

*Traffic meeting attracts 80+*

## On the menu: photo radar, diagonal crossings, parking, bike lanes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents and shopkeepers weighed in on the city's Traffic Master Plan October 22 voicing many concerns and suggestions at the long-awaited public meeting on findings and "potential measures" presented by consultants preparing "a road map" for the future.

Recurring comments included requests for diagonal crossings, more east-west

bike lanes, better visibility at street corners, longer pedestrian lights, sidewalk re-design and more parking in commercial districts. While some participants suggested multi-level garages or other off-street parking accommodation – options consultants had not proposed – others said that would attract too much traffic.

"And every group wanted photo radar," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain, who took notes at a workshop designated to speeding.

Participants were given the opportunity to rotate every 20 minutes to another of the five workshops or roundtables. Each addressed one of the five priorities identified by residents in a ..... March survey of all house- *continued on p. 6*

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### Charbonneau commission's local revelations

## Westmount, others drawn into results of inflated contracts

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount, like all municipalities in the region, will have suffered from inflated costs of contracts in certain sectors of 20 to 30 percent starting around the year 2000 and during the merger years, Councillor Patrick Martin stated last week in the wake of the latest testimony before the Charbonneau commission.

"We actually heard that one of the first rigged contracts involved a sewer project

in Westmount," he pointed out, "though at the time all our sewer projects were awarded by Montreal city hall."

Asked how Westmount would have been affected by bid-rigging by contractors, Martin, who is commissioner of Public Works and Utilities, said that "of course, if costs go up regionally then Westmount is drawn into it because once a price is established for a road, for example, that becomes the ..... *continued on p. 9*

## Man attacked

Efforts by public safety officers and police failed to track down four men reported to be fighting with another one October 22 at the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Claremont, Public Security officials said. The incident had been spotted by a parking inspector at 12:25 pm.

A public safety officer, who arrived two minutes later, reported that the four assailants had dispersed but two were spotted running north on Claremont. By the time the patrol car could be turned around in pursuit, the officer lost sight of them.

Meanwhile, a police cruiser headed up the street while Public Security remained with the victim, who sustained minor injuries. He stated he had been minding his own business when four men came out of the McDonald's restaurant and attacked him.

The victim was described as a 47-year-old resident of NDG. No further action was taken.

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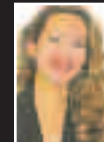
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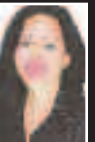


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# CIBC robbed by man claiming to be armed, car break-ins continue

BY ISAAC OLSON

On October 23 at around 2:15 pm, a man walked into the CIBC bank located at 4854 Sherbrooke near Victoria and waited in line like other customers.

However, said Station 12's Constable Julie Côté, when he got to the counter, he leaned over and, with his hand in his jacket as if hiding a weapon, he demanded "all of the money." He spoke in accented French, explained Côté, but it was not noted in the police report what type of accent it was. The cashier complied without protest, said Côté, handing the suspect a substantial amount of cash.

The suspect left the bank on foot, the constable said, but the high-quality surveillance cameras in the bank mean investigators will likely be able to identify the man quickly. For now, he is described as a man around 50 years old who stands about 5.6-feet tall. He was wearing sunglasses and a leather jacket.

Côté said car break-ins continue to be a problem throughout the station's coverage area, which runs from the NDG border east into downtown. While police have increased patrols and are double checking for suspicious behaviour around cars, people also need to do their part, she said.

Despite the warnings, people continue to leave valuables such as iPads, laptops and GPS units in plain view or in bags, which can be attractive to thieves who operate very quickly, the constable said. It's important that people either lock their valuables in their trunk when out of view of prying eyes or not leave the items in the car at all.

It's also important, she said, that people phone police if they see people acting suspicious around cars, such as walking slowly by or peering inside. In fact, Station 11 recently caught two teenagers red-handed after a resident reported their suspicious behaviour to police.

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# Wayward workers generate tickets for \$1,250, \$634

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work carried out recently at two different work sites generated hefty tickets for violating city by-laws, Public Security officials report.

A contractor using a lift to haul heavy stone and masonry to the scaffolding of a building under repair at 4548 St. Catherine at Irvine was issued a ticket for \$1,250 October 22 after continuing to work after warnings two days earlier to obtain a permit to occupy the street and work in a safe manner.

While a proper building permit had been issued by the city for the actual work,

none had been requested for the lift to occupy public property – namely block the sidewalk or street.

Responding initially to a neighbour's complaint at 12:02 pm on October 20 for using heavy equipment on a Saturday (when none is allowed), officers found the lift blocking the east side of Irvine and operating dangerously. Workers reported they would have it removed.

At 4:27 pm, however, another complaint was received, this time for bricks and stones falling from the building.

On the Monday at 7:35 am, officers answering another call for the dangerous operation of a construction vehicle found the

same lift blocking the sidewalk as it raised up heavy pieces of stone. This time the project manager was on the scene and a ticket was issued.

On October 16, a contractor was reported to have been ticketed \$634 for dumping construction debris across from 80 Belvedere Rd. at the edge of Summit Woods.

Following a complaint from a nearby resident, public safety officers found workers using a wheelbarrow to cart the debris from the rear of 3 Summit Rd. across the

street. They were also told to remove it and clean the street.

## Wires burn

A fire in wires at the electrical entry behind a house at 115 Côte St. Antoine Rd. October 23, occurred during attempts to fix damage caused accidentally by a loader, public safety officers said. The repairs caused an overload of current bringing the fire department to the scene. The incident occurred about 10 am.

## Is Laval mayor gone or not?

# Trent still waiting for word from municipality org. before returning

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent said October 26 his possible return to the executive of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) remains in limbo despite Gilles Vaillancourt's recently announced leave of absence from his responsibilities as mayor of Laval.

"Until the UMQ formally confirms that Vaillancourt is off, I won't return," Trent said.

Trent resigned two years ago in protest over Vaillancourt's refusal to step aside from the executive until his name was cleared of allegations of impropriety at the time (see November 23, 2010, p. 3).

That leaves Trent's seat still vacant and the UMQ without any representation from

the island of Montreal. Trent was the sole representative as president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM). A Montreal mayor has not been on the executive for several years following a falling out with the UMQ.

Trent added that he was still awaiting a reply to his letter of October 5 asking the UMQ to request Vaillancourt to step aside.

"The UMQ's pusillanimity in this matter reveals a complete lack of leadership. I should not have been pointing the way, the UMQ should have. The leaders of Quebec's local elected officials should be above any suggestion of impropriety. They should have thrown Vaillancourt off the executive committee two years ago, when I stepped down in protest."

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## Poppy sale on at Metro



At the start of the poppy drive in Westmount October 26, Westmounter Pam Miller was one of many shoppers at the Metro store on Victoria stopping to buy her poppy from Michael Fitzgerald, right, president of the RMR Association, Quebec Branch 14 of the Royal Canadian Legion, under the watchful eye of veteran Anderson Bradshaw.

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# RMR honours veterans on eve of poppy drive

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) inducted one new veteran into its ranks October 18 at a ceremony to honour all veterans on the approach of the annual poppy drive last week. He is Major Pino Talarico, who recently served in south Sudan.

Talarico has two sons in the regiment – Sgt. Michael Talarico and Cpl. Nicholas Talarico – which is “very rare,” according to Lieut. Col. Colin Robinson, a former RMR commanding officer.

## Inducted into ‘brotherhood’

Members of the regiment may be inducted as veterans “into a kind of brotherhood after serving at least one tour of duty,” he said. About 50 RMR veterans were on hand for the ceremony. The oldest was Lech Kwasiborski, who served in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula 50 years ago as part of the UN peacekeeping mission.

Mayor Peter Trent, the regiment's former honorary colonel, was also present at the ceremony and a veterans' appreciation

reception that followed.

RMR veterans began selling poppies at the end of last week at the Metro store in Victoria village and at the IGA in Alexis Nihon Plaza, in advance of Remembrance Day November 11.

See news brief about Westmount's plan for a Remembrance Day ceremony.

## Westmount cenotaph service set for November 4

The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) is planning with the city of Westmount the annual cenotaph service Sunday, November 4. It starts at 2 pm at the war memorial in front of city hall. It is understood that the reason why it is being held a week before Remembrance Day is to avoid conflicting with the city of Montreal's service that day in which the RMR will be participating.

# Liberals meet suburban mayors to discuss municipal policy

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Mayors belonging to the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) met quietly with several Liberal provincial legislators at city Hall on October 24, although exactly what was discussed can't be revealed, says Mayor Peter Trent.

“We have mayors' meetings every month or so, although usually they take place on the West Island because there are more of them that live out that way,” he said in a phone interview with the *Independent*.

According to Trent, the suburban mayors decided to hold the meeting in Westmount this time, which suited him “because it means I don't have to shuffle the way out to the West Island.”

While insisting there was “nothing particularly special” about the meeting, Trent said the Liberals “wanted to meet with us to talk about municipal policy,” but made a condition that every- ..... thing which took place *continued on p. 7*



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# Making input into Traffic Master Plan at Vic Hall meeting

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holds based on preliminary findings of the traffic study. These were: through-traffic, speeding, parking, walking and cycling.

While discussions sometimes generated polar opposite points of view, in concluding the meeting at 10 pm, project director Eric Peissel of the Genivar consulting team, singled out the “respectful” way in which those attending had participated.

## **Not to be too detailed**

The three-hour evening at Victoria Hall attracted from 80 to 100 people and began with an overview of the traffic study before splitting into the workshops. Peissel explained that the master plan was a guide to future planning but wasn't intended to be a “detail” plan saying, for example, how a specific street corner would be affected.

Also, he said, major projects such as the Turcot, MUHC, Train de l'Ouest or the Westmount recreation centre “should have relatively little impact” on parking though the city should have parking plans in place before the super-hospital opens.

Some concerns expressed related to current enforcement: too little for speeding, too much for parking.

“The city could make millions from cars that speed and run red lights on The Boulevard overnight,” stated Howard Hoppenheim, who was a member of the city's now defunct Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC).

Before leaving the meeting at 9 pm (just before the US presidential debate), as did many others, he told the *Independent* he questioned the timing and accuracy of some of the data that had been collected, suggesting they may have been skewed by

the major construction site at Greene and de Maisonneuve and renovations at the old post office building that have put more pressure on parking while diverting more shoppers to Victoria village.

“From a macro point of view,” he said, “with a project of this magnitude, you have to have proper data, precise counts. It's going to be difficult for the council to balance all the different interests because there are so many legitimate ones.”

The diversity of views was demonstrated at the roundtable on walking, in particular, when people explained problems with individual intersections depending on their personal walking patterns, observed Public Works director Marianne Zalzal, who filled many pages of a large notebook in recording comments. But many spoke about cars parking too close to corners, and delivery trucks and other obstructions on sidewalks.

Michael Millman, president of the Greene Ave. Merchants' Association,



Among merchants attending were, from left: Gerard Fellerath (Folklore I), Pierre Le Gourrière, (Avenue des Arts) and Michael Millman (West End Gallery).

pointed out at the parking workshop that even without the construction sites, there were 90 businesses in the area and 80 to 90 metered spaces, which translated into one per establishment.

Merchants disputed suggestions that meters were taken up by their employees.

During one group session at the cycling table when talk centred on extending the bike path network,

Tony Moffat, called it a no-brainer. “Why are you trying to reinvent the wheel? It's already there. Go to Amsterdam.”

Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), said he was pleased with the format and process used for the meeting but found the consultants' proposals “too timid.”

## **Too little on Vic village**

He was disappointed that more emphasis had not been put on alleviating traffic congestion in Victoria village, especially on Sherbrooke. He pointed out that at a public meeting October 2 on updating the city's urban plan for that area, questioners on traffic had been referred to the traffic meeting.

Residents at two different workshops also complained that if they couldn't find parking at Victoria they went grocery shopping at Loblaws or elsewhere in NDG. Active transportation may be a good concept, Mau-



Patricia Dumais, left, points out a pedestrian problem area to a consultant while city Public Works director Marianne Zalzal takes notes.

ducing traffic is the goal...you have to make it harder” to drive through Westmount.

While many of the options provided by the consultants were posted on the city website for consultation prior to the meeting, many people mentioned that the complex formatting used had made it too difficult to read on computer screens. Even when printed out, the pages allegedly required use of a magnifying glass.

Comments from the workshops would be reviewed and analyzed for integration into the final recommendations, project manager Peissel told the 25 or so people remaining at the end of the evening.

He expected the plan to be completed by Christmas to be sent to the city's Traffic Master Plan steering committee.

Many city council members including Mayor Peter Trent were present to hear some of the comments first hand.



Shelley Kerman, right, makes a point on parking.

reen Kiely said, but she wasn't going to carry 10 pounds of potatoes up to The Boulevard.

In one group session on parking, a consultant was asked if the city had mandated the team to look into off-site parking such as multi-level garages, to which he answered, “no.”

During discussions on through-traffic, residents Paul Marriott and Henry Olders differed on which of three options would be best, while Marilyn Gillies stated simply that, “If re-



Discussing options about through-traffic were, from left: Paul Marriott, Henry Olders and François Prenovost.



# Traffic study lists findings and possible options

Priority	Current conditions	Potential measures
Through-traffic	On a typical weekday, 111,000 vehicles travel on Westmount streets of which 66,000 are through-traffic. Highest volumes are on arterials: Sherbrooke, St. Catherine, Dorchester and The Boulevard. Many vehicles also use collector and local streets to avoid congestion on arterials. The Ville Marie Expressway carries another 157,000 vehicles. More traffic crosses the Westmount boundary with NDG than at the eastern city limits.	Many traffic calming devices, turn restrictions and change-of-direction measures can be used on local streets but care must be taken in implementing these since they will only displace traffic and reduce accessibility for local residents.  To reduce through-traffic, best tools are regional in nature. But Westmount’s main tools are to affect travel times by means of through-traffic signal management, etc., but these measures may impact residents and STM transit services.
Speeds	Current posted speeds do not emphasize vulnerable users (some schools and parks are not marked). Posted speeds and by-laws are not coherent. Some streets have wide visual corridors encouraging speeding. Calming devices have been use extensively and inconsistently. Many stop signs have been installed but are not recommended for traffic calming.	The most effective speed controls are narrower streets, narrower visual corridors; also streetscaping (designed for appropriate speeds). Enforcement and calming devices (humps) are last resorts. Traffic lights can be adjusted to time of day.  Adopt coherent and clear speed limits throughout. Use “road diets” (re-allocation of street space to other uses such as medians, vegetation, cycling facilities) to buffer pedestrians from fast-moving traffic.
Parking	The existing 6,200 on-street parking spaces would collectively fill the same area as Westmount Park. Of these, 660 are metered, 2,500 have 1- or 2- hour limits and 780 are reserved for residents. 28 percent of households do not have a car. Many residents do not have off-street parking, especially south of Sherbrooke. On-street parking is highest during middle of the day (highest in Victoria village). Many do not use their car at this time on weekdays.	Concepts include: limited space means spaces cannot be offered to all users in all areas at the same time. Parking management techniques can achieve different objectives and favour certain users and need to be adapted to each area.  These are: default 4-hour limit in low-demand areas; time limits to create turnover; resident permits by various zones; parking fees; variable pricing of meters by time of day and street, creating an incentive to walk; combinations; one-day permits for residents’ visitors.
Cycling	Many residences and schools are not close to the bike network. The de Maisonneuve path is the most convenient east-west route but is not built according to latest standards. More than 2,000 cyclists travel on it during many spring and summer days. North-south slopes can be an impediment to cycling. Bixi use is increasing. Little bicycle parking is provided.	Add on-street bicycle parking. Review traffic signals to better operate for cyclists. Investigate winter cycling network. Explore Bixi expansion. Develop cycling network for better coverage of city (best long-term coverage adds Côte St. Antoine, an upper level east-west route and a north-south route over the mountain at the west side. Bicycle “ramps” can be installed alongside hillside public stairs.
Walking	Key findings show 13,000 walking and cycling trips per day are made in Westmount mostly within the city and for short distances, the highest number being closest to Greene Ave. and Victoria village. While Westmount is generally very “walkable” due to the street grid, some issues include narrow sidewalks, insufficient cross times at intersections, poorly lit underpasses, and sidewalks right next to traffic lanes with high volumes.	Adopt standard 1.8-meter wide sidewalks, buffers of vegetation, street furniture or parking lanes between sidewalks and traffic, ensure sufficient crossing times, minimize pedestrian wait times at lights, investigate diagonal crossings and pedestrian link with Côte des Neiges, ensure underpasses are properly lit, apply universal accessibility guidelines.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Findings of the current traffic situation and possible solutions from the ongoing Traffic Master Plan study were explained to those participating in the public consultation meeting October 22 at Victoria Hall.  
Depicted on posters with maps and images at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org), the “current conditions” and “potential measures,” for five priorities were as summarized in the accompanying table.

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during the meeting would remain confidential.  
For that reason, “I can’t reveal their identities,” he said, but admitted that what transpired during the meeting was “not particularly untoward or secret.”  
“We just talked about municipal policy,” Trent said, while adding that it was also an opportunity for him to “flog” his new book, *The Merger Delusion*.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TRAFFIC PLAN IS TIMID

The liveability of Westmount is seriously compromised by excess traffic (mostly through-traffic), which will get worse with the new MUHC hospital and Turcot.

At the Master Traffic Plan meeting, Genivar described traffic reduction measures the city is considering, leaving many wondering why the city is taking such a timid approach. Many proposed measures amount to minor tweaking and will yield only mediocre results. Other easy measures are delayed without justification. This master plan is a golden opportunity to improve and protect Westmount's quality of life, but the key issues must be addressed promptly.

Vic village is a case in point. The commercial sector of this important public space (the heart of Westmount) is overwhelmed by motor vehicles. The city could replace a couple of car lanes with cycling lanes along Sherbrooke St. in Vic village which, along with other improvements, would reduce through-traffic, provide safe access for cycling residents and enhance street life for pedestrians and shops owners. Why was this important traffic and urban planning issue not even raised?

There are numerous other busy streets where adding bike paths would both reduce car traffic and speed and encourage cycling, but Genivar's proposed measures

add only 6 kilometres of bike paths on three streets in the long term (not defined). Why did Genivar not propose this solution on other busy streets in the short term?

Finally, Westmount should show leadership in coordinating traffic reduction initiatives with adjacent communities and at the metropolitan level to ensure successful results. Again, this issue was not raised.

We expect our city officials to provide the infrastructure we need while enhancing and protecting the quality of life in our community. Most of the required measures would not cost much, so why is the city being so timid in the face of major challenges?

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## EFFORTS TO REDUCE CARS MUST BE EVERYWHERE

The Westmount Master Traffic Plan is a response to all the negative impacts of ever increasing traffic in our community. At last week's consultation meeting, Genivar told us that the most effective measures to reduce traffic must be taken at a regional level.

We would urge that Westmount take a leading role in the agglomeration and in other regional bodies to insist on decreased dependence on private vehicles for

urban transport. There needs to be constant concerted effort made to reduce it.

Master planning throughout the island and off island must be of such nature as to reduce vehicular volumes by measurable amounts to a timeline. Two percent per year is a reasonable expectation.

The private vehicle should be a choice of last resort, not an equal choice amongst a panoply of options. Instead the "transportation cocktail," which includes the many choices presented by active transport and mass transit such as trains, buses, Metro, Bixis, bike paths and Communauto for exceptional needs should be promoted in the media and by infrastructure expenditures and good design. Considering all the negative aspects of traffic dominance in urban settings, it is a question of urban liveability.

Without verifiable efforts by all communities in our metropolitan neighbourhood, Westmount's efforts will unfortunately have no effect on ever increasing traffic.

ROGER JOCHYM, LEWIS AVE.

## COUNTING BEANS NOT ENOUGH

Conventional "bean counting" audit procedures typically verify that required tendering procedures are followed and that progress payments are made at the specified contractual milestones, etc. However, when there is no further audit to verify that the final cost for a contracted "low-bid" project results in good value for money spent, the contractors know that bid rigging and corruption are unlikely to ever become apparent and even more unlikely to be proved, so at least some of them take advantage of such an open invitation to illegally augment their profits.

The awarding of "bid-rigged" contracts does not necessarily involve wrongdoing on the part of municipal politicians or city employees, and the situation can only be corrected by changes to tendering rules and a requirement to undertake audits that determine whether at least a random sampling of contracts result in good value for money spent, such as the "value-for-money" audits undertaken from time to time by the auditor general of Canada.

As a member of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC), Westmount has probably been obliged to pay its share of excessive costs attributable to corruption and bid-rigging for some contracts entered into by the city of Montreal on behalf of the MMC. Also, Westmount may have happened to award some bid-rigged contracts which might have crept in under the radar through inadequate provincially

specified tendering rules and audit practices.

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

## HOCKEY AT YARDS NO PARTY EITHER

With reference to David Ludmer's letter ("Party-less Westmount is no party," October 23, p. 6), his description of Councillor Patrick Martin's mismanagement of the arena project as "outrageous" even if true, which it isn't, couldn't possibly top Ludmer's idea of constructing the new arena on the site of the Glen yards, where our children's safety would be at risk. Kids versus city trucks, drop the puck!

SAM BEITEL, ABBOTT AVE.

## WOULD LIKE BAGS BACK

On the afternoon of October 22 between 2:20 and 3:20 pm, two bags containing brand-new clothing were taken from the trunk of my car. During this period I had been to the Westmount Public Library and then parked on Sherbrooke St. very close to Greene Ave. I had checked the contents of the trunk when I had given a lift to someone in the area prior to this. When I arrived home, the bags were gone.

I would like to have these two bags and contents returned to me. To make this easier: Person[s] responsible can leave them with the doorman at 200 Lansdowne Ave., no questions asked.

THELMA BOGANTE, OLIVIER AVE.

## ALL SQUIRRELY DAY

In some circles, November 1 and 2 are known respectively as All Saints' and All Souls' Days. Among squirrels, the days are known as All Pumpkin Day and All Squirrely Day.

On All Pumpkin Day, us squirrels chow down on the lightly roasted pumpkins Westmounters spent preparing for us on their porches the prior evening (Halloween). It's a feast for which we are tremendously grateful.

To show our gratitude, we have All Squirrely Day, a more civic-minded feast day, where every squirrel makes him/herself available to help children finish their Halloween candy. What is a child allergic to nuts to do with all of their peanut-containing trick-or-treat candy? (A mother can selflessly only eat so many peanut butter cups to protect her children.)

Westmount squirrels are up to the task and will gladly help Westmount children finish their Halloween candy with nuts in it. Oh, and chips also – we really like chips.

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# Martin: Inquiry ‘welcome’

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Prices rigged for Montreal projects obviously had to have been for Westmount, too, he explained. “Otherwise, if Westmount obtained lower prices, it would be a signal that something funny was going on Montreal.”

Martin said it was important to distinguish between “collusion” (contractors getting together secretly to decide who will win a specific contract), “bid-rigging” (driving up costs) and “corruption” (individuals taking bribes).

Collusion and bid-rigging are very difficult to prove, he noted. The best example is a parallel with the price of gas. “Why do prices go up at the pumps at the same time and by the same amount? How does that happen? You have a feeling something is going on, but why is it not investigated?”

It’s the same thing in the construction industry with the price of concrete or asphalt or steel, he said. “Many people were puzzled as to why these costs were so much higher than in Ontario. What made the difference, union costs? Fuel costs?”

Martin noted that once police began in-

vestigating a couple of years ago, prices of contracts began to fall, something he had pointed out at council meetings.

Is Westmount trying to establish how much taxpayers may have paid unnecessarily?

“Right now, it’s in the hands of the Charbonneau commission and police,” he replied, “and we’re looking forward to how that turns out.”

As an engineer and vice chair of the Montreal/agglo contracts review committee for the last two years, he said he welcomed the inquiry. He said it was important to note that two representatives of the demerged municipalities had been asked to sit on the committee. “We’re seen as the good guys.”

## Looking for smoking teens

Public safety officers report they are watching out for teens regularly smoking marijuana in Murray Park and parking on Belmont Crescent. Following ongoing complaints, Public Security officials said one group of four was warned about illegal parking on the street October 11 at 6:22 pm.



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Turrets, its ‘crowning’ glory

# Dorchester house wins heritage award for Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An 1895 house at 4264 Dorchester near Columbia has been chosen as this year’s “emeritus” award winner among candidates submitted by the city of Westmount to the annual Montreal Architectural Heritage Campaign in the residential category. The city did not enter the commercial category.

The winning entries – one per municipi-

ality or borough in each category – were announced October 12 as part of the campaign run by Montreal to recognize buildings that have been meticulously maintained to preserve Montreal’s “built heritage.”

The stone row house on Dorchester is rated as a Category I in heritage value by Westmount. It was cited as having “kept its authenticity over the years through careful maintenance. Its wood windows and exterior door featuring magnificent stained glass enhance the elegant façade.”

Special notation was made to the “exceptional condition of the tin crown featuring turrets.”

And it was recent work on the parapet – this character-defining “crown” – that was one of the reasons that Westmount nominated it, according to Tyson Munday, Urban Planning technician.

A permit for the work on the turrets was issued last June to homeowner Carole Lacasse, representing an estimated cost of \$19,000.

Three other residential properties were also recognized for efforts made to pre-

serve their integrity: 32 Anwoth Rd., 188 Côte St. Antoine Rd. and 4 Murray Ave.

Last year, Westmount’s emeritus winner, the house at 344 Metcalfe, was selected as a finalist in “Coup de Coeur” competition, which it went on to win as the house that “touched the hearts” of Montrealers in an online vote (see November 29, 2011, p. 10).

*Photographed on October 26, this house at 4264 Dorchester had work done this year on the distinctive crown.*





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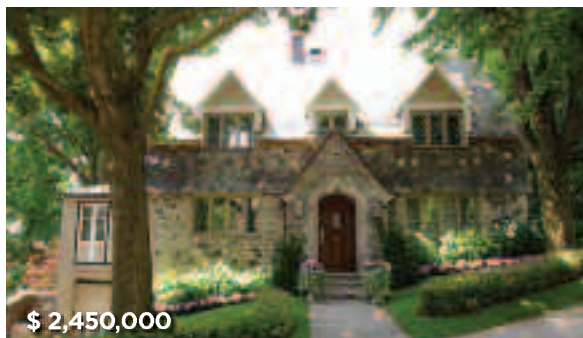
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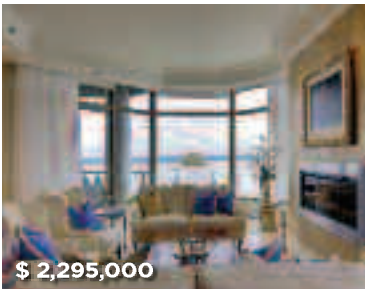
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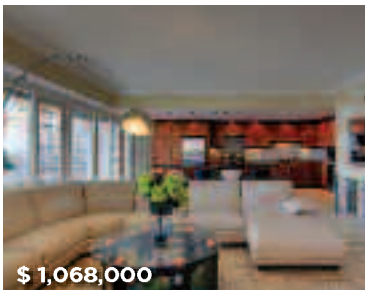
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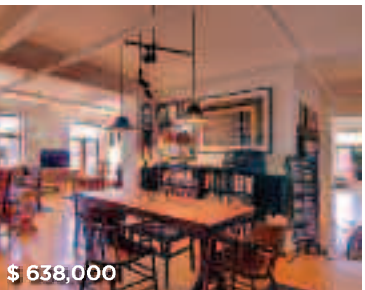
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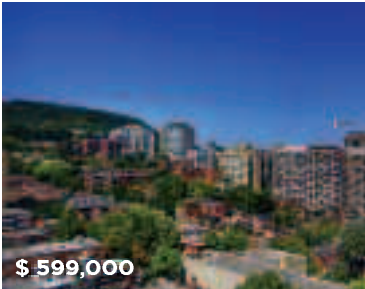
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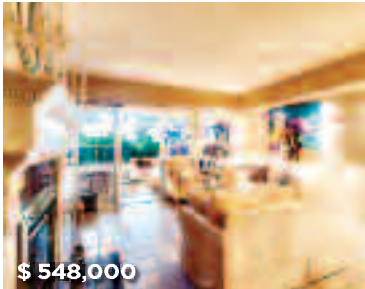


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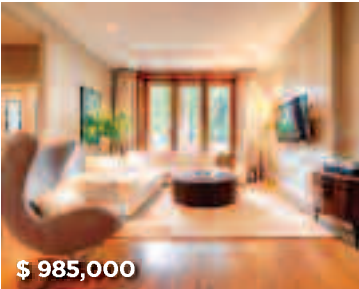
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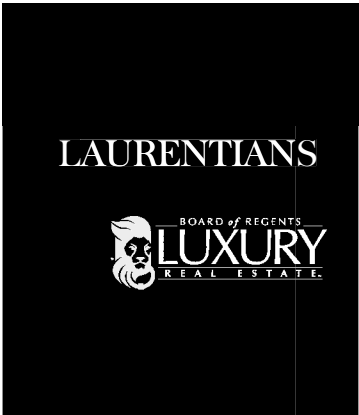
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# Crimson the colour of the evening of heart institute ball



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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It was a most elegant eve on September 6 at Windsor Station's party space. The Montreal Heart Institute Foundation's (MHIF) Grand Bal des Vins-Coeurs was sold out to 850 glamorous guests. Tickets were \$1,500.

The evening honoured **Jacques Ménard**, chairman of BMO Nesbitt Burns and president of BMO Financial Group. Attending with his wife **Marie-José Ratelle**, wearing a sequined bolero jacket over her gown, Ménard was presented with the MHIF medal of honour by **Henri-Paul Rousseau**, board chair of the foundation.

Foundation co-presidents attending were ALDO Group founder and CEO **Aldo Bensadoun** with his wife **Dianne**; **Pierre Boivin**, Claridge, with his wife **Lucie**; **Mathieu L'Allier**, managing director, head, Investment & Corporate Banking, Quebec, BMO Financial Group, with his wife

**Anne-Marie Lévesque**; **Monique Leroux**, chair of the board, president/CEO, Desjardins Group, with her husband **Marc Leroux**; **John Parisella**, executive director of HEC fundraising campaign, with broadcaster **Esther Bégin**; and **Louis Tanguay**, with his wife **Yolande**.

Honorary co-presidents of the event noted enjoying dinner were Westmounters **André Desmarais**, president and co-chief executive officer of Power Corporation of Canada; and **France Chrétien Desmarais**, vice chair Guy Laliberté Foundation and One Drop; as well as Maestro **Kent Nagano**, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal.

Co-presidents unable to attend were **Jean-Guy Desjardins**, **Norman Steinberg**, **René Angélil** and **Mari Kodama**.

Black-tie-and-ball-gown-clad partygoers included **Suzanne Tailleur** and Montreal mayor **Gérald Tremblay**, along with Westmounters **Rosemary** and **Frank Niro**; **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**; **Diane** and **Sal Guerrero**; **Valérie Taillefer**; **Jocelyne** and **Alain Cousineau**, Loto-Québec CEO; **Emmanuelle Dupéré** and **Daniel Lamarre**; president/CEO of Cirque du Soleil; **Claudia Barila**; **François Olivier**, president and continued on p. 15



From left: France Chrétien Desmarais, Emmanuelle Duperré and Isabelle Maréchal.

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From left: Kent Nagano, Danielle Pagé and Jacques Ménard.

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From left: John Parisella, Esther Bégin, André Desmarais, Suzanne Tailleur and Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay.

### Social, cont'd. from p. 14

CEO, Transcontinental Inc. and Isabelle Marcoux, board chair, Transcontinental Inc.; Arlene and Andrew Torriani, CEO, Ritz Carlton Montréal; media celeb Isabelle Maréchal; and MHIF executive director, Danielle Pagé, chic in a cream ensemble with blazer-style jacket.

Enjoying the performance by Cirque du Soleil artists, many ladies were wearing crimson, the symbolic colour of the evening.

The event raised \$2.4 million for the foundation, which seeks to raise and administer funds to support the Montreal Heart Institute and its projects that work to fight against heart disease.



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The city of Westmount's **Halloween haunted house**, 5 to 8 pm at the lawn bowling clubhouse (401 Kensington Ave.). For kids of all ages. Must wear a costume.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

“Sustainable Urban Transport: The Future of Cities” with Craig Townsend, presented by Westmount Healthy City Project, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free.  
• **The Future of Libraries in Our Technical**

**World,”** 7 pm at the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St.) with panelists Julie-Anne Cardella, director of the Westmount Public Library; Robin Philpot, publisher of Baraka Books and Anne Fotheringham, writer. Cost: \$2 to benefit the Y's Strong Kids Campaign. Info: canadianwriterssociety@hotmail.com or 514.707.9396.

• A reception and readings by **poetry finalists** for the Governor General's literary awards, 7 pm, reception at 6:30 pm at the Atwater Library, as part of The Atwater Po-

etry Project. Info: 514.935.7344.

• **Digital media** scholar Shanly Dixon gives a talk on bridging the cross-generational divides created by technology and explains how personal information is used online, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2

Gabriel Fauré's **“Requiem for All Souls' Day,”** 5:45 pm at St. Matthias Church (131 Côte St. Antoine Rd.). Free. To be followed by a potluck supper in the lower hall. Participants asked to bring a dish. Info: 514.933.4295.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• **Mountainside United Church's annual Christmas bazaar**, 10 am to 2 pm at 687 Roslyn. Bake table with jams and jellies, books, knitted items and fine linens. Light lunch. Info: 514.486.1165.

• **“The Lindy Bomb”** – music, punch and swing dancing, 8 to 10:30 pm at The Open Door in St. Stephen's Church (4006 Dorchester). Cost: \$10 to raise money for The Open Door, which offers lunch and other services to homeless people.

• **“Soirée de danse,”** 7 pm at Victoria Hall with Sheila Lawrence, who is to present the work of choreographers and dancers from Westmount's recreational dance programs in ballet, jazz ballet, modern dance, break dance and belly dancing. Info: 514.989.5393.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• City of Westmount's **Remembrance Day Ceremony**, 2 to 3 pm at the cenotaph. See story, p. 5.

• Artist **Mahmoud Baghaeian** speaks at the McClure Gallery, 7 pm. Info: 514.488.9558.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

• **City council meeting**, 8 pm at city hall.

• **Saranne Rothberg**, founder and CEO of

The ComedyCures Foundation to be keynote speaker (“Faith and laughter: What does my story have to do with your life?”) at the Elizabeth Shuchat Schwartz Memorial Lecture, 8:15 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim (450 Kensington Ave.). Free.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**ArtNow** presents Barbara Simmons and Catherine Maclaren, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. ArtNow is a conference series presenting visual artists and their work. Info: artnowwestmount@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**“Interfaith Grandparenting,”** 7:30 to 9 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth-Sholom (395 Elm Ave.) with Rabbi Lisa Grushcow and Jewish General Hospital's Barbara Lis. Free. RSVP by November 2: 514.937.3575, ext. 212 or valerie@templemontreal.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

• City of Westmount's **fall flower show** until December 1 at the conservatory.

• **Alan Clack**, who recently swam across the English Channel (see story September 25, p. 1), is the first speaker of the Westmount Y's fall member profile series, 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Duckling/Beluga room at the Westmount Y. Cost: \$10 to benefit the Y's Strong Kids Campaign.

• **Contactivity Centre craft sale and bazaar**, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at Westmount Park Church (4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd.). Christmas gifts, hand-knit toys and children's clothes, home-baked goods, secondhand fashions, jewelry and books. Raffle and light lunch. Info: 514.932.2326.

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# Stephen Bronfman shares business tips with Marianopolis students

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Speaking at the request of Marianopolis' aspiring young businesspeople, Westmounter Stephen Bronfman spoke to an estimated 450 students and staff on October 18, packing the college's auditorium with tales of life in one Montreal's most famous business families.

"Being a young Bronfman at the time, having so much family legacy, was hard shoes to fill," reminisced Bronfman. "How do I live up to those expectations?"

The son of Charles, who brought the Expos to Montreal in 1969 and is listed by *Forbes* as the 15th wealthiest Canadian, Bronfman empathized with the uncertainty facing youth trying to make the jump from adolescence to adulthood.

"I didn't really know where my place was, and I remember going to my father for advice," recalled Bronfman. "He said to me, 'Son, whatever it is that you want to do, just make sure you're the best you can be at it.'"

Turning to his career, Bronfman highlighted some of his more memorable busi-

ness ventures, including joining a group to buy TSN, RDS and the Discovery Channel; running a touring company for bands like the Rolling Stones; his ultimately unsuccessful attempt to purchase both the Expos and the Canadiens to start a regional all-sports network; and his numerous philanthropic deeds with his wife Claudine.

"It's so important to be honest and true and to play a good role in society," he said.

Bronfman's talk was the latest in a series of high-profile speakers welcomed to Marianopolis by the school's Young Executives Business Club (YEBC), including Westmount mayor Peter Trent.

"I want [the audience] to see that they can give back to the community while doing to do what they like," said club co-president Jonathan Mashaal, a commerce student at Marianopolis and Westmount resident.

Started last year, the YEBC has swelled to 150 will-be financial gurus and given Mashaal a sense of the challenges involved in running a successful enterprise.

"I've learned how to work with people



*Montreal businessman Stephen Bronfman told Marianopolis students about some of his favourite business deals on October 18.*

and organize things," said Mashaal. "I want to broaden my opportunities."

## Rear-ended, taken to hospital

A driver involved in a rear-end collision on Sherbrooke east of Olivier October 18 was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé. While the accident had occurred at a speed of 5 to 10 km/h, she complained of pain in the head and neck, Public Security officials said. The woman was in the car that had been hit. A patroller, who came across the accident at 5:36 pm in front of 4250 Sherbrooke just after it occurred, reported that the driver of the second car and her two young children were not hurt.

## Dog leads officer home to open gate, two tickets

A German shepherd found loose on Montrose October 22 was seen defecating on the property before it led a public safety officer back to an open gate on Church Hill, Public Security officials said. The owner was informed what had happened and, after refusing to clean up after the dog, was issued two \$75 tickets. One was for the dog being off-leash, the other for failing to pick up after it. He was reported to have already received a warning for a similar incident a few months ago.

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Ceci was outside for a whole long winter. A kind Westmount resident would see this beautiful golden long-haired young cat in the back alley near his home.

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started arriving on his porch to eat every night.

Ceci continued to live outside for some time until the Westmouter finally managed to capture her and put her into a pet carrier to take her to the veterinarian.

The next day, she had three kittens! She gave birth to what is now a striking little black-and-white female called Muffin and two adorable males, an orange tabby called Baby (with mittens) and a little panther called Keke.

Everyone was brought into his home together, kittens and mother. The resident had to move overseas recently and cannot take the cats with him, so I am hoping that



Ceci

another Westmount family will be kind enough to give this little brood another loving home.

For more information on Ceci, Muffin, Baby and Keke, please contact Birjit at 514.932.0643. *Your neighbour, Lysanne*



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# John Ralston Saul on why his latest book is considered a 'black comedy'

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Celebrated author and essayist John Ralston Saul was the guest of the Westmount Public Library at Victoria Hall on October 24 in collaboration with Paragraphe bookstore.

During an interview with former CBC

sector gets rid of the fraud, they turn and say, 'Oh God, look how in debt the government is. We better cut back on public services. We told you government was incompetent.' And we go along with it. That's comedy. That's what Voltaire would have called black comedy."



John Ralston Saul was interviewed by Anne Lagacé Dowson at Victoria Hall on October 24.

Radio host Anne Lagacé Dowson in front of an audience of more than 100 people, Saul argued, among other things, that "there is no example in the history of the world that I know of austerity being successful in returning a society to prosperity."

Commenting on why his latest novel, *Dark Diversions – A Traveller's Tale*, is billed as a black comedy, he said, "This is a very funny era. I mean, think about it. We spent several decades convincing ourselves that a group of people are competent and that they should be allowed to organize our financial affairs as they wish."

"And then after warnings that have been going on for nine years or so, there is a financial collapse, which is one of the biggest in history, and the direct outcome of this collapse of the private financial sector is that the debt is transferred to the public sector. The largest fraud in the history of the world and we do it willingly."

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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 *La Folie des grandeurs - Fusion et défusion sur l'Île de Montréal* (Les Éditions du Septentrion). Info : 514 989-5240.

### Campagne de financement du CLW: devenez bénévole !

La campagne pour le Centre des loisirs de Westmount est un projet pour et par la communauté. Aimerez-vous vous impliquer? Nous serions ravis de vous accueillir au sein de l'équipe. Veuillez communiquer avec M<sup>me</sup> Camilla Leigh, coordonnatrice de la campagne CLW, à camilla.leigh@clphilanthropic.com. ou au 514 928-3599. 🎃



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Les personnages de contes sont au rendez-vous

Viens passer un après-midi avec Éléphant et Piggie (le minion duo des contes de Mo Willems) le 10 novembre à 14 h. Inscription requise. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Cet atelier vous permettra de vous exprimer en vers et de libérer votre créativité dans une ambiance décontractée. Notre prochaine date de rencontre est le mardi 14 novembre à 10 h 15. Info : 514 989-5386.

### Club de lecture en anglais

Joignez-vous au club de lecture en anglais le mardi 20 novembre de 19 h à 21 h pour discuter du livre *The Cat's Table* de Michael Ondaatje. Info : 514 989-5386.

### Prévenir l'intimidation dans l'univers virtuel

Joignez-vous à nous pour une séance de sensibilisation contre l'intimidation (et la cyber-intimidation) avec la Dre Shaheen Shariff et la Dre Alissa Sklar le mercredi 21 novembre à 19 h à la bibliothèque Cette séance proposera des moyens pour prévenir, informer et établir un échange ouvert avec les intimidateurs, les personnes ciblées et les témoins, selon les éducateurs et les experts en la matière. Info : 514 989-5386. 🎃

## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 4 novembre - 14 h

Cérémonie du Jour du Souvenir  
Cénotaphe de Westmount

### Le 5 novembre - 20 h

Séance du conseil  
Hôtel de ville

### Le 13 novembre - 10 h 15

Cercle de lecture  
Bibliothèque



## 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.

### Soirée de danse

Sheila Lawrence présente l'œuvre des chorégraphes et danseurs des programmes de loisirs de Westmount lors de cette soirée magnifique de ballet classique, ballet jazz, danse moderne, break dance et danse du ventre. Info : 514 989-5393.

### Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount

La 14<sup>e</sup> édition annuelle du Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount aura lieu les samedi et dimanche 10 et 11 novembre 2012 au Victoria Hall. Trouvez le cadeau parfait parmi une sélection impressionnante d'objets confectionnés à la main par des artisans du quartier lors de cet événement de 2 jours. Prix d'entrée : denrées non périssables ou 2 \$. Info : westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca.

### 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. 🎃



## SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

### Changez vos horloges, changez vos piles !

À l'occasion du recul à l'heure normale le dimanche 4 novembre, l'équipe de la Sécurité publique de Westmount vous rappelle de remplacer les piles dans vos avertisseurs de fumée au même moment et de bien vérifier le fonctionnement de l'alarme. Ce petit geste peut vous sauver la vie. Info : 514 989-5222. 🎃



## CITY HALL

### Healthy City Speaker Series

The Westmount Healthy City Project presents **Sustainable Urban Transport: The Future of Cities** with guest speaker Dr. Craig Townsend, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at Westmount Public Library. Free; everyone welcome. Info: 514 989-5284.

### Book signing: *The Merger Delusion - How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal*

Meet Westmount Mayor **Peter F. Trent** on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, for a book signing of his new publication *The Merger Delusion - How Swallowing Its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal* (McGill-Queen's University Press). Info: 514 989-5240.

### WRC Fundraising Campaign: opportunities for volunteering!

The WRC Campaign is run for the community, by the community. If you would like to get involved and be part of the team, we would love to have you! Please contact Camilla Leigh, WRC Campaign Coordinator at 514 928-3599 or at camilla.leigh@clphilanthropic.com. 🎃



## LIBRARY

### Storytime Character Event with Piggie and Elephant!

Join Piggie and Elephant (the delightful pair from Mo Willems' books) for an afternoon of fun on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Registration required. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Our next session will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

### English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. as they discuss *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Bullying Prevention in a Wired World

Join us for a lecture on bullying with Dr. Shaheen Shariff and Dr. Alissa Sklar on Wednesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. at the Library. This talk will offer an overview of what education and parenting experts know about bullying (and cyber-bullying), as well as strategies for prevention, awareness and engagement with bullies, the bullied and the bystanders. Info: 514 989-5386. 🎃

## DATEBOOK

### November 4 - 2 p.m.

Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Westmount Cenotaph

### November 5 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall

### November 13 - 10:15 a.m.

Readers to Readers Book Club  
Library



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Info: 514 989-5521.

### Soirée de danse

Sheila Lawrence presents the work of choreographers and dancers from Westmount's recreational dance programmes in a spectacular evening of classical ballet, jazz ballet, modern dance, break dance and belly dancing. Info: 514 989-5393.

### Westmount Artisans' Festival

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Westmount Artisans' Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Victoria Hall. Choose from a wide range of quality handcrafted items made by local artisans during this 2-day event. Admission: non-perishable food items or \$2. Info: westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca.

### Halloween: Zombie Apocalypse

Get ready! The zombies will be waiting for you at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse (next to City Hall) on October 31<sup>st</sup> between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Great for all ages. Costumes a must! Free admission. Info: halloween@westmount.org. 🎃



## PUBLIC SECURITY

### Change your clocks, change your batteries!

While changing your clocks back to standard time on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Westmount Public Security team reminds you to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors at the same time and also test the alarm. This simple routine could save your life. Info: 514 989-5222. 🎃

**Westmount, à votre portée.** Pour toute question ou commentaire, veuillez nous contacter : **Westmount at your fingertips.** Contact us with any comment or question:

**www.westmount.org**  
**assistance@westmount.org**



# 85 pumpkins entered in library contest



Westmount Public Library staff and teen volunteers dressed as flying monkeys, Emerald City people and munchkins took part in the “Halloween Extravaganza” for kids that took place October 27 at the library. The theme involved a Wizard of Oz treasure hunt. According to Wendy Wayling, children’s librarian, 85 pumpkins were entered in the contest and over 300 people attended. Once the young participants completed the treasure hunt, they received a special bracelet to enter into “Emerald City,” where prizes for the best pumpkins were given out.

Photo courtesy of the Westmount Public Library

# Prepping for Halloween



Nastasia De Paoli applies make-up on Diandra Alzani, 17, at Café Crème in preparation for a costume party October 26. De Paoli, who is manager of the coffee shop, and Westmounter Mia Kuzmicki run a freelance make-up art and mural painter business called Staz-Mia Art.

Photo: Westmount Independent

# Public Security finds, follows wanted man

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man wanted on warrants for criminal activity in other provinces was recognized by public safety officers on St. Catherine St., October 21 after he and a woman were reported to be asking for money at Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve, Public Security officials said. They claimed their car had broken down.

Following a similar incident October 18, Public Security had posted details and descriptions for all officers of a man and woman they had dealt with at that time, said assistant director Greg McBain in describing how the events unfolded.

Informing police of the previous incident at the time, he said, they were alerted to the warrants and began watching for the man.

When they learned about the couple

asking for money on October 21 at 9:16 am, officers caught up with them at St. Catherine and the Glen and called police.

They kept the suspect under surveillance as he walked east on the north side of St. Catherine until police were able to apprehend him east of Olivier.

He was found in possession of a used syringe and a “narcotic resin.”

The individual was described as a 21-year-old Montreal man wanted on warrants regarding break-and-enter and other criminal activity. The woman was not arrested.

# ‘Runaway’ car found in neutral

A car that was stopped at a 45-degree angle by a curb at the west sidewalk on Kensington north of Sherbrooke October 17 appeared to have rolled out of a parking spot on the street, public safety officers report. There were no witnesses to the incident and no tickets were issued. The Honda belonged to a Laval resident. It was found blocking traffic at 10:57 pm and moved out of the way.



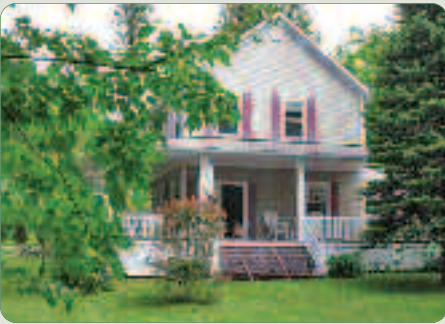
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