the area was renamed Westmount, Currie said.

The tour began at the corner of Victoria Ave., so named in 1897 to recognize the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, Currie said. Tour groups walked along Côte St. Antoine to Garden Point, the triangular park beside city hall, which Currie said may have been an Amerindian meeting place. Architectural styles along the route include Queen Anne, neo-Tudor, and American Richardsonian Romanesque.

City hall built in Tudor style

The neo-Tudor style city hall, Currie said, was designed by architect **Robert Findlay** and his son **Frank**, and built in 1922 with Montreal limestone. This end of Côte St. Antoine was the centre of the village by the mid-1800s, with several local services established. Up Stanton St., Currie pointed out, was a quarry that provided stone for local roads.

Sunday's tours drew 54 participants and tours were given in French and English.

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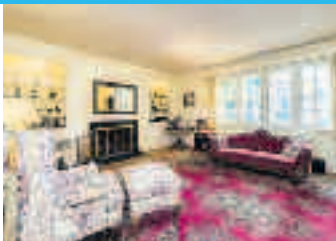
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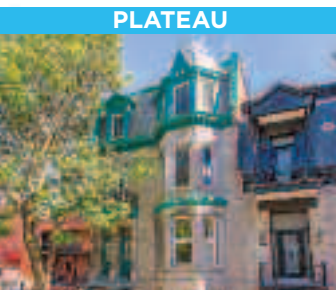
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