

Still arriving after deadline

City deluged with flood claims

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Even though the deadline had come and gone June 13 for notices of claim against the city emerging from the flash flood on May 29, the city was being inundated with new ones last week.

It's the postmark on the envelope rather than the arrival date that counts, said assistant city clerk Nancy Gagnon.

By June 20, the city had received more than 160 notices of the intention to file a claim, and more were expected, she said. This is believed to be the most received by the city for any one incident since the flood of 1987. At that time, she said, city staff *continued on p. 4*



The gentle giant's last day

A crew of workers with Arbo Design was at the corner of St. Catherine St. and Lansdowne Ave. the morning of June 20 to start cutting down the giant cottonwood in the dog run. According to the city of Westmount, the tree's crown was mostly dead. See story June 19, p. 1. The dog run was closed during the work, which continued into the next day. See more photos, p. 10.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Rossy, Roslyn cases decided at Supreme Court. See p. 7.

Pigeon, groundhog taken to SPCA

A pigeon trapped in a store at 330A Victoria was taken to the SPCA just after 1 pm June 4 by public safety officers. The bird had a broken wing. The next day, a groundhog with an injured back leg was also taken to the shelter. A resident of Edgemoor called Public Security to say it had been limping back and forth near the house.

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Stone cliff helps define new design

Demo hearing called for July 9 on 42 Belvedere Rd.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A demolition hearing is slated to take place July 9 at city hall for 42 Belvedere Rd., a house overlooking the city on the north side of the winding street as its zig-zags into a continuation of Sunnyside.

The house is built into the site of the old quarry that once supplied much of the stone used to build Westmount houses.

The tall rock cliff that rises at the north-east corner of the property “contributes to the unique character of the site” and helps define the planned enlarging of the home, according to the public demolition file opened last week at city hall.

While the basics of the existing house are to remain intact in its redesign, more than 50 percent of the façade is to be removed, which requires the issuing of a demolition permit.

Plans call for the current two-storey single-family dwelling to have a third floor contained within a sloped roof with dormers. As well, an L-shaped addition would be built at the northeast corner and the garage repositioned to conceal visibility of

the door from the street.

The new design with a peaked roof is seen as harmonizing well with the streetscape and will use the same Ashley stone cladding. The work has an estimated cost of some \$750,000.

While the existing house is considered to be in good condition and judged to have “significant value” as a heritage Category II building, it is not deemed to have historic value or to be an “outstanding” architectural example of the modern era.

These are factors described as playing a role in the decision of the city’s Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) May 29 to recommend the preliminary building plan to the demolition committee.

The PAC found the new plan integrates well into the streetscape and acknowledges the presence of the rock cliff.

Designed originally in 1936 by Norton Fellowes, who lived in Westmount, its redesign is being undertaken by Westmount architect Paul Grenier, a member of the PAC, who as a result, has been excusing himself from the design review, according to minutes of PAC meetings.



A tall rock cliff characterizes the property at 42 Belvedere Rd., where owners are applying for a demolition permit required for its make-over, as explained by the demolition sign posted outside.



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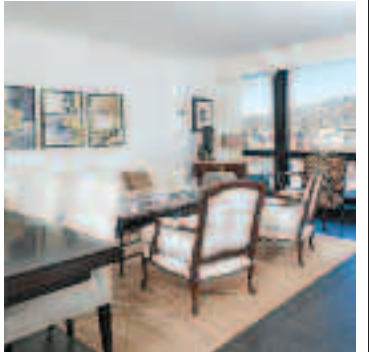
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Sidewalk opened for walk-through to Westmount Park Church regains access in time for wedding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

There's something about a wedding that seems to tug at everyone's heart strings – and a Saturday ceremony June 16 at Westmount Park Church was no exception.

City officials and contractors at the arena/pool site report rushing to open up access to the front door and clean up as much as possible.

The morning before, access to the front door of the church had been blocked off, tractors and other construction equipment for the arena/pool project were seen going to and fro only feet away, and all cyclists and pedestrians were blocked from heading east on de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne.

And overnight, someone painted graffiti on the stone wall of the church beside the front door that was discovered just after 7 am on the day of the wedding.

Meanwhile, officials said, the contractor had moved back the security fencing by Friday afternoon to free up the sidewalk and provide access to the front door and newly laid sod the church's landscaper had laid down.

"As soon as we heard about the graffiti, we sent the city's cleaners over to remove it and they responded very quickly," said Public Security director David Sedgwick.

Public Security on hand

"We also had two officers posted outside for the wedding," he said. Guests were assisted with parking, and cyclists were prevented from riding along the newly freed-up sidewalk to reach the bike path.

The Pomerleau site manager Marc Pla-

mondon "was most helpful with the relocation of fencing to accommodate the wedding," said Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan. He said a church official had "confirmed to me that all went well."

"We all tried to make the effort to provide access to the front door," said city director general Duncan Campbell. The church has provided the city with a list of upcoming weddings so the contractor can be prepared, he said. Another wedding was scheduled for last weekend.

He pointed out that the blocked access to the front door earlier in the week was unexpected owing to the unscheduled Bell work to install a new manhole (see June 19, p. 4).

Now that there is partial reopening of the access to Westmount Park – for pedestrians and cyclists pushing bikes – "there will be a gradual retraction of the safety fencing" to just north of the south sidewalk on de Maisonneuve, Campbell said.

At the moment, however, the opening is not wide enough to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians so cyclists will have to dismount and walk past the church, which many had been doing last week, he said. However, "The behaviour of some cyclists has been less than exemplary."

Roofers needed chute

Roofers throwing down loose debris into a container on Mountain Ave. June 7 were stopped by Public Security just after 9:10 am until they could obtain a chute. This was acquired by 12:30 pm when they were reported to be back at work.

Summer traffic woes to worsen in southeastern NDG Resident wants compensation for piling damage

BY ISAAC OLSON

People trying to head east along de Maisonneuve from Decarie will need to find an alternate route as de Maisonneuve will be reduced to one westbound lane between Decarie and Northcliffe from July to September. The city of Montreal is planning to renovate the sewers.

This is according to NDG councillor Peter McQueen, who made the announcement during the June 19 meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee, which discusses construction in and around the incoming McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) hospital.

The sewer project, he explained, is intended to mitigate basement flooding in the area. It means crews will be excavating de Maisonneuve eastward from Decarie to install large sewer conduits, then up

Northcliffe all the way up to Sherbrooke and, eventually, eastward.

Potrykus still waiting

Just as the meeting was closing, Westmounter Wanda Potrykus asked officials when she was going to hear back about damage to her home she claims was caused by more than a year of earth-shaking pile driving at the hospital site.

It has been two months since she filed a complaint with SNC Lavalin about cracked plaster in her home, but, aside from people coming in to take pictures, she had not heard back, she later told the *Independent*.

She was directed to an MUHC representative and finally got in touch with someone from SNC Lavalin who promised to help.

Redfern traffic under adjustment

New two-way traffic regulations for Redfern Ave. (St. Catherine north to mid-block) may still need adjustments, said Public Security director David Sedgwick last week. The changes went into effect June 14 to provide direct access to and from the construction site at 215 Redfern so trucks would not have to go north to de Maisonneuve, crossing the bike path.

Some drivers, however – mainly from the apartment building at 4300 de Maisonneuve and parkers from a commercial building – appear to be taking advantage of the change, adding to an already congested stretch.

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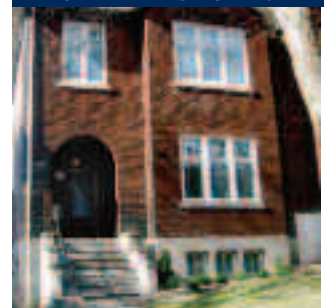


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Are gardening contractors playing garbage games?

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's new waste management by-law requiring garden debris be put out in special heavy duty paper bags has resulted in some contractors dumping plastic bagsful on public or other people's property, Public Security and Public Works officials said last week.

"Unfortunately, they're playing the game," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. "If they're not putting it in

paper bags, they're dumping their plastic bags on public property and sneaking away. They're polluting the city."

The non-compliant contractors typically re-use their left-over plastic bags from peat moss and other gardening material.

Because the city contractor for organic waste will no longer collect garden residue put out in plastic, it means Public Works employees are going around picking them up. This takes them away from other duties, Zalzal said.

Campaign waged

It has also resulted in Public Security waging a concerted campaign to find offenders, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. "We know their dumping spots, but catching them isn't easy." Public Works has put up warning signs at the locations.

One of the spots, the median on Surrey Gardens, has long been known as a place where contractors leave garden debris. A pool liner was recently thrown there, Zalzal said.

"We've been helping Public Works by keeping an eye out for offenders," McBain said. Officers have also been giving out no-

tices asking residents to advise their contractors to use the paper bags when the plastic bags are seen on private property. These have been left at more than 25 residences.

One Public Security report May 9 documented the complaint of a resident on Upper Bellevue stating someone had dumped seven plastic bags on her property (see May 22, p. 8).

Another incident on June 10 involved several garbage bags that were found uncollected from the sidewalk outside a house on Elm, but it could not be confirmed that the bags came from that property. When the resident was finally reached the next day, he stated he knew nothing about them since he had just returned from a trip.

And in yet another case, an *Independent* reader claimed recently to have seen a garbage bag sitting on the sidewalk for about four weeks on Côte St. Antoine and Forden. This left officials puzzled that it hadn't been noticed by passing patrols on the lookout for such rogue bags.

The offences have left officials hoping to catch at least one or two offenders so the word will get around. "We don't have

garbage police," McBain pointed out.

Enforcement was one of the challenges raised at a public consultation meeting on the waste management by-law before its adoption December 1 (see December 6, p. 4).

Office gets a special delivery – thieves

Thieves used the courier slot to access an office on St. Catherine near Gladstone and despite the security alarm were able to get away with several computers before police arrived.

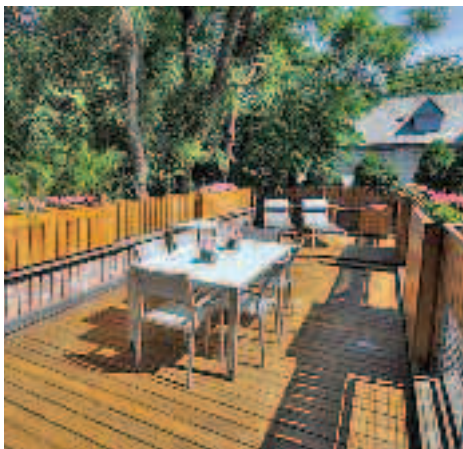
On June 9, the office's alarms were set off at 10:39 pm when the suspects used a piece of wood to pry open the delivery slot, reach in and unlock the door, explained constable Adalbert Pimentel from Station 12. The office owner responded to the alarm, but found he had already been robbed of three desktop computers and three laptops.

He called police, who arrived by 10:55 pm. The police examined the scene but were unable to find fingerprints. They did, however, recommend a better locking system on the door as, even with alarms, thieves can work quickly. – I.O.



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Suspicious activity at lookout

Two public safety officers patrolling at the Summit lookout at 4:15 am June 12 spotted two people in an illegally parked car whose driver appeared to be rolling a joint, Public Security officials said. With the arrival of officers, the car sped off quickly but not before its licence plate was recorded. A \$52 ticket was to be sent off through Montreal municipal court and police were notified about possible drug possession.



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recalled "boxes and boxes" of claims.

An estimated 95 percent of the current claims are from insurance companies, Gagnon said. No dollar amount is yet known since at this stage all that is required is notification of the intent to file a claim.

All would be turned over to the city's claims adjuster for investigation. When amounts of individual claims are known, those exceeding the city's \$10,000 insurance deductible are turned over to the insurer. Smaller ones, if deemed eligible, are paid directly from the city clerk's budget, Gagnon said.

"We take our responsibilities seriously," she explained.

Meanwhile, anyone who has filed a notice of claim can expect to receive a letter of acknowledgement, she said. Public Works has also been asked for a technical report to be used by the claims adjuster in investigating individual claims, she said.

Church opens its doors to help arena/pool construction workers

Residents' worksite concerns 'passed on' to contractor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents of 52 Academy Rd., whose apartments on the west side overlook Arena Drive, are discovering first hand what it's like to live virtually in a construction site.

In strings of emails received by the *Independent* over the last two weeks, some of the concerns allege insufficient watering down of dust, idling work vehicles, use of the building's outside water tap by workers and trespassing on the building property.

Complaints passed on to contractor

"All complaints have been passed on to the contractor, who is aware of our regulations," Councillor Patrick Martin, project chair, said last week.

But given the hot weather last week, Westmount Park Church moved to help the construction workers.

"We have opened the church up for the female construction workers to use our washroom facilities and for everyone to refill their water bottles," church administrator Shelagh McNally told the

Independent. "It has been very hot work for them, and we wanted to extend some kindness towards the people doing the ground work."

Some were known to have taken advantage of the invitation.

Among complaints from one resident was this question: Why do the contractor's "powershovels run their engines without stop right through the lunch break even though the machines are still and the operators absent?" wrote George Ritter, in an email.

"Sometimes it's hard to start up some of the machines again," Martin told the *Independent*. "It can take awhile."

Financial benefit from recycling?

Another concern expressed by Ritter is whether or not the city is deriving revenue from the sale of recyclable material that has been separated into mounds of rubble such as concrete, brick, steel and wood.

To this, Martin explains that the city won't receive any financial benefit. It has a set price agreement with the contractor who assumes all risk – gains and losses – from the recycling, one of the conditions

for obtaining certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

After the cost of transportation to recyclers is factored in plus the cost of separating the material, "hopefully he's breaking even on the sale from disposal of the material," Martin said.

He also said that regarding to the concerns of another tenant about dust arising from the work, "A lot of water is being poured on the site using a high pressure hose. I think the contractor is doing all he can in that regard." He also said the city is reminding the contractor daily of residents' concerns.

Unlucky BMW owner victimized twice

The unlucky owner of a BMW 3 Series was victimized twice in as many days.

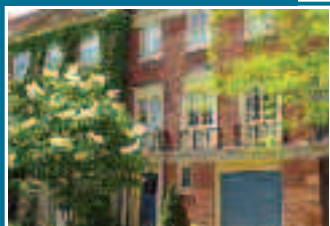
The first time, thieves broke in and stole a pair of glasses. The second time, occurring only two days later on June 17, somebody stole the car itself, which was parked on Grosvenor near Sherbrooke. The theft happened sometime between 9:30 pm and early the next morning.

"This doesn't mean it was the same suspect twice," said Constable Adalbert Pimentel with Station 12, who offered

some tips on avoiding car break-ins and thefts.

"Having an alarm system on the car does help as it makes noise and draws attention. Having a bar on the steering wheel also helps as it means thieves must take the time to cut through the steering wheel to remove the bar. Of course, putting the car in a garage helps if you have one, and always make sure the windows are up and the doors are locked."

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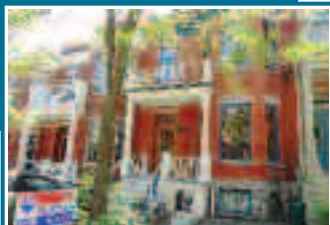


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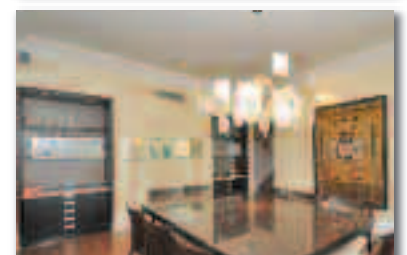
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WALK THROUGH THE PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK

I am writing in response to Roger Jochym's letter "Cyclists in harm's way" in the June 19 issue, p. 6. He must be taking a completely different path than anyone else in the city. I have seen way too many cyclists who are just ignoring the "path closed" signs and are roaring down the bike path and the pedestrian paths through the park. I know of one woman walking her dog who was hit by one of the cyclists.

There doesn't seem to be any confusion on behalf of the cyclists. As usual, they are doing as they please regardless of warnings such as the "walk your bike" signs, the detour signs, etc. These seem to fall under the same category as red lights and stop signs.

As someone who lives right next to the [arena/pool project] construction site, I have to walk almost to Melville and go up through the field in front of the school to cross into the park. Even though these paths are closed, I have had to wait to cross due to the number of cyclists bombing through.

Walking the dog in the park, where bikes are not allowed, has become an exercise in leaping to the side to avoid being hit.

I put forth that Pomerleau, while not

my favourite people these days, are not the only reason for the problems of cyclists these days.

By the way, I too cycle to work and back. If you use the road, you should comply with the rules of the road. To not do so shows nothing but arrogance and a sense of entitlement.

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FINES SEEM TO BE ONLY WAY TO HANDLE BOLD CYCLISTS

The problem with a well-meaning initiative is that support can overwhelm concerns. That is what happens when a city becomes emotionally invested in an issue, like bike paths.

Some cyclists are getting bolder with violating stop lights at the St. Catherine/Claremont/de Maisonneuve intersection, a busy area, especially for many pedestrians going to and from the Vendôme Metro station.

Imagine: you are crossing a light at the southeast corner of de Maisonneuve (to the southwest corner), only to be confronted by a cyclist northbound on St. Catherine, who should be stopped at a red light. With me so far? Now imagine the cyclist wheeling in front of you to turn westbound on de Maisonneuve. I have been rattled by such a pirouette more than once recently.

Others have chimed in on these pages with similar concerns about errant cyclists. But the time is long past for public complaints, because cyclists will continue to take risks unless there are consequences.

Bike paths in heavily-trafficked areas in Westmount need a monitoring presence, (police?) at least during rush hours, with fines handed out to violators.

It is one thing to embrace bike paths with such enthusiasm – quite another to permit their continued use without measures to ensure compliance with the laws of the road, and pedestrian/vehicular safety.

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FORE, GOLF BALLS!

To add to the usual overflowing garbage cans, beer bottles and condoms normally found in Murray Park, please add golf balls to that list.

Our aspiring golfers were out practising and these were found around the dog run fence the next morning by your faithful correspondent.

DAVID LUDMER, GROSVENOR AVE.



Golf balls from Murray Park.

Photo courtesy of D. Ludmer

LESS \$ WAY TO DEAL WITH SQUIRRELS, RE: KNUTTAL

Well, it was a disappointing week for squirrels living in Westmount.

Recently, the municipal court of Montreal found a Westmounter guilty of feeding wildlife. But Westmount Public Security doesn't find this action absurd enough! Thanks to their undercover operation, this Westmounter will face additional court action next year.

The stated reasons for this vendetta are twofold: to keep keep rats (a kind of wildlife, clearly) from proliferating in Westmount Park; and because of peanut-related allergies among many young children these days.

A simpler solution would be for city council to decree that squirrels no longer be deemed wildlife, but instead shall be known as cute fuzzy ambassador mascots of the city. A feeding location (altar possibly), inaccessible to rats, could be built in Westmount Park, where potato chips (not peanuts) be fed to us squirrels – all of this would be tremendously less expensive than what is currently being pursued.

It is heartening to know our position on the wildlife feeding by-law is sound. When Westmount Public Security and George Bowser ("Rats!" May 8, p. 24) are on other sides of an issue, you can be sure that you aren't on the absurdly foolish side of that issue. Be strong Westmounters.

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Dog days of summer?



Griffon, an almost 10-year-old golden retriever was "doing something he probably is not supposed to do, but found such relief from the 40° heat June 21 in the fountain on the corner of Elm and Sherbrooke. It looks like he's smiling 'cause he's so happy!" said Elizabeth Hasse.

Photo courtesy of E. Hasse

Driver causes cyclist to crash, leaves the scene

BY ISAAC OLSON

While bad driving can lead to somebody getting the finger, an incident on June 15 left a 65-year-old Montreal resident with a broken one instead.

Now police are searching for the driver involved in the “hit and run” even though the sought suspect never actually hit anything.

Just after 2:30 pm, a cyclist was heading south on Victoria near the Boulevard, when a motorist made a sudden move, according to Station 12’s constable Adalbert Pimentel. The driver’s sudden manoeuvre caused the cyclist to hit the brakes hard. The cyclist lost control of the bike and fell. The driver left the scene, making it a “hit and run” crime, explained Pimentel.

“When you cause an accident, you have to stay on the scene, call the police and wait for officers to respond,” he said. “Otherwise, it’s a violation of the highway safety code.”

The cyclist, he said, was transported to the Montreal General, where he was treated for shock and a broken finger.

Cell phone user plows into cab

A cyclist talking on a cell phone rode into the back of a taxi stopped at a red light on Sherbrooke at Lansdowne June 8, Public Security officials said. No injuries were reported but one of the taxi’s tail lights was broken. The cyclist was identified as a 23-year-old Ottawa resident.

Supreme Court rules payments ‘in lieu’ of taxes must be ‘fair’ and ‘equitable’

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada June 15 reinforced the principle of “fairness” and “equity” in how the federal government pays “in lieu of” property tax compensation to municipalities.

Federal and provincial governments pay taxes to municipalities on a special basis.

In Westmount, such revenue from both federal and provincial properties amounted to close to \$3.6 million in 2011.

In relaying the ruling in a communiqué

Top court rules Rossy tree death was a car accident

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled June 22 that a Westmount tree that fell on a car in August 2006, killing its driver Gabriel Rossy, did qualify as a road accident under Quebec’s no-fault insurance.

The city of Westmount’s insurer Lloyd’s of London maintained the family of the victim was entitled only to indemnity provided by the Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) because he was driving along Côte des Neiges Rd., when a large tree on Westmount property fell onto the vehicle.

The family, represented by Westmounter Julius Grey, claimed it was not a car accident and that Rossy, 27 at the time, could have been hit by the tree had he been a pedestrian.

The leave to appeal to the Supreme Court had been announced January 24, 2011 by Lloyd’s of London in a bid to overturn a ruling of the Quebec Court of Appeal two months earlier (see “Supreme Court asked to hear Rossy tree death case,” February 1, 2011, p. 16). — LS

issued June 18, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) called it a “very significant day for municipalities across

Roslyn teacher prevails at Supreme Court

The leave to appeal application of parents Hagop Artinian and Kathryn Rosenstein against a judgement for defamation awarded to former Roslyn teacher Mary Kanavaros was dismissed with costs by the Supreme Court on June 21.

According to the court’s website, the parents initially sued for educational malpractice. On the morning of the trial, the parties agreed to a settlement that contained a confidentiality clause. While leaving the courthouse, the parents were questioned by the media and said that they had “made their point.” Kanavaros sued for defamation and was awarded \$234,011 in damages at trial. The parents appealed the award, but the Quebec Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal, which dismissal has now been upheld by the Supreme Court.

the country.”

The FCM and the city of Toronto were interveners in the court case in which Halifax had disputed a nominal valuation of \$10 the federal government had assigned to a large acreage of federal land around the Citadel area.

The ruling stated that the government cannot base its valuation on a “fictitious tax sys- continued on p. 13

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Summer reading club for kids started; theme is fantasy

The Westmount Public Library launched its 2012 Summer Reading Club recently. Kids, aged 3 to 13, who are members of the library, can participate in activities involving books, games and activities. This year, the theme is fantasy, according to Wendy Wayling, children's librarian.

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Stella

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Once she is more comfy in her surroundings, and with patience, the walls come down. Stella is active and enjoys walks, playing with toys and companions. She is picky with her pals, though, and chooses her friends carefully. She will need to work on her barking at times, but she is fully house-trained.

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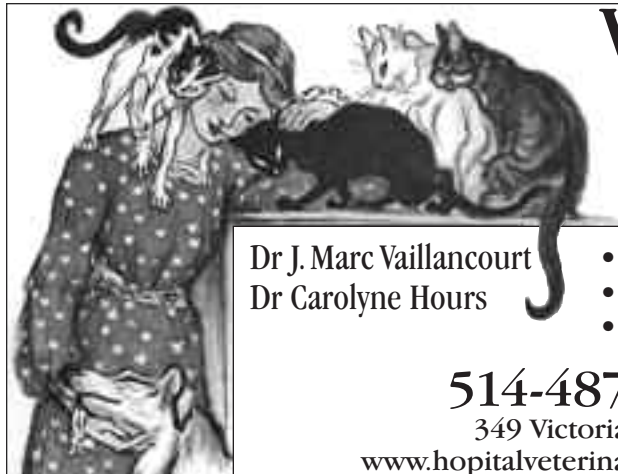
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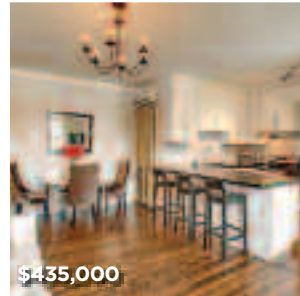
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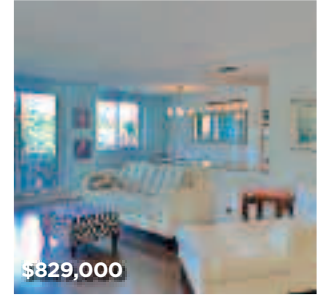
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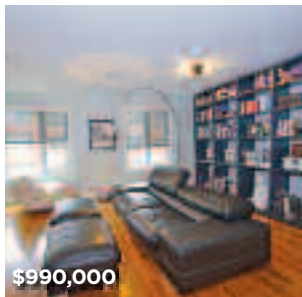
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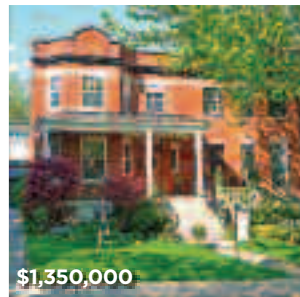
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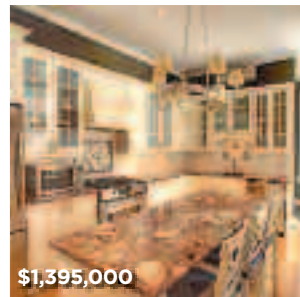
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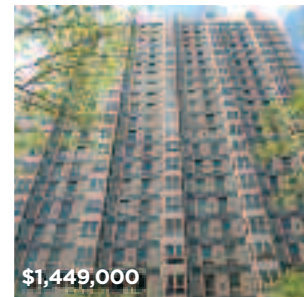
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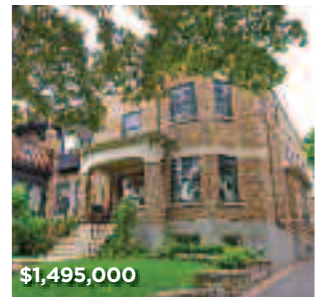
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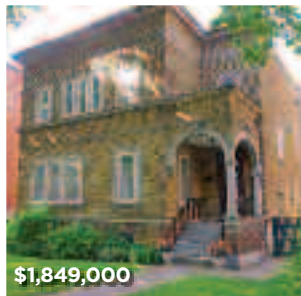
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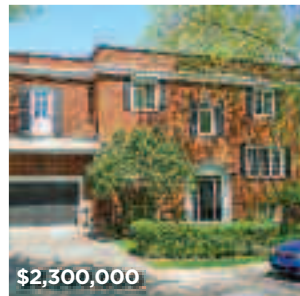
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To arrange a private appointment with Denny Matte, visit his website at dennymatte.com for contact information. Marketing feature



Tree comes down in stages

June 19, taken from the POM.

Photo: Richard Rochester



Starr appointed new WMA pres.

Peter Starr is the newly appointed president of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA). He was previously a director.

Board directors for 2012-2013 were announced at the WMA meeting on June 18. Maureen Kiely, a previous director, was appointed a vice president. Paul Marriott remains a vice president.

Others who remain as directors are Patricia Dumais, secretary; Mavis Young, treasurer; Jean-Pierre Picard, ex-president; and Marilyn Gillies, John Fretz, Philip Cutler, Jerry Miller, Anthony Moffat and Frits Beran.

All directors are appointed by a committee, and the slate of directors is ratified by the membership at the AGM, explained Marriott in an email. The directors then appoint the board's officers.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20.

Below, the base of the cottonwood.

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Westmount Park School ends year with Oliver production



As a grand finale to the school year before summer break, on May 30 grades 1 and 2 students at Westmount Park School staged a shortened version of the musical Oliver, based on Charles Dickens' classic Oliver Twist. Eight of the musical's original numbers were performed. Seen from the left are Armanul Chodhury, Peter Chestatchenko, James Baggs, Eugene Reyes, Fay Rouz Saleh, Ariyoan Ilyas, Kety Acuna and Cassidy Staines.

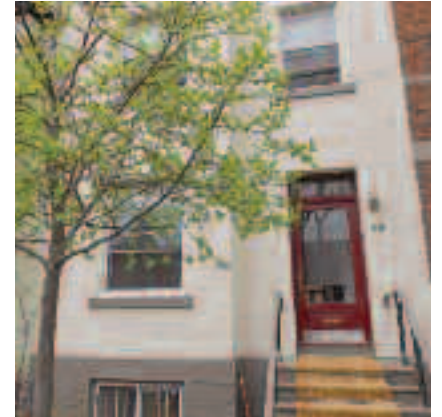
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Secret Garden Tour sells 125 tickets

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The Secret Garden Tour took place on June 13. A total of 13 gardens were visited. This was the first time the Westmount Horticultural Society has organized the event, which was sold-out through the sale of 125 tickets. (See “Secret Garden Tour returns June 13 after five years, May 29, p. 4.) The previous four renditions were organized by the city’s Horticultural Advisory Committee.

Left: This very large garden at 32 Belvedere Ave. overlooks Westmount and incorporates a waterfall, pools and stream in its landscaping.

Right: Westmount city councillor Nicole Forbes, right, and tour volunteer Thérèse Romer enjoy the shade at the garden at 47 Arlington, which featured a peaceful shaded garden.

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Westmounter and tour volunteer Yvonne Mass walks along the entranceway of the garden at 625 Côte St. Antoine Rd., which included painted ferns and pachysandra.

A song for the protestival



Ruminations

GEORGE BOWSER

The Montreal Protestathon Protestival is not a simple phenomenon, and it's becoming more complex. It should have a song.

It won't have a song, because a song has to be about one thing, and the daily protests in Montreal are about two things and include two different factions: the "Pro" and the "Anti". The Pro faction is for free, or at least cheap, university education. The Anti faction is anti-globalization and anti-capitalist. These movements have very different goals. Therefore the protesters are divided against themselves, cannot be successful and cannot have a song.

My view of the protests is ambivalent. I find it difficult to disagree with a movement that supports subsidized access to higher education because I believe that a better educated population brings about a better democracy and a fairer society. On the other hand, I find it easy to disagree with the anti-capitalist, anti-globalization movement because I believe that globalization is both impossible and inevitable, and because I choose not to saw off the branch I am sitting on.

Some of the protestors appear to be in favour of chopping down the entire tree, even at the risk of being crushed in the fall. They are a motley bunch, including anarchists, separatists, socialists, communists, trade unionists and most of the folks listed by John Lennon in "Give Peace a Chance" with the exception of Tommy Cooper. Now that was a song. It was about one thing, a worthy thing, and anyone can enjoy it. It will last forever.

The Protestathon has terrible songs,

mostly shouted slogans of the "down with pants" variety. The lyrics are atrocious. For example, "2-4-6, F-k the Police" is very boring, does not rhyme when sung in English and does not convey the movement's message in a meaningful way. Furthermore, the melodies are monotonous and repetitive, and the improvised percussion accompaniment is dire. The Plastic Ono Band, Spike Jones and the Hare Krishnas were much better.

It would be wonderful if a great song sprung from the Montreal "student" protest of 2012. Beautiful songs have sprung from protest movements in the past – songs like "We Shall Overcome," and "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" Locally, there was "Québécois." These were songs that, in their day, united people emotionally in a cause such as equality, peace, liberty. It's fair to include "Québécois" because the song made a difference. However, it's difficult to strike a universal emotional note about tuition fees.

It could be a lesser song – a song that targets or satirizes the enemy of a movement rather than a song that embodies the message. Sadly, the enemy of the "student" protest seems to be the baby boomers. It seems we created a horrible mess, and we refuse to move over and allow younger, more creative, fresher minds to fix it.

Perhaps somebody should write "Hurry Up and Die, Baby Boomer." It sounds a little negative, but it could be funny. Hmm ... boomer. Humour? Rumour? Good. Tumour? Not funny. Well, it looks like I'll have all summer to work on it.

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tem" and that valuation assessed by authorities was an "important reference point" for determining fair value for government properties across the country.

While Westmount's director general Duncan Campbell said he was waiting to see how the ruling "would translate into government policy," the city has no issues with the current basis on which federal government payments are made to the city in lieu of taxes.

All properties are evaluated by Montreal assessors, according to Finance officials. Based on the property valuation, the federal government pays the municipality at the non-residential property tax rate established by Westmount. In 2011, this generated \$172,000 from the RCMP and armouries.

On the other hand, Quebec pays the city at a lower rate – slightly more than the residential one. Last year, the Quebec payments brought in \$3.4 million to Westmount, financial officials said, including from the educational sector, led by Dawson and Marianopolis colleges and followed by the other schools, including private ones, all of whose taxes are paid by the province.



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Jones takes home top prize at NYC bike race



Susan Jones with her Pinarello bike, a prize for winning the New York Gran Fondo bike race.

BY MARLENE EISNER

Susan Jones didn't have a great winter. So beating out all female competitors in all age groups last month at the New York Gran Fondo bicycle race was a great way to make up for a fall and winter plagued with injuries and painful recovery.

In November, Jones suffered a concussion after tripping and hitting her head on the sidewalk, and during a winter holiday, she fell while cross country skiing and needed surgery to repair a broken wrist. But that didn't stop the 42-year-old mother of three girls from training for one of her greatest athletic passions: competitive cycling.

"Scott [Toguri] has pictures of me training with a cast; it was hard," said Jones, referring to her coach, owner of Toguri Training Services, which runs out of the YM-YWHA on Westbury Ave.

This was Jones's second time participating in the Gran Fondo; last year she placed third in her age group. The New York event, which is fashion-

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Mulroney, Fournier host Table of Hope



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The annual Table of Hope, held on May 22, was declared by many to be “the best ever.”

The event co-presidents Westmounter **Mila Mulroney** and **Daniel Fournier** hosted the patrons’ cocktail (tickets were \$200), emceed by E-Talk Daily host **Ben Mulroney**, attending with his wife **Jessica Brownstein** and their baby twins John and Brian.

The “other” **Brian Mulroney** looked on proudly.

Westmounter **Peter Starr** (there with son **Paul**) presented the Laurie-Normand Starr Award to **Judy Stevens**, retired

founder/director of Share the Warmth (STW), the organization receiving the proceeds from the evening.

General admission (\$125) saw food lovers surging into the ballroom at the Queen E to sample delights from 35 top Montreal restaurants, which had donated food, time and staff to the cause. Each resto was paired with a sous-chef/Montreal personality. Among the many gracious sous-chefs who donated their time were Westmounters **Bill Brownstein**, **Aaron Rand**, **George Bowser** and **Mose Persico**, as well as star performers **Sugar Sammy** and **Jonas**.

Noted during the eve were Westmounters **Cornelia** and **Alexis Nihon**, **Sondra** and **Michael Palanghio**, **Lilliana Simpson**, **Nancy** and **Harry Bloomfield**, **Bunny Berke** and **Larry Lusko**, **Linda Smith**, **Joelle** and **Bruce Kent**, and **Rosemary Niro**, as well as Table of Hope committee pres **Herman Alvès**, MP **Tyrone Benskin**, boxer **Jean Pascal**, **Lise Watier** and **Serge Rocheleau**, **Liza Frulla** and STW board members

Jeffrey Broomer (president), **Philip Malewski** (MBacal Group), **Patrick Telio** (Chemotec) and **Roberto Pietracupa** (ScotiaMcLeod).

The evening raised \$193,000 for Share the Warmth, the non-profit Point St. Charles organization, whose mission is to help overcome hunger and poverty. It helps needy children by providing food, school supplies, tutoring and work programs. www.sharethewarmth.ca.


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Daniel Fournier and Herman Alvès.



Jonas (Tomalty), Mila Mulroney and her grandson Brian.




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Jessica Brownstein and Ben Mulronev with their children John and Brian.



Bill Brownstein, Sugar Sammy and Brian Mulronev.

Susan Jones

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each year in Italy, begins on the George Washington Bridge and continues on a 177 km-long route through rural roads and scenic towns. Riders compete against each other and themselves in a race that has four “timed” climbs, the steepest of which is the nearly four-mile ascent up to Bear Mountain in Harriman State Park.

With 5,000 registered riders, Jones was determined to do her personal best; winning overall was a complete surprise.

“I was stunned,” she said. “I never thought I would win.”

The grand prize is an \$8,000 Pinarello bike Jones gets to keep, pending the results of a drug test as per the anti-doping regulations upheld by the event organizers.

“After I did the podium, I had to go to the Porta Potty and give a sample and a woman had to come in with me and watch me,” said Jones.

Not one to sit on her laurels, Jones was already training for her next race in Lac Megantic, Quebec.

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Stir it up!



Elliott Cohen

I'm frequently surprised by how many of my students have never grilled fruit. Fruit is perfect for the grill because it is so easy to prepare.

All you need is sliced fruit and cooking oil or butter.

Hard fruit like apples, pears and pineapples are the easiest to grill since they hold their shape and texture while cooking. Softer fruits like peaches, nectarines, plums and mangoes will become soft and mushy if overcooked. Either way, pick a fresh, firm fruit that is just short of being perfectly ripe.

With many fruits, you can simply cut them in half. Split bananas lengthwise (leave the peels on to hold them together) and cut apples, pears and similar fruits down the middle and remove the seeds and core. Typically, with most fruits you can leave the peels on. Large fruit and citrus should be cut into slices to expose the

flesh to the flame.

It is best to grill fruit over medium heat on a very clean cooking grate. Nothing will ruin the flavor of fruit like leftover drippings from the last batch of hamburgers!

To keep the fruit from sticking to the grill, lightly spray it with cooking oil or brush with melted butter. Many oils, like olive oil, have too strong of a flavour for fruit, so pick something that will complement but not overpower it.

Since fruit is naturally high in sugar, you won't typically need to add any. If you do want it sweeter, you can dust the fruit with brown sugar, but be careful because sugars burn quickly and easily.

To really add something to grilled fruit, try marinating it in a combination of your favourite spices, fruit juices and alcohols. Use alcohol in moderation to prevent flare-ups on the grill.

Here's one of my favourites:

Grilled bananas with honey-rum glaze

Serves 4

2 tbsp dark rum

2 tbsp honey

4 firm ripe bananas, peel on, sliced, lengthwise

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 pint chocolate or vanilla ice cream, frozen yogourt or 1 cup chocolate sauce

In a bowl, blend rum, honey and cinnamon. Reserve.

Over direct medium heat, grill bananas, cut side down for 3 minutes or until they develop visible grill marks.

Turn them and brush with the honey-rum mixture.

Continue grilling, with lid down, for about 5 minutes.

Remove peel and serve with ice cream.

Westmount High wins lipdub video contest for school spirit



Graduating Westmount High students Aleksandra Madzarevic (left) and Alexandra Peletz-Bohbot dance to the song "Celebration" at the school's June 8 "spirit assembly." Held on the last day of classes, the assembly included the launch of a 13-minute lipdub video, a continuously-filmed performance involving a succession of nearly all the school's population lip-synching and/or dancing to a series of pop songs. The video, posted on YouTube under the title Westmount High Lipdub, earned the high school first place in a contest run by The Beat 92.5 FM. "The whole school came together," said Peletz-Bohbot, when asked about the lipdub filming. "It was really nice to see."

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UWCM donates to Project Chance



At the University Women's Club of Montreal's May 16 AGM held at the Atwater Club, Teresa Capel, executive director of Project Chance, explained how the after-school program for "latch-key kids" works.

The University Women's Club of Montreal (UWCM) Public Foundation, which meets at the Atwater Club, found what seemed to be a natural place to donate \$25,000 to mark its 25th anniversary last month.

Recipient of the money was Project Chance, a private, non-profit community organization based in NDG, which supports single mothers who are attending school full-time at the post-secondary level.

The foundation's mission is to award bursaries to mature women to further their university education, so it "quite simply a good fit," said Westmouter Margaret Jackson, who handles publicity for the UWCM. The proposal submitted by Project Chance directs \$5,000 towards bursaries, with the \$20,000 balance to be split over two years to support its after-school program.

Yelling heard from greenhouse lane

A call to Public Security June 14 about men yelling in the lane behind the city green houses turned out to be a dispute involving the city's garbage contractor and someone making a delivery, officials said. They were yelling back and forth around 2:25 pm but the reason for their argument was not known.

Landscaper fined

A landscaper using a hose was issued a ticket for \$146 on June 13 when mud was found to be completely clogging a street drain outside 8 Hudson, Public Security officials said. Water was reported to be pooling up on the street as a result just around 4:35 pm.

ECS students wins YPI for Project Chance



ECS students Maggie Halickman, Vallerie Markopoulos, Sophia Mammias and Arianna Yoffe were the winners of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative finals, which will see a \$5,000 grant go to Project Chance, a charity that runs a 22-suite apartment building in Montreal to accommodate single mothers and their children while the mothers are attending university or CEGEP. According to Arianna Yoffe, the group chose Project Chance because "we felt it was an exemplary charity, which supported the ideals and values our school, ECS. We wanted to help these women who appeared to be in dire need of financial support to achieve their academic goals. We are so proud that we were able to obtain this prize money for them."

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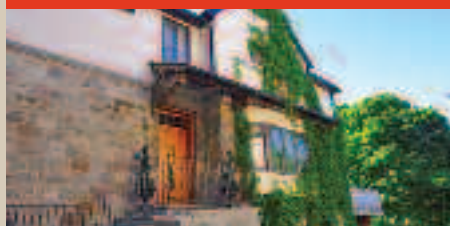
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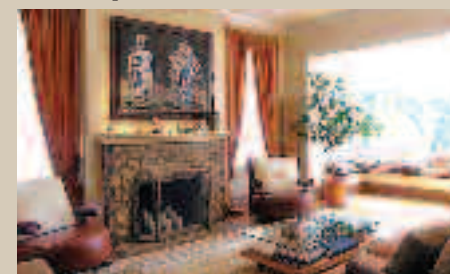
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