

Study of Vic village aims to update city plan

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The south-west sector of Westmount, often called Victoria village, is going under the microscope of an outside firm of architects and urban planners to assist in developing a planning vision.

City council at its January 16 meeting approved a \$21,000 quotation of Atelier B.R.I.C. for the study, which is expected to be completed in March.

A similar analysis of the south-east sector will also be undertaken this year, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. This may result in amendments which would be submitted to public consultation in 2013, she told the *Independent*.

Under provincial law, city planning programs are to be updated every five years.

The south-west sector, however, has not been studied for some 25 years since downsizing and conversion of some com-

mercial zones to residential was undertaken in 1986 and 1988 by Mayor Peter Trent, then commissioner of Planning.

Two years ago, the city lifted a freeze on new restaurants by allowing several new small “village cafés” to open in the area.

The sector to be studied extends from Sherbrooke’s north side south to the railway tracks and from Victoria to the west city limits around Claremont. It also includes the commercial strip along Sherbrooke from the Esso service station westward.

Among specific aspects to be “diagnosed” is the unused train station at the foot of Victoria owned by the city, Poirier said. The portion of the MUHC land in Westmount is excluded.

The consultants’ mandate includes a historical and evolutionary analysis of the urban fabric of the sector and its potential for development, all under the guidance of the city’s Planning Advisory Committee and in keeping with the city’s current move toward active transportation and walkability.

This sector has a strong sustainability component, enabling people live near their work and shopping areas, Poirier noted.

Glen site rises, new challenges



Robert Hamilton, senior director of the McGill University Health Centre’s Glen site development, outlines current progress and future plans in a public information session held at the Crowley Arts Centre on January 23. See p. 4.

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Hockey confrontation brings Public Security

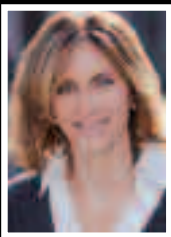
Public safety officers were called to the arena January 18 to prevent further escalation of a verbal confrontation between two inter-city hockey teams, Public Security officials said.

Referees had handled the problem during the game between Midget-class teams from Westmount and Town of Mount Royal. But arena staff requested officers attend when the problem threatened to continue off-ice among players, spectators and parents.

The officers are slated to return next time the two teams play.

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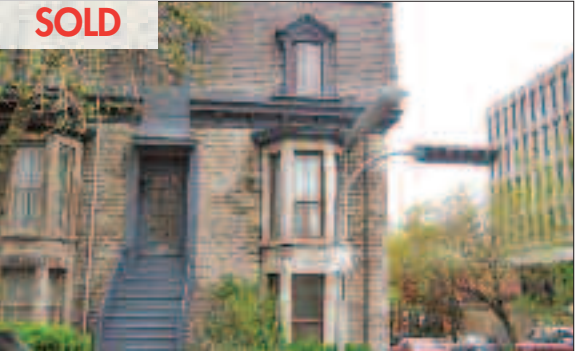
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Winter carnival kicks off Thursday

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For the first time in some 18 years, Westmount's three-day winter carnival, starting this Thursday, February 2, will kick off with a hockey tournament and skating at Prince Albert Park instead of sliding at Murray Park.

The change is one of several in this year's line-up.

Cancellation of the family Murray Park event is due to inconsistency in weather conditions, which have closed the hill for much of the time this winter, explained Claude Danis, program and community services coordinator for the Sports and Recreation department.

As well, she said, the hill's runs have been shortened for safety reasons in recent years and interest in the sliding party has been dwindling.

"It's time for a change, which is good. Now we'll have the Westmount Winter Classic, featuring a Bantam league hockey game, skating for everyone on the smaller rink and the usual bonfire and hot chocolate." It all starts at 6:30 pm.

When did carnival start anyway?

While this year's winter carnival is billed as the "29th annual" edition, the city's 1984 event was described as the "14th annual winter carnival."

At that time and for a few years, the event was a one-day ice event at the arena with a similar program to the current Saturday arena event.

But by 1994, according to the city's annual report, the carnival had become a week-long event (February 5 to 12) highlighted by a ski night at Bromont and "the toboggan night which was held for the first time" that year at Murray Park.

Another change is the switch of the adult party – the former "Casino Night" – from Thursday night to Saturday in order to avoid the conflict with the "Winter Classic," a family event.

This year's theme of the Friday night family party from 5:30 to 9:30 pm is "Westmount in Rio," Danis said. "Every year we 'go' to somewhere warm and comfortable and now we're going to live it up in Rio." Features include the traditional lasagna dinner, a DJ and dancing. A cash bar is available.

The evening is being organized by Doug Leahey and Sada Reddy for the city's Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC). Tickets cost \$12; \$6 for those aged 12 and under, and are available at Victoria Hall.

Saturday will feature the usual day-long horse-drawn sleigh rides starting at 10:45 am along with the sugar shack at 11, both in Westmount Park near Melville Ave. "Both these events are becoming more and more popular," explained Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan.

"I hope there's enough snow in Westmount Park this year for runners rather than wheels," he added, referring to the sleigh.

Saturday's arena program starts with the figure skating show at 10 am along with face painting, and a Termite mini hockey tournament at 11 o'clock.

Free hotdogs will be served at noon along with puck-shooting at 12:30 pm, races and games on ice an hour later and a hockey skills competition at 2:30. Family skating will follow from 3:30 to 9:45 pm.

Meanwhile, a new "Art Studio" drawing workshop will be held at Victoria Hall from 1 to 4 pm by illustrator Bruce Roberts at a cost of \$10. Registration is required before February 1 at 514.989.5226. See story, p. 10.

The carnival concludes with the adult program at 7 pm featuring Bowser and

Blue along with Mayor Peter Trent. Tickets for this event (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) include the show and some finger food. There will be a cash bar.

The traditional seniors' carnival lunch will take place again at Contactivity Centre, Thursday, February 2 in Westmount Park Church. Anyone wishing to attend is requested to call the centre at 514.932.3433. A schedule of all carnival events is available at www.westmount.org-/carnival.

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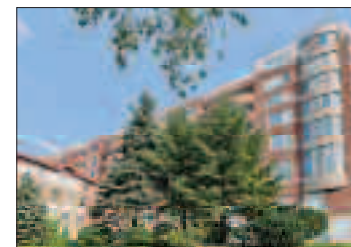
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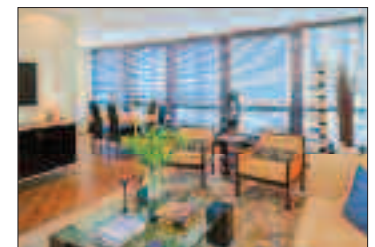
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More traffic challenges on the way as MUHC-area construction kicks into high gear

By ISAAC OLSON

Since the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) incoming super-hospital project got under way in the old Glen Yards, Westmounters have faced heavy traffic, closed roads and the seven-month closure of the Ville Marie Expressway's St. Jacques exit near Decarie Blvd.

Things aren't going to get better anytime soon as several vital roadways are

going to be closed or, at the very least, under construction and the area's transportation hub, the Vendôme Metro station, is slated for renovation.

Speaking during a public information session on January 24, officials from the city, province, hospital and public transit systems named a number of projects that need to be completed before the hospital opens in the fall of 2014. Officials from each department gave individual presentations and answered questions in an event held at the NDG-based Crowley Arts Centre.

Province: St. Jacques shut down

The St. Jacques exit ramp, for starters, will again be closed from February



Westmounter Maureen Kiely (centre), asks about MUHC site access for St. Henri residents. MUHC's Johanne Emmanuel holds the microphone, as NDG councillor Peter McQueen listens.

through to September so a hospital entrance can be built on the southern side of the site, according to Transport Québec's Alain Dubé.

He also confirmed rumours that the neigh-

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Westmount Y kicks off centennial celebration



Some loyal Y supporters who attended the centennial kickoff event. From left, Bob Dubeau, George Bowser, Alison Rogers, Peter Naylor, Diane Dubeau, Scott Hardiman and Ralph Alfonso.



Enjoying themselves at the opening event of the Westmount Y's centennial were, clockwise from rear left, Michel Taillon, Alex Montreuil, Marjorie Bensimon, Mustapha Belhaffa, Shawna Kelly and Charles Slater.



Having a party of their own at a bistro table in the Westmount Y gym were, from left, Javier Olivera, Rachel Irwin, Veronique Chow, Nancy McDougall and Gonia Arvanitakis.

On January 26, members and staff of the Westmount Y kicked off a year-long celebration of the branch's 100th anniversary with a wine and canapé reception held in the main gymnasium.

A display of vintage photos showed how the Y has evolved over the years.

Some 140 guests attended.

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Snow removal towing gets tied up in red tape

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A car that remained un-towed for a couple of weeks from a snow-removal zone on Victoria between Chesterfield and Windsor was reported to be one of two that became tied up in red tape for being left in a tow zone. The second was on Surrey Gardens.

As passersby began noticing an accumulation of tickets on the BMW, the car

remained covered in snow and plowed in long after the blower had passed.

“It often happens that we have one or two cars that can’t be towed or moved during snow operations for a number of reasons,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

These can include the need for flat-bed towing, complications involving a car’s right to be on the road, an inability to reach the owner or other issues that need

to be resolved. It’s the ultimate responsibility of tow truck operators to determine whether they can move the car.

The city’s contracted towing service does not provide flatbeds mainly because of the need to manoeuvre quickly in tight spaces. With the snow blower and a lineup of trucks waiting, “We have to work very quickly,” McBain pointed out.

In the case of the BMW, he explained, the tow truck operator was unable to move

it for fear of the causing serious damage to it. Efforts to reach the owner, a nearby resident, proved unsuccessful. The car’s parking permit had expired in 2010 and it bore a California licence plate.

Turned over the police

The matter was turned over to police for investigation, standard practice after three tickets, McBain said. Complicating the matter in this instance, the traffic officer was off duty for the week and so the car sat in the snow bank.

On January 27, when Public Security finally managed to reach a family member, the car was dug out with the assistance of Public Works and moved. The owner, it turns out, was away.

Meanwhile, the car on Surrey Gardens remained under police investigation pending resolution of a licensing irregularity, he said.

As a final resort, when all measures to resolve issues with a car owner are exhausted, a flatbed is called in and the car towed to a pound, a costly procedure for the owner.

This used to happen earlier in the process, recalled Public Security director Dave Sedgwick. Now the emphasis is on trying to reach the owner.



One of the abandoned cars under snow and slush at 8:43 am, January 23 on Victoria between Windsor and Chesterfield.



This photo, taken January 24 at 6:20 pm, shows a number of tickets that remained tucked under the windshield wiper on the Victoria Ave. car.

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Barbara Warner dies at 84



Funeral services were to take place Tuesday, January 31 at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord for longtime Westmounter Barbara (Hughes) Warner, mother of city councillor Kathleen Duncan.

Warner, who died January 23 at home following a lengthy illness, had just turned 84.

Along with Duncan, she is survived by three other children: John, of Saint John, NB, Margaret (Molly) Warner of Westmount, and Annemarie Warner (Ciamberlano) of Montreal West.

She also leaves five grandchildren: Lexy, Warren and Jack Duncan; and Massimo and India Ciamberlano. She also has a surviving sister, Janet Hughes, in England.

Predeceased by her husband Alfred Warner, Barbara Hughes was born in Montreal in 1928 but grew up in Westmount on Upper Belmont. She worked as secretary to the chief of staff at the Montreal General Hospital, where she met her husband-to-be, a young gastroenterologist.

While raising their family in Westmount, Warner spent many years as a volunteer at the hospital before moving to New Brunswick. She returned 20 years ago after her husband’s death and continued volunteer work running the concession at Manoir Westmount for at least 10 years.

“She was extra-well organized,” says Duncan. “Latterly, we spent many days together as she accompanied me to many of my activities. She was particularly devoted to the children and retained an active interest in what was going on in the community. Even when she lived in New Brunswick, she made a point of keeping up with news in Westmount.”

Interment is to take place in Saint John.

City adds indoor battery depots with a new look

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four new inside drop-off points for battery recycling were added to city buildings January 9, bringing to five the number now available. Outside depots remain in service at the fire station and Corporation Yard.

The four new free-standing “designer” depositories were installed January 9 at city hall, the library and offices of Public Works and Hydro Westmount.

A different wall model at Victoria Hall has been in service since the fall. This one was originally intended to replace an exterior one at the arena. But it was later decided to remove this location entirely, given the pending construction of the new recreation facility.

‘See-through’ model

The new see-through containers are more attractive than the rugged exterior boxes and are expected to generate increased recycling of all dry-cell batteries by being in more strategic locations, said city environmental coordinator Marina Peter.

Exterior depots at the fire station and

arena were added in 1994 to the original one at the Public Works yard. The orange battery bag was introduced two years later.

This resulted in an upsurge in battery recycling, which, however, has remained relatively flat ever since, Peter said.

On the other hand, dry-cell batteries are responsible for 70 percent of all heavy metals found in landfills. This toxic waste includes lead, cadmium and mercury, which eventually leach into ground water. These batteries are recycled to make metal beams and other products.

Lead-acid batteries, such as those used in cars and boats, however, require different recycling treatment and must be disposed of at the household hazardous waste collections, or at a Montreal eco-centre or commercial garage.

All types of batteries are still accepted during the city’s spring and fall household hazardous waste collection days.

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Be smart with your smart phone, say police

BY DAVID GOLDBERG

Concerned with a rise in the incidents of stolen smart phones, Station 12 police will be holding an operation at the Atwater Metro station later this month.

Police will be at the station on February 14 and 15, giving out advice on how to protect yourself and your smart phone. The police say you can use your phone in public safely as long as you take certain precautions.

“You should use the phone discreetly and try to use it when a lot of people are around and you’re not isolated,” said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “Try to be aware of your environment. Remember that if you’re surfing the web or listening to music, you may be putting yourself at more risk. If you’re a pedestrian outside, you’re not going to hear a car horn honking.”

Pimentel said some thieves simply rip the smart phones from people’s hands, and in some cases there are physical attacks, which turn the crimes into armed robberies.

“We’re not telling people not to use the phones, but rather to make sure they use them in a safe and responsible way,” said Pimentel.

And it isn’t only adults who are being targeted for this type of crime. Recently, a 14-year-old Westmouter had his phone stolen in a violent attack on St. Catherine near Kensington.

The victim was leaving school at 3:20 pm on January, making a call on his phone and putting on his hat. He was approached by five youths, who surrounded him. One of the suspects said, “Give me your phone.”

“The suspect punched the victim in the face, then grabbed the phone,” said Pimentel. “The five suspects fled the scene, running north on Kensington.”

Police say all five suspects were minors, aged 14 to 15. One of them wore a baseball cap and a long-sleeved checkered shirt.

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Kerman shares camp experiences

BY MARLENE EISNER

If you invited Shelley Kerman to play tennis or go waterskiing, she just might say yes.

"If someone wants to play tennis, I can say 'I haven't played in a while, but I know how, because I learned in camp,'" said Westmount resident Kerman, who owns LMNOP, a children's clothing store on Sherbrooke St. between Claremont and Prince Albert.

Kerman's first camp experience came early, when she was 3 and attended the junior squadron program at the Lord Reading Yacht Club in Beaconsfield. She said she had the time of her life participating in a whole new world of activities.

"We did all kinds of things," she said.

"Arts and crafts, I learned how to swim, I learned how to sail, we used to put on plays and I remember baton twirling. I have great memories."

Sleep-away camp in NY

At the age of 8, her parents sent her to a sleep-away camp in Warrensburg, New York, called Camp Echo Lake. Kerman's older sister had gone the previous year and had come back with rave reviews.



Shelley Kerman, owner of the children's clothing store LMNOP, reminisces about her camp experiences.

"I went for two months. They didn't have a one-month option. It was a wonderful camp. I remember being excited to go, I think, because I had heard my sister talk about it."

She said she doesn't have any bad memories, but Echo Lake was where she was introduced to ghost stories.

"There was an abandoned shack in the woods, and a man with one leg ... it was the typical camp legend," she said, smiling as she recounted the story.

A few years later, she attended Camp Vega, an all-girls residential camp in Maine. Did being without boys bother

her? Not a bit, she said. She was having too much fun making friends and playing sports.

Recently she attended a Camp Echo Lake reunion. It didn't take long for her to fall into camp form, the old songs coming back as if it were yesterday.

"I have people that I know from Camp Echo Lake from all over North America. For the 50th anniversary, I went with my kids and I reconnected with people I hadn't seen in years."

Kerman said the experiences at camp prepare children and teens for the real world in a way that school doesn't.

"Camp teaches you a lot of life lessons, from how to live cooperatively and how to win and lose with good sportsmanship to how to relate to other people," she said.

"It's a whole different energy, where you have an opportunity to just be you and learn life skills that benefit you in real life."

Tickets issued when dog bites dog

Two \$75 tickets were issued to the owner of a dog that bit another in Summit Woods January 21, Public Security officials said. One ticket was for not having a Westmount licence; the other for having an aggressive dog.

Public safety officers were called to the summit at 1:11 pm and met with both dog owners.

A resident of Bellevue Ave. showed officers a bite on the lip of her small Leonberger dog and stated she was willing to go to court if required.

The owner of a Boston terrier was described as a Montreal man, who was cooperative as the tickets were issued under By-law 535.

Parking dispute settled

Two parkers vying for the same spot on Wood Ave. became involved in an altercation January 22, Public Security officials said. As one car was preparing to back into the spot, a second one drove in from behind. Officers were called to the scene by one of the drivers at 1:03 pm, and the dispute was settled when a second spot was reportedly found nearby.



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Roberts to receive award for children's book illustrations

By JOANNE PENHALE

Bruce Roberts will be in Brussels this March with Claire Vigneau, the author of the book he illustrated – *Le chasseur de loup-marins*. On March 5, the pair will be awarded the 2011 Quebec/Wallonie-Bruxelles prize, which recognizes educational and thought-provoking children's literature, for kids aged nine to 12.

"This wasn't a book about mommy going to the store – this is about an issue," Roberts said of the story about the contro-

versial seal hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, told from the perspective of someone whose family once relied on the hunt.

Roberts moved to Montreal in the mid-'70s. He now lives on Irvine Ave. with wife, artist Anna Gedalof.

Once every few minutes as Roberts talks about his career as an illustrator, his living room windows shake and the floor rumbles as the AMT trains speed by.

Before developing as an artist, Roberts studied engineering at McGill, and then at



Bruce Roberts shows off ink sketches of animals "on the can." He's working on a story, he says, about a kid who won't get off the toilet.

the University of Buffalo in New York. There, he says, there were lots of radicals and beatniks.

"I always thought of myself as a pure observer, but in retrospect, I realized it affected me deeply," Roberts said, after describing the anti-capitalist counterculture in Buffalo.

Trains are part of Roberts' past as well. Later, after having worked as a waiter on Via Rail routes between Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, Roberts was hired by the company to do portraits of their workers. It was to raise their confidence, he said. "Because the public appreciated them, but they didn't appreciate themselves."

"That was when there was government money for that kind of thing," he added.

On Saturday, February 4, from 1 to 4

pm, as part of the Westmount winter carnival, Roberts will give a drawing class for adults at Victoria Hall. People can register for the \$10-class by calling 514.989.5226 before February 1.

Found dog returned

A loose dog found January 17 just before 5 pm at 510 Lansdowne was returned to its owner on Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. The dog wore no identification tags. It was taken to the station where a call was received from the owner in search of the brown Labrador mix. The Westmount resident was subsequently warned to obtain a dog licence.



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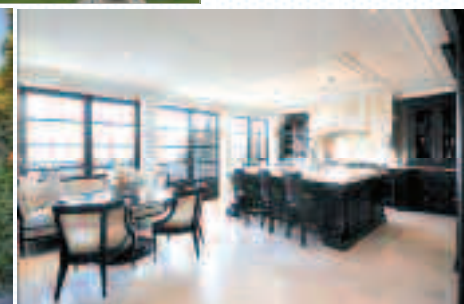
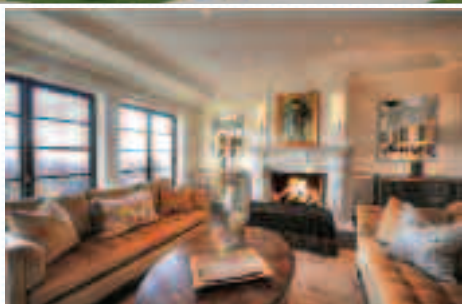
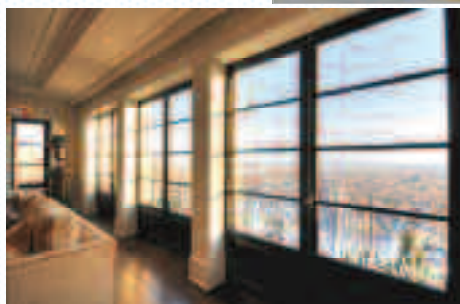
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Dirt pile on future emerg. access okay by Westmount, hospital

By ISAAC OLSON

Those travelling down Glen Rd. may have noticed the McGill University Health Centre's (MUHC) controversial emergency access route has been blocked by a pile of snow, rocks and mud but, assures the city's director general, there are no by-law violations at this point.

However, continued Duncan Campbell, the city will be monitoring the situation as there is a worry that the mud and snow may, during the thawing and re-freezing of roller-coaster temperatures, lead to a dirt-and-ice-encrusted sidewalk. If it becomes a problem, he explained, the city may intervene but, until then, the emergency access route won't be an official route until the hospital opens in 2014.

After a failed attempt on behalf of hospital and Montreal officials to convince

Westmount to open the route to construction worker traffic last year, the MUHC has been lobbying Westmount to open the route to cyclists and pedestrians once the hospital is up and running. Members of the council, however, have expressed concerns over a poorly visible entrance along a busy, narrow road.

The gated entrance is in the southwestern-most point of Westmount, climbing a V-shaped carving in the hill up to the site's temporary parking lot. It is supposed to be available in hospital emergencies, such as a fire, that would require evacuation or another access point for rescue crews.

Hospital spokesperson Caroline Phaneuf said the construction activity on the hospital site is moving east with the excavation of Block F, which is above ground parking. Some excavated material, mixed with

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A view of the dirt pile looking west from Glen Rd., photographed January 25.

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Last Halloween, Moe was rescued from a local shelter just 24 hours before he was scheduled to be euthanized. Halloween, originally a medieval harvest festival, marked the end of the year in the Gaelic tradition and as such had strong associations with death and renewal. Considered



Moe

a magical time of year in which anything is possible, it is appropriate that Moe was given a second chance at life on this very day!

Little is known about Moe's history, but this sweet and mellow 76-pound boxer is likely somewhere between 6 and 8 years old.

He suffers from painful arthritis in his hind legs and hips. But a combination of anti-inflammatories and shots have helped Moe to manage his pain and lead a happy, active lifestyle.

An endearingly grumpy senior, Moe loves to loaf around the house. He is shamelessly affectionate and will often demand a good rub by nuzzling or leaning in to a person – especially for a massage of his sore hips.

Moe has come a long way in the last year, and has worked hard at overcoming his fear of loud noises and fast movements.

However, this old boy deserves to spend his retirement in a quiet household as he continues to gain confidence, so a home with no young children is recommended.

He does not get along with cats, but a dog with a calm temperament would make a great companion for him. And he does not have very good recall, so a fenced yard would be best!

While it is uncertain whether or not Moe's loving rescuer was in costume when she picked him up on Halloween, she definitely acted as his guardian angel that day. With any luck, Moe will have the chance at another new beginning with a loving forever home.

If you are interested in Moe, please contact Boxer Rescue Quebec at info@boxer-rescuequebec.com.

Contact The Underdog Club if you have any comments, questions or if you could be tempted to adopt. Our email is contact@underdogclub.org. Visit us at www.underdog-club.org.

Hockey at 1:25 am

Three NDG teenagers were warned about the midnight parks curfew when they were found playing hockey at 1:25 am, January 21, at the Prince Albert rink, Public Security officials said. The three were aged 16.

One-time order of 60,000 parking tickets expected to save \$25,000

City council, at its January 16 meeting, approved the purchase of 60,000 parking tickets for use by the Public Security Unit this year at a total cost of \$35,137, including applicable tax.

The year's supply enabled the city to obtain a better price than ordering them in batches, explained Councillor Gary Ike-man, Public Security commissioner. In fact, the city is expected to save \$25,000. The order will be delivered throughout the year.

The quote from Datamark Systems was the lower of two listed.

Last year the department issued some 62,000 tickets, but it is anticipated that before long it will be switching to hand-held computerized ticket writers such as those now used in Montreal, said assistant director Greg McBain.

In 1995, Westmount experimented with hand-held electronic devices of the day but these were abandoned after a number of problems were encountered, including malfunctions.



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Dirt pile


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snow, is being stocked on the access road due to limited space but, she added, there is no machinery rolling on the road.


"The Glen Rd. is not used as emergency access during construction," wrote Phaneuf in an email. "It will be used as an emergency access only when the Glen complex is in operation. In the meantime, all emergency vehicles (ambulances and firefighters) are already coming to the site for training purposes on a regular basis by the main access on Decarie at the Crowley intersection. We also have a second emergency access if needed on Decarie, south of the main entrance."

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bouring bridge, which takes St. Jacques Blvd. over the Decarie expressway and into NDG, will also be torn down and reconstructed to make way for the new Turcot interchange. The project, which will close much of St. Jacques for up to 18 months, will get under way in 2013 as part of the Turcot interchange renovations.

Montreal: replacing Sherbrooke sewers

Sherbrooke St. also provides a key link to the west, but it will likely be wrought with congestion beginning next month as Montreal's Alain Trudeau, who manages city projects around the MUHC, said the sewer infrastructure underneath the street will be replaced.

The aim is to catch the runoff coming down the hill before it reaches the flood-plagued neighbourhood just north of the Vendôme metro station. This work is coupled with the June-to-December project on de Maisonneuve as crews continue to upgrade sewer infrastructure and, at the same time, replace the train bridge over Decarie Blvd.

Transit: Vendôme station to be redone

Guyline Di Tomaso, a project coordinator with the Société de transport de Montréal (STM), said the Vendôme station will undergo expansion to accommodate the thousands of commuters that will come pouring into the already multi-modal, transportation hub once the hospital is up and running.

Currently, she said, the STM is developing solutions while examining the station's current capabilities and feasibility of expansion. One of the primary goals, she explained, is to have a universally accessible station by installing elevators to the

train and Metro platforms. The STM, she added, aims to ease the transfers between the buses, trains and the metro while increasing the station's overall capacity.

Hospital: Site access explained

Robert Hamilton, representing the MUHC and an architect, said there is a continued push to ensure another access point for foot traffic just east of the Metro station near the former Air Canada building. Hospital officials are also vying for, if not a tunnel from the metro platform, a pedestrian bridge over the train tracks that connects directly to the hospital's internal network of thoroughway-like corridors. The existing tunnel will be extended from underneath the train platform to the hospital's front, open-air plaza.

As part of the effort to be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified facility, there will be a bike path through the site, bike racks and, if all goes as planned, a Bixi station on site. Vehicular access to either the separate children's or adults' emergency rooms and the rest of the facility will have much the same feel as a large airport, explained the MUHC's Pierre Major. People will drive up to the covered drop-off that best suits their needs and then have access to underground parking.

There is, officials said, continued negotiations with Westmount to open the site's eastern emergency access road to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Westmount's elected officials have so far voiced disagreement with the option due to safety concerns.

Westmounter Maureen Kiely has been and continued to encourage officials to install an elevator, funicular or shuttle service for St. Henri residents who need easier hospital access by foot. During the meet-

ing, officials did announce an effort to construct a stairway up the St. Jacques cliffs.

Many people from the area, including Westmounters, went to the microphone to ask questions, praise the depth of the presentations and acknowledge the effort to respond to the community's needs.

"I think the whole audience was impressed by the response to citizens' concerns," said Roger Jochym of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. "I think, finally, they've been listening. I got the impression a lot of work is going into the design boards to integrate the hospital more into the urban way of life – into the urban fabric of the surrounding communities."

More ice falling

Chunks of ice were reported falling from a third floor balcony of a building on St. Catherine near Irvine, January 22, Public Security officials said. Three-foot long icicles were also noticed. The information was to be passed on to Urban Planning, which apparently had already opened a file on the matter. A tenant feared being hit.



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6 Braeside: at a Category I house, to build a rear addition;

4374 de Maisonneuve: to replace some windows;

4215 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I building, to replace the garage door;

493 Lansdowne: to build a fence in the back yard;

327 Prince Albert: at a Category I house, to change the railing on the front steps.

215 Redfern: to add two storeys and a recreational roof structure (indoor pool and exercise room). The building envelope will be completely removed and redone in order to transform the building from commercial to residential (see January 24, p. 4).

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

• Westmount's **winter carnival** starts today and runs until Saturday, February 4. Visit www.westmount.org. See p. 3 for story.

• Tea taster **Kevin Gascoyne** gives an inside view into the world of tea, his profession and the tea gardens of Asia, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Tea will be served.

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• **Tumbling Tots** at Centre Greene – an indoor “park playground” for parents and children under 5, 9:30 to 11 am every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Cost: \$3.50/drop-in. Coffee and snack provided. Info: 514.931.6202.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

• **Bowser & Blue**, entertainment by Westmounter George Bowser and Rick Blue at Victoria Hall. Cocktails at 7 pm; **Trowser & Bent** at 7:45 pm; Bowser & Blue at 8 pm. Cash bar. Tickets: \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance at Victoria Hall.

• Westmounter **Bruce Roberts** offers a drawing workshop for adults, 1 to 4 pm at Victoria Hall. Cost: \$10; easels will be supplied. Register before January 31. Call 514.989.5226.

• Exhibition: **Donato Damiano and Margaret White** ends February 4. The Gallery at Victoria Hall.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

• Centre Greene **Lego Club** from 10:30 am to 1 pm for kids aged three and over. Cost: \$3.50 drop-in. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: 514.931.6202.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The film *Grace, Milly, Lucy...child soldiers* plays at 12:30 pm at Victoria Hall. The NFB documentary explores the reintegration of Ugandan child soldiers into soci-

ety. Followed by a discussion period (in French) with the director Raymonde Provencher. Free. Reserve: Community Events Office at Victoria Hall or call 514.989.5226.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Westmount Municipal Association monthly meeting, 7 pm in Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Sebastien Betermier of McGill University talks about what people should know about financial advisors, 6 pm at the Atwater Club. Cost: \$30.76 for dinner and lecture. Reserve: University Women's Club of Montreal, 514.932.3922.

Y residence looking for bilingual volunteers coordinator

The YMCA Residence on Tupper St. is looking for a bilingual volunteer (Spanish would also be an asset) to coordinate volunteers. Responsibilities include orientation, training, supervision and scheduling. For information, phone Martha Lopez at 514.932.5353, ext 2008 or email heloise.ouimet@ymcaquebec.org.

Zumba at Westmount Baptist

Westmount Baptist Church offers a free zumba and musical rhythm program every Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm for 7 to 12 year olds. The church is located at 411 Roslyn Ave. on the corner of Sherbrooke. For more information, call 514.937.1009.

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<div></div> <div><h2>ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES</h2><h3>Galerie : appel de dossiers</h3><p>La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2012-2013. Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes émergeants ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure 10 images d'œuvres récentes; une liste des œuvres présentées et les renseignements s'y rattachant (titre, grandeur, année, etc.); un court curriculum vitae ainsi qu'un exposé portant sur la démarche artistique du candidat. Les artistes sont également invités à proposer jusqu'à cinq œuvres pour une exposition de groupe.</p><p>Période d'inscription : du 15 février au 15 avril. Les dossiers doivent être envoyés au soin du Comité de sélection, Victoria Hall, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 ou déposés au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Info : 514 989-5521. 🌿</p></div>		<div></div> <div><h2>COMMUNITY EVENTS</h2><h3>Gallery: Call for projects</h3><p>The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces its Call for projects for its 2012-2013 exhibition season. Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include 10 images of recent works; a list of the photographs submitted, including title, size, year completed, etc.; a short résumé and an artist's statement. Artists may also apply to participate in a group exhibition (maximum 5 images).</p><p>Application period: February 15 to April 15. Please forward your project to: Gallery Selection Committee, Victoria Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, H3Z 1E2 or deliver it to Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. Info: 514 989-5521. 🌿</p></div>	
<div></div> <div><h2>DATES À RETENIR</h2><p>Jusqu'au 4 février Exposition : Donato Damiano et Margaret White Galerie du Victoria Hall</p><p>Le 6 février – 12 h 30 Film : Grace, Milly, Lucy ... fillettes soldates Victoria Hall</p><p>Le 6 février – 20 h Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville</p></div>		<div></div> <div><h2>DATEBOOK</h2><p>Until February 4 Exhibition: Donato Damiano and Margaret White Gallery at Victoria Hall</p><p>February 6 – 12:30 p.m. Film: Grace, Milly, Lucy ... fillettes soldates Victoria Hall</p><p>February 6 – 8 p.m. Council Meeting City Hall</p></div>	
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<div></div> <div><h2>TRAVAUX PUBLICS</h2><h3>Bacs à compost gratuits</h3><p>Les résidents qui participent à la collecte des résidus verts à Westmount peuvent se procurer gratuitement un petit bac de cuisine. Il suffit de se présenter avec une preuve de résidence soit à la réception de l'hôtel de ville, au bureau du Victoria Hall ou au bureau du Service des travaux publics entre 8 h 30 et 16 h 30 du lundi au vendredi. N.B.: un seul bac sera distribué par foyer. Info : 514 989-5390. 🌿</p></div>		<div></div> <div><h2>PUBLIC WORKS</h2><h3>Free compost containers</h3><p>Residents that participate in the Green Bin Programme may obtain a free kitchen container for compostable waste. Just bring a proof of residence to City Hall reception, to the Victoria Hall office or to the Public Works office anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Only one container will be distributed per household. Info: 514 989-5390. 🌿</p></div>	

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- Le vendredi 3 février :** Soirée Westmount à Rio* (Victoria Hall)
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- Le samedi 4 février :** Plaisirs givrés au parc Westmount et à l'Aréna
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- Thursday, February 2:** Seniors' Lunch (Westmount Park Church)
Westmount Winter Classic (Prince Albert Park)
- Friday, February 3:** Westmount in Rio Night* (Victoria Hall)
*Tickets available at Victoria Hall
- Saturday, February 4:** Frosty Fun at Westmount Park and the Arena
Art Studio, Bowser and Blue* (Victoria Hall)
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Consult the website for the complete schedule.

Guerlain glam at Galerie d'Este with the



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount's Galerie d'Este held a chic Parisian-style soirée on November 28. The private cocktail celebrated the Canadian première of Guerlain's "The Bee with Golden Wings," a new fragrance called Paradis Interdit and one in a series of perfume bottles for collectors. The Bee – a Baccarat crystal sculpture – was available for \$24,000, and only 57 were made for discerning collectors: and yes, there are some in Montreal!

The evening's theme was "The Art of Collecting." Robert Poulin of La Peau de

l'Ours spoke on art collecting. Guerlain Canadian president **François Carlier** showed different Guerlain bottles collected by connoisseurs all over the world.

D'Este owner Westmounter **Mark Leibner** welcomed guests with his wife **Louise**, and daughter **Samara**, along with gallery staff **Daisy Lilly Best**, and **Kika Armata** (daughter of artist Ludmila Armata).

Attending from Guerlain were **Sandrine Briatte**, marketing director, and **Julie Couture**, fragrance product manager. As they sipped Moët & Chandon, guests were offered private scent consultations. How fabulously French is that!

A selection of perfume bottles and their fragrances were on display for a fan-packed weekend at the gallery, which chose three artists' works to reflect the Guerlain moment – Jean-Paul Riopelle, Jean-Pierre Ruel and Angela Grossmann, whose work is in the permanent collection of the National Gallery of Canada.

Guests enjoying the bubbly included interior designer and *Independent* columnist **Aurelien Guillory**, lawyer **Daniel Drapeau**, singer **Athésia**, and Westmounters **Tina** and **Stan Leibner**,
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Westmounter Mark Leibner, Robert Poulin and François Carlier.

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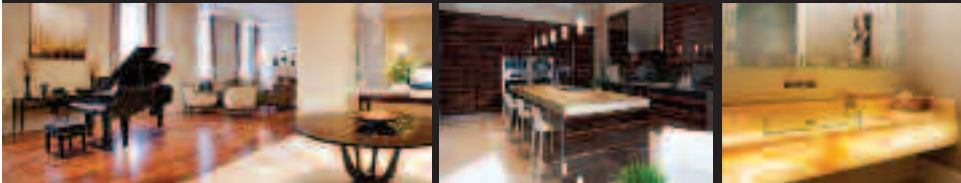
Hammerschmid, Mary-Anne Ferguson,
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