

Summer come early?

The playground was full of kids at Murray Park on March 20. The temperature was a record-breaking 24°C. Photo: Ralph Thompson

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Residents can weigh in before April 20

## Traffic study finds levels back to pre-Ville Marie days

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's quality of life is increasingly compromised by the impact of 111,000 circulating vehicles on an average workday of which 60 percent use the city's streets as "convenient highways to get

downtown and back." In addition, parking demands cannot be met.

These are two of the findings from the city's ongoing traffic study by consultants that are among those being sent to residents this week by Mayor Peter Trent.

An accompanying questionnaire requesting comments and priorities can be returned before April 20.

The volume and speed of vehicular traffic "can at times reach ..... nearly intolerable levels," *continued on p. 5*

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## How did the car end up in the wading pool?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's a mystery that leaves officers still scratching their heads.

Exactly how did a car end up in the Melville wading pond at Westmount Park in the wee hours of Saturday morning on March 17, St. Patrick's Day? Even with the parking brake on and the doors locked?

Recorded by Public Security as a "run-away vehicle," the mystery began to gain momentum when officers attended the scene to see the driverless Suzuki sitting in the pond. They secured the area with danger tape to indicate the issue was being dealt with.

When they met with the owner on the scene at 10:57 am, he related he had parked the 4X4 securely on Mount Stephen in the first parking spot above Sherbrooke at 4 am with the alarm on.

While the trajectory lined up with the position of the vehicle, it was not clear how it had picked up enough speed on the flat to roll across the busy street, jump the curb, plow through a hedge and land in

the pond. An unknown "witness" stated the vehicle had run away in exactly this manner.

Still puzzled, Public Security officials later went out to try to re-enact the theory. Parking their vehicle in the same spot in neutral and without any hand brake in place, "all we could get it ..... to do was roll ahead about *continued on p. 19*

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‘Smart’ hydro meters not dazzling Westmount – yet

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

In light of the recent hearings into plans by Hydro Quebec to install smart meters for its customers, there are no plans to follow suit in Westmount, according to city director general Duncan Campbell.

“We are waiting to see how the Hydro Quebec pilot projects fare before moving ahead,” he explained last week. “There is concern over the acceptability of these devices.” Among some concerns voiced at the hearings are emissions of radio-frequency radiation associated with wireless transmission.

The smart meters transmit electrical consumption at various times during the day enabling more precise usage than meter readings taken every couple of months.

“In general terms, the use of variable electrical rates makes sense both to Hydro and the consumer,” Campbell pointed out. On the other hand, it would require a “re-think of how we collect data.”

The city would also need time to change meters, and manage a dual system

until all are changed.

“If the province mandates a green energy program like in Ontario, we will have no choice but to go in this direction,” he added. In Ontario, rates vary according to the time of day to encourage people to use laundry machines and other high-consumption items during off-peak times.

On the other hand, reports indicate that Hydro Quebec does not plan to implement this time-of-use pricing.

Westmount is in the throes of trying to upgrade the city’s basic network, a costly process that is the current priority.

‘Summer’ brings rash of graffiti

Summer-like weather has brought out a wave of graffiti in Westmount, said Public Security officials. Between March 14 and 23, the department logged more than a dozen reports of markings and sprayings, mostly in the commercial areas. No one was caught in the act.

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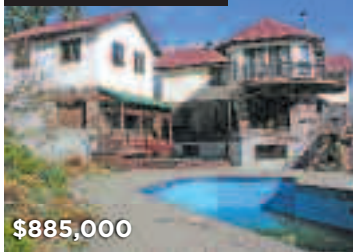
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*City aims to reduce possible irritants*

# Overnight work on new train track to start soon

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Just as construction of the arena/pool project approaches comes news that Westmount residents to the south face six months of railway work to extend an abandoned track from Irvine Ave. westward to improve and increase commuter train service.

The first two weeks of the six-month project are to take place overnight, said District 7 councillor Cynthia Lulham in announcing the project last week. This is when the new rail bed will be built.

It is work that has to be done at night to protect workers from the busy daytime rail traffic, explained city director general Duncan Campbell.

The work is expected to start at the end of April or beginning of May.

This phase, seen to be the most disruptive, involves trucking rock and other fill to the site. After the rail bed is built, the track will be laid, three new signals installed at the foot of Irvine and new switches added.

Lulham, Campbell and city Public Works officials met February 28 with project planners from CP and the AMT (Agence Métropolitaine de Transport).

## *Sensitize workers*

This enabled the city to intervene before work starts regarding, in particular, road access to the work site, Lulham explained.

“We don’t want the trucks using Irvine, Lewis and Blenheim Place. We also asked that the workers be sensitized to the fact that people are sleeping at 3 am and don’t want to hear loud voices and laughter,” she said.

As a result, the anticipated access, Campbell said, is the railway gate off the south side of St. Catherine at its curve east

of Claremont, at the end of York St.

“If that is what is decided, then we’ll have to open up a portion of the concrete median on St. Catherine to allow passage for the trucks,” he said. “Part of the deal is that when they finish, they’ll clean up that area. It’s a mess.”

While the track and ties are expected to be laid this summer and fall, the actual ballasting of the track (the process to spread it with crushed rock and lift it for use) would likely be undertaken only next year once the new railway bridge at Decarie is completed, he explained. “But plans can change. And because that can be a dusty process, I told them we wanted them to use wet gravel.”

*Used by 30,000*

The work in Westmount is part of a project to resurrect an old third track in the rail corridor used by three commuter lines that carry some 30,000 passengers a

day through Ville Marie, Westmount, NDG and Montreal West, Lulham explained. These are the Vaudreuil-Hudson line to the West Island as well as the two lines that branch off at Ville St. Pierre to north-shore Blainville-St. Jérôme and south-shore Candiac.

The project also includes work to enlarge the station platform at Vendôme, which is not expected to impact most

Westmounters.

Campbell said the work is being undertaken by CP (which owns the tracks) to enable the AMT to increase the number and frequency of trains that now use only two tracks.

Lulham also sees the big benefit of a third track as allowing for shunting and for bypassing a train that ..... continued on p. 7

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# Two cars stolen, from upper and lower Westmount

A pair of cars was stolen recently in Westmount, but under very different circumstances, say police.

Sometime between 4:30 pm on March 15 and 8 am on March 16, a suspect stole an Audi from a home’s garage in upper Westmount.

“The resident was out of town, and he was having work done on his house,” said Station 12 Constable Adalbert Pimentel. “When the workers returned on the morning of the 16th, they discovered the car was no longer in the garage.”

Police say there were no clues or witnesses to this event.

A 31-year-old Laval man had his 2003 black Nissan Altima stolen from a parking garage on Tupper between Gladstone and Atwater.

The incident happened between 4:45 pm on March 22 and 12:30 am on March 23 inside the building’s garage.

“There were no signs of forced entry, like smashed glass on the ground,” said Pimentel. “And nothing was picked up on the building’s security camera.” – DG

# City beefing up anti-abuse policy

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is tightening up its zero tolerance policy toward abuse of city workers, Public Security director Dave Sedgwick said last week.

In cases where an employee chooses not to lay an official complaint against an aggressor that may lead to court action, the city will, he said.

Over the years, parking inspectors in particular have become targets for abuse by irate parkers receiving tickets, he explained. And there have been situations where, for one reason or another, the inspector has declined to press charges.

“We simply can’t have people pulling at their jackets, shoving them or acting in a threatening manner,” he said. The decision was taken in the wake of a couple of recent incidents reported to the *Independent* where police were called but, after the fact, no action was taken.

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# Diagnosing traffic problems

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Trent writes, a comment for which he has no apologies, he told the *Independent*.

“Our Genivar consultants expressed some concern that my letter was fairly direct and that people reading it may think there are miracle solutions.”

But he said, “From a layman’s perspective, on many streets traffic is indeed intolerable. The real problem is the through traffic, and I think even though there are no simple and quick solutions, we should at least know what the problem is. It’s like being diagnosed with an illness for which there is no easy treatment.”

But despite the study’s diagnosis, he added, “I will not put up walls around the city but surely there are innovative solutions such as public transit. The important thing is to figure out what’s going on.”

He found it significant to note that traffic through Westmount had diminished substantially after the building of the Ville Marie Expressway “but now we’re chock-a-block back to pre-1970,” based on traffic studies at that time.

Among other interesting findings, he said, is the road blockage on Sherbrooke starting at Grosvenor and leading onto the Decarie Expressway.”

In Trent’s letter he points out that the study’s findings show that while 6,340 Westmounters work outside Westmount, 11,395 non-residents come to the city to work and an equivalent number to attend the 15 schools (excluding pre-schools and daycares).

Selected data tables and maps are included in the mailing. These include traffic and cycling volumes, the number of workday trips within and to-and-from Westmount from various districts, as well as peak-hour congestion points.

Also included are depictions of vehicle volumes at entry and exit points, the classification of streets as arterial, collector or

residential, posted speed limits, pedestrian activity and the types of transportation used by Westmounters from various districts to get to work.

Residents are being asked to list their priorities for traffic and active transportation from 13 objectives identified by the study (see separate list). Personal comments also are sought. A pre-stamped postcard is included with the mailing, but responses also may be made by email, all before April 20.

A public meeting is expected to take place at the end of May on the draft master traffic plan.

## Traffic objectives – what’s your priority?

The first seven of these 13 objectives identified by the traffic study have been prioritized by city council. Residents are asked to arrange them according to their own priorities.

1. Reduce through traffic, especially on local streets
2. Reduce and manage vehicular speeds
3. Ensure the provision of a safe transportation system
4. Enhance walking conditions
5. Enhance cycling conditions
6. Ensure public transit is an alternative choice
7. Better manage parking
8. Minimize congestion and travel delays for all users
9. Minimize the effects of external projects
10. Provide alternatives to vehicle ownership
11. Ensure proper management of truck routes and deliveries
12. Optimize traffic on collector and arterial streets
13. Reduce noise and pollution generated by the transportation system.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## C'MON PEOPLE – PICK UP!

Westmount is friendly to dogs and dog owners, but are there limits?

I walk up and down the steps from Upper Roslyn to The Boulevard two or three times a month. A few months ago, I noticed a large deposit of dog (what's the polite word?) excrement almost at the top of the steps that had been trodden on and hence spread around. What a pity, I thought.

A month or so later the same thing, not so bad this time because with the snow clearing etc., it soon disappeared.

Yet again a few weeks ago, exactly the same thing was in exactly the same spot, but this time the pile was new. Since I had a plastic bag (I used to have a dog), I picked it up and dropped it off in the nearby garbage bin.

As you can guess ... last week yet another deposit was there already spread around. A couple of days later a new, but rather small moist pile of fresh stuff was in place. As of March 22, the stuff is spread over no less than six steps.

So what to make of this? Clearly we have a regular dog walker or owner who uses these steps and never ever bothers to pick up the dog poo. It is obviously a big dog. It is a perfect example of total selfishness.

Let the rest of us hope that either the

person reads this letter and feels enough shame to change or someone in the vicinity, by a remarkable chance, witnesses the act, reports it to Public Security and somehow the villain is punished.

DENNIS CREAMER, SHERBROOKE ST.

## LOSING A QUIET SPACE IN WESTMOUNT PARK

That the Lansdowne dog run is to be relocated to the Shakespeare site is in essence what the article on p. 12 of the March 13 issue indicates. I trust that this is not the final decision, because I thought that something as major as taking over an important section of the park and fencing it off would be of interest to all park users.

This space is commonly used by the preschool toddlers as an area to get some fresh air and exercise, and is one of the last free areas like this.

Older people like me find this area to be a clean, quiet and restful place for contemplation. A dog run with a high fence around it will completely destroy the character of this space. I hope that before the change is made, those of us who do not like this decision will have a chance to voice our disapprovals.

MARGARET HOOTON, CLARKE AVE.

*Editor's note: For clarity, we understand that this is a temporary re-location of the dog run.*  
– KM

## SQUIRRELS ENGAGING IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

The *Independent* correctly reported last week that Hydro Quebec had to cut power to Westmount because a squirrel caused a short circuit by hopping between wires. ("Did clocks go haywire? Blame the squirrel," March 20, p. 8).

What the *Independent* failed to report was that this was a calculated act of squirrel mayhem!

That's right! Deliberate sabotage from your rodent brethren. The last couple of weeks have been a disgraceful embarrassment to both the squirrels and humans of Westmount. We became the laughing stock of the nation when the *National Post* reported that a Westmount resident was being surveyed by an undercover Public

Security officer for the crime of feeding squirrels.

I've often written of Westmount Public Security's flagrant contempt for squirrels, but it is now clear that their contempt borders on the fanatical!

And so the Westmount Squirrel Anti-Defamation Taskforce is upping its game too. We squirrels will be non-violently occupying the parks and green spaces of Westmount until Public Security acknowledges their inappropriate fanatical bias against squirrels! As for upcoming acts of squirrel mayhem: Be careful Westmounters and continue pressuring Public Security to change.

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## Bridgman, Matossian re-unite with Nancy Greene Raine

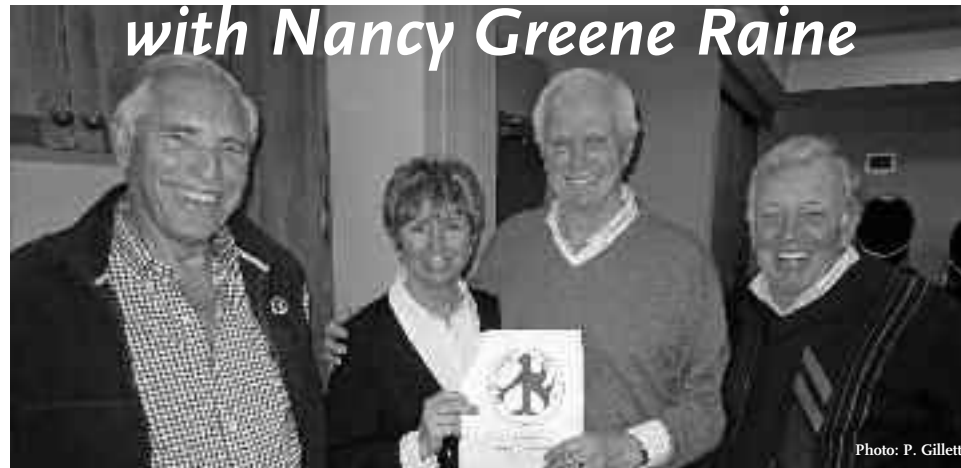


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From left, long-time Westmounter and former city councillor John Bridgman, former champion alpine ski competitor Nancy Greene Raine, long-time Westmounter and also former councillor Nicolas Matossian, and Nancy's husband Al Raine, mayor of Sun Peaks, BC. On a ski trip to Olympian, which is now Senator Nancy Greene's ski resort in Sun Peaks BC, Bridgman and Matossian got together with the Raine's to reminisce of "past glory days." Bridgman, Matossian and Greene Raine are long-time members of McGill University's Red Bird Ski Club. Above, Matossian holds the results of the 1964 Quebec Kandahar ski race, then one of three international ski events held in Canada. In it Greene Raine placed first in the women's division and Matossian, who was captain of the McGill ski team, placed seventh in the men's division. Greene Raine went on to win an Olympic gold in Grenoble.

## Free Press reports

# Security, snow dump and graffiti

In Hampstead, the *Free Press* reported that the town will not sign on to a security initiative by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

In Côte St. Luc, the paper reported that the city will be spending up to \$10,000 to accelerate the melting of its snow dump, which is black from dirt and can last until August.

In NDG, the paper reported that the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough will begin enforcement of its graffiti clean-up law, which requires that larger landlords remove illegal graffiti from their buildings.

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## Dawson Blues take gold provincially, silver at nationals



The women's basketball Division 1 Dawson Blues captured the gold medal in the RSEQ Provincial Championships the weekend of March 10, when they defeated the St. Foy Dynamiques 71 to 62. The Blues were led by tournament all stars Janice Quintos, Richelle Gregoire and by tournament MVP Marylise Roy-Viau, who scored 27 points in 34 minutes in the final. More recently, the team, seeded second nationally, brought home a silver medal from Lethbridge, Alberta in the CCAA National Championships, March 13 to 17, losing to St. Foy in the final game (above). Westmounters include player Victoria Maughan and assistant coach Amanda Maks.

Photo courtesy of Dawson College

## Train track

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Fortunately, she added, the third track is located to the south of the other two and further away from houses, which should help reduce noise somewhat. As well, the new track will be welded rail, which reduces vibration and the click-clack of wheels going over joints.

She is also pleased the overnight portion will take place before the summer when residents will likely want to open windows.

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# City may okay MUHC worker foot traffic on Glen Rd. access



SNC-Lavalin's Riccardo Arena updates the public on the MUHC project.

BY ISAAC OLSON

With hundreds of construction workers already pouring onto the superhospital site every day and thousands more to come, McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) officials are scrambling to find parking for the flood of personal vehicles that are already maxing out the on-site lot and causing headaches for the neighbouring Côte de Neiges-NDG borough.

The MUHC is now turning to Westmount for help.

During the March 20 meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee, SNC-Lavalin vice president Riccardo Arena said one potential plan is to construct a temporary, two-storey parking garage on the Westmount side of the site. Currently there is a temporary 900-stall gravel lot on Westmount's residentially zoned portion of the former Glen Yards. SNC-Lavalin spokesperson Diane Rivard said another plan in review is to have workers park in a rented private lot, such as the Home Depot's, and hike up the Glen Rd. emergency access route.

When construction peaks this coming fall, some 2,350 builders and professionals will be on site every day with up to 45

percent using mass transit. At least 200 temporary spots will be added to the site and, along with an access point from the Vendôme train platform, free parking is available at the MUHC-owned 5100 de Maisonneuve.

However, Westmount director general Duncan Campbell said adding a temporary parking garage to the site has not been discussed and, without anything official on the table, he doesn't have any input on the suggestion. But, he confirmed discussions are under way to allow a controlled access point off Glen Rd. The road is supposed to be for emergency evacuations once the hospital is operational. So far, he said, Westmount is not opposed to allowing workers a gated, secure entry point as long as they are on foot.

"It's a controlled access gate much like they have off Decarie," said Campbell. "It will be a temporary arrangement while the construction is going on ... We've talked about it a couple times. We are still waiting on a more official plan, but we have not said no."

During the meeting, Westmounter Roger Jochym again pressed for details on a second hospital access point from de Maisonneuve Blvd. Currently, the plan is to continue the Vendôme Metro station's tunnel under the train tracks and up into an open-air plaza just west of the hospital's main entrance. There is also discussion of a second entrance in the form of a bridge or tunnel just east of the Metro station, but the MUHC's Pierre Major said efforts to generate funding for this project are still ongoing.

Maureen Kiely of the Westmount Municipal Association and Concertation Interquartier (CIQ) asked for clarification on building heights and access from the St. Jacques side of the site, which will have gated employee parking. Along those lines, Westmounter Bridget Blackader, also involved with the CIQ, asked for more information about having an elevator or other assistance for people attempting to access the hospital from the Southwest Borough.

Additionally, she enquired about a plan to have an open-air play area near the incoming Shriner's hospital that would, she said, be susceptible to air pollution.

Blackader was reminded the meetings are for updates on the current state of projects around the MUHC and to look ahead at the next month of construction. In a later interview, Blackader expressed frustration with limited information, saying it is "extremely difficult to get answers." Communication, she said, is a "real problem."

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# Sherbrooke to Bulmer shortcut cut short



From a passageway looking north through a gate that has been installed between the buildings at 5010 and 5026 on Sherbrooke.

BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

Westmounters walking on the south side of Sherbrooke between Claremont and Grey may have noticed that the narrow passageway sandwiched between the Pickwick Arms apartment block and the Taj Mahal restaurant has been blocked by a large metal gate.

For years, the passageway has been a popular shortcut to north-south Bulmer Ave., which stretches from de Maisonneuve north to the back of the Sherbrooke St. buildings and the Pharmaprix parking

## Computers stolen from Sherbrooke St. doctor's office

Police have no clues after two computers were stolen from a doctor's office on Sherbrooke St.

Police say the office was closed for lunch between 1:15 and 2 pm on March 16. Staff told police they locked the door before leaving.

"When they returned, the door was still locked, but we believe the suspect forced the door open," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel. "Stolen were two Dell computers – one laptop and one desktop. A third computer was not taken."

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lot off Grey Ave.

Recently, the owners of the apartment building and laneway, Cromwell Management, put up a gate blocking access.

It also installed a long fence along the southern perimeter of its building that runs east to Claremont. The fence separates the Pickwick Arms from the apartment block immediately south, which faces onto Claremont.

A bartender from Liquid Lounge, the bar on the ground floor of the building that forms the western edge of the laneway, said that the passageway should remain open for safety. "For me personally, it's a safety issue. I think it's unsafe because if you are trying to get through it and use it to escape a situation, you just can't duck into it anymore if someone is following you."

The gate is not locked. But once inside the laneway from Sherbrooke, you travel south to the fence that forces you eastwards to Claremont through a narrow passageway behind the Pickwick Arms.

Anselmo Magliocca, property manager for the Pickwick Arms, told the *Independent* that the fence was put up to keep a clean environment. "We were having

## Missing parking meter found intact

A double-headed parking meter with its base was found behind 245 Victoria March 19. It was turned over to public safety officers flagged down by the finder at 11:02 am. The meter was a missing one that had apparently been knocked over by a truck backing up on March 13 at Victoria and de Maisonneuve. It was not damaged.



A view of the fence that runs from the southwest end of the Pickwick Arms building, from Bulmer where it opens onto Claremont to the east.

problems with graffiti spraying, drug smoking and some people using the place as a toilet. This, as well as people hanging around in the alleyway caused some disturbance to our tenants. So we felt it may deter them from hanging out there."

Westmount Urban Planning confirmed

that Cromwell applied for a permit to erect the fence about a year ago, and that it received the permit. The department also said that it is part of the Cromwell property, and there is no public right of way for this laneway, even though it has been used by the public for decades.


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A look at Westmount's churches

Westmount Baptist reaching out to community

By Martin C. Barry

When Brian Berry first arrived at Westmount Baptist Church as its new pastor almost two years ago, he wasn't completely sure at first that he was at the right address.

Initially, he thought that what he was looking at wasn't a church at all. From the outside, the church at the corner of Roslyn and Sherbrooke could easily have passed for a bank or a museum.

That perhaps is the impression that others also get from the temple-like entrance of Westmount Baptist, and Berry wants to change that.

When he first took charge as the new pastor at the church about a year-and-a-half ago, he found that few people seemed to know much about Westmount Baptist.

"Our intent is to reach out into the community," he said in an interview with the *Independent*.

Berry, who discovered a new calling in the Baptist ministry following a lengthy career as an information technology executive, would be the first to acknowledge that the distinctions are blurring between the



Westmount Baptist pastor Brian Berry sees the role of his church becoming more of a community centre.

traditional concept of a church and a new definition which focuses more on community.

"Churches today find themselves in shopping centres, in schools and so on," he said, adding that Westmount Baptist

sees itself as both a church and a community centre.

However, Westmount Baptist's membership is significantly different today from what it was 15 or so years ago.

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# Bethel Gospel Chapel quietly worships

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Situated at the corner of Olivier Ave. and de Maisonneuve Blvd., Bethel Gospel Chapel is a familiar site to many West-mounters, although they may not know as much about the activity within.

For anyone who has often passed by this usually quiet church and seen it only from the outside, the inside could indeed be a quite a revelation.

The interior furnishings include a special holding tank behind a mauve curtain for baptism by immersion. Above it, a

large inscription in Gothic lettering proclaims “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

“It is considered a heritage building, and as I understand we cannot change the exterior façade,” said Carl Worrell, one of two elders who oversee upkeep and management.

While the congregation is autonomous, it is affiliated with the Christian Brethren Churches, an organization founded during the early 1940s to represent member “assemblies” across Quebec. There are

several other Christian Brethren churches in the Montreal area. Members will often address each other as “brother” and “sister.”

According to Worrell, the Bethel Gospel Chapel building was originally a Baptist church when first constructed a century or so ago. During those earlier years, it was home to several Baptist congregations.

At one point, the building was acquired by followers of the Sev- .....  
enth Day Adventist faith. *continued on p. 18*



Some of the 90 members of Bethel Gospel Chapel are seen following a Lord's Supper service in February.

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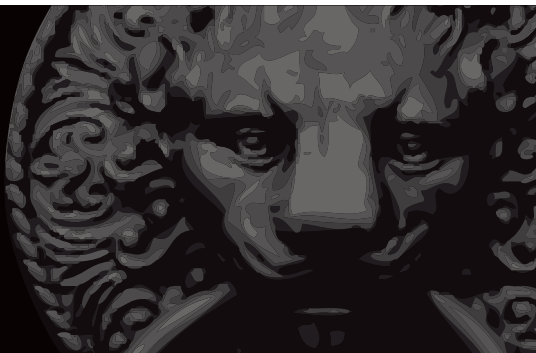




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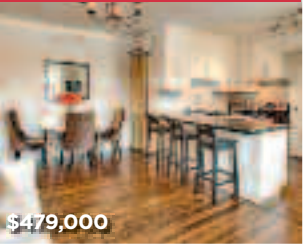
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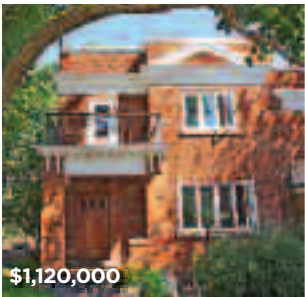
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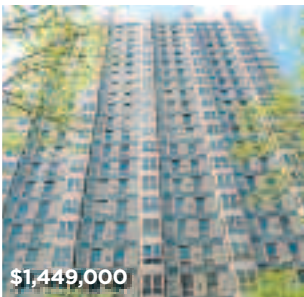
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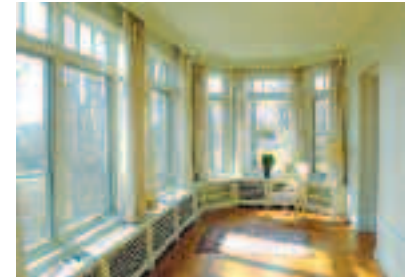
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First of all, he has a wonderful personality and is always ready to get into the action – whether it be a walk or a play in the yard. He is a true beagle, loves to be active, let that be *needs* to be active, preferably outdoors where his fabulous sense of smell can come alive with the seasons.

There are few things he enjoys more than a walk with his humans and leisure time to be able to stop and smell the roses.



Dudley

Dudley is a neat freak and everything has to be just so. Not only is he clean in the house, but when he beds down for the night he likes to put his own blanket on his bed for extra coziness. This is a nightly ritual.

But with these cute tics also come some harder ones to live with. The biggest bug about Dudley is that he suffers from separation anxiety. He gets upset and fearful when his humans take off and leave him to his own devices. His rescuers are confident that with some training and awareness, this separation anxiety can be cured, just like anything else.

But a home with someone who works from home or who is retired or independently wealthy would be the cat's meow for our Dudley.

Oh, and that brings up another quirk. He can't stand cats – either the sight or smell of them.

Hey, we are all entitled to our opinions, right? Are you someone who can see through the quirks right down to the core? If yes, then you will see a gem and not a dud in Dudley. Please contact Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) or page 514.203.9180.

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## Study alum Fialkowska to be awarded with a GG



Study alumna and concert pianist Janina Fialkowska ('67), left, was recently named a 2012 Governor General Performing Arts award winner. She is to receive a 2012 Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award (in classical music) on May 4 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Here she sits with Westmounter and fellow alumna Carrie Haber ('91) at her home in Connecticut, where Haber spent several days with her recently as the production manager and audio recordist for a piece on Fialkowska that can be found on [cbcmusic.ca/classical](http://cbcmusic.ca/classical).

Photo courtesy of The Study

## Wealth management advice based on security and stability

In an uncertain economy that has created challenges for many investment advisors and their clients, Denny Matte, Senior Vice President and Investment Advisor with Macquarie Private Wealth in Montreal, has delivered a steady investment approach that draws a dedicated following among the city's top entrepreneurs, business leaders and medical professionals. During the course of 25 years serving Montreal's high-net worth individuals and families, he has become one of Canada's leading experts in crafting customized investment portfolios that are built to last.

"The fundamental rule is that each portfolio must be constructed for the specific client," Mr. Matte explains. "You don't let the market environment decide what should be in the portfolio. You take control and carefully select investments that work for each individual situation."



What works for affluent investors in the current environment tends to be yield-producing investments, whether dividend-paying stocks or investment-grade corporate bonds. Balanced portfolios of this nature are able to deliver predictable returns and income regardless of how markets are behaving. Moreover, this strategy is more sophisticated than it would appear on the surface – Mr. Matte has a unique ability to source quality securities that go beyond what a standard broker can do. In addition, he manages these portfolios himself.

"Years ago, I discovered that third-party managers and mutual funds weren't matching the investment results that I was able to generate using my own skills and professional judgment," he says. "Clients began requesting that I dispense with that layer of fees and complexity – and I've been directing all portfolios ever since."

Matte credits the institutional strength of his firm, Macquarie Private Wealth, for providing an extensive range of investments to choose from. The global resources of Macquarie enable him to select stocks and bonds that most other firms simply don't have access to. As a result, Matte and his clients go beyond the standard off-the-shelf products to invest in securities that can provide better yields at a lower cost.

"My clients place a great deal of trust in my counsel, which is why I conduct regular portfolio updates with each of them on a monthly basis," Matte says. "This presents an opportunity to review the investment strategy and make any necessary adjustments. Ultimately, my clients value peace of mind, and that's what my professional counsel provides."

To arrange a private appointment with Denny Matte, visit his website at [dennymatte.com](http://dennymatte.com) for contact information.

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# Up it goes



Construction of the MUHC hospital at the Glen site, seen from St. Jacques St. just after 7 pm on March 21.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

# Bethel Gospel

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Bethel Gospel Chapel bought the building in 1972, after previously being located on St. Antoine St., just outside Westmount. Seemingly, the only time the assembly has drawn any local attention was in the early 1990s when a major construction project was undertaken. Since the church had been built without a basement, it was decided the time had come to add one. No small task as it meant lifting the entire building onto sturdy supports while the ground beneath was excavated. With around 90 regular members, Bethel Gospel Chapel holds a weekly “Lord’s Supper” service every Sunday at 10 am. This is followed by a family Bible hour and a Sunday school attended by about 45 children. At 6 pm on Sundays, there’s also a gospel meeting.

# Baptist

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“With the migration to Toronto we lost a lot of our base. There were a lot of professionals in this church, and they moved on.” According to Berry, the fact Westmount Baptist is located in an affluent part of Montreal isn’t necessarily a good thing. “People don’t think we have needs.” As it is, most of the church’s members are from all over the Montreal region, with relatively few actually residing in Westmount. Westmount Baptist can claim to be a truly multicultural and multilingual church. In addition to an English-language service on Saturday mornings, there’s a Chinese service on Saturday evenings, a Spanish service on Sunday afternoons, and a Presbyterian Korean-language service on Sunday nights.

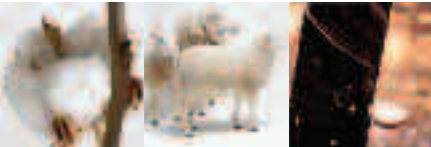
## Trucks needed permit for work at the Y

Workers blocking a lane and a half of Sherbrooke St. in front of the Westmount Y with two trucks March 19 were told they had to first obtain a permit from Public Works to occupy public property. Public Security officials said they were using a platform lift to replace a large section of concrete on top of the two decorative columns over the main entrance. The permit was received at 2:26 pm after an on-site visit by an inspector.

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Opal is a flame tortie with a caramel face that presents a paint stroke of black along her nose. She is strikingly beautiful, so loving and very playful.



Amber

Opal and Amber came to me to be fostered last fall. They both had newborn kittens and had been abandoned together with their little ones in an empty apartment. They were discovered by the building superintendent.

As an emergency placement was needed, the extra bedroom at home was put to good use as a safe haven for these two sisters and their kittens.

Now that most of the kittens have been adopted, it is time to



Opal

Her sister Amber is a charcoal tortie with a dark face, caramel collar and gold undertones in her fur. She is simply gorgeous, super cuddly and hilariously kitten-like. Both cats are about a year old, very healthy and ready for a forever family.

If you would like to find out more about Opal and Amber, or come over to visit them, please call me on my cell phone at 514.909.7186.

*Your neighbour, Lysanne*

## Woman bitten while separating fighting dogs

A woman living on Melville Ave. was bitten on the hand March 5 while trying to stop a fight between her dog and another in Summit Woods, Public Security officials said. The incident had apparently occurred at 7:30 am as the woman was playing ball with her dog. Two medium-size black dogs with white on the chest passed by, one starting to fight with her own.

The woman, who went to the Public Security station three days later to report the incident, showed officers her right hand, which had been bleeding and was still swollen. She was advised to seek medical care and told to keep an eye out for the dogs. They were reported to have been accompanied by a tall woman wearing a green coat.

## BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the March 19 meeting of city council.

**69 Summit Crescent:** to replace the windows and doors;

**44 Sunnyside:** to enclose the lower recessed basement level at the rear; to replace the windows and doors, modify the size of some openings; replace the balcony railing and install new wood veneer;

**4335 Westmount:** to replace the windows; **520 Argyle:** to create new openings at the rear;

**4912 Sherbrooke:** to install a sign for Videotron;

**577 Roslyn:** to redo the landscaping in the front;

**788 Upper Lansdowne:** to resurface the driveway with pavers;

**790 Upper Lansdowne:** to resurface the driveway with pavers as per above address, and do some landscaping including a terrace and planting areas;

**3040 Sherbrooke:** at Dawson College, a Category I\* building, to redo the landscaping and play area of the daycare;

**79 Holton:** to replace a window, enlarge an existing rear opening into a door and

build a new rear deck;

**312 Kensington:** to replace the windows; **344 Metcalfe:** at a Category I house, to landscape the property, relocate the swimming pool, demolish the garage and build a pool house;

**4470 Côte des Neiges:** to erect balconies on the Westmount façade of the apartment building being erected partly in Côte des Neiges/NDG and Westmount.

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## Mystery car

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a foot or two," said assistant director Greg McBain.

The owner was identified as a 25-year-old resident of St. Bernard de Lacolle near the US border.

While the only damage the vehicle seemed to have done to the park was a few scrapes on the rim of the pool, McBain said, the platform truck used to tow the vehicle out damaged the grass.

As a result Public Security reports were forwarded to the City Clerk's office for possible legal claim as well as to police for investigative purposes.

## Seen the chipmunk?

A chipmunk seen in a house on Forde Ave. March 18 could not be found when patrollers arrived at the home around 11:30 am. Public Security officials said it was not known whether or not the animal was still inside.



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# Stir it up!



**Elliott Cohen**

The Passover seder may be one of the great traditions of the Jewish faith, but it can also be an endurance test.

As the pre-meal chants and readings go on endlessly, empty stomachs begin to growl and

focus seems impossible. That glimmer of hope we've been waiting for? That euphoric moment when the charoset is passed around – otherwise known in my family as page 27. "With unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it," is recited while biting into the strange but delicious Passover "sandwich": matzoh, sinus-clearing horseradish and charoset – a sweet concoction that, depending on provenance, can be made from apples and walnuts, dates and pistachios or any number of other ingredients, usually held together with kosher wine.

One of the most beloved of Jewish dishes, it concludes the ceremony and the festival meal can finally begin.

## Passover charoset

Here's a charoset recipe that I'm sure you will enjoy.

## Fig and port wine charoset

Makes about 2 cups.

- 1 cup ruby port (Kedem kosher for Passover)
- 1 cup black mission figs
- 3 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 cups finely chopped vidalia sweet onions
- 1/3 cup pine nuts (lightly toasted, optional)
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper

In small saucepan, combine port and figs. Set over high heat and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered until figs are softened and port is slightly reduced, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large heavy-bottomed skillet over moderately high heat, heat oil. Add onions and cook, stirring often until lightly caramelized, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

In large bowl, combine fig/port mixture, onions, pine nuts and pepper. Serve at room temperature.

## Easter meal

Although coloured hard-boiled eggs are probably the first Easter food we think of, other foods factor into traditional Easter meals around the world.

The roast lamb dinner that most eat on Easter Sunday goes back earlier than

Easter to the first Passover of the Jewish people. As Jews converted to Christianity, they naturally brought their traditions along with them. The Christians often refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God. Thus the traditions merged. In the United States, ham is the traditional Easter food.

Here is a simple yummy ham recipe. Note that a spiral ham is a pre-sliced ham that holds together for a beautiful presentation.

## Spiral ham with orange-mustard glaze

Serves 12.

1 jar (12 oz.) orange marmalade

3 tbsp. Dijon mustard  
1 fully cooked 7-8 pound spiral bone-in half ham

Preheat oven to 325°F. You'll need a roasting pan with non-stick foil.

Combine marmalade and Dijon in a small bowl. Place ham in the roasting pan and brush on some of the glaze. Cover loosely and bake according to package instructions. Brush on more glaze half way through.

Serve ham, drizzling remaining glaze over slices.



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## Retail Watch

By MARTIN C. BARRY

### Little Bear on the move soon

After more than 15 years at 4205 St. Catherine St. near Greene Ave., Animalerie Little Bear will soon be on the move



Little Bear employee Alicia Moynan.

– although it's not going far. Charles Altman's popular pet supplies boutique is relocating kitty-corner across the street to the former Movieland retail space. The move should be completed by June 1. "We're going to have some of the same things that people love buying, as well as new stuff," said employee Alicia Moynan, noting that there will be a lot more room at the new address.

### Videotron opens point of service in Westmount

There's a new kid on block on Sherbrooke St. The retail space at 4912 Sherbrooke, formerly housing Bead It, was taken over on March 2 by cable, internet and wireless provider Videotron as its new point of service. Besides the company's ubiquitous cable offering, also available at the store are home phone, cell phone and smart phone services for business and residential clients. Videotron bills can also be



Videotron store on Sherbrooke.

paid at the outlet.

*The content in Retail Watch is researched and written by the Independent. Businesses that appear do not pay for or approve what is written.*

## New senior scam

Police in the West End are warning seniors to be cautious after an incident that occurred on the West Island.

A senior who had withdrawn \$1,000 from an ATM on Sources Blvd. was approached by the suspect after getting into her car on January 27.

"The suspect told her she had a flat tire, and when she got out of her to check the tire, the suspect took her purse, which she had left on her front seat," said De Angelis.

Police say the incident was reported much later to police, who have sent flyers to all stations in the western sector.

"When you withdraw money, never lose sight of where that money is," said De Angelis. "In this case, the victim should have rolled down her window just a little and spoken with the suspect. She could have waited for him to leave the area, and she should have kept her cell phone with her, ready to make a call in case she needed to."



# Comin' Up

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Public consultation meeting on **zoning amendment** to allow a restaurant at a Category I heritage building at 4192 St. Catherine St., 7 pm at city hall (see story March 13, p. 9).

- **“Platero et moi,”** 7 pm at Victoria Hall. Part theatre, storytelling and music. Based on the story by Juan Ramon Jiménez. Free passes available at the Community Events office in Victoria Hall.

- **Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd,** 2 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Info: Donna Lach 514.989.5386.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- Meeting for residents of Melville (north of de Maisonneuve), Abbott and 4500-4550 St. Catherine to hear about plans to reduce construction impact from the **arena/pool project**, 7 pm at the lawn bowling clubhouse.

- **Le Groupe MusiArt**, the choir of the MUHC department of psychiatry directed by Marie-France Boudreault, performs a variety of choral music in English and French, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free. CD will be on sale. Info: [www.atwaterlibrary.ca/events](http://www.atwaterlibrary.ca/events).

## FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Quality used **book sale at Centre Greene**, 10 am to 7 pm. Also, Saturday March 31, from 10 am to 3 pm. Sale proceeds to go to the centre's summer camp fund. Books can be donated up to March 29. Info: 514.931.6202. 1090 Greene Ave.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

- **Soles4Souls** shoe drive for the month of April will be launched at Foot Solutions (368 Victoria Ave.), from 10 am to 5 pm. Drop-off locations in Westmount for used shoes include Foot Solutions, Centre Greene, Running Room and Dawson College. Info: [s4smontreal@gmail.com](mailto:s4smontreal@gmail.com) or 514.487.9675.

- **Earth Hour** information exhibits, music, movie and stargazing presented by city of Westmount and Westmount Healthy City Project at Victoria Hall, 6 pm to 10 pm. Residents can also participate in Earth Hour by turning off lights from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

- City of Westmount's Earth Hour committee presents **musical entertainment**, 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Performers include Westmounters Peter Weldon, Ralph Thompson and Wanda Potrykus, Jane McGarrigle, Wayne Larsen and Alan Jones. Audience participation for sing-along. Cash bar. Info: Stan Grossman 514.485.3339.

- Earth Hour, shopping party at **Lolë Westmount**, 4868 Sherbrooke St. 7 to 8 pm; free yoga class by candlelight by Westmounter Lauren Rudick, 8 to 9 pm; and meditation 9 to 9:30 pm. Info: 514.419.1798.

- Vernissage of annual student exhibition

at **McClure Gallery**, 350 Victoria Ave., 12 pm. Exhibition runs from Friday, March 30 to Saturday, April 21.

- **Centre Greene arts and crafts** program for kids aged 5 and over, 10:30 am to 12 pm. Cost: \$5 drop-in. 1090 Greene Ave. Info: [www.centregreene.org](http://www.centregreene.org) or 514.931.6202.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Sunday concert with Tim Dobby, **classical guitarist**, 2 pm in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. Admission: \$12; for people over 60 or students, and advance tickets \$10. Refreshments.

## MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

ArtNow speakers and artists **Mary Hayes** and **Homeira Mortazavi**, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free. Info: Pierre Le Gourriérec at Avenue des Arts 514.843.1881.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- “Words and Music” presents **“The Music of Japan”** with Bruno Deschênes, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library.

- Larry Weller reviews **Solar** by Ian McEwan, 9:30 am for coffee and pastry; 10 am for review at Temple Emanu-El-Beth. Info: 514.937.3575, ext. 217. Cost: \$8.

- Ghada Begdache, **feng shui** consultant, gives a talk on “Change your home, change your life,” 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free. 1200 Atwater Ave.



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Ce règlement a pour objet de remplacer le Règlement 884 concernant la cueillette des ordures afin de traiter des matières recyclables, des déchets de jardin et des déchets organiques. De nouvelles définitions, de nouvelles heures pour la collecte, ainsi que des listes de matières recyclables, de déchets interdits et de récipients approuvés sont ajoutées.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur le 1<sup>er</sup> avril 2012.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 27 mars 2012.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1425

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1425 entitled “**WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on February 6, 2012.


The object of this by-law is to replace the existing Garbage By-law No. 884 in order to address recyclable materials, yard waste, and organic waste. New definitions, revised hours of collection as well as lists of recyclable material, prohibited waste, approved containers are added.

This by-law shall come into force on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# You ain't nothing but a potcake



## Ruminations

GEORGE BOWSER

Westmount has a population of about 20,000 people and no wild dogs. The island of Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, has a population of about 15,000 and thousands of wild dogs.

I know this because my wife and I went there to visit friends and fellow Westmount residents Stephen and Greita Morse, who now winter in Grace Bay. Stephen runs the Upstairs Restaurant, and Greita volunteers at Potcake Place, which isn't a restaurant at all, but a rescue centre for the island's feral dogs, which are called potcakes.

### Potcake dogs

You don't eat potcake dogs. Potcakes are what potcake dogs used to eat. According to local lore, they would hang around the settlements, and islanders would throw pot cakes at them – handfuls of rice and bean meals that ended up caked on the bottom of the cooking pots.

The dogs, more homeless than wild, are the descendants of shipwrecked dogs and other runaways, the result of random cross-breeding among popular breeds such as terriers, Labradors and German shepherds.

### Pure bred ancestors

Some of them resemble their pure bred ancestors, while others have a more whimsical appearance: bat-like ears on a retriever's face, for example. It's not in their nature to attack people, but they are a threat to other wildlife and to public health, and it goes without saying that roving packs of wild dogs aren't good for the tourist trade.

You can see how stray dogs would have survived in the West Indies, where the

weather is balmy and there's food to be scavenged or scrounged. Who would search for a runaway dog on a mostly-deserted island? But now the people population is growing, and something has to be done.

Potcake Place is an animal rescue and adoption centre run by Jane Parker-Rauw, whose goal is to go out of business. In an ideal world, where the centre would be supported by local government and its practices would be official policy, wild potcake dogs would be captured, treated, spayed or neutered, and then either adopted or put down.

### No funding

The centre has a full-time veterinarian, and it does all of these things with the help of many enthusiastic volunteers, but it is swamped, and there is little or no official help or funding. This is partly because there isn't any local government at the moment, the UK having imposed direct rule following a scandal involving elected officials and crown land. Mostly, though, it's because government has been unwilling to spend money on controlling the dog population.

Greita is one of many islanders who offer temporary shelter, walk older dogs, and help Potcake Place find homes for puppies. Many of these go overseas. Tourists – particularly those with children – like to exercise the puppies, and some families take them home.

Once a pup is passed fit for travel in the approved courier bag, it can be brought to the airport and taken to places as far away as British Columbia and Vermont. There are even three in Quebec, though as far as I know none have reached Westmount ... yet.

Visit [www.potcakeplace.com](http://www.potcakeplace.com) to find out more.

*George Bowser is a former Westmount city councillor and an entertainer.*

# Remembering



A bouquet of flowers was discovered in front of a building on Clarke on March 11, where murder victim, Jason Peagram was found shot on January 12, 2011 (see "Police have leads in murder of young tenant on Clarke," January 18, 2011, p. 3).

Photo: Westmount Independent

## Two construction complaints lodged

Construction workers brought two dogs inside a house on Mount Stephen Ave. March 7 when a neighbour complained to Public Security about their barking. Officers said that in the absence of residents, the workers had put the dogs in the yard when they became scared of the power tools. They were subsequently put in the basement.

Officers were called to the house again six days later over reports of construction debris outside but it was found to be on the property of the house under renovation, and all was in order.

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# Couldn't pay taxi from ATM

A Westmount resident was escorted home by public safety officers March 16 after they received a call for two men yelling at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke shortly before 2 am. It turned out that an inebriated man en route home in a taxi had stopped at that location to get money for the fare at the Bank of Montreal ATM. He was unable to withdraw any, Public Se-

curity officials said, and was believed to have become involved in an altercation with the cabbie.

The man told responding patrollers that the cabbie had "stolen" his cell phone and driven off but he did not want to call police. He was seen safely home to his apartment on Sherbrooke St. because of his condition.

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# New look: Greys, taupes replace beiges, sands



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Well, well my dear design fiends and friends, I do hope you have been enjoying this lovely pre-seasonally warm weather. We are enjoying being tourists in our own town these days. So many new buildings for the arts – a real treat for us. Too often when we are shopping for a project, we forget to really *explore*, as we rush about and check off a long list of items for the client.

Sorry for a bit of a ramble. During several trips about town, and especially here in Westmount, we’re seeing a few trends that we think are interesting and wanted to share with you.

- Silver, chrome and pewter are the new gold, brass and bronze.
- White, grey and taupe are the new beige, sand and brown.
- Art deco and retro 70s are the new Louis XV and colonial styles.

Our dear Greene Ave. has two recently

opened shops that exemplify these ideas:

Le Living has some special lighting. Ask to see the luscious teardrop hand-blown crystal “Larme” – an airy, soft-tech accent pendant. A ribbed, tilted champagne bucket also caught my eye. But the best there is a taupe ultra suede double-faced chaise/day bed – perfect in a loft condo to define the space between living and dining.

Their selection combines country French with Manhattan mod in an engaging way. (Say “hello” to boss Florence and chic Salma from Greta, won’t you?)

Nearby is the recent incarnation of Brioche Dorée in espresso brown with white and black striped banquette cushions completed with “Capitonee” buttoned cushion panels – a luxe touch that also helps soften the usual bistro clamour! Their *chocolatine* with a *café au lait* proved to be a delicious pause to take notes for you, my loyal design friends.

But, there is life after Westmount, contrary to popular belief! Zip on over to Decarie and Royalmount. The Union Square Design Centre has the most luscious bathroom shop that had opened: Blan. The same ideas and trends are confirmed. Say *bonjour* to Joscelyn from Aurel there, and

don’t forget the sensuous shower displays downstairs.

Slide down Royalmount to Devonshire, and right after the corner, see the new grey steel façade of Fraser. Lots of white, pearly grey and silver. Wow! The Grande Dame has a sprightly new frock! So many new ideas packed together. We were all totally surprised with the selection of Murphy wall-beds and swiveling desks. The Italian: Clei Compact Living Systems produce astonishing units – technology that must be seen.

### Tiny condo

In these days of tiny condos, the second bedroom space is often the office and “family hotel room.” These versatile new units take the pain out of having the out-laws visit...with these, there is no excuse!

Another surprise was the inventive idea of having “Real Art” hung in room settings instead of the usual *kitsch* accent paintings made to go with the sofa. What a relief to see how good art enhances the room. Mark Leibner of our Greene Ave. Galerie d’Este had the brilliant idea – thus extending Westmount’s clout westward.

In closing, I must tell you that white and clear pastels are returning with often

a breath of pearly opalescence. I found a re-issuing of the 1920s burnt orange then called tango, sometimes now called cinnabar. Orange’s complementary colour is turquoise. I also like to use their off-shoot tints of pale aqua and peach and also with their greyed softened tones of teal and rust. We recently finished a Florida condo with white, aqua and peach. Drab sandy beige was dismissed from our sight!

Metallic copper and bronzes with brushed nickel are supplanting the usual bright chrome.

Freshen your home for spring by changing cushions, table accessories and candles in colours that catch your eye.

Keep those astute comments coming to our email at colours by aurelien.com. Bye for now, your Greta von Schmedlapp.

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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### Bureaux administratifs fermés les 6 et 9 avril 2012

Veuillez noter que tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés le vendredi 6 avril et le lundi 9 avril 2012 en raison de la Fête de Pâques. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le vendredi 6 avril, le dimanche 8 avril et le lundi 9 avril 2012. Prenez note également qu'il n'y a aucun changement quant à la collecte des ordures et des matières compostables qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal les vendredi 6 avril et lundi 9 avril 2012. 🍀



## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Art Westmount 2012 : Appel de dossiers

La Ville de Westmount invite ses artistes à participer à la 4e édition d'Art Westmount. Cet événement aura lieu les samedi et dimanche 29 et 30 septembre de 10 h à 17 h. À noter que le week-end Art Westmount 2012 fera partie des Journées de la culture, une célébration panquébécoise des arts. Les formulaires de participation sont disponibles au Victoria Hall et sur notre site Web. Date limite d'inscription : le jeudi 31 mai 2012. Info : 514 989-5521 ou artwestmout@westmount.org.

### La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter une série d'œuvres récentes de l'artiste Elisabeth Galante du 22 mars au 14 avril. Info : 514 989-5521.

### Concert gratuit : Platero et moi

Le 28 mars à 19 h au Victoria Hall. *Les Voyageurs immobiles* nous offrent des regards sur la beauté des choses, sur l'amitié et le deuil. Un magnifique spectacle à mi-chemin entre théâtre, conte et musique. D'après l'œuvre de Juan Ramon Jiménez. Présenté par le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée et la ville de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Une heure pour la terre 2012

Éteignez vos lumières entre 20 h 30 et 21 h 30 le samedi 31 mars et participez aux activités au Victoria Hall : films, kiosques d'information, musique, invités et observation d'étoiles et de planètes de 18 h à 22 h. Participez au concours de l'AMW « J'éteins, j'y vois ». Info : 514 989-5226 ou www.westmount.org. 🍀

## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 1 avril à 14 h

Concerts du dimanche : Tim Dobby, guitare classique  
Billets : 12 \$ (10 \$ à l'avance)  
La galerie du Victoria Hall

### Le 2 avril à 20 h

Séance du conseil  
Hôtel de ville



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Conférences à 14 heures – The Titanic : The Centennial Anniversary avec Alan Hustak

Alan Hustak est un expert renommé sur le naufrage le plus célèbre de tous les temps. Venez entendre ses commentaires sur le navire, sur les personnes impliquées et les liens avec le Canada le mercredi 4 avril à 14 h. Info 514 989-5386.

### Words and Music Series The Music of Japan

L'ethnomusicologue Bruno Deschênes donnera un concert-commenté sur la musique japonaise accompagnée de pièces jouées au *shakuhachi*, la flûte de bambou japonaise, qui a été l'apanage de moines bouddhistes Zen pendant plus de 450 ans le mercredi 4 avril à 19 h. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Cercle de lecture

Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Notre prochaine date de rencontre est le mardi 10 avril à 10 h 15. Info : 514 989-5386. 🍀



## TRAVAUX PUBLICS

### Restrictions de stationnement - Entretien des rues

Les restrictions de stationnement permettant l'entretien des routes entreront de nouveau en vigueur le 1<sup>er</sup> avril. Veuillez vérifier les panneaux de votre secteur à cet effet afin d'éviter des amendes.

### Prudence dans les zones de construction

La sécurité d'abord! Tous les usagers de la route sont rappelés d'exercer la prudence et tenir compte des autres, en particulier lorsqu'ils circulent dans les zones de construction. 🍀



## CITY HALL

### Administrative offices closed April 6 and 9, 2012

Please be advised that all administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9, 2012 for the Easter holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 6, Sunday, April 8 and Monday, April 9, 2012. Please note that the garbage and compostable materials collections are unaffected, and will take place according to the regular schedule on Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9, 2012. 🍀



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Art Westmount 2012: Call for Artists

Westmount artists are invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Art Westmount which will be held Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event will be part of the *Journées de la culture*, a province-wide celebration of the arts. The event participation forms are available at Victoria Hall and on our Web site. Deadline to register: Thursday, May 31, 2012. Info: 514 989-5521 or artwestmount@westmount.org.

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature a recent series of works by artist Elisabeth Galante from March 22 to April 14. Info: 514 989-5521.

### Free concert: Platero et moi

March 28 at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. *Les Voyageurs immobiles* offers a unique perspective on beauty, friendship and mourning through this magnificent presentation that is part theatre, part storytelling and part music. Based on the story by Juan Ramon Jiménez. Presented by the *Conseil des arts de Montréal* en tournée and the City of Westmount. Info: 514 989-5226.

### Earth Hour 2012

Turn off the lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 and join the activities at Victoria Hall - music, information exhibits, movie, special guests, stargazing and more. Enter the WMA's "Proud to be Dim" contest. Info: 514 989-5226 or www.westmount.org. 🍀

## DATEBOOK

### April 1 at 2 p.m.

Sunday Concerts: Tim Dobby, classical guitar  
Tickets \$12 (\$10 in advance)  
The Gallery at Victoria Hall

### April 2 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall



## LIBRARY

### 2 O'Clock Series

### The Titanic: The Centennial Anniversary with Alan Hustak

Alan Hustak is an esteemed expert on the most famous sinking of all time. Please join Alan Hustak on Wednesday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. where you will have a chance to hear his commentary on the ship, the people, and the Titanic's Canadian connection. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Words and Music Series The Music of Japan

Join ethnomusicologist Bruno Deschênes on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. for this musical presentation on the *shakuhachi*, a Japanese end-blown flute that was originally used by the monks of the Fuke school of Zen Buddhism over 450 years ago. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Readers to Readers Book Club

Join our morning book club with a twist. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:15 a.m. to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386. 🍀



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Parking Restrictions for Street Cleaning

Please be advised that as of April 1, maintenance parking restrictions along Westmount streets are once again in effect. Check the street signs in your area to avoid potential fines.

### Caution in construction zones

Safety first! All road users are reminded to exert caution and be mindful of others, particularly when circulating within construction zones. 🍀

# Les amis de la montagne snowshoe on Mount Royal



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmounter **Peter Howlett**, founding president of Les amis de la montagne, greeted guests with his wife **Morag** and daughter **Jane** at the 15th annual Tuques Bleues celebration.

The February 16 benefit on Mount Royal was co-chaired by **Michel Leblanc**, president and CEO, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal; and **Cyril Bendahan**, regional vice president, group benefits, Manulife Financial, the presenting sponsor.

The event attracted 500 rosy-cheeked gotta-love-winter, warmly-clad folk. Tickets were \$250.

Fundraising campaign co-chairs were **Mary Bruns**, director of marketing, Cordiant Capital; and **Éric Morisset**, managing director and group head, investment banking (Quebec), TD Securities, ably as-

sisted by committee members Westmounter **Jeffrey Drummond**, executive director, mergers and acquisitions, Scotia Capital; **Robert Fortier**, vice president, finance and chief financial officer, Astral Media Inc.; **Hubert Bolduc**, vice president, communications and public affairs, Cascades Inc.; and Les amis directors **Carole Labelle Molson**, BMO Nesbitt Burns; and **Marie-Claude Lalande**, Hydro Quebec.

Westmounters attending included **Richard Hart**, **Bill Evans**, **Claire Krut**, **Helen** and **Alan Klinkhoff**, **Barbara Molson**, **Susan McConnell**, **Christina Nacos**, **Dana** and **Tom Velan**, **Marja** and **Gerald Hogan**.

Drummond won silver in the Team Challenge Cup – a fun snowshoe race. **Jean-Philippe Boivin** won gold, and **Philippe Cantin**, bronze. All three young men are from Scotia Capital.

VJ **Choco Beets** and former Westmounter DJ **David Drury** warmed up the night with their original presentation of visual and aural effects.

The fun eve, catered by Java U with sponsors Labatt, A Better World and Tubbs Snowshoes, raised more than \$200,000, which goes to support Les amis' education and conservation programs on Mount Royal.

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## Condom city?

A resident of Prince Albert below Sherbrooke noticed a used condom in the gutter the morning of February 21. This is the *Independent's* second used-condom story in two months (see "Early New Year's party?", January 10, p. 19). Is this the new norm? Perhaps the newspaper should just start running stories in weeks when no condoms are found in this neighbourhood?



Jeffrey Drummond, Jean-Philippe Boivin and Philippe Cantin.



Bill Evans, Peter Howlett, Carole Labelle Molson, Marie-Claude Lalande.

## Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

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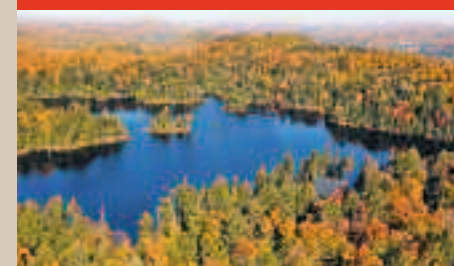


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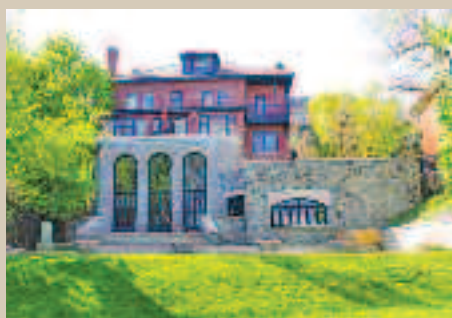
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The window of opportunity just opened! And it opened to water views & city views from this Penthouse condo, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, fireplace.

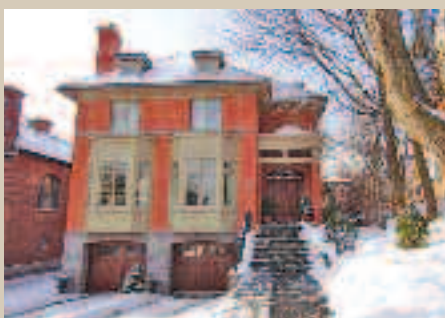
**\$645,000 MLS 8723817**



## **WESTMOUNT 6 Sunnyside**

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication ... and this exceptional residence offer just that and more with 5 bedrooms, in-home spa, and in-ground pool.

**\$7,500,000 MLS 8678507**



## **WESTMOUNT 540 Roslyn**

Impeccable style with everyday practicality. Beautiful residence with 5+1 bedrooms, large family room w/fireplace, big family kitchen, 3 car garage.

**\$3,295,000 MLS 8691380**



## **WESTMOUNT 616 Sydenham**

Classic design is never out of fashion. This elegant and stately 6+1 detached home has all the classic style that you expect in a Westmount home.

**\$3,100,000 MLS 8699766**



## **WESTMOUNT 4549 Sherbrooke**

An architectural delight! This century old detached residence has 4 bedrooms, 2½ bath, beautiful wood floors. Situated across from Westmount Park.

**\$1,275,000 MLS 8653037**

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