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Council: Don't wipe Westmount's name off map

Letter sent to Harper regarding federal riding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What's in a name? Plenty, when it comes to wiping the name of Westmount off the electoral map of Canada, city council maintained August 6.

In a recent proposed redistribution of federal ridings, the city's name would no longer be identified in a new constituency

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that combines it with NDG and Montreal West under the designation of Wilder Penfield. The Westmount-Ville Marie riding would cease to exist. See story, p. 11.

"We are very upset by this," Mayor Peter Trent said. Westmount "tells people where we are. Wilder Penfield does not."

A strongly worded resolution moved by Councillor Nicole Forbes and adopted unanimously states that the city "insists that the federal riding boundary include the name of Westmount."

It points out that the name has been associated with federal ridings as far back as 1914 and its historical significance had been recognized by Parks Canada in January as one *continued on p. 11*

Science camp wraps up year 1



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Former astronaut and the first Canadian to fly into space, Marc Garneau, MP for Westmount-Ville Marie, signs autographs for young participants during the Westmount Science Camp open house, August 10 at Victoria Hall. From left, Westmounters: Jasmine Parsons, organizer Nigel Penney, Garneau, Yi Lin, Veno Choi and Danny Zhang. This was the camp's first year. It was held at Westmount High and had 50 participants from the ages of 6 to 13.

Don't Miss It: Sidewalk sale in Vic village, Friday, Aug. 24 to Sunday, Aug. 26. See p. 12.

Drainage problems deferred to residents in short term

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Property owners have a responsibility to implement corrective measures to protect themselves against sewer back-up and flooding during heavy rainstorms in the short-term, Councillor Patrick Martin told the city council meeting August 6.

"It's very important that homes have backwater valves," he said. As well, eave-

stroughs on sloped roofs should drain onto the gardens rather than through the house drains.

Since sewer infrastructure was laid out to drain Westmount a century ago and can't be changed overnight, he explained, long-term solutions to the problem are currently being considered by the city.

"Studies are ongoing, and we expect to get to the *continued on p. 5*

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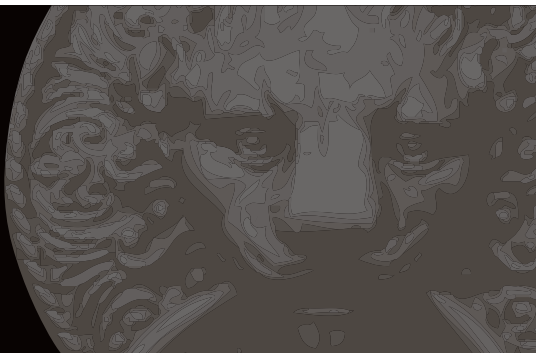




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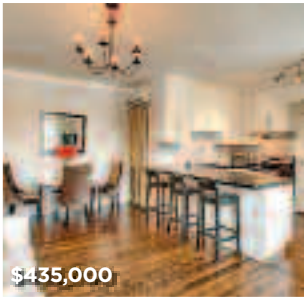
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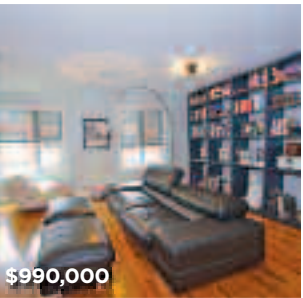
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New Public Security cameras in Stayner Park film purse thief in action

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Newly installed surveillance cameras in Stayner Park captured on tape August 2 a man suspected of stealing a purse recovered soon after in the park comfort station by a public safety officer.

The handbag, along with a driver's licence and credit card, was returned to a woman living nearby before she knew it was missing from her car, according to Public Security director David Sedgwick. A bank card and cash were reported missing.

The suspect was described as a 61-year-old man of no fixed address, well-known to Public Security officials as one of a group of people hanging out at the park, to the complaints of nearby residents.

"It was one of the names we had given to police back a while," Sedgwick said.

The incident, as related, unfolded quickly after Public Security sergeant Steve Payne was checking out the comfort station just after 5 pm and discovered a beige purse along with some cards lying

on the floor of the men's washroom.

He returned the bag to the woman, who said it had been in her car – apparently parked and unlocked – on Prospect St. She was advised to cancel the bank card and complete a police report.

Suspect wheeled Bixi

When the camera tapes were played back, "a well-known vagrant," Sedgwick said, was observed at 4:25 pm approaching the comfort station with a black canvas shopping bag and a Bixi bicycle.

He was then shown removing the purse from the bag and cash from the purse, and leaving the washroom at 4:30. The suspect, he said, "is someone we deal with fairly often in the area."

What remained unknown, however, is how the individual came to be in possession of a Bixi.

The cameras at Stayner Park are "something we've been waiting for," Sedgwick explained. Those at Westmount Park, in particular, have proved to be a deterrent to

vandalism and have led officers to make interventions on many occasions, as previously reported. They are monitored by Public Security dispatchers along with other duties.

Residents' reports of anti-social behaviour at Stayner Park generated a city-led conference on homelessness and itinerancy May 30 (see June 19, p. 1).

Several reports of vagrancy and alcohol abuse in the Tupper/St. Catherine area were also reported by Public Security last week (see separate story).

'Polite' couple violates Stayner curfew

A couple seated on a bench in Stayner Park August 1 at 1:15 am was warned about the midnight parks curfew and asked to leave, Public Security officials said. They had apparently just left work and were described as "polite and co-operative" but their talking had disturbed a nearby resident.

Leaf blowers blow around the cash

The spring clean-up season for leaf blowers ended May 1, but public safety officers reported finding at least six in operation between July 31 and August 6. Their illegal use was either spotted by patrollers or generated complaints to Public Security. Tickets for \$267 were issued to contractors spotted at work on Forden, Edgehill, Upper Belmont and Sunnyside. A ticket for \$146 was issued to an individual – a lesser fine under the by-law – on Aberdean.

Car left idling 'at least' an hour

A car reported to have been left idling for "at least" an hour was ticketed for the offence July 30, according to public safety officers. The \$50 fine for an engine idling more than three minutes morphs into a \$75 ticket when administrative fees are added. The car was parked in front of 4501 Sherbrooke at Mount Stephen when Public Security was notified just after 10:35 am.

Loitering in east end generates calls to Public Security Unit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security officials said many complaints have been received concerning an ongoing problem of people loitering and drinking on the sidewalk and in lanes around Tupper St. and St. Catherine, especially outside a dépanneur just west of Atwater across from Alexis Nihon Plaza.

Among many incidents documented recently was one on July 31 when patrollers came across four people consuming beer in front of the dépanneur at 4018 St. Catherine St. at 10:10 pm. When two refused to leave the area between Atwater and Wood, police were called and ordered them to go, which they did.

A 37-year-old resident of LaSalle was eventually convinced to move along from in front of the store at 12:17 am on August 3, which proved to be a particular busy day.

At 10:40 am, a complaint was received for four people consuming alcohol on the grassy area across from the YMCA residence on Tupper just west of Atwater. Two fled when officers approached and col-

lected the beer bottles. One of the two who stayed behind and was known to officers became "hostile" when an unopened bottle was taken away. He had to be restrained and was told he could pick it up at Public Security headquarters, where it has remained unclaimed. A bag of white powdery substance was reported destroyed.

That evening at 9:40 pm, an intoxicated woman sleeping on the pavement of the Tupper parking lot complained to officers of pain in the head and shoulder from a fight with another woman. She was staying at the YMCA residence and refused ambulance treatment.

Less than an hour later, another person described as well-known, was loitering opposite 41 Prospect and was "very co-operative" when asked to leave, and proceeded south on Greene.

Two days later, on August 5, a call was received at 1:28 pm for five aggressive individuals breaking bottles in front of 4010 St. Catherine. But on the arrival of public safety officers, no one could be found.

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 6

4 MUHC cooling towers permitted to rise here

Westmount city council approved August 6 a permit request by the MUHC superhospital to build four cooling towers at the southwest corner of the city territory. They would be immediately adjacent to a six-storey parking garage off St. Jacques St. on the Montreal side of the border.

The towers will cool water for the superhospital's air conditioning systems at the Glen campus, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Urban Planning and Parks, who singled out the permit request from among a list of nine others.

Only part in Westmount

They are the only part of the hospital structure to be located in Westmount, she explained. "They are very tall and not very attractive."

The towers will run parallel to St. Catherine St., requiring strategic position-

ing from the hospital. Panels for the control of noise and vibration are to be installed in such a way as to permit a flow of air around the towers.

"We won't notice them because they are against a background of the six-storey garage," Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier told the *Independent*. They will also be camouflaged behind a berm and ever-green trees.

The towers conform to Westmount's three-storey residential zoning of the land since they are "mechanical devices," she said. They will not generate steam.

More council meeting news, p. 5, 7 and 8.

Martin intervenes to save city \$80,000

Low bidder held to original price for Hydro cable

City council August 6 awarded a Hydro Westmount tender for the supply of copper cable to a low bidder, stating the company could not withdraw its bid based on a claim it had made a calculation error.

The cable purchase had originally appeared on the July 3 agenda but had been removed after Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works and Utilities, objected to a staff recommendation that, given the attempted withdrawal, the second lowest bid be accepted even though it would have cost some \$80,000 more.

After seeking legal advice, Martin, who is also vice chair of the Montreal/agglo contracts review committee, insisted the city hold the supplier to the original bid.

"You can't just walk away from it," he explained, saying this was the first time he had seen such a situation where a low bidder, two days after the bids were opened publicly, tried to withdraw.

The tender bids had been opened June

18. They ranged from \$203,483 to \$303,773. The second lowest was \$286,109.

Withdrawal request rejected

At the latest meeting, the council voted to reject the withdrawal request and accepted the low bid of Lumen, division of Sonepar Canada Inc., for the supply of 1,060 meters of electrical cable, 15KV, XLPE, 1/0, twisted 3X1 copper conductor and the supply of 1,538 meters of electrical cable 15KV, XLPE, 500 MCM, twisted 3X1 copper conductor.

Interestingly, in a separate purchase item, the council also accepted a low bid from the same supplier for the purchase of additional electrical cable for inventory at a cost of \$76,263 in a tender opening that took place July 3.

In the latter case, Lumen was the lowest of four conforming bids. Another was listed as non-conforming.

Sports and Rec registration starts August 27

New skating venues unveiled, program booklet arriving at residences

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Temporary venues for Westmount's hockey and scaled-back skating programs were unveiled at the city council meeting August 6 just as the new Sports and Recreation booklet was being mailed to all households.

With construction of the new recreation centre under way, arrangements have been made to secure ice time at the Point St. Charles arena, as well as Centre Gadbois under the Turcot interchange and the Concordia arena at Loyola – in addition to the city's newly acquired refrigerated outdoor rink.

Registration for Westmount residents in all programs and courses takes place at Victoria Hall between Monday, August 27 and Wednesday, September 5, and there-

after for non-residents if spaces remain.

"Outside of all arena-based activities, all other programs for the coming fall and winter season remain unchanged," said Councillor Kathleen Duncan, Sports and Recreation commissioner.

Details and schedules for all programs and courses are listed in the new program booklet.

Two new programs are being introduced for kids: an introduction to music for ages 5 to 6 and yoga for ages 5 to 7. Another first-time course, for adults, is Knitting with Experts for the winter session.

While the hockey program remains generally intact except for scheduling and site changes, the skating program has been limited, except for beginners. This decision was made so that the following year when

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Drainage context explained

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bottom of it in about a month or two,” he said.

Discussing some of the factors involved in the widespread flooding during unusual back-to-back downpours May 29 and June 4, Martin said climate changes and conditions played a role. An unexplained change in rainfall conditions saw heavy rain that used to fall on the north side of the mountain fall to the south.

“I think it’s important to outline the basics of a system laid out 100 years ago,” he pointed out. Almost 80 percent of Westmount now drains through the Glen sewer to the St. Henri system, which has to collect all the water.

The drainage network has been well maintained in Westmount. This is one of the reasons the water flows so quickly



Pierre Brunet questions council August 6.

from the upper levels to the Glen. According to Martin, it has been calculated that water from part of The Boulevard takes only six minutes to reach the Glen.

Ever since the system was laid out, the city has been increasingly built up and paved over so that more and more rain water is forced into the sewer as less is absorbed into the ground.

“We’re going to have to find a way to slow down the amount of water going into the sewer,” Martin said. The city now requires all larger new buildings to include retention basins, which hold the water for a slower release into the system.

The installation of such basins, he said, may be one of the options the city pursues to slow down runoff in specific areas hardest hit by a sudden deluge. The city has been mapping out such locations. One is south of St. Catherine at Abbott and Irvine.

Pierre Brunet of nearby Blenheim Place asked the council for information on ways of handling sewer back-up.

Information pamphlet available

Martin told him that an information pamphlet called *Protect Yourself!* prepared by the city of Montreal, was available at Westmount city hall. This illustrated publication explains the operation of home drainage systems and describes measures for preventing or reducing back-up as well as simple actions to take during heavy rain such as overloading drains through water use.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who has now had four backwater valves installed at her house on St. Catherine at Irvine, explained the importance of having a qualified plumber undertake the work and of obtaining a permit. Incorrectly installed devices can worsen the problem, she said.

Lulham, who has repeatedly called for drainage solutions, later said she was happy the city was recognizing that sewer capacity was a problem and was moving forward with studies. “If they’re going to put in catchbasins, I hope they can be budgeted for installation next spring.”

She added that the Urban Planning department and Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), on which she sits, were also looking at preventive ways of “building differently” as more land is filled in.

Next regular council session deferred to Sept. 10

The next regular meeting of city council will take place Monday, September 10, a week later than usual. Because Labour Day falls on the normal council meeting day of Monday, this year to be followed by the provincial election on Tuesday, September 4, the council agreed August 6 to postpone its meeting until the next Monday.

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COOK FROM INSIDE OUT: ANIMALS LEFT IN CARS

Thank you so very much for drawing attention to two very important issues in Westmount and elsewhere.

The first is animals shut in parked cars. It is not considered an offence and therefore no law or by-law is in place to protect these animals. Dogs are dying everywhere.

Gerdy of Gerdy's Rescues was involved in saving one of the dogs in your story "Officers warn 4 owners not to leave dogs in hot cars," (August 7, p. 1). She got the dog out of the car without breaking the window. But she was prepared to break it if necessary, whereby she could have been charged with breaking into a car. In fact, that is exactly what the car owner threatened to do to her, he was so livid. There was no thanks for saving his dog. He was concerned about his car seat, on which a bit of water had been spilled trying to get water to his dog.

Gerdy told him to go ahead and charge her. Witnesses had taken photos of his car, with the dog in it, and the licence plate, and were prepared to testify as to the time it took him to come back, not at all the "few minutes" he had claimed.

This is not new to Gerdy. Never has she been thanked nor had a contrite owner apologize. A beautiful dog is alive today thanks to a stranger and not his owner.

Second: Here is what happens to an animal's body in the heating-up process.

Consider the fur coat as well and that a dog can only cool himself by panting and through his paw pads. A car can heat up to about 200° F in *minutes*, even with windows cracked open. You can cook an egg in this temperature!

The dog (or any other animal) begins to cook from the inside out, a horror of a painful death after he loses consciousness. It is not of smothering in the heat, but cooking!

Leave your dog at home and never in a parked car. And beware, dogs can also die in "cooler" weather if the car is parked in the sun.

JUDY CAMERON, POINTE CLAIRE,
AND MEMBER OF GERDY'S RESCUES
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DEAR PERENNIAL FLOWER GARDEN THIEF

To the person who kidnapped me, a rare, beautifully coloured tall-stemmed phlox, out of my home garden. You know who you are.

My avid caretaker was anxiously awaiting to see me flower, as she did every year. She took care of me, watered me, weeded me, and in return I proudly stood tall as a beacon of resplendent joy and light amidst the rest of her bed.

If you pilfered me for your own garden, are you not able to afford the \$5.49 for a

pot of one of my cousins? Really?

All that is left in my home garden is a spade-sized crater of a bald spot as a reminder of my previous existence there.

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SEEKING TO CROSS STREETS SAFELY AND IN PEACE

The cyclists I fear are those who continue full speed through traffic intersections when the walk signs for pedestrians going in their direction say "stop."

Last spring, I was crossing Victoria on the south side of Sherbrooke going east with the "walk" sign. Visible traffic stopped, when a cyclist suddenly appeared from within the cars on the north side of Sherbrooke. I only caught him out of the corner of my eye, too late for me to do anything. Fortunately, he stopped two feet from me, still heading directly for me.

Two days ago, I was crossing to the south side of Sherbrooke at Strathcona from the east side. I looked left and saw no traffic of any kind. As I walked past the cars stopped on my right, I suddenly spotted a cyclist shooting out from the far side of the cars, headed right for the spot where

we would collide if I continued on my way.

As is my custom in such circumstances, I stopped and stood still waiting for him to go by on his way. He swerved left towards and past the place where I was standing. As he passed at full speed, he shouted a brief apology.

I would rather cyclists observed the "walk" signs at such intersections, so I could cross safely in peace. Being 86 years old, I fear a hard hit from a bicycle could be the end of me.

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Power out in various areas

A power outage August 4 affected several areas of the city around 9:15 am, Public Security officials said. While electricity was generally restored in 15 minutes, some buildings that required a manual reset of the system waited longer. One was the protective services building at 21 Stanton housing police and Public Security, which remained on generator power for two hours.

Homeless man displays makeshift knife

A man described as a vagrant known to public safety officers was reportedly pounding on the front door of city hall just after 8 pm August 1. Described as "very agitated," he left on a bike when asked. But as he passed the officer, she noticed an open blade in the palm of his hand, officials said. Police were called, stopped him on Sherbrooke in front of Westmount Public Library and seized the blade. He was identified as age 54, checked out in the computer system and permitted to go on his way.

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Campaign targets 'hot shot' cyclists

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A bicycle campaign is being planned for the end of August targeting speeding cyclists on the bike path through Westmount Park, according to Dan Lambert of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA).

At the suggestion of Councillor Gary Ikeman, "we're planning to target aggressive cyclists," he told the August 6 meeting of city council.

While plans have yet to be finalized with the Public Security Unit and, possibly, police, Lambert told the *Independent*, he hopes the message gets through to cyclists to slow down through the park because of the number of children and others enjoying it for other activities.

"I want to be able to tell them if they want better infrastructure, they need to improve their reputation."

Lambert said a date depends on the weather but *continued on p. 17*

Chagnon greets supporters at his St. Catherine St. election office



Westmount-St. Louis Liberal member of the provincial legislature, Jacques Chagnon, addresses a gathering of about 25 supporters, August 8 at the launch of his St. Catherine St. electoral office in downtown Montreal. Chagnon is the president of the legislature and chair of the subcommittee on parliamentary reform. He was first elected in the general election of 1985.

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Police suspect connection in rash of vandalism

By ISAAC OLSON

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glass has been smashed, paint scratched and one bumper was splashed with acid.

Station 12 Commander Stéphane Plourde said it is a new, unusual trend, and police suspect the series of similar incidents may be related. Vandals are damaging the cars at all hours of the night and day with rudimentary tools, such as keys or sharp metal. So far, Plourde said there are no suspects and the investigation continues.

The list of incidents include: On July 5, a Saturn Vue's window was broken sometime between 5 am and 3:30 pm on Hal-lowell. There was no evidence of theft.

On July 10, a Porsche was burned on Belvedere around 10 pm. A Mercedes' rear bumper was damaged on July 11 by acid on Grosvenor sometime in the night. The acid caused less than \$5,000 in damage.

On July 26, a Mercedes on de Casson was scratched all over and a rear window broken.

A BMW on Sherbrooke near Olivier was scratched all over on August 1; a door handle was broken off, a panel dented and the windshield smashed. The incident happened sometime between 2 pm and 4 pm the next day.

Honda scratched

On August 2, a Honda CRV was scratched on both driver-side doors around 3 pm on Claremont near Sherbrooke.

"If your car is parked in a driveway, you should always keep a light on," suggested Plourde. "If the car has an alarm system, use it. If you see someone acting suspicious near cars, call 911, and we'll be right there."

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But the bad news (though unbeknownst to Ralph) is he has some physical limitations that start with his elbow. His elbow is fused. Lady Gaga might declare he was "born this way," but we're not sure. The fused elbow may have come about by an injury left untreated (he was born into a puppy mill and recently rescued) or be one of those things that developed *in utero*. All we know is it's crooked! But it doesn't stop Ralph at all, and he gets around well so far without pain.

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where he resides now think he may be fine this way without needing any medical intervention. Add that and a little limp, and we have all of Ralph's physical imperfections down: crooked elbow and funny little limp.

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Ralph

Campbell gets nod of approval for another 2 years

Westmount director general Duncan Campbell was granted a two-year extension to his contract as the city's top administrator at the city council meeting August 6. Campbell joined the city in September 2008 on the retirement of Bruce St. Louis.

He was not on hand to hear the unanimous vote of support for renewing his leadership. His chair was occupied for the August session during his vacation by the deputy director general, Alan Kulaga, the city's director of Human Resources.

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Sports

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the new arena opens, beginners won't have fallen behind, Duncan explained. This program takes place at the St. Charles facility.

As a result, the number of spaces has been reduced.

Figure skating not yet scheduled

While no figure skating has been scheduled "yet," some time may be available once other schedules are completed, according to Dave Lapointe, assistant director of Sports and Recreation.

In general, younger hockey players in house leagues will play on inside ice: Termites at St. Charles, with Novice and Atom teams at Gadbois from 7 to 8:35 am Saturday and Sunday.

Other house teams, including adults, will use the new outdoor rink to be installed mid-November at either the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) or Murray Park. The women's senior hockey league and beginners program takes place at Concordia.

Single-and double-letter inter-city teams will experience few changes since they typically play outside of Westmount, though this year the city will provide no practice time.

More Westmounters join Bixi, recorded use up 28%

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Bixi program, now in its second summer, has attracted 580 members this year, an increase of 16 percent over 2011, according to figures released last week by the city.

The five bicycle docking stations have also recorded a total increase of 28 percent in overall departures and arrivals for the period April to July over the same period the previous year, though the comparison appears not to reflect the fact that the program was only introduced to Westmount on May 9 last year (see May 10, p. 1), whereas the season began this year in mid-April.

This year alone, however, a total of 42,438 departures and arrivals were attributed to the Westmount docking stations, the most heavily used one being at Greene and de Maisonneuve.

Ikeman: program is popular

The increase indicates how popular the program is, said Councillor Gary Ikeman

in presenting the figures at the August 6 meeting of city council. "In summary, one could say it's growing and will continue to grow."

"I don't see how one can call it anything other than a success," Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent*. "Mind you, that's still only some 3 percent of Westmount adults who are members."

He said he would like to find out from the city's traffic study consultants "whether they have any idea what this means in terms of fewer cars on our roads, or does a lot of this activity just take away from public transit use."

Over 6,00 arrivals and departures

So far this year, the Greene and de Maisonneuve docking station registered 6,610 departures and 6,518 arrivals. The others in descending order were: Victoria and de Maisonneuve, Victoria Hall, Hillside and St. Catherine, with the least used location being Argyle and Sherbrooke where 2,422 departures were recorded and 2,486 arrivals.

Gas leak evacuates Clarke Ave. residents



Firefighters from Westmount's fire station 76 stand on alert as Gaz Metropolitain inspectors approach the site of a gas pipe leak on the east side of Clarke Ave., just south of Sherbrooke on August 8, around 1:30 pm. A contractor's backhoe accidentally pierced the buried line while excavating the foundation for new sidewalks, forcing the evacuation of a small number of residents and squeezing traffic on Sherbrooke heading east. The whistle of leaking gas could be heard for a two-block radius and its accompanying smell of rotten eggs filled the air. There were no injuries reported, and the leak was sealed by about 2:30 pm.

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Three apartments break-ins, one suspect arrested

By ISAAC OLSON

Three Westmount apartments were burglarized late last month and while a possible suspect in at least one of those incidents has since been arrested, his connection to the case has yet to be confirmed.

On July 26, sometime between noon and 4 pm, suspect(s) smashed in the front

doors of two apartments in the same building on Grosvenor. A laptop, jewelry and a set of keys were stolen, reported Station 12 commander Stéphane Plourde. He noted there were no surveillance cameras or witnesses.

On July 30, between 7 am and 5 pm, an apartment on Sherbrooke was burglarized. An iPad, jewelry and laptop were stolen. In this case, there were no signs of forced entry, explained Plourde, meaning the resident could have left the door unlocked. However, it is also possible that a lock pick was used to open the door, he added, as there have been a few cases of picked locks nearby in Montreal.

A well-known suspect was caught in possession of lock-picking tools in Montreal, and it was not the first time he had been arrested for burglarizing homes using such methods.

It is illegal, Plourde noted, for anybody other than licensed locksmiths to possess locksmithing tools. The suspect, so far, has not been charged with the Westmount incident, said Plourde, as there were no witnesses or cameras. The investigation is on-going.

Drainage piping installed under CP railway



Contractors work on laying and connecting drainage piping from the CP railway bed above the Glen railway overpass to the main sewer line that runs under the Glen roadway. Andrew Duffield, now former assistant director of Public Works, explained that, “water percolates through the soil of the rail bed and spills down the side of the overpass onto the roadway. So this will alleviate the spillage.” The work started August 1 and was completed by August 3. During the work, north to south traffic was restricted to one lane.

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Garneau not predicting where he'll run with riding changes

MP opposes name change

By ISAAC OLSON

Citing the extensive break-up of the Westmount-Ville Marie riding as proposed by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission, the riding's MP, Liberal Marc Garneau says predicting where he will run in the next election would be "jumping the gun at this point."

The issue would have to be studied by his party before a decision is made, said Garneau, noting the next election isn't scheduled until 2015. The *Independent* asked Garneau if NDG-Lachine's election of Isabelle Morin, who represents the New Democratic Party, would deter him from running in the new riding.

Morin's voting base to be considered

He said the results of each polling station in the last election would need consideration before making that call, as the riding extends far into Lachine with a wide variety of voters from end to end.

When determining his chances of getting re-elected in the new riding, the studies would need to zero in on where Morin's voting base was in the last election compared to the thousands who voted for former Liberal MP Marlene Jennings.

In the meantime, Garneau is gearing up to oppose the proposed name of "Wilder Penfield" for the new riding. The new riding includes Westmount, NDG and Montreal West. About 45 percent of Garneau's current voter base would be shifted into Penfield.

"Every 10 years, when they change the names for ridings, they're supposed to keep the names that represent the geographical communities," said Garneau. "It would be more sensible, in our opinion, to call it Westmount-NDG-Montreal West so then people in those three communities see their names and identify with that."

Garneau remembered campaigning door to door in NDG westward to Hingston Ave. and several residents, he said, were surprised to learn they were in the Westmount-Ville Marie riding. It's important, he said, that the individuality of each community not be broken up into different ridings.

August 27 deadline for comments

Officials and citizens opposed to the new name or boundary lines have until August 27 to submit those concerns to the commission, and Garneau said he will be submitting a formal complaint about the

name. The MP is encouraging residents to contact his office with their views so he can learn more about how the public is feeling over the proposal.

A public hearing takes place on Friday, October 19 at the Montreal court house.

Still considering party leadership

While that continues, Garneau said he is still considering his bid for the Liberal Party leadership. It is something he is interested in, he said, but first needs to find out if he has the needed support to launch a campaign. That vote will be held in the spring.

Regardless of what the future may hold, Garneau said he wants to make "one thing absolutely clear. Until the next election, I represent Westmount-Ville Marie with its current boundaries. Those are the people that voted for me in the last election and those are the people that I represent."

Morin was on vacation and unavailable for comment on the riding name change proposal by press time.

Tree smashes car

A large section of a tree outside 579 Roslyn fell across the roadway and on top of a parked car around 11 pm August 3, Public Security officials report. The Land Rover belonged to a resident of Westmount Ave. Public Works crews cleared the street by 3 am.

Garbage overturned in Stayner lane

It was not known who went through the back lane on Stayner St. overturning garbage containers and tossing the contents on cars and the pavement in multiple cases of vandalism, Public Security officials said. One car was reported damaged. The mayhem was discovered by a resident who called it in at 6:24 am. Other signs of vandalism were found on the street.

Man found drinking in Sunnyside Park

A 21-year-old Montreal man was issued a ticket for \$217 July 31 when he was found drinking from a can of beer in Sunnyside Park at 1:15 am.

Riding name change 'crazy'

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of the country's "iconic neighbourhoods," comprising a national historic site.

The resolution is being sent to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and others.

"I intend to write a covering letter to the prime minister reminding him of all Westmount has done for Canada over the years," including being the home of two former prime ministers (Brian Mulroney and Paul Martin), Trent later told the *Independent*.

Trent said he would also point out that directives to the boundaries commission noted that municipalities were to "form identifiable building blocks" in creating ridings. "Surely the nomenclature of districts should equally follow such principles."

Community of interest

The proposed name change, the resolution states, ignores Westmount as "a

community of interest" and "integral to the riding's identity" despite these being two criteria the commission was being asked consider in the redistribution.

Outremont keeps name

It also points out that names of other communities on the island of Montreal, such as Ville Marie and Outremont, had been respected while Doctor Penfield Ave. "is not even to be found in the new district." In fact, Trent noted, Outremont was designated as its own riding.

During the question period that followed, Maureen Kiely, a resident of The Boulevard, called the name-change "crazy." How were people on election night "ever going to figure this out?" she asked. Saying the riding changes seemed to have been made haphazardly, she hoped Westmount's resolution would influence other ridings across Canada to object to their name changes.

Public consultations on the riding redistributions are planned for the fall.



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The following permit for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation was approved at the July 3 meeting of city council.

4168 Dorchester: at a Category I house, to do some restoration work including front mansard roof and repairs to the rear façade.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the July 17 meeting of city council.

427 Elm: to restore rear balconies, add a new window at the basement entrance and replace a door;

4270 Dorchester: at a Category I house, to cover with stucco a rear wall;

11 de Casson, to replace rear balcony railings and add a pergola;

64 Sunnyside: to build a rear extension;

4345 Westmount: to replace some basement windows;

616 Grosvenor: to enlarge the back door opening and install a new door;

348 Redfern: to restore front and rear balconies, replace a door and open old openings that had been condemned.

348 Kensington: to add a bay window to the rear, demolish the ground floor rear mudroom, extend the rear deck and replace some windows and doors;

487 Grosvenor: to replace some windows;

215 Redfern: to erect a construction sign at the condo redevelopment;

4462 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I building, to create a new window opening and replace some windows and doors;

27 Burton: to replace a balcony door and a basement door;

709 Grosvenor: to replace some windows and storm windows;

33 Rosemount: to landscape the front yard including a new roof over the front steps and walkway;

4460 Sherbrooke: to erect a real estate sign for Mandevco;

214 Cote St. Antoine/489 Strathcona: to replace a door opening onto Strathcona.

3453-3463 St. Antoine: to redo front balconies and stairs;

486 Lansdowne: to replace some doors and basement windows;

243 Kensington: to replace some doors

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MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Westmount Municipal Association meeting, 7 to 9 pm in the reading room at the Westmount Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Provincial election **candidates debate** in preparation for the September 4 provincial election, 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall. See story, p. 13.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

• Sherbrooke/Victoria Merchant's Association's **sidewalk sale** along Sherbrooke and Victoria, 11 am to 5 pm. Also Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26, same time.

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Chagnon looking for 8th term

Provincial election 2012 comes to the city

It's election time in Westmount-St. Louis. On election day, Tuesday, September 4, voters will have at least six choices (the nomination period ends on Saturday, August 18).

Jacques Chagnon, 59, is the incumbent. He will turn 60 on August 28 and lives in Boucherville. He was first elected to the legislature as a member for the then-riding of St. Louis in 1985 and to the new riding of Westmount-St. Louis in 1994, which are among his total of seven provincial election victories so far. Previously, he had been executive director of the Quebec fed-

eration of Catholic school boards.

Chagnon is hampered by his duties as president (speaker) of the provincial legislature from engaging in partisan electioneering and for this reason declined to explain why Quebecers should vote Liberal.

Does his job as speaker hurt Westmounters' representation? Not according to Chagnon: a winning candidate "must not forget that he is an MNA first. The

same applies for me. ... It is my duty to represent my constituents and to advance the dossiers of the riding ... As speaker ... I must exercise absolute neutrality and, therefore, cannot debate publicly. On the other hand, it is not because I



Jacques Chagnon

am not able to debate publicly that the dossiers of my riding do not move forward."

He was, however, able to talk about his record and how it affects Westmounters. "Westmounters should vote for an experienced candidate who has served them since 1994 and has 27 years of experience in the National Assembly. They should also vote for the realization of the following projects, which I was instrumental in bringing forward: the expansion of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the new *quartier des spectacles*, the new Montreal Symphony Orchestra concert hall, the construction of the MUHC hospital, which will open its doors in September 2014, the CHUM hospital, with its new research center, which will be operational by 2016, and the Westmount recreation centre (a \$20-million grant) ... Together we can continue to work for this riding, for Quebec and Canada."

The challengers

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Johnny Kairouz

Johnny Kairouz, 31, works in the strategy department of the National Bank and is the candidate for the Coalition avenir Québec (CAQ). He lives in the St. Louis portion of the riding. In an open letter to the In-

dependent, he wrote, "For years, my vote has been naturally and – for a lack of a better option – going to Jean Charest's provincial Liberal party," but now there is a new party whose "priority will be to bring to Quebecers more efficient governance, with a priority on lowering the province's debt. Our approach to other matters – such as education, health and the public finances – are based on realistic and prag-

matic solutions."

When asked by the *Independent* why Westmounters in particular should vote CAQ, he wrote, "we have been taken for granted for years by a party that is now worn out with corruption charges. ... The integrity that is primordial for us will offer a better management of the public funds that are contributed by Westmounters. Further-

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WMA and Indie present provincial election debate

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and the *Westmount Independent* will be presenting an all-candidates' debate ("Meet the Candidates") in preparation for the Tuesday, September 4 provincial election. The event will take place at Victoria Hall (4626 Sherbrooke) at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 22.

The recently elected president of the WMA, Peter Starr, said, "This is very important. For the first time in a long time, we have five new candidates whom we don't know, who are new to the area, to Westmount; and this gives us an opportunity to get information on whom we will be voting for."

"We're very pleased to partner with a Westmount institution, the WMA, for this event," said David Price, the *Indie's* publisher. "Hopefully, we'll all learn something."

Former WMA president Jean-Pierre Picard will moderate as he has done at recent political debates.

The CAQ's Johnny Kairouz and the Green party's Lisa Julie Cahn have replied that they will be coming. Sitting Liberal member Jacques Chagnon will attend, but not participate since he is the neutral president (speaker) of the legislature. He will be represented by Geoffrey Kelley, the Liberal member for the Jacques Cartier riding, which includes Beaconsfield, Pointe Claire, Baie d'Urfé, St. Anne de Bellevue and Senneville. The PQ's Marc-André Bahl, Québec solidaire's Mélissa Desjardins and Option nationale's Benoit Guérin have yet to reply their invitations.

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more, our choice as a better alternative has been put forth by Mr. Robert Libman in the past few days.”

The Green Party’s Lisa Julie Cahn, 47, is a marketing consultant with her own business, Frappe. It provides training and research to clients using a flexible team of employees and temporary staff. She is an NDG resident. A Green vote is a good idea, according to Cahn, because “Claude Sabourin, the leader of the Quebec Green Party, is a strong leader. We can be a kind of environmental watchdog team to

represent the environmental interests of Quebecers.” Westmounters in particular should do so for “so many reasons and issues: for a safe and protected bike path, for their health (not far from train tracks in some areas ... imagine a toxic spill?) and for the large number of small businesses (that make up 80 percent of our economy).”



Lisa Julie Cahn

Unlike the other parties whose pronouncements on Quebec separatism are well known, the Greens’ are not. Cahn makes her view clear: “I’m a Canadian. As far as I’m concerned, the Green Party of Québec (we are bilingual!) is a federalist party wanting to keep all of Canada green (therefore against separation). We like to think we are a ‘globalist’ party; for a healthy planet with responsible and a durable/sustainable economy.”

At least three choices for separatists

The péquistes’ headquarters was contacted via their principal website on August 9 (no answer was received) and, like many respondents, by individual email and phone call on August 10 (which did elicit replies), but they did not submit answers in time for publication. Their candidate is Marc-André Bahl. His biography is not yet posted on their campaign site.

Québec solidaire’s Mélissa Desjardins, 27, is a vegan caterer and lives on the Plateau. According to her, “Quebecers should vote for Québec solidaire because it is a party that will stand for Quebec’s citizens... Quebecers want real social projects. [For example,] Québec solidaire will enable Quebec to regain control over its resources by nationalizing the strategic



Mélissa Desjardins

resources for which Quebec has extraction and exploitation expertise ... Also, it is vital to set up an adequate system of royalties for extraction and industrial use of natural resources, including water, to ensure that the benefits are fairly distributed between regions and the state.”

Westmounters in particular should vote QS, because it has “an extensive green plan that would add to their quality of life. Québec solidaire will prioritize public transportation ... as well as repairing roads and bridges. Québec solidaire will restore Transport Québec’s expertise and vocation, which is to serve the population, notably by limiting the use of subcontractors. Québec solidaire will increase public transportation in major cities and will also electrify the entire network, plus ensure affordable access to public transportation everywhere, and to aim for free transportation within ten years.”

Interestingly, in a time when pension plans are being cut back, “Québec solidaire proposes a guaranteed minimum income and will implement, with the goal of totally eliminating poverty, a guaranteed and unconditional minimum income, which will initially be fixed at \$12,000 ... This income will be paid on an individual basis, starting at age 18, to replace welfare or to supplement either a work income or another income support. ... Québec solidaire will progressively transform the Quebec Pension Plan into a universal public pension plan. It will cover self-employment and the invisible/unrecognized continued on p. 18



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



**AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1432**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1432 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1305 SUR LES PLANS D'IMPLANTATION ET D'INTÉGRATION ARCHITECTURALE** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 6 août 2012.

L’objet de ce règlement vise à :

- intégrer une stratégie de conservation des bâtiments de catégorie 1*;
- modifier la section 5.2.9 afin de mieux aborder les rapports entre les garages et le voisinage, l’impact sur l’aménagement paysager et le développement durable.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 14 août 2012.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1432**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1432 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on August 6, 2012.

The object of this by-law is:

- to integrate a conservation strategy for category 1* buildings;
- to modify Section 5.2.9 to better address the relation of garages to streetscape, the impact on landscape as well as sustainable development.

This by-law shall come into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City’s website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this August 14, 2012.

Mario Gerbeau
Greffier de la ville / City Clerk



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



**AVIS PUBLIC
MODIFICATION DU CALENDRIER
DES SÉANCES ORDINAIRES DU CONSEIL 2012**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que, lors de sa séance ordinaire du 6 août 2012, le conseil a modifié le calendrier de ses séances ordinaires pour l’année 2012 afin de fixer la séance ordinaire du mois de septembre au **lundi 10 septembre**, plutôt qu’au mardi 4.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 14 août 2012.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MODIFICATION TO THE SCHEDULE
OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL SITTINGS FOR 2012**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, at its regular sitting held on August 6, 2012, Council modified the schedule of its regular sittings for the year 2012 in order to fix the regular sitting of September to **Monday, September 10** instead of Tuesday, September 4.

GIVEN at Westmount, this August 14, 2012.

Mario Gerbeau
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736 Lexington was part of West Crescent Heights



House history

ANDY DODGE

The lovely stone mansion at 736 Lexington Ave. was not built until 1930, but the notion of developing the Summit area dates back to 1909 and probably even earlier.

William Murray, whose mansion (now demolished) off Côte St. Antoine actually inspired Westmount's name, was a wealthy 19th-century investor, who founded Beaver Shipping Lines but also purchased in 1849 the Leduc farm, which stretched up the mountain in central Westmount above Côte St. Antoine. Murray died in 1874, but his family held on to the property for many years, and in fact it appears that the strip of former farmland – along with the strip to the east, owned by the Raynes family – formed the Westmount golf course.

The demise of the golf course came in 1909, as the Murray estate sold the portion of land north of The Boulevard for 15

cents per square foot, representing a total \$195,837.90 to Herbert Holt, president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and Charles Gordon, president of Dominion Textile Company. The amount included a balance of sale of \$145,837.90 at 4.5-percent interest, and stipulations for repaying the loan indicated clearly that division of the lot and sale for residential development was anticipated.

Soon afterward, the concept of “West Crescent Heights” was being advertised as “The most beautifully laid out location for a private residence in Canada, bar none...You have the whole city and suburbs, including the lake, before your eyes. There is absolutely nothing to beat it” (*Westmount News*, January 1912). The advertisement suggested a price of \$1.25 per square foot for vacant land, but with the start of World War I in 1914, by the time the lots were redivided and sold off, Lots 237-58 and 237-59 sold for only 50 cents per square foot, representing 10,849 square feet.

The buyer of the two lots, which now are just south of the corner of Sunnyside and Lexington avenues, was Robert McNally, a merchant, who purchased “those certain *continued on p. 17*



736 Lexington Ave.



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*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On a perfectly beautiful June 13 eve, Westmount's Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom was the site of a perfectly elegant cocktail. The evening honoured the temple's Rabbi **Leigh Lerner** as he retired as senior rabbi after 23 years and assumed

the position of rabbi emeritus.

The Westmount resident was accompanied by his wife **Loren**. The patrons' cocktail (\$118) at 6:30 pm attracted many Westmounters, including tribute committee chair **Jewel Lowenstein** (attending with husband **Paul**), and tribute book co-chairs Westmounter **Sally Yaffe** and **Nancy Strohl**.

Master of ceremonies was Westmount res **Jonathan Goldbloom**, there with his wife **Alice**.

Westmounters enjoying the cocktail included **France** and **Stephen Yaffe**, president of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom;

Sara and **Gene Riesman**, **Julia Reitman** and her brothers **Robert Berger** (with his wife **Susan**) and **David Berger**, former Westmount MP and former Canadian ambassador to Israel; **Penny** and **Gordon Echenberg**; **Martha** and **Mark Oppenheim**; **Joelle** and **Bruce Kent**; and **Laurie** and **Richard Samuelson**, about to leave for Venice.

Noted at the ceremony were **Julie** and **Denis Brott**, who played the "Ernest Bloch Prayer" on his cello; **Sheila** and **Victor Goldbloom**, temple advisory council; **Suzanne Handman** and **Bjorn Ellingsen**; and **Fernanda Sousa** and **Hermann Gru-**

enwald.

Ladies were, well, ladylike, with hem-lines to the knee and gentle jewelry.

Prosecco and Perrier were enjoyed along with hors d'oeuvres catered by Java U. After the patrons' cocktail at 8 pm, the tribute ceremony was open to all in the community.

Well attended by well-wishers, it was followed by a delicious dessert reception, with sweets by Les Délices de Dawn.

A final charming touch? The floral arrangements were recycled into the temple garden.



Martha and Mark Oppenheim, Bjorn Ellingsen and Suzanne Handman.



Jewel Lowenstein, Rabbi Leigh Lerner and his wife Loren.

Building permits

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- and windows;
- 416 Clarke:** to build a rear balcony and modify some rear wall openings;
- 8 Lorraine:** to replace back door, build a new second storey balcony and enlarge a rear door opening;
- 4937 Sherbrooke:** at a Category I building, to repair front stairs and install new granite treads and risers as well as new railings;
- 740 Upper Lansdowne:** to do some landscaping in the rear yard including a new swimming pool and pool pavilion;
- 3712 The Boulevard:** landscaping in rear yard including a new swimming pool.

More permits from this date to be published in a future edition.

- 87 Hallowell:** to refinish rear ground floor portico;
- 29 de Casson:** to replace rear door;
- 570 Victoria:** to replace an entry door;
- 27 Willow:** to replace sunroom windows.
- 57 Belvedere Circle:** landscaping to include a terrace and a new fence;
- 205 Edgehill:** at a Category I house, to do some landscaping in the rear yard and restore the coach house;
- 28 Anwoth:** to install a gateway in the side yard;
- 529 Clarke:** at a Category I* house, landscaping to include a new rear terrace and pergola; repairs to rear deck.



Robert and David Berger surround sister Julia Reitman.

736 Lexington history

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emplacements situated in the City of Westmount in the District of Montreal, on 'West Crescent Heights...' On the basis of the advertising and other information, it appears the "Heights" stretched all the way across the front of the mountain, since the Noah Timmins mansion, on the opposite side of Westmount mountain on what is now Belvedere Place, was considered part of West Crescent Heights (Canadian Architecture Collection, McGill University).

The lots sold to McNally on June 23, 1915 were to be used "for the erection of a private dwelling or dwellings and accessories only, and any building which may be erected on said lots shall be a first-class dwelling, detached or semi-detached, and accessories, built of stone, or solid brick on stone or concrete foundation only, and of the value of not less than seven thousand dollars, and not more than one dwelling house shall be erected on a single lot, and no saloon, restaurant, shop or livery stable, and no slaughter house, tannery, factory, hospital, medical school, soap or oil factory, or buildings for the purposes of carrying on any trade or manufacture which may be deemed a nuisance by the vendors to be erected, established or carried on on any part of the said land; and to allow poles for the conveyance of electric and telephone wires and cables to be placed on the rear of said property."

Whether the building requirements were stipulated by the city at this stage or the vendors who were planning West Crescent Heights is unclear. McNally died in 1924 and the lots still were vacant when his sister-in-law, Dame Catherine Louise-Ellen Daley of West Springfield, Mass., sold the two lots to two different owners. John Fellowes, a builder, purchased Lot 237-58 in June 1926, and began designing the house which became 736 Lexington Ave. In the meantime Sunnyside Ave. was

built with a slight twist away from the lot next door, which was sold to Hugh Brodie, a sales agent, who added extra land to the original lot and held on to it until 1952, when he sold to Nathan Gelber, who built a much larger house at the corner of Lexington and Sunnyside.

National Trust, a Toronto-based bank, held on to 736 Lexington for decades and apparently William Eakin continued to rent it until 1967, when his daughter, Shirley, purchased the house for \$70,000 and moved in with her husband, Ian Black.

The Blacks only stayed there for five years before selling to Hugh Lawson, an investment dealer, who owned the house for a year and sold to Ulrich Van der Walde for just under \$100,000 in December 1973. Van der Walde sold in June 1978, to J. R. André Bombardier, the youngest son of J. Armand Bombardier and the vice-president of the industrial division of Bombardier, Inc., who paid \$175,000 for the house.

In 1980, Bombardier transferred the house for a brief period to Restaurant A&W (Hamel) Inc., of which he was president, but he took it back after two months. A divorce judgement in 1981 allowed his wife and children to remain in the house while he retained ownership for a little over a year until he sold it in April 1982, for \$415,000 to Robert Hill and Margaret Kerr. Five years later, Arthur Katz purchased the house for a declared value of \$750,000; he owned it for 12 years before selling for \$1,075,000 in 1999.

The final sale, to Angela Costa, wife of Giuseppe Rizzolo, took place in February 2009 for \$1,475,000. The municipal evaluation, which had been \$2,107,800 in the 2007 valuation roll, was reduced to \$1,824,000 in the latest roll, which is supposed to represent market value for July, 1, 2009.

Cycling

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will be timed for the start of the new school year when traffic on the bike path is expected to pick up.

The subject of cyclists riding roughshod on sidewalks was also raised at the council meeting by Shelley Kerman, owner of LMNOP, who called the situation "ongoing." She said she couldn't understand why the problem has not been addressed by police and Public Security. "I

know it's a moving violation, but nobody is out there."

"We'll have to give them tickets," said local police commander Stéphane Plourde from the audience. He pointed out that police have a bike patrol.

Mayor Peter Trent said the city would be looking at the possibility of Public Security giving out tickets, adding: "without upsetting police."

Public Security officials have long stated that the ticketing of cyclists on public sidewalks is very difficult for them without being able to pursue a fleeing cyclist. Officers are starting to ticket cyclists riding on park pathways this week.



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Parenthood Uncensored

SOPHIE TARNOWSKA

I recently started a new job. The kind I have to leave the house for, look presentable for and rearrange my life around. It turned my life inside out and upside down, and forced my daughter and I into following a much stricter schedule than we did when I worked as a freelancer. But the pain was dulled by the pleasure of receiving a regular paycheque again.

We have a lot less time to spend together, and frankly it has added a dash of Mussolini to my parenting style. I fire out orders the way Madonna tries to rap, i.e., it really doesn't sound good. And it often comes out too quickly: "Hurry up and eat your shoes on, and don't forget to brush your coat, we're laaate!"

All week we're on fast forward. My idea of cooking dinner has gone from actually cooking dinner to buying cooked items from the deli and reheating them while avoiding the disapproving spines of the many cookbooks that sit perched on my

shelf, untouched.

But it's worth it. My job is as stimulating and challenging as my ability to keep up with housework has been handicapped.

By 6 pm Friday, it's all I can do to get my daughter and I home safely without falling asleep at the wheel. I spent the first four Friday nights after I started working asleep by 8 pm, curled up in bed next to my child while Scooby Doo and the iPad babysat.

Oh the guilt.

I've been wearing my guilt the way an XL woman would wear a pair of XS Spanx – it squeezes me in all the wrong places, hurts in ways I didn't know it could, and for a while there were days when I could barely hold it in.

Because whoever said women can have it all must have been a man. Or a manly woman. With no kids. And possibly, a faint mustache. You can't have it all, not all at once anyway. And not unless you amend your definition of what "all" means to you. If it includes kids and a career, having it all can sometimes feel like an affliction. That's the truth. And that is my idea of feminism – to admit it.

It's fabulously, gorgeously hellish at times. And it's hellishly, painfully amazing at other times.

Ask any working mother, and she'll tell you how much she adores her kids, how being in the workforce is as crucial to her sanity as it is to her finances, and also how her guilt about never quite feeling she's doing either thing well sometimes trumps them both.

This is my definition of having it all: knowing you have a good, full life – full of friends, a good, healthy child, a great job, and a mind full of curiosity – and accept-

Provincial election

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work done primarily by women."

Option nationale's Benoit Guérin is 27 and a technical director in theatre who works freelance. He lives in Point St. Charles.

The separatist, left-leaning Option nationale was founded by current chief and first-term provincial legislator Jean-Martin Ahsant last October. He resigned from the PQ at the time of the Quebecor/Quebec City arena issue in June 2011, citing a lack of support for Pauline's Marois' leadership. A major campaign issue for the new party has been his attendance at the lead-



Benoit Guérin

ing that you will always feel you are letting one of those parts of your life down.

There will, of course, be rare moments in which it all seems to be perfect. Some are genuine, and some mean you're on your second glass of wine and have forgotten that your child has lice and that you are missing three deadlines as you sip.

As I write, at least one of my friends is annoyed with me and I don't know why, my child is howling at yet another fart joke in *Shrek*, and I haven't worked out in so long I may need to add my first pair of real live Spanx to my wardrobe.

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ers' debates. He has not been invited so far.

According to Guérin, "Option Nationale offers a solid way to obtain Quebec independence through a stronger economy focused on the needs of the population of Quebec." Westmounters in particular should take notice of his campaign because he has "a desire to make sure a strong dialogue builds between the allophones of Westmount and the French majority. The economic, environmental and cultural issues we are facing concerns every Quebecker."

The riding

The Westmount-St. Louis riding extends from Westmount's western border at Claremont to St. Lawrence Blvd. and Sanguinet. The northern boundary is formed by Remembrance Rd. and Camilien Houde, and the southern boundary is roughly the Ville Marie Autoroute.

In the December 8, 2008 election, Chagnon won 75 percent of the vote, the PQ's Daniella Johnson-Meneghini won 10.3 percent and the Green Party's Patrick Daoust won 7.4 percent. Québec Solidaire's Nadia Alexan won 4.1 percent of the vote and the ADQ's Léonidas Priftakis 2.9 percent. There were 14,778 valid ballots and 130 rejected ones. Voter turnout was 37 percent.

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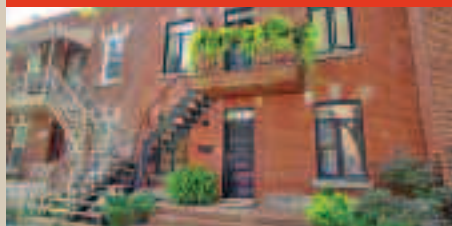
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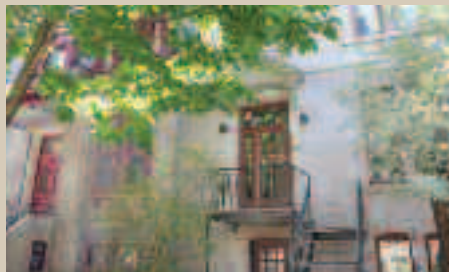


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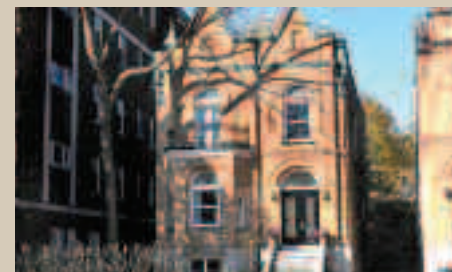
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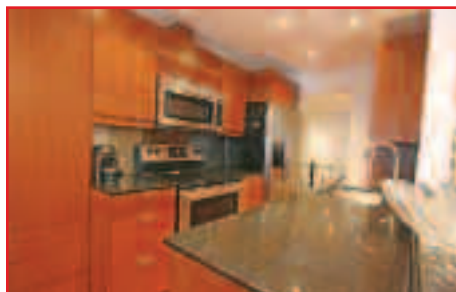


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This elegant New York style coop with spacious and well proportioned rooms, gleaming hardwood floors, high ceilings with original moldings, and ample fenestration. Excellent floor plan affords privacy. 24 HR doorman.

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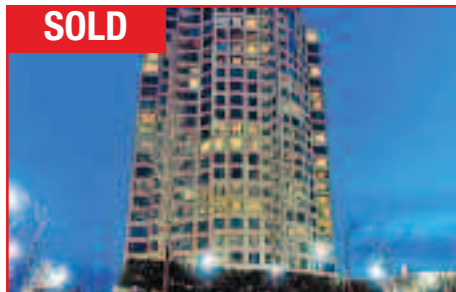
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