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The St. George's Glee club, G Major, pictured above, will be competing for the first time at the 2nd Annual Show Choir Canada Nationals on April 13 and 14 at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. St. George's is the only school from Quebec participating. The contest will be hosted by Shawn Desman.

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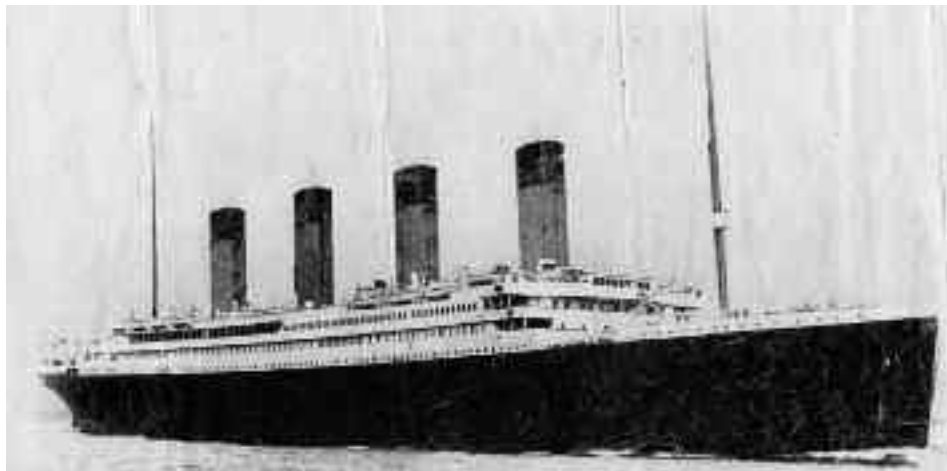
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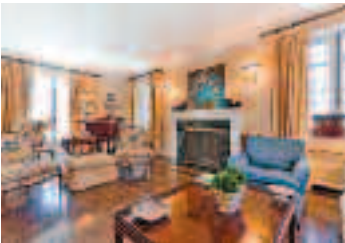


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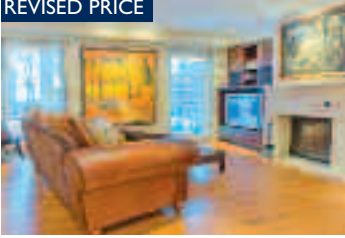
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# Riverview fire forces residents from homes, kills cat

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A small house fire in the basement of 7-9 Riverview Lane just before 11 am March 31 left residents without a home and claimed the life of a cat, according to Public Security officials.

"The cat died of smoke inhalation," said assistant director Greg McBain.

The cause of the fire was unknown and expected to be investigated by the fire department and police arson squad, he said.

Its spread was limited to the front of the building that faces Riverview Lane, the

narrow street wedged alongside the railway fence between Lewis and Abbott.

"Firefighters did a good job of containing it," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who lives nearby and was on the scene. "They told me the fire appeared to have started in a wall."

## Dog taken out

It was fortunate residents were home at the time, she added, because the affected building adjoins other apartments. It appeared some residents were able to salvage a few belongings and one woman managed to save her dog.

While Public Security assisted in blocking the street and helping residents, Red Cross personnel attended the scene to provide emergency accommodation to those in need.

By late afternoon the windows were already neatly boarded up.

The fire, Lulham said, reminded her to make another request for a street sign to be mounted on the railway fence. Riverview is the only lane in Westmount that has street addresses.

While it is marked as a street on the city of Westmount's maps, it does not appear in most others or street directories.

*A fire that started on March 31 in the basement of 7-9 Riverview Lane, between Irvine and Abbott, was extinguished by Montreal firefighters.*

Photo: Anna Gedalof



## Water leak springs from Sunnyside

A water leak in the road at Sunnyside and Belvedere Rd. caused a stream of water to flow down the hill to The Boulevard March 24 at 4:30 am, Public Security officials said. Officers taped off the area around the source of the problem, which had caused a four-meter-long crack in the asphalt. Waterworks personnel were called, the water shut off and the fire department notified that a nearby hydrant was out of order.

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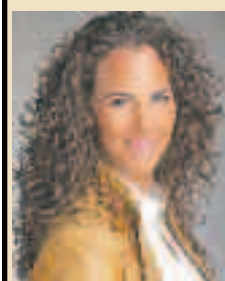
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## Council views new Security car

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While not yet equipped with its rooftop emergency flashers, this new-look Public Security patrol vehicle was on display outside city hall April 2 so council members could view it before agreeing to purchase two more. Neither this one nor a companion vehicle is yet in service.

The subsequent approval of two additional Subaru Foresters will bring the total to four.

In renewing the fleet, the city is switch-

ing from the traditional yellow Public Security vehicle to white. This is a cost-cutting measure to eliminate the costs of painting and repainting the cars when they are bought and sold (see February 14, p. 15).

Councillor Gary Ikeman, Public Security commissioner, drew the meeting's attention to the vehicle that had been "conveniently" parked outside, he said. It is one of the two new arrivals ordered on last year's budget and has been undergoing road tests.



*This new white patrol vehicle outside city hall April 2 will be in service soon.*

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## Bixis begin on Victoria



Crews instal new Bixi stations on Victoria at de Maisonneuve, April 5 at 11:30 am.

Photo: Beth Hudson

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## Spring flower show welcomes new Westmounters



Angelina and Tony Loffreda, newcomers to Westmount, learn firsthand about the role of the city's Public Security Unit from the director, Dave Sedgwick, left, during the official opening April 4 of the spring flower show. The reception, which welcomes new residents to the community and recognizes volunteers, took place at Victoria Hall. The flower show at the adjacent conservatory will remain open from 10 am to 9 pm weekdays and 10 am to 5 pm on weekends until blooms fade.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WESTMOUNT'S OWN POTCAKE

I was thrilled to read George Bowser's column on potcakes (March 27, p. 23). Meet Rupert, my "granddog" from the Turks and Caicos.

My daughter Wendy and her husband Philip Kaufman went to the Turks on their honeymoon in October 2011 and came home with this wonderful dog. He was a tiny pup then, and they had no trouble bringing him home.

As you can see, he is now a very handsome dog. He is a regular visitor to Westmount.

SUE KHAN, MONTROSE AVE.



Rupert

## MAKING A GREENWAY

In letters there has been ongoing demonization of cyclists while ignoring the bull in the china shop.

We should be shocked by the number of pedestrians and cyclists injured by vehicles. Between 1999 and 2008 a total of 3,771 children between the ages of 5 and 17 were struck by vehicles on the island of Montreal, about eight per week. In September 2010, a CAA Quebec study near schools found that 39.2 percent of vehicles were speeding, 15.3 percent did not follow road signs or directions from crossing guards.

We need to find ways to enhance the protection of school children from accidents with vehicles. For example, there are significant numbers who walk or cycle to St. Léon school.

One way would be to raise de Maisonneuve's designation to that of a greenway. It is already one of the quietest streets in Westmount. Its safety could be enhanced if it were to acquire greenway status. This would mean limiting de Maisonneuve to local car traffic with a maximum speed of 15 km/h. Walking and cycling would continue along with a range of possible "green" features like enhanced vegetation, different road surfaces, rainwater collection swales, rose trellis, ornamental cedars, etc. And the districts it passes

through would have a low percentage of car ownership and high population density.

It would dovetail well with Genivar working on the Active Transport and Traffic Plan. Genivar has recently been involved in major Vancouver projects and as such could not have failed to notice Vancouver's proposed city greenway network of 14 routes approximately 140 km long.

If successful, this greenway concept could be expanded to some other suitable streets in Westmount and possibly along de Maisonneuve into NDG and Ville Marie. Westmount would be again leading the way.

ROGER JOCHYM, RESIDENT OF LEWIS AVE.  
AND MEMBER OF WESTMOUNT WALKING  
AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

## CAVALRY A RARE SIGHT

It's common knowledge that Westmount Public Security is replacing its hybrid security vehicles, but were you aware that the police had already replaced most of its vehicles for the four legged type? This photo taken during the student march through Westmount on March 30. The [cavalry] was walking down Victoria after protecting Jean Charest's house. Were they off to protect the offices of the *Westmount Independent*?

SEBASTIAN SABA, WILLOW AVE.

## NO SYMPATHY FOR STUDENTS

The students may have been relatively quiet, but on their way to Jean Charest's house, they vandalized my friend's brand new car.

These are the juveniles whose education I should subsidize (even more) through my taxes?

How does damaging others' property further their cause for tuition costs? I have no sympathy for their complaints.

IRENE ARMANO, CEDAR AVE.

## WHOA, READ THE SIGNS!

To the southbound driver on Melville Ave. on a recent Friday evening, who so considerably yelled at me "no parking allowed!" while I waited for him to go by before putting my son in his car seat: First, the sign you were pointing at was the three-minute maximum idling sign. Second, I was perfectly in my right to be stopped where I was as the other sign clearly indicates a 10-minute maximum parking allowed from 8:15 to 8:45 and from 5:15 to 5:45 Monday to Friday, in the drop-off zone.

CHRISTINE KENNEDY, COLUMBIA AVE.

## GREAT EARTH HOUR EVENT

Another great Earth Hour in Westmount!

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## Correction

The English-language service of the Westmount Baptist church takes place on Sundays at 11 am, not Saturday ("Westmount Baptist reaching out to community, March 27, p. 10.)

ducing their power usage for one hour. This is the fourth year in a row that we did the same thing locally.

Luckily we were again blessed with clear skies, so that the 400 attendees could enjoy stunning views of Jupiter, Venus, Mars, Saturn, the moon .....

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# Letters

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and other celestial delights, thanks to the 15 volunteers from the Royal Astronomical Society.

All this was greatly facilitated by Hydro Westmount, which doused the lights outside Victoria Hall.

Inside, we had 18 exhibits ranging from mini-market L'autre choix to the International Dark-sky Association. An excellent presentation was made by Sherbrooke CEGEP professor Johanne Roby on how excessive lighting is detrimental to health. We also heard inspirational thoughts from Peter Trent, Jacques Chagnon and Marc Garneau, while Simply Wonderful served tasty, healthy snacks at cost. Finally, musical entertainment by local talent was led by Stan Grossman.

Thanks to Earth Hour subcommittee members Eve Aspinall, Pat Dumais, Stan Grossman and Paul Marriott, along with the cooperation of Westmount events coordinator Virginia Elliott, Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Hydro Westmount and Westmount Public Security.

We thank all those who helped make this a great success, including *you* our citizens, and we look forward to more next

year. In the meantime, don't forget to rein in your energy needs for more than just one symbolic hour and give our planet a break!

TONY MOFFAT, SUNNYSIDE AVE. AND  
CHAIR OF THE WESTMOUNT HEALTHY  
CITY PROJECT, EARTH HOUR  
SUBCOMMITTEE

## 'YES' TO CARS

In response to Daniel Lambert's letter "Yay to the Traffic Questionnaire," I say by all means let's replace not a few, but *all* car lanes with bike paths. Why not have Westmount pass a law forcing everyone to ride bikes or walk to their destinations? That way Mr. Lambert can finally live in the automobile-free utopia he dreams of.

If Mr. Lambert believes his "quality of life is being eroded by the overwhelming presence of motor vehicles," I would respectfully suggest he move to an Amish community, where he will be free to roam on his horse and buggy or ride his bicycle to his heart's delight, free of those terrible cars interfering with his right to live.

No doubt, Mr. Lambert, if you had your way, the automobile as a method of transportation would be outlawed, and scofflaws would be harshly dealt with by Mother Justice.

Mr. Lambert believes in negative reinforcement to get people to drive less, as ev-

idenced by his writings. Whether you like it or not, frustrating motorists will not get them to drive any less, it will just get them more frustrated.

The automobile is here to stay, and the city of Westmount should do all it can to *facilitate* the ability of drivers to commute in and around our city, not make it more difficult.

They can do this by synchronizing traffic lights, and making the green lights longer on the main east-west thoroughfares of St. Catherine and Sherbrooke. Another thing to do would be to make all those automatic pedestrian crossing lights function manually. As it is, these pedestrian lights engage with every cycle of the changing traffic light, leading to unnecessary delays for motorists.

STEVE MYRO, WESTMOUNT SQUARE

## DOG RUNS NOT GREEN

The prospect of a temporary dog run in one of the remaining peaceful areas of Westmount Park is extremely distressing. I add my voice to those who protest this proposal.

To begin, this use of park space is unwarranted. The possibility was not included among the issues raised during the arena consultation process. In addition, neither the mayor's latest progress report on the arena, February 2012, nor the doc-

umentation and visual plans available on the city's web site make reference to such a plan. The space in question is valued by many – old and young alike. Children from nearby nurseries play there daily, as do summer daycampers.


Westmount prides itself in being a sustainable community. The mayor's report maintains the project will meet Westmounters' needs "in an ecologically-respectful way" (p. 3). In fact the web document "Westmount Recreation Centre is Underway" claims the project will add green space to Westmount Park.

Dog runs are not green spaces. Grass is uprooted; trees and shrubs are scarred or destroyed, all within the confines of an unsightly iron-link fence. Such destruction in service of a short-lived objective is unjustifiable.

Many Westmounters will be inconvenienced by the arena reconstruction. Those who live in the immediate area look forward to escaping to the tranquility of the park at the end of each construction day. During this period, could owners not walk dogs in need of a run either five minutes east to the Westmount Athletic Grounds or 10 minutes north to Murray Park?

It should be noted many dog owners in the vicinity are against this proposal.

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# Bike path, Bixi requests pick up speed with new season

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The cycling season picked up speed at the city council meeting April 2 when residents asked for increased safety measures on the de Maisonneuve and Glen bike routes, as well as relocation of the Bixi docking station from Victoria Hall to the bike path.

Frederick Girvan, a resident of Victoria Ave., said the Bixi racks at the north end of Westmount Park encouraged Bixi users to ride through the park to access the bike path. As a matter of safety, “Could they be moved to the bike path?” he asked.

“We’ll look at it,” replied Mayor Peter Trent. He pointed out that unlike docking stations in England, for example, those in

the Montreal system are solar powered and “completely movable.”

Patricia Dumais of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) asked the city to install straight-ahead green arrow traffic lights for users of the de Maisonneuve path at Wood and Greene. This would enable them to get a five-second head start through the intersections before left-turning cars.

“Westmount has stated that safety issues will not be delayed by the master traffic plan, so we ask that these lights be installed at this time,” she added.

Dumais also noted that Westmount’s decision last year to install Bixi stations had made it possible for NDG to add four new ones this year for a total of six. This will mean “more NDG residents will choose to cycle through Westmount on their way downtown, rather than drive.” This was “consistent” with objectives of the city’s master traffic plan.

She also asked the city to ensure that bike path lanes were painted across all intersections since these appeared “to have been forgotten” last year at some locations.

Council was asked by Dan Lambert of the WWCA to extend the bollards on the northbound Glen bike lane right up to the



Roger Jochym, left, and Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association show how traffic and bicycle lanes merge at Glen Rd. and St. Catherine St.

intersection at St. Catherine. Currently, the protected bike path merges with the traffic lane at the crest of the hill. This forces car drivers to squeeze cyclists toward the sidewalk, he explained, “which is not conducive to safety.”

He said the WWCA had carried out rush-hour surveys showing this design offered no significant traffic benefit to ease

the flow as had been the reason for merging the lanes. In fact, it made it difficult for cyclists to build up sufficient speed on the hill to get through the wide intersection.

**More council meeting news, p. 9, 10, 11.**

## Shepherd escapes as walker falls

A German shepherd was spotted on the loose on March 23 on Springfield Ave. by a nearby resident who called Public Security. It turned out the dog had made off when a girl walking it fell, hurting herself. Her mother was advised to obtain a dog licence.





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# Selection of LED light head inches closer



In the aftermath of Earth Hour activities March 31, Tony Moffat, like Councillor Theodora Samiotis, sported an event shirt emblazoned with the message "Proud to be dim" at the council meeting April 2.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After more than two years, the city and dark-sky advocate Tony Moffat seem to be inching ever closer to finding a suitable LED light head they can agree on for the city's Washingtonian light standards.

Building on the energy-saving messages of Earth Hour activities at Victoria Hall March 31, Moffat attended the city council meeting April 2 and turned his request up a notch in urging the city to find an LED light fixture that also deflected the light downward.

Could he have "assurance" the city won't purchase any more traditional light heads, he asked.

Colour-wise, "that's a little difficult," replied director general Duncan Campbell. New LED lights would have to be the same colour as existing lighting because the city has been striving for uniformity.

Moffat reported that an on-street prototype he had viewed about a month ago with Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities, cast a light that was "far too blue and too bright."

"You want to turn all Westmount into a red light district?" asked Mayor Peter

Trent. Just "redder," Moffat replied. There are now a variety of LED colours on the market, however, it was reported.

Martin agreed with Moffat's assessment, however, and Moffat was invited to go to Hydro Westmount offices and find out how street lighting norms required by Transport Quebec compared with dimmer LED lighting.

A discussion of street lighting brightness was continued by questioner Paul Marriott who, like Moffat, had been one of the organizers of the Earth Hour activities for the Healthy City Project. Trent pointed out that brightness was relative to other lighting in the same area.

## Playground toy sprung

The spring on a playground riding toy was found sticking out of the ground at its base in Westmount Park March 20, Public Security officials said. Officers blocked off the area until the problem could be corrected. They were alerted to the defective item at 12:04 pm.

## Warned about car seat

The driver of a car involved in a minor rear-end collision on Sherbrooke at Metcalfe was advised to obtain a new child seat in case the one in which her child was riding had been cracked in the impact, Public Security officials said. No one, including a child, was reported injured. The patroller came across the incident March 22 at 5:36 pm and helped drivers fill out accident forms.



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## Begun have the dog wars?

# Dog run moving to wrong site, opponents contend

The city is barking up the wrong tree in deciding to temporarily move the Lansdowne dog run to a central part of Westmount Park, city council was told at its meeting April 2.

“It’s a recipe for disaster,” said Wanda Potrykus of York St. and “a huge mistake,” to move it back to the park even for one or two years during construction of the new recreation centre.

She said the venue just north of the pedestrian path posed a potential danger from runaway dogs being so close to a primary route used by parents with strollers, toddlers and the elderly, as well as being near the bike path and soccer fields.

“The hardest thing is to please everybody,” said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Urban Planning and Parks.

The ensuing discussion sounded like a replay of debates 25 years ago when the council decided the dog run – unfenced and east of the comfort station at the time – was not suitable for Westmount Park and moved it to Lansdowne and St. Catherine.

Potrykus proposed two other sites: the

flat area along Sherbrooke near Melville or one behind the library near the tennis courts and the watercourse. This is now used for the growing of city plants and, she alleged, people doing drugs.



Wanda Potrykus addresses the council meeting April 2 while Bridget Blackader waits her turn.

### Trying to avoid playground

Lulham explained that the Sherbrooke area was used by day camps and was close

to the playground. The aim was to keep the dog run “as far away from the tot lot as possible.” She dismissed the rear of the library as being too close to tennis balls.

On the other hand, the chosen location is “away enough from homes, on a path and on the edge of the park.” It was comparable in size to the current Lansdowne run and is already partially hedged.

The statements from Potrykus were supported by Bridget Blackader of Clarke Ave., who negotiated many dog run issues with the city during her years as president of the now defunct Westmount Dog Owners Association.

### Build higher fence

She told council the interim site would require a six-foot high fence along with brighter downward-pointing lighting akin to that at tennis courts and skating rinks so dog owners could see what had to be scooped up. Light from the Washingtonian standard in place now at the location was too dim and diffused.

“We were looking at five feet,” Lulham said of the fence. Six feet “is really the minimum,” Blackader persisted. “I can’t over

emphasize the height.”

“I don’t think the centre of the park is an ideal spot,” said Frank Moller of Stanton St. He said his views reflected those of many others. He and his wife enjoy its tranquility. He suggested moving the dog run to the vacant lot on St. Catherine west of Metcalfe where the now burnt-out Westmount BBQ once stood.

Lulham reminded him that once the construction site gets under way, people will have to go further into the park to find tranquility.

“You must understand this is a temporary location,” Trent replied.

### Committed to service

Lulham said the city was committed to retaining a service it offers dog owners. Providing a dog run would, hopefully, prevent more people from exercising their dogs on the playing fields and the play area in front of Westmount Park School, which she often sees despite it being against city by-laws.

Other areas of the park had been examined and the selected one was found to be the best, she said. There was no ques-

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# Contract signing clears way for start of construction

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

“At 6 o’clock today, I signed a contract for \$33.5 million,” Mayor Peter Trent announced at the start of the city council

meeting April 2.

It was the final piece in what appears to have been a type of jigsaw puzzle scenario to iron out conditions and cost details of the design-build contract with Pomerleau Inc. to build the new Westmount recreation centre.

While the council had already authorized Trent to sign the contract two months ago, it took a long time of going “back-and-forth” and finalizing preparatory work to complete the deal, he explained.

“What happens next,” said Councilor Patrick Martin, steering committee chairman, is that the contractor’s head, Pierre Pomerleau, a



The signing of the Pomerleau design-build contract April 2 by Mayor Peter Trent, right, was witnessed by city director general Duncan Campbell.

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How’s it developing?

# An update on four condo projects in Westmount

By MARLENE EISNER

With the brunt of winter behind us and moving season not so far away, the *Independent* went to find out the status of development of four condominium projects in Westmount.

11 Hillside

The building is completely built, all

major construction is done, and some owners have moved in, said Anne Bothe, a sales rep. for the project.

“They started moving in as of the end of last month,” she said.

“We probably have three or four [residents], and three more who have signed. April, May and June are when all our signings are.”

Sales began about 18 months ago, and

the project is 70 percent sold. There are now model units to show, rather than buyers being able to only look at plans. The interiors of the unsold units remain unfinished so that potential owners may customize them. The condo association has not yet been established and won’t be until at least 50 percent of the owners move in, said Bothe.

Although there is not much land in front of the structure, landscaping with trees, bushes and flowers will begin this month.

215 Redfern

Construction on the Redfern condominiums began the week of April 2 with the erection of posts for a wooden fence around the site. A hoarding notice has been posted on the boards with a message for residents who wish to communicate with the developers.

“... we recognize that we need to make it easy for residents and owners to make their voices heard. Please feel free to communicate with us at 514.937.4001.”

Amara Gelinas, sales office manager, said the initial work to be done on the 60-unit luxury project is on the exterior.

“There will be about 70 percent demolition, since we have to build the new exterior of the building, and then the interior,” she said.

The city of Westmount have been working with the city of Westmount to come up with an equitable solution for residents concerned

about the increased traffic, dust and noise that will result once construction begins. As of last week, a plan was established to have trucks enter the property through its southeast side via St. Catherine St. and exit using an alley at the north of the building and come around the east side and back onto St. Catherine.

“This was a way to disturb the public in the least possible way,” said Gelinas.

In the process, the developers had to remove a number of trees from the front lawn and from the east side as well to accommodate the trucks, and a planned circular concrete driveway.

“We took out two or three [trees] for the access and the construction, but we will be planting mature cedar trees all along the back, and we will be landscaping the property quite a bit once it’s done.”

Selby Condos

The Selby Condos, formerly called Les Jardins Westmount, has not changed developers, but has a new name and new architectural plans for the exterior façades.

Developer Rolland Hakim said he was expecting his construction permits as April 2, and once received, work would begin.

“We are going to demolish the old façade and put in the new ones, which are beautiful designs,” said Hakim.

“The exterior facades are a contemporary design, with four vil- ..... las on top of the roof. It

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A peek from de Maisonneuve Blvd. at the condo project at 1250 Greene Ave. on March 31 shows a busy construction site.



As of April 2 when this photo was taken, construction at 11 Hillside is completed and some owners have already moved in.



On April 2, posts had been put into the ground around the project site at 215 Redfern in preparation for hoarding for when construction begins this week.





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# Westmount High trumpets into spring



Westmount High eighth graders Nathan Palmer, left on trumpet, and Petr Prokopiev, on baritone sax, perform the theme song from “Peter Gunn” by Henry Mancini. On the evening of March 29, about 100 student musicians played on stage in the high school’s nearly-packed theatre. The spring concert, an annual event, included pop, rap and rock amongst other musical genres and elicited much applause, cheering and even some screams of adoration from the audience. Students were conducted by music teacher Steve Incze, as well as McGill student teacher Amanda McConoughey.

Photo: Joanne Penhale

# De Maisonneuve cut up by Bell



Bell Canada has been excavating the street around the intersection of Prince Albert Ave. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. in order to unblock underground conduits, said Marianne Zalzal, director of Westmount Public Works. While Bell is refilling the holes temporarily, a permanent repair will be done by Westmount in a few months, and the expense will be billed to the phone company. She said the conduits were badly in need of maintenance as some of them may date back as early as the early 1900s.

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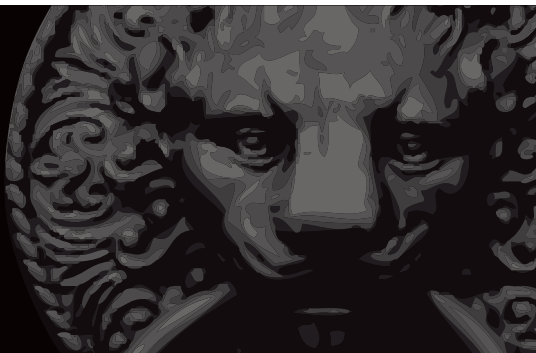


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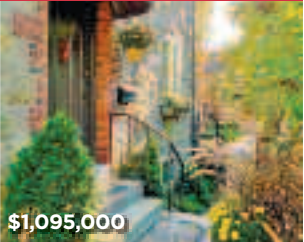
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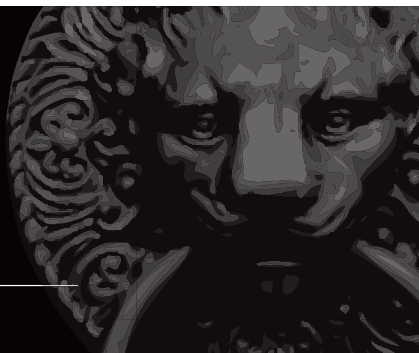


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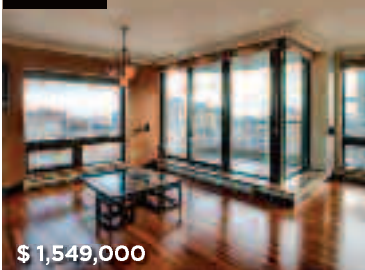
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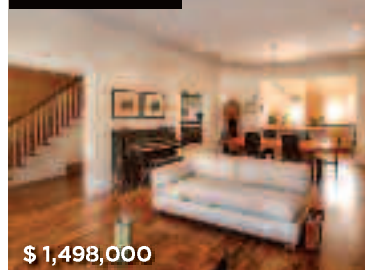


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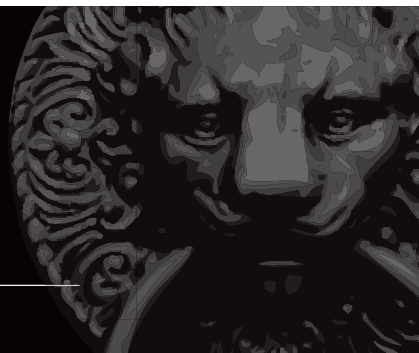


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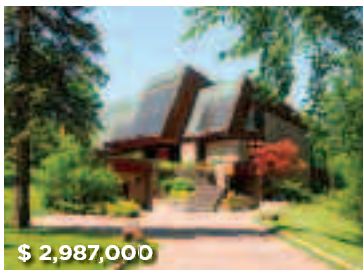
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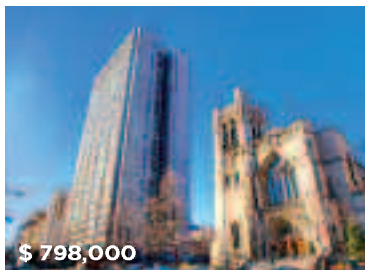
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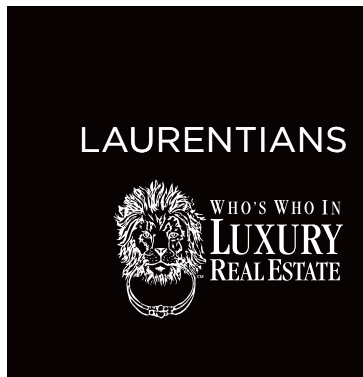
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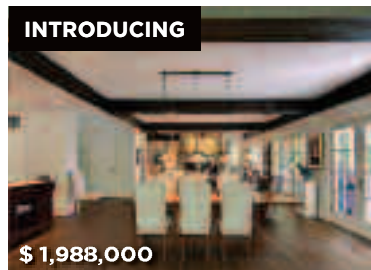


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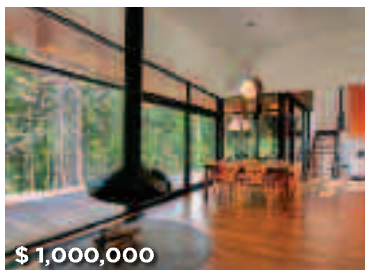
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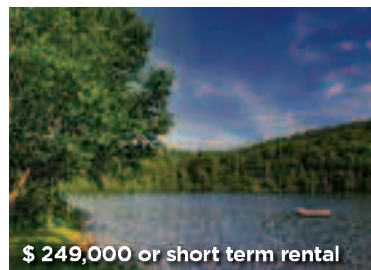
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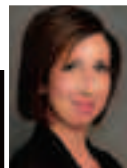
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# St. Paddy's ball-goers attend cocktail party in the sky



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The St. Patrick's Society charity ball of Montreal took place on March 9 at the Marriott Château Champlain. Sold out weeks in advance, the \$195-black-tie event started with the Patrons' Reception on the hotel's 36th floor, guaranteeing all a bird's eye view of Montreal springing into, well, spring.

Ball chair was **Marilyn Meikle**, (in an emerald satin gown), there with husband **Kevin Rochford**. Guest of honour, in an Irish-green bow tie, was James Flaherty, federal minister of Finance, whose ancestors hail from County Galway in Ireland. He was with his wife **Christine Elliott**.

Honorary chair was **Pamela McGovern**, general counsel of Hydro Quebec.

Noted at the cocktail in the sky were Westmounters **Sara Pedersen** and husband **Patrick Shea**, president of the St. Patrick's Society; *Independent's* publisher

**David Price** and his wife **Catherine McKenzie**; Justice **Pierrette McConomy** and husband lawyer **Richard McConomy**; **Julie** and **Anthony Wait**, president of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society; **Joanne Devlin** and **Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd**, president of the St. David's Society, as well as **Bruce Bolton**, president of the St. Andrew's Society, and **Michael Kenneally**, honorary consul general of Ireland for Montreal.

Queen of the night was **Keira Kilmartin**, with her charming Cinderella princesses **Sheila Shakibaian**, **Hannah Quinn**, **Abbey Lacroix** and **Charlotte McLeod**.

Guests were entertained by the talented Bernadette Short Celtic Grace Dancers.

Platinum sponsors were Novartis, L'Équipeur and Miller Thomson.

The event raised a record-breaking \$50,000 for the society's many charitable causes.

Then on March 16, the Hilton Bonaventure hosted the 179th St. Patrick's luncheon, attracting movers and shakes from all communities. Corporate: **John Rae**, executive VP, office ..... of the chair of the execu-

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tive committee of Power Corp., and chair of the MUHC Best Care for Life cam-

paign). Politico: Montreal mayor **Gérald Tremblay**, yes, wearing a green tie; and for-



*James Flaherty, Peter Shea and his son Patrick Shea.*



*Richard and Pierrette McConomy.*

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## Social Notes

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mer premier **Daniel Johnson**. Diplomatic: **Eamon Gilmore**, deputy prime minister of Ireland; **Ray Bassett**, Irish ambassador; **David Cooney**, secretary general of the department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of

Ireland; and **Patrick Holdich**, consul general of the United Kingdom. Religious: Bishop **Thomas Dowd**, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal. Education: Frederick Lowy, vice chancellor and pres of Concordia University; and literary: Author **Kathy Reichs**.

## Arena to be decommissioned

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Westmount resident, will start to mobilize the team, present the city with a management plan and fence the work site.

It is not yet known exactly where the hoarding will have to be placed. This, as has been stated previously, will impact a number of decisions such as plans for the bike path and the status of de Maison-neuve in front of Westmount Park Church.

The existing arena building is to be decommissioned after the last hockey game April 15, Martin explained. Office materials and personnel will be relocated to Public Works and Victoria Hall. “We expect demolition some time after May 1.”

Meanwhile, he added, “there may be work in other places. We’ll be getting back to you very shortly with a plan of action from the contractor.”

Martin noted that Trent had “held the line” on the largest project the city will have ever undertaken and offered council’s “heartfelt congratulations,” which generated applause from the council and most of the audience alike.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham reported that a total of 120 people in District 7 had attended her five neighbourhood meetings on city plans to mitigate disruption during the construction period (see April 3, p. 1).

Two additional meetings are in the planning stages for District 5.



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“The fundamental rule is that each portfolio must be constructed for the specific client,” Mr. Matte explains.

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To arrange a private appointment with Denny Matte, visit his website at **dennymatte.com** for contact information.

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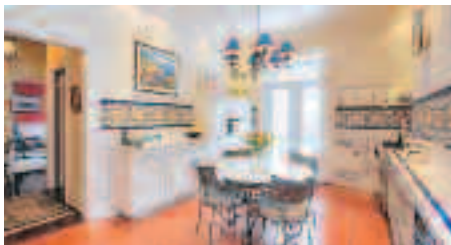




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## Raccoon checks out the hospitality

A raccoon that may have been looking for comfortable lodging – and possibly a good meal – was reportedly shooed out of a home on The Boulevard just after 10 pm, March 23. Public Security officials said they were called for assistance when the animal was discovered inside. Officers managed to get it out a back patio door. It was not known how the intruder had entered the house located between Mount Pleasant and Brae-side Place.

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# Top-ranked Peewee A Preds manage to survive second-round scare

BY MICHAEL MOORE

His voice tinged with both relief and frustration after watching his top-seeded Peewee A Predators eke out a second-round playoff win, head coach Warren Garfield let out a sardonic laugh that highlighted his conflicted mood.



Predators goaltender Wesley Osterland and his defencemen held off the Canucks in the third period to preserve the win.

"I'm happy we won and are able to advance," said Garfield after his team's 4-2 victory over the Côte St. Luc Canucks. "But as a team, we came in with an attitude that we just needed to show up to win, which is a bad mindset."

Frequently under pressure from the 11th-ranked Canucks, Garfield knew his team's league-best 19-2-1 record would ensure that opponents bring their best effort in the playoffs.

"All the other teams are gunning for us," said Garfield. "They all want to slay the beast, which is what we've been this season."

Undaunted by the Predators' regular season exploits, the Canucks opened the scoring part way through the first period, capitalizing on a Westmount defender's tumble and firing a shot through the legs of goaltender Wesley Osterland.

"Defensively, I think we played pretty well, but we still made mistakes," admitted defenseman Judd Garfield. "I want to

work on passing and getting the puck out of the zone."

Sparked by their unexpected deficit, the Predators began to control the pace of the game and turned to captain Max Shafter to even the score. Grabbing the puck in the neutral zone and flying into the Canucks end, Shafter deked a trio of defenders be-

fore rifling a low wristshot into the net.

"I was really angry that we were losing," said Shafter. "I just wanted a goal to bring our confidence back up."

Shafter gave the Predators their first lead in a similar fashion early in the second period, picking the puck up in his own zone and racing down the ice before firing home a wristshot.

After the Canucks tied the score halfway through the period, the Predators regained the lead a minute later when Lucas Clarke's seemingly innocuous point shot knuckled off of the Canucks netminder and skidded in.

With neither team able to mount a consistent threat early in the third, the Canucks began buzzing around the Westmount goal in the game's dying minutes, trying to tie the game, forcing the Predators again to turn to their captain to put the game out of reach.

Sent in on a breakaway by Felix Simard's defence-splitting pass, Shafter completed his hat trick in style, deking past a sprawled Canucks netminder and sliding the puck in.

## Did you know that hockey team manager Gliksmann is also an author?

Stephanie Gliksmann, known in the Westmount hockey community as team manager for the Peewee A Predators is also an author. Her first book is *When Kids Rule the School*.



A special education technician with the English Montreal School Board, Gliksmann writes under the pen name Stephanie Gee. The first in her Misfit Academy series, this is an entertaining story about grade 3 student, Bobby Loo, "who can't seem to do anything right at school" and daydreams about what he would do if he was in charge.

*When Kids Rule* is available on Amazon in both e-book and paperback formats and at Kidlink in NDG.

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## Shepherd escapes

A German shepherd was spotted on the loose on March 23 on Springfield Ave. by a nearby resident who called Public Security. It turned out the dog had made off when a girl walking it fell, hurting herself. Her mother was advised to obtain a dog licence.

# Centennial of Titanic sinking A Westmount family goes down

BY ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

It was heralded as the “ship of dreams,” but for three members of the Allison family of Westmount, it would turn out to be a ship of death.

By April of 1912, Hudson Joshua Creighton Allison had risen to become one of Westmount’s richest residents as a broker. Married to Bess Daniels, originally of Milwaukee, the couple had two children: 2-year-old Loraine and 11-month-old Hudson Trevor.

The young family lived at 464 Roslyn Ave. (which still stands), though as the family fortunes skyrocketed, they were having a more spacious home built on Belmont Ave.

Apart from his stock holdings, Allison had been investing in the finest breeds of cattle and horses at the new Allison Stock Farm near Chesterville, Ontario, an hour west of Montreal.

Life for the Allisons of Westmount couldn’t get much better. In March 1912, the family travelled to Britain on a business/vacation trip. Taking an excursion to the Scottish highlands, they purchased horses and stock for their farm. At the same time, they bought new furnishings for their Belmont Ave. house and re-

cruited a chauffeur, cook and two housemaids.

On April 10, 1912, they boarded the White Star Line luxury passenger liner, RMS *Titanic* in Southampton for their return home.

During the evening of April 14, the family sat down for what would be their last dinner with their good friends Toronto millionaire Major Arthur Peuchen and Montrealer Harry Markland Molson.

At 11:40 pm, the “unsinkable” *Titanic* struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, 375 miles south of Newfoundland. Two and a half hours later in the wee hours of April 15, she had vanished, slipping 3,784 metres below the bone-chilling waters of the northern sea. Of the 2,224 passengers and crew registered on the vessel, 1,514 would die.

Of the four Allison family members, only young Trevor survived. His father, mother and sister all perished.

There are a few versions of what actually happened to the Allisons in the confusion following the collision with the iceberg. One is that newly-acquired nursemaid Alice Cleaver had grabbed Trevor and made it into one lifeboat, while Bess and Loraine were being put into another. Bess was not aware that Trevor and Alice



The former Allison home at 464 Roslyn. The parents and their 2-year-old daughter Loraine perished in the sinking of the *Titanic*. Of the family, 11-month-old Trevor survived.

Photo by Robert J. Galbraith

were safe, and having second thoughts, jumped out of the lifeboat with her daughter, back onto the deck of the foundering ship to try to find her son and husband.

Another is that Bess was last seen tumbling into the frigid sea from a lifeboat.

Bess and Loraine’s bodies were lost at sea and never recovered. Hudson’s body was found floating in the Atlantic by the rescue ship *Mackay-Bennett*. His remains were laid to rest in the family plot in Chesterville.

A few hours after the sinking, Trevor Allison and the nursemaid Alice were picked up alive by the RMS *Carpathia* and

brought to New York City.

The orphaned child was raised by his uncle and aunt, George and Lillian Allison. But the untimely shroud of premature death was not to part from the Allison family name. Trevor would meet his unfortunate end at the young age of 18 from food poisoning while on vacation in Maine in 1929.

“The sinking of the *Titanic* resonates with us on so many levels,” explains Montreal author Alan Hustak, who penned the book *Titanic: The Canadian Story Centennial Edition*. “How would we behave in a disaster? Many will say it was God’s retri-



Westmounters Hudson and Bess Allison, who perished when the *Titanic* sank on April 15, 1912.

Photo courtesy of the Alan Hustak collection

A stained glass window at Westmount Park United Church stands in memory of George B. Allison (the brother of Hudson Joshua Creighton Allison), his daughter Dorothy and nephew Hudson Trevor Allison (son of Hudson Joshua Creighton Allison who, when his family perished on the *Titanic*, the 11-month-old boy was raised by George and Lillian Allison). It was erected and dedicated by George B. Allison’s wife Lillian and family.

Photo by Robert J. Galbraith





# with the Titanic in 1912



The Allison children, Trevor and Loraine Allison. At 11-months-old, Trevor would survive the sinking of the Titanic and two-year-old Loraine would perish along with her father and mother.

Photo courtesy of Ella Decks

tribution for hubris. But it remains as a part of the fabric of our lives that it endures.” Hustak gave a talk on his book at the Westmount Public Library on April 4 to a crowd of over 60 people. Titanic memorabilia will be on display at the library until Tuesday, May 1.

April 15, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Royal Mail

Ship Titanic.

With files from Alan Hustak and the Westmount Historical Association

## ON THE SHELVES

Among recent reading and audio-visual material at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

### Magazines

“The Ice Machine: How to Make a Delicious, Non-deadly Sno-cone” by June Melby in *Utne Reader*, March/April 2012, p. 30

“The Breakfast Club: How Farmers, Award-winning Chefs and One Enterprising Michigan Couple Came Together to Host Home-grown Breakfasts for a Cause” by Jan Ellen Spiegel in *Eating Well*, March/April 2012, p. 64.

“Vivre sans viande? Cible des nutritionnistes et des environnementalistes, le bœuf se fait de plus en plus discret dans nos assiettes. Mais les carnivores n’ont pas dit leur dernier mot...” by Catherine Dubé in *Actualité* March 15, p.18.

### Adult English – art histories...

*Da Vinci's Ghost: Genius, Obsession, and How Leonardo Created the World in his Own Image* by Toby Lester – This journalist brings Vitruvian Man to life, resurrecting the ghost of an unknown Leonardo. Populated by a colourful cast of characters, *Da Vinci's Ghost* opens up a surprising window onto the artist and philosopher, and the tumultuous intellectual and cultural transformations he bridged.

*The Lady in Gold: the Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* by Anne-Marie O'Connor – The suspenseful tale of the battle to recover a famous painting created in turn-of-the-century Vienna, which was seized

by the Nazis during World War II, and its long journey back to its rightful owners.

### Adult French – On the big screen

*Les descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings – The screen adaptation of this novel was nominated for an Academy Award in the Best Picture category. Matthew King has been living a privileged life but now his two daughters are out of control and his wife lies in a coma. Upon discovering his wife's adultery, he sets out on a bittersweet journey with his children to find her lover and inform him of her fate.

*Le second souffle; suivi du Diable gardien* by Philippe Pozzo di Borgo – This rich industrialist wrote this memoir after a hang-gliding accident left him a tetraplegic. *Diable gardien* describes his extraordinary relationship with the person who was his aide for more than 10 years, a tough young man just out of jail.

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# Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- City of Westmount **blood donor clinic**, 2 to 8 pm at Victoria Hall. Info: Community Events 514.989.5226.
- **District 5 neighbourhood meeting** to mitigate arena/pool construction impact for residents of Lansdowne (excluding 200 Lansdowne) and of de Maisonneuve (including 4800) east of Roslyn, 7 pm, Lodge Room, Victoria Hall.
- Healthy City presents **William Marsden**, investigative journalist and author to speak about his book *Fools Rule: Inside the Failed Politics of Climate Change*, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library.
- As part of "Conversations on Health" series with naturopathic doctors Ilana Block and Orna Villazan ND, "**Regaining your Energy**," 7 pm to 8 pm at Harmony Health Centre, 4937A Sherbrooke St. Free. Info: 514.342.0123.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Atwater Library Lunchtime Series presents chef and baker **James MacGuire**, who will speak on the history of the croissant, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Deadline for the **McEntyre Writing Competition**. Open to students in elementary or secondary grades who go to school in Westmount, live in Westmount or are members of a library in Westmount. Info: [www.westlib.org/JeunesKids](http://www.westlib.org/JeunesKids) or contact children's librarian Wendy Wayling at 514.989.5357 or [wwayling@westmount.org](mailto:wwayling@westmount.org).

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

**Friends of the Westmount Library** used book sale, 10 am to 6 pm at Victoria Hall. Also Sunday, April 15. Books in good condition on all topics can be dropped off at the library at 4574 Sherbrooke St. Info:

Carolyn O'Neill 514.483.5604. See p. 8.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Shaar Hashomayim presents **Fred Krantz**, creator of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research on "The Problem of Israel Delegitimation on Campuses: Ensuring Future Jewish Leadership." Lunch at 12 noon, lecture at 12:30. Cost: \$5, includes both.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

- **Westmount Municipal Association** meeting, 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. City councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner Parks and Urban Planning, is guest speaker.
- Photographer Guy Boily will show images taken on a sailboat expedition in the North Atlantic to the **Montreal Camera Club**, 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Enter by rear entrance. Info: [b.deans@sympatico.ca](mailto:b.deans@sympatico.ca).

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

- *Alone in the Classroom* by **Elizabeth Hay** discussed in the Westmount Public Library's English Book Club meeting, 7 pm. Coffee and discussion. Info: Donna Lach 514.989.5386 or [dlach@westmount.org](mailto:dlach@westmount.org).
- **Poetry workshop** with Ann Lloyd, 2 pm in the boardroom of the Westmount Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

- The University Women's Club of Montreal presents architect **Julia Gersovitz** on "Pelimpsest Redux," 6 pm at the Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Ave. Cost \$30.76, includes dinner. Reserve: 514.932.3922 by April 13.
- "**Challenges of caregiving** – caring for the whole person mind, body and spirit" with Sue Britton, Joan Foster and Zeldia Freitas, 6 pm to 8 pm at Temple Emanuel Beth Shalom. Free. Info: The Council on Pallia-

tive Care [fmpa202@aol.com](mailto:fmpa202@aol.com) or 514.499.0345.

- Final-year **Dawson theatre** students perform *Hay Fever* directed by Winston Sutton, 8 pm. Further performances are April 19 to 21, and April 26 to 28, 8 pm; and April 28, 2 pm and 8 pm. Seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost: donations. Info: 514.931.5000.

## Library co-sponsors spring authors' events with Paragraphe

The Westmount Public Library will be collaborating again with Paragraphe bookstore, this time for the spring 2012 Books and Breakfast Series.

Scheduled to appear Sunday, April 22 are Eva Stachniak (*The Winter Palace*), Jean-Claude Germain (*Rue Fabre: Centre of the Universe*), Nancy Richler (*The Imposter Bride*) and Marie-Louise Gay and David Homel (*Summer in the City*).

On Sunday, May 13, author appearances are Kim Thuy (*Ru*), Noah Richler (*What We Talk About When We Talk About War*), Jeff Rubin (*The End of Growth*) and Taras Grescoe (*Straphanger*).

The series takes place at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal (1201 René Levesque Blvd.)

The library and bookstore had previously collaborated in an author events series that included Michael Ondaatje, Ian Rankin and Jeffrey Eugenides at Victoria Hall.

Library members can purchase tickets for \$30 at the library. Regular tickets at \$32 plus tax are sold at Paragraphe. The cost includes breakfast.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

A Westmount Historical Association talk on **Summit Woods** by Westmounter John Fretz. Also featuring Robert Armstrong, ornithologist and Jane Atkinson, botanist. 7 to 9 pm in the Westmount Public Library. Admission free for members, non-members \$5 at door. Info: 514.989.5510 or 514.932.6688.



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Ville de Westmount  
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AVIS PUBLIC  
DEMANDES DE PARTICIPATION À UN RÉFÉRENDUM  
SECOND PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1427

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire du 2 avril 2012, à la suite de l’assemblée publique de consultation tenue le 28 mars 2012 sur le premier projet de règlement n° 1427, le conseil municipal a adopté le second projet de règlement portant le n° 1427 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – ZONE C5-24-11 (RESTAURANT)** ».
2. Toute personne intéressée dans la zone concernée d’où peut provenir une demande ou, selon le cas, dans une zone contiguë à celle-ci, peut signer une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du second projet de règlement n° 1427 qui sont susceptibles d’approbation référendaire soient soumises à l’approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.

À cet égard, soyez avisés qu’une copie d’un résumé du second projet de règlement peut être obtenue sans frais par toute personne qui en fait la demande au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du règlement soient soumises à l’approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir de la **zone concernée C5-24-11 et des zones contiguës C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C15-24-07, R6-24-08 et C10-24-06**.

Une illustration de la zone concernée et des zones contiguës à celle-ci est imprimée ci-dessous. Un exemplaire à plus grande échelle de cette illustration est également disponible pour consultation au bureau du greffier.

3. Vous pouvez en outre obtenir les renseignements suivants du bureau du greffier en communiquant au 514-989-5256 ou en vous présentant à l’hôtel de ville durant les heures d’ouverture :
  - a) les personnes intéressées qui ont le droit de signer une demande et à l’égard de quelles dispositions elles peuvent le faire;
  - b) l’objectif d’une telle demande et ses conditions de validité;
  - c) le nombre potentiel de signataires dans votre zone;
  - d) toute autre information pour la bonne compréhension de la démarche.
4. Pour être valide, toute demande doit :
  - a) indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l’objet et la zone d’où elle provient;
  - b) être reçue au bureau du greffier **au plus tard le 19 avril 2012**; et
  - c) être signée par au moins 12 personnes intéressées de la

PUBLIC NOTICE  
APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART IN A REFERENDUM  
SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW No. 1427

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of Westmount, of the following:

1. At a regular meeting held on April 2, 2012, following the public consultation meeting held on March 28, 2012 in connection with the first draft By-law No. 1427, the Municipal Council adopted the second draft By-law No. 1427, entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONE C5-24-11 (RESTAURANT)**”.
2. Any interested person in the concerned zone from which an application may originate or, as the case may be, in a contiguous zone to said zone may sign an application requiring that the provisions contained in the said second draft By-law No. 1427, which are subject to approval by way of referendum, be submitted for the approval by certain qualified voters.

To that effect, please be advised that a copy of the summary of the second draft by-law may be obtained, free of charge, by any person who so requests at the office of the City Clerk, located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West.

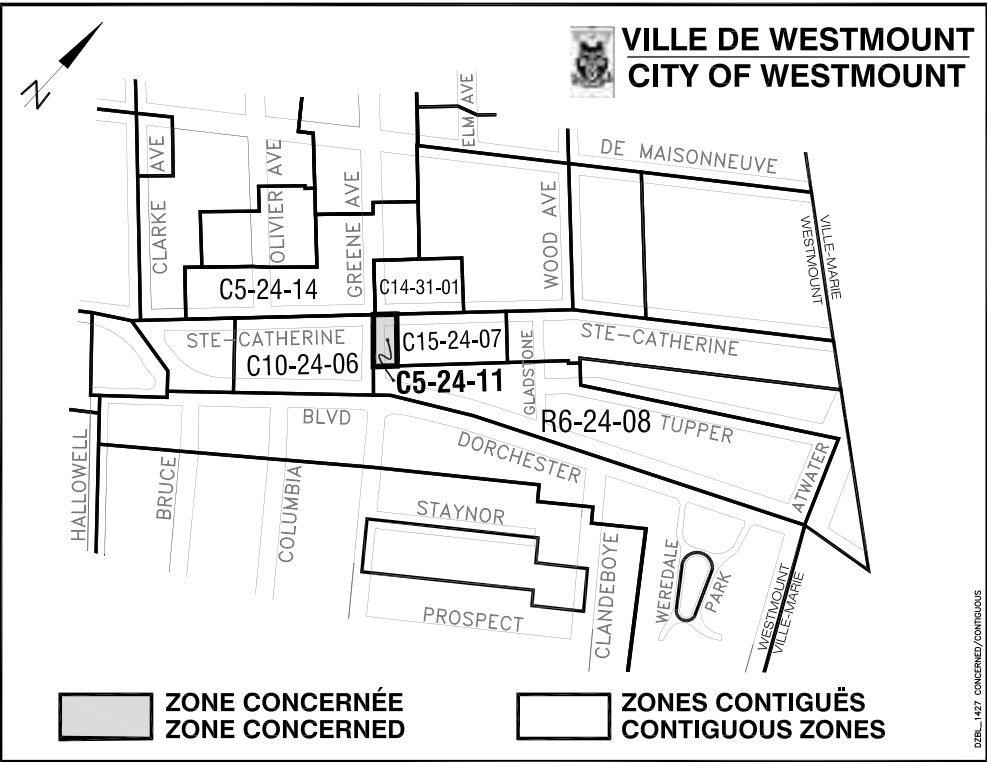
An application requiring that the provisions of the by-law be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters may originate from **concerned zone C5-24-11 and contiguous zones C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C15-24-07, R6-24-08 and C10-24-06**.

A sketch of the concerned zone and the contiguous zones to said zone is illustrated below. A large sketch of the zones is also available for consultation at the office of the City Clerk.

3. The office of the City Clerk can provide you with the following information at 514-989-5256 or in person at City Hall during business hours:

- a) the interested persons which are entitled to sign an application and in respect of which provisions;
- b) the object of such an application and the conditions of its validity;
- c) the number of potential signatories in your zone;
- d) any other information you may need for a better understanding of the application process.

4. To be valid an application must:
  - a) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates;
  - b) be received by the office of the City Clerk **no later than April 19, 2012**; and
  - c) be signed by at least 12 interested persons of the zone from







## Ville de Westmount City of Westmount



zone d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans la zone n'excède pas 21.

5. Est une personne intéressée :

- a) toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 avril 2012** :
  - être domiciliée dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
  - être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec;
- b) tout propriétaire unique d'un immeuble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 avril 2012** :
  - être depuis au moins 12 mois propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
  - avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- c) tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **2 avril 2012** :
  - être depuis au moins 12 mois copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
  - être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois comme celui qui a le droit de signer la demande en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite avec la demande.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, elle doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

- avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le **2 avril 2012**, est majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;
- avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande, une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer la demande et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*.

6. Les dispositions qui n'auront fait l'objet d'aucune demande valide pourront être incluses dans un règlement qui n'aura pas à être approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter.
7. Le second projet de règlement n° 1427 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, durant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

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**Mario Gerbeau, greffier de la ville**

which it originates or by a majority of them if their number does not exceed 21.

5. Is an interested person:

- a) any person not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **April 2, 2012**:
  - is domiciled in a zone from which an application may originate;
  - has been domiciled for at least 6 months in Quebec;
- b) any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment, not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **April 2, 2012**:
  - has been for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
  - having filed, or file at the same time as the application, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be;
- c) any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **April 2, 2012**:
  - has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
  - be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months as being the one having the right to sign the application in their name and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed with the application.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

- designate by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **April 2, 2012**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship, nor disqualified from voting;
- having filed or file the resolution with the application, designating the person authorised to sign the application and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

6. The provisions in respect of which no valid application is received may be included in a by-law that is not required to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters.
7. The second draft By-law No. 1427 may be consulted at the office of the City Clerk, at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, during office hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, on April 10, 2012.

**Mario Gerbeau, City Clerk**

# Cadieux retires after selling St. Catherine St. pharmacy

By JOANNE PENHALE

Classical music plays amidst neatly organized medications as Westmount pharmacist Murielle Cadieux contemplates her career of 35 years.

In 1977, she was a pharmacy student at the University of Montreal when she was hired at the Henry Goldenberg Pharmacy on St. Catherine St. at Metcalfe.

“When I started, people used to take a lot of tranquilizers, like Valium,” Cadieux reflected. “Now people take anti-depressants.”

Cadieux purchased the pharmacy from

Goldenberg in 1995, and about five years ago it was renamed Proxim Murielle Cadieux.

“People are much more aware of medication than they were before,” Cadieux said, adding people do internet research about drug interactions and side effects. She also said there are now drugs for problems which once didn’t have pharmaceutical treatments, like osteoporosis, high-cholesterol, erectile dysfunction and bladder control.

There have also been many mergers in the pharmaceutical industry, she explained. “There aren’t that many [drug companies] left now; they all buy each other.”

And, she said, there are now problems with drug shortages, which didn’t exist before, and drug costs have gone up over the years, with new medications often being very expensive.

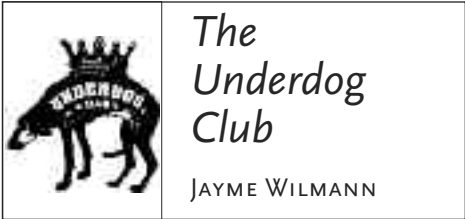
Cadieux said she’s proud of the relationships she’s built with her clients. “I know 99 percent of the customers by name.” She said she’ll miss them, but is looking forward to having more time for tennis and travelling. She is 58 years old this month.

Thai Khanh Nguyen, a 27-year-old pharmacist, purchased the business in January, and Cadieux has stayed on until the first week of April to ease the transition.



Murielle Cadieux says when she started at this Westmount pharmacy in 1977, the owner had a motto: “Small enough to know you, big enough to serve you.” It’s a tradition she says she’s always tried to maintain.

# Home to call her own



A tiny, 3-month-old puppy found racing through traffic on a busy Beirut highway almost six years ago, Baguerra was aptly named after both the European sports car and *The Jungle Book* black panther character Bagheera. Saved from this terrifying experience by a brave rescue worker, Baguerra was brought to a quiet, rural shelter, where she hoped to find a new family.

Yet cultural norms and popular myth make black dogs even more of an anathema in Lebanon than here in North America, so poor Baguerra has spent her entire life living at the shelter.

Luckily, she is finally being given another chance to find a loving home, as a number of rescues have worked together

to bring her to Canada and find her the perfect forever family.

A favourite at the Lebanese canine shelter because of her affectionate nature, Baguerra is no stranger to love and affection, but she has never had a family or even a bed to call her own. She is understandably a little shy with strangers, but she is not aggressive, and once properly introduced this eager-to-please girl will do just about anything to earn your love.

Baguerra is wonderful with cats and dogs and can be placed with kids over the age of 8, as long as they are respectful of her space and approach her gently while she is settling into her new home.

Baguerra is still making the adjustment from country life to city life, and is fairly nervous around bikes and cars. As with many rescue dogs, she has never had the chance to learn recall and may run away at first if given the opportunity. As such, Baguerra will need to be kept on leash or brought to the dog park until she learns recall.

While it was *The Jungle Book*’s Mowgli who said, “Wherever I wander, wherever I roam, I couldn’t be fonder of my big home,” it is our own Lebanese-imported Baguerra who would do just about anything to have a home of her own for the first time in her life.

If you are interested in fostering or adopting Baguerra, contact Sophie’s Dog Adoption at 514.523.5052.

*We have heard from several readers that they want to know about the dogs who have been adopted. We will work to bring more feel-good stories. In the meantime, please visit [www.underdogclub.org](http://www.underdogclub.org) and click on “Adopted” for all those underdogs who found homes. We want you to keep reading us!*



Baguerra

# On the shelves

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de Santiago in the Pyrenees. Driven by profound sadness, he decides to honour his son’s desire to finish the historical pilgrimage, and begins a quest for greater meaning in his own life.

*Steve Jobs: One Last Thing* – This documentary looks not only at how his talent, style and imagination have shaped our lives, but also at the influences that molded the man himself. Through interviews with people who worked closely with him or chronicled his life, we gain unique insight into what made him tick. In a never-before-broadcast exclusive interview,

Jobs expounds his own philosophy of life and offers advice on the power of change.

## Books about spring for children

*And Then It’s Spring* by Julie Fogliano – A boy and his dog have had enough of all that’s brown as they eagerly await for the first signs of spring.

*Comment poussent la salade et les autres légumes?* by Anne-Sophie Baumann – Young children discover how the ingredients in their salad changed from seeds to plants to vegetables.

## Reference

*Dictionnaire des mouvements artistiques.*

# Condo development status

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makes the entire building very architecturally interesting with the cubes in cantilever; it gives it a movement, more volume.”

Hakim said he made the decision to change the exterior plans so that his project would stand out from other condo developments.

“There are so many condos in Westmount and Montreal for sale, we decided to have a special architecture, to distinguish ourselves in all levels. We are building a building for the years to come where energy is a very key factor. We’re doing thermal energy and central heat exchange-

ers, as well as very large, triple glazed windows for passive solar energy.”

Sales are going well, and Hakim said delivery is expected for spring 2013.

The exterior remains the same as it did when last reported in June 2011.

## 1250 Greene

A crane towers above the sidewalk at the 20-unit luxury project at 1250 Greene Ave. as construction continues. Developer Jacob Attias did not return phone calls as of press time, so we are unable to update readers on the progress of the site. According to its advertisements, it is 60 per cent sold.



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| <div><b>Tosca - opéra de Giacomo Puccini</b><br/>La Société lyrique du Grand Montréal vous invite à découvrir Tosca de Giacomo Puccini, les 21 et 28 avril à 19 h. Mettant en vedette : <b>Judee Lalonde</b>, soprano (dans le rôle de Floria Tosca) • <b>Donald Lavergne</b>, ténor (dans le rôle de Mario Cavaradossi) • <b>Martin-Michel Boucher</b>, bariton (dans le rôle du Baron Scarpia). Tosca est une tragédie italienne en trois actes. Billets : 25 \$ (20 \$ à l'avance) disponibles au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info : 514 989-5226.</div>                       | <div><b>Festival des enfants TD-Metropolis bleu</b><br/><b>Mahreb Narsimhan</b> - 10 ans et plus. Le jeudi 19 avril à 9 h 30. Salle Westmount.<br/><b>Karen Patkau</b> - 7 ans et plus. Le lundi 23 avril à 9 h 30. Salle Westmount.</div>  | <div><b>Opera Tosca by Giacomo Puccini</b><br/>The Lyric Society of Greater Montreal invites you to experience Giacomo Puccini's Tosca, April 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. Starring: <b>Judee Lalonde</b> as Floria Tosca (soprano) • <b>Donald Lavergne</b> as Mario Cavaradossi (tenor) • <b>Martin-Michel Boucher</b> as Baron Scarpia (baritone). Tosca is an Italian tragedy in three acts. Tickets : \$25 (\$20 in advance) available at Victoria Hall 4626, Sherbrooke W. Info : 514 989-5226.</div>  | <div><b>Poetry and Pastry</b><br/>Celebrate National Poetry Month by sampling sweets and savouries and listening to local poets in the Westmount Room on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.</div>  |
| <div></div> <div>BIBLIOTHÈQUE<br/><b>Concours littéraire McEntyre</b><br/>Tous les élèves du primaire et du secondaire qui fréquentent une école de Westmount, qui habitent à Westmount ou qui sont abonnés à une bibliothèque de Westmount peuvent participer. Tous les textes doivent parvenir à la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount avant 21 h le vendredi 13 avril 2012. Pour plus de renseignements, consultez le dépliant McEntyre, disponible au comptoir des enfants ou à www.westlib.org.</div> | <div><b>Poésie et pâtisserie</b><br/>Célébrez le mois national de la poésie en savourant des pâtisseries tout en écoutant des poètes locaux dans la salle Westmount le samedi 21 avril à 14 h. Info : 514 989-5386.</div>   | <div></div> <div>LIBRARY<br/><b>McEntyre Writing Competition</b><br/>All students in elementary (Gr. 1–6) or secondary grades who go to school in Westmount, live in Westmount or are members of a library in Westmount may compete. All entries must reach the Westmount Public Library before 9 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2012. For more information please consult the McEntyre Brochure available at the Children's Desk or at www.westlib.org.</div> | <div><b>World Book Day Reception for Book Clubs</b><br/>In celebration of World Book Day, the Library invites book club members to a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Take this opportunity to meet fellow book lovers, exchange ideas and reading lists, and discover new resources for your club. RSVP before April 23 by calling 514 989-5386.</div> |
| <div><b>THÉÂTRE pour enfants : BED BUGS!</b><br/><i>Teen Tour Theatre's Junior Tour Group</i> présente Bed Bugs de Leah Genuario. Grouillant de rires (pensez au film Une vie de bestiole), cette pièce en version anglaise convient aux enfants de 3 à 9 ans. Le dimanche 15 avril à 14 h à le Salon de la Loge du Victoria Hall. Veuillez vous inscrire à l'avance.</div>  | <div></div> <div>TRAVAUX PUBLICS<br/><b>Restrictions de stationnement - Entretien des rues</b><br/>Veuillez vérifier les panneaux de votre secteur à cet effet afin d'éviter des amendes.</div>  | <div><b>THEATRE for KIDS! BED BUGS!</b><br/>By Leah Genuario. Presented by Teen Tour Theatre's Junior Tour Group Crawling with laughs (think A Bug's Life), this play is perfect for young audiences. 3 - 9 year olds. Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Lodge Room. Victoria Hall. (Registration is required.)</div>   | <div></div> <div>PUBLIC WORKS<br/><b>Parking Restrictions for Street Cleaning</b><br/>Check the street signs in your area to avoid potential fines.</div>   |
| <div><b>Vente de livres du printemps</b><br/>Les Amis de la Bibliothèque organise une vente de livres au Victoria Hall les samedi 14 avril et dimanche 15 avril de 10 h à 18 h. Tous les bénéfices serviront à acheter de nouvelles publications pour la bibliothèque. Info : 514 483-5604.</div>  | <div><b>Un paquet de 5 sacs en papier pour résidus de jardin</b><br/>Procurez-vous gratuitement un emballage de 5 sacs en papier pour les résidus de jardin en vous présentant aux ateliers municipaux, à l'Hôtel de ville ou au Victoria Hall, avec une preuve de résidence. Les sacs en plastique ne seront pas ramassés.</div> | <div><b>Friends of the Library – Spring Book Sale</b><br/>The Friends of the Library will be holding its spring book sale at Victoria Hall on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds from this sale go towards the purchase of new materials for the Library. Info: 514 483-5604.</div>  | <div><b>A package of 5 paper yard waste bags</b><br/>Pick them up at the Public Works office, City Hall reception or the Victoria Hall office. A package of paper yard bags will be made available to Westmount residents (proof of residence). Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.</div>  |
|  |   | <div><b>Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd</b><br/>Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Our next session will be on Tuesday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.</div>   |  |

## Cement falls from building

Firefighters were called to the building at the southwest corner of Claremont and Sherbrooke March 26 when pieces of cement were found falling from a second ballustrade of decorative trim, Public Security officials said. Officers cordoned off the area with danger tape and called the Public Works and Urban Planning departments. Repair crews were reported on the scene at 1 pm. The apartment building houses a TD Canada Trust branch on the corner.

## PSO greeted by growling dog

A woman who found a dog wandering loose March 20 at Elm and Sherbrooke followed it back to its home on Elm Ave. and alerted Public Security. The boxer growled at the responding officer from its front porch at 8 pm preventing her from ringing the doorbell. The owner was reached instead by phone to answer the door. He claimed to have a licence for the one-year-old dog but couldn't produce it and was given the customary 14 days to acquire one.

## Dogs head to the right place

Two dogs seemed to know just where to go to get their own licences. The unlicensed pair was found in the parking at city hall March 22, according to Public Security officials. Just as they were taken up to the station on Stanton St., a call was received from their anxious owner, who was told to obtain the required permits. The dogs live on Anwoth Rd.

## Shoe store, shoe drive



On March 31, Westmounters strolling past the Foot Solutions store on Victoria Ave. were asked to be among the first people in the Montreal region to donate to Soles4Souls, a non-profit group that gathers new or gently used footwear for the world's developing countries. This year's event was organized by the Montreal chapter of the Professional Organizers' Association of Canada. Foot Solutions owner Simon Bitton got into the spirit by donating pairs of footwear he accumulated. Seen in the photo, from left, are volunteers Dorothy Spevack and Bonnie Boutet, Soles4Souls's executive director for eastern Canada Don Robichaud, Pat Auchinlek, Bitton, Westmounter Cary Lawrence and Renée Blanchette. Other donation drop-off points in Westmount are the Running Room on Sherbrooke St. and Centre Greene.

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## Dog run

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tion of eliminating the run entirely or asking its users to make their way to runs at Murray Park or the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), she said.

“One reason I support the need for a dog run in that area,” she later told the *Independent*, “is that it’s a designated place

where people who live in lower Westmount can bring their big dogs for exercise. Big dogs need it. People with smaller dogs, like me, don’t.”

But she added, “I didn’t want to start dog wars again. I was hoping we could move forward.”



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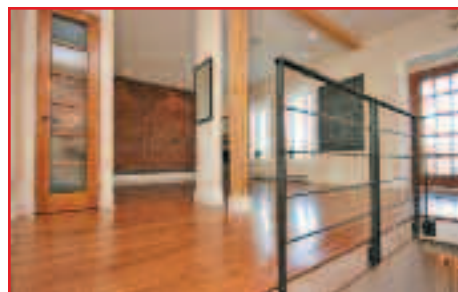
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