

*Why don't officers ticket sidewalk cyclists?*

## Public Security's powers move back to centre stage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An issue that has simmered for three decades over Public Security's limited powers came to the fore at the city council meeting August 6 with calls for officers to ticket sidewalk cyclists.

And a "possibility" of finding a way for them to do so was revealed by Mayor Peter Trent, who later told the *Independent* that the broader issue of Public Security pow-

ers and rights was not only a Westmount concern.

"It's something we're also looking at the ASM," he said of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, which he heads.

So why can't public safety officers crack down on sidewalk riding under the city's traffic by-law just as they are empowered to do in a park under the parks by-law?

"It's a big question," explained city clerk Mario Gerbeau, director of legal services, last week.

While the city's traffic by-law does prohibit bike riding on sidewalks, he noted, "it's our opinion that the Quebec highway safety code supercedes our by-law and therefore enforcement is ..... the jurisdiction of police." *continued on p. 21*

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## Juveniles armed with fake gun suspected of muggings

BY ISAAC OLSON

On August 9, three juveniles suspected of back-to-back muggings reportedly used a fake gun in one robbery and violence in another as they, working from bicycles, targeted cash, MP3 players and cellular phones.

The mini crime spree began just after 9 pm when two young men were held up near the Vendôme Metro station in NDG.

The pair was approached by three teenagers on bicycles at the corner of Grey and de Maisonneuve, said Station 12's

constable Julie Côté. One of the teens brandished a gun and said "give me all your shit," explained Côté, and one of the men handed over an iPod, a cell phone and some cash.

The suspects fled west on their bicycles and the victims, without a phone, walked to a nearby friend's house to call police. Station 11 responded and notified Station 12 that the suspects might be in Westmount.

Around 10:45 pm, the three suspects approached a 20-year-old ..... woman who was walking *continued on p. 20*

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# Work to start soon on city hall's front door

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work to reverse the swing of city hall's two heavy front doors and modify the



City hall's doors push and pull the wrong way.

stone entrance will start just as soon as arrangements can be made with the contractor approved by city council August 6.

Public Works director Marianne Zalzal said last week that the complicated project, which aims to preserve the arch-shaped historic oak doors, would be starting as soon as possible, to be completed by the end of September. This is a deadline imposed by the Régie du Bâtiment du Québec (RBQ) to conform to fire code regulations.

During construction, visitors will be asked to use the west door off the parking lot but the front entrance is to remain useable in the event of evacuation.

The front doors have always opened the wrong way but must be made to swing outward to facilitate emergency evacuation. The city has already received extensions for the work, in part because of the complexity of the operation, which requires the entire stone door frame to be pushed out a foot on the Category I heritage building.

Council approved a building permit March 5 but the work was put off until

# Loiterer ticketed 4 times in 3 days on St. Catherine strip

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 47-year-old man identified as living in LaSalle was ticketed on four occasions over three days starting August 10 in connection with loitering, consuming beer and disturbing the peace, Public Security officials report.

Each \$217 ticket was issued outside 4006 St. Catherine, just west of Atwater, a strip where homeless people and others

warmer weather and a quieter time of year (see March 13, p. 4).

Council awarded the contract at the recent council meeting to Desaulniers Construction Inc. in the amount of \$45,352, including applicable taxes, along with a \$5,000 contingency. It was the lower quote of two received, the other being some \$8,000 higher.

The work is being done under this year's capital expenditures budget for 2012, including architectural drawings by James Aitken.

have been loitering and generating a number of complaints (see August 14, p. 3).

On the first instance August 10, the man, whom officers had warned on previous occasions, was discovered sleeping on the sidewalk "surrounded by empty bottles and becoming agitated." When he became very aggressive, officers ..... called police and issued

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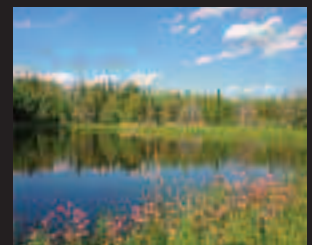
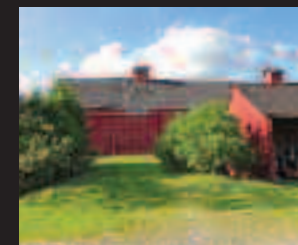


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**‘Intense’ excavation starting up**

# Bell work winds up at arena after Olympics

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Excavation work for the new Westmount recreation centre was to resume in full force August 16 after Bell completed its relocation of the fiberoptic conduit.

“I understand that Bell couldn’t transfer their lines during the Olympics because they couldn’t afford the down time,” said Councillor Patrick Martin, arena/pool project chair. “It’s interesting that an event in London, England, affects our new recreation centre.”

The work to transfer the new lines was a long overnight process that involved fusion of a kind of glass fibre, he said.

“All work concerning the Bell *massif* was completed this morning,” explained Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan August 15. “We are now in the process of removing the old Bell manholes and excavation will resume tomorrow.”

While the Bell work was in completion, excavation in that area of the old pool was “diverted to another area” in the meantime, Martin said. The next step is to include the installation of horizontal anchors to hold up the walls of the excavation during work.



The arena/pool excavation site on August 17, north of the former pool, looking east towards Melville. From a layman’s point of view, the workers are down about one storey.

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Martin expects “intense” excavation so the contractor can meet a target of closing in the arena structure by Christmas.



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# Wayward dog owners ticketed – again and again ... and again

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Once bitten, twice shy, seemed to be a saying without much bite for at least three dog owners caught letting their pets run off leash in Westmount parks, according to recent Public Security reports.

One of the recent repeaters was reported to be the Westmount owner of a small black lhasa apso already well-known to officers, who was not only ticketed in Westmount Park August 9, but again two days later for walking the dog through the kids' playground.

Also on August 11, a dog was found frolicking off leash in Prince Albert Park at 9:25 am while its owner sat on the grass some 20 meters away. When she spotted the patroller, she quickly leashed the dog but was nevertheless ticketed. Both the officer and the woman recognized each other from previous off-leash incidents. She was identified as a nearby resident of NDG.

Another dog owner was ticketed August 13 for allowing his dog to run free in Murray Park at 9:46 pm. The Westmount

resident was also described as having been warned in the past.

While repeat offences can lead to higher by-law fines, said Public Security director David Sedgwick, increasing rates are "something we have to do through the court." The standard ticket of \$75 includes a fine of \$50 with an administration fee of \$25.

## Gas line hit by contractor

A gas line was ruptured August 9 during excavation work by a contractor on private property outside 672 Roslyn, Public Security officials said. Gaz Métropolitain crews and firefighters arrived on the scene and the small leak was reported contained by 3 pm. The previous day, a gas leak also occurred outside 399 Clarke (see August 13, p. 9).

## Re-cycling



Photo: Westmount Independent

Westmounter Jean-Pierre Falet (right) and Marc Allard are among the organizers of Cyclo Nord-Sud's Saturday, September 8 bike drive at Marianopolis (4873 Westmount Ave.), from which both men have just graduated. The event takes place from 10 am to 1 pm. Donated bikes are shipped to Africa and South America, where their second lives can last up to 20 years and help up to 10 people. Donors are asked to also give \$15 per bike to cover the cost of transportation, and receive a tax receipt for the money and value of the bike. Around 4,000 bikes are contributed each year in Quebec.

## Caught drinking in Sunnyside Park

Two young men were ticketed for consuming alcohol in Sunnyside Park August 7 at 10:01 pm, public safety officers report.

They were identified as Montreal residents aged 18 and 20.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A HEAVENLY SIGN

On Sunday morning August 12, the closing day of the Olympics, we awoke in the Adirondacks to an unforgettable memory – a truly Olympian show. Five loons were swimming in the lake outside our cottage in a circle, singing and flapping their wings, going round and round.

We both agreed that we would never see anything like it again, and we knew we had been truly blessed. Praise God. He chose this time to remind us of his continual presence and his hand on us.

It was three years ago now that our beloved son Peter passed away.

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## LOVING BIXI; OFTEN USE NDG BIXI DOCKING STATION

Regarding “More Westmounters join Bixi, recorded use up 28%” (August 14, p. 9), I joined Bixi in April 2011, eagerly anticipating its arrival in Westmount.

So far, this year and last, I have made 254 trips commuting to work and running errands, for a total of over 1,007 kilometers. In a word: joy!

An invigorating ride along the physical-barrier bicycle paths has replaced my former dull commute downtown and, at less than 20 minutes, beats every other vehicle for efficiency: bus, Metro and car.

The statistics cited in your article do not

include use of docking stations adjacent to Westmount by Westmounters. I often dock in and out of the large Vendôme docking station because no bicycle or docking place is available at the small Victoria/de Maisonneuve or Victoria Hall stations.

Use of the Westmount docking stations should also improve as docking stations are gradually added in NDG, which is currently sparsely served by Bixi.

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## TURNSTILES THE ONLY OPTION FOR SAFE BIKE PATH

Regarding “Campaign targets ‘hot shot’ cyclists” (August 14, p. 7), unworkable solutions were forwarded by Councillor Gary Ikeman and the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association at the last council meeting as to how to control the dangerous speeding of rogue cyclists.

Aside from diverting the bike path away from [Westmount] park, there is only one practical, easily manageable solution, which I have proposed in several letters and at some council meetings. Place stiles at the two crossing points on the bike path in the park that would force cyclists to stop or greatly slow down (and it could provide an easy way to arrest the users of illegal power vehicles). This is much simpler to manage than any other method.

This method is employed at such ven-

ues as the St. Lambert locks, the Jacques Cartier bridge and “le Petit train du Nord” in the Laurentians.

Come on Westmount! Let us keep our parks safe, especially for the kids.

STANLEY GROSSMAN,  
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

## WWCA TO EDUCATE CYCLISTS ON PATHS, IN SCHOOLS

Several recent letters to the editor have raised concerns about the behaviour of a few cyclists who tar the reputation of all cyclists.

The Westmount Walking and Cycling Association believes that all road users, including cyclists, should obey the Highway Safety Code. Any non-compliance is unacceptable.

As an advocacy association of Westmount volunteers with very limited means, there is little we can do to change people’s behaviour, however, a few initiatives are being planned to discourage reckless or aggressive cycling.

First, in early September, in cooperation with the Public Security Unit, we will stop aggressive cyclists and encourage them to ride safely and to respect other Westmount residents, especially pedestrians. At the same time, we will give them a free bike bell or bike light.

Second, the police have agreed to follow up with an enforcement campaign. As with non-compliant drivers or pedestrians, ticketing of aggressive cyclists needs to be a permanent feature.

Third, we will try to have cycling safety and etiquette made part of school programs in Westmount and NDG.

However, probably the single most important long-term solution is a network of safe bike paths, which only the city can provide. Safe bike paths improve code compliance in several ways. They encourage more mainstream residents to cycle

(you build it, they will come), and they typically ride in a safe and respectful manner, which in turn applies peer pressure to other cyclists. For instance, since the arrival of Bixi and the growth of mainstream cycling, it is common to see between five to 10 cyclists lined up waiting at red lights along the de Maisonneuve bike path. Similarly, is it rare to see cyclists on de Maisonneuve sidewalks because there is an adjacent bike path.

Hopefully, the upcoming initiatives will help curb aggressive and careless cycling in the short-term and hopefully the city will implement the necessary long-term measures.

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WESTMOUNT WALKING AND  
CYCLING ASSOCIATION

## LETTER TO MARC GARNEAU RE: RIDING NAME CHANGE

As executive members of the Westmount Historical Association, founded in 1944 to increase public awareness of Westmount’s history and heritage, we would like to add our voice to the mounting public protest against changing the name of our federal riding from “Westmount-Ville Marie” to “Wilder Penfield.”

In accordance with Mayor Peter Trent and our municipal council, we likewise “insist that the federal riding boundary include the name of Westmount.”

The area now known as Westmount was first settled by Quebec farming families as early as 1739, and the organized community that developed here officially adopted the name “Westmount” in 1895. The name of our distinguished community has been associated with federal ridings as far back as 1914.

Westmount’s historical significance relates both to our community as a long-recognized

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Federal recognition of our built heritage was granted on January 17 of this year by the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, a division of Parks Canada, which declared that Westmount be known as a National Historic Site.

We urge you, Mr. Garneau, to take this threat to our municipal identity very seriously, and ask that you do your utmost to prevent the disappearance of the name "Westmount" from the halls of parliament and its link with our elected federal representative.

JANE MARTIN, ARCHIVIST, AND DOREEN LINDSAY, PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE WESTMOUNT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Editor's note: Marc Garneau agrees. See "MP opposes name change," August 14, p. 11.*

## Loiterers fined

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the ticket.

Subsequent incidents occurred August 11 as well as the next day when he was again ticketed, first at 4:40 pm and then 9:01 pm when he was found in the company of a 50-year-old friend, who provided a Montreal address and was also given a ticket.

"It's an on-going issue," explained Public Security director David Sedgwick.

While some complaints in the area involve homeless people, tickets can't be issued if they have no fixed address, though sometimes an address of a shelter might be given, he said.

Repeat ticketing "is kind of the only recourse we have," he explained. "But tickets pile up and we can only ticket so much. It doesn't solve the problem." Sedgwick said police would be called "every time someone is aggressive," a potential threat to public safety.

## KEEP 'WESTMOUNT' AS IDENTIFIER

As per its mandate to "provide a more balanced representation of people and communities in Parliament," the Quebec Electoral Boundaries Commission has released its electoral redistribution proposal, substantially altering the boundaries of the Westmount-Ville-Marie federal riding and changing its name to Wilder Penfield.

While it is important to consider the repercussions of the redistribution, whatever your political affiliation, constituents should take issue with the commission's seemingly arbitrary decision to remove Westmount from the riding's name.

If the riding boundaries are supposed to better reflect the "people and communities" they represent, then why shouldn't the same consideration be given to its name? Surely, Westmount, the oldest city in Canada \*, whose entire population also happens to sit within the new riding boundaries, ought to have its name represented in parliament.

As a community, Westmount has had a long history of influencing the national agenda through the various members of parliament we've sent to represent us in Ottawa. There is no better representation of our community than the banner we choose to organize under and the name we give our MP to speak on our behalf.

Montrealers and Quebecers closely identify with their communities as neighbourhoods and as more than a bit of geography or a statistical reference from the last national census. The Liberal Party of Canada will recognize and celebrate the distinct history and characteristics of all of Montreal's unique communities.

The Quebec commission is holding public hearings to gather opinions on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names. To make a presentation at a hearing or submit a comment, please inform the commission in writing no later than Monday, August 27. The hearing will take place Friday, October 19 at 9:30 am at the court house on Notre Dame St. E., room 14.09.

<http://www.redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca/>

ANNA GAINÉY, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL LIBERAL RIDING ASSOCIATION OF WESTMOUNT-VILLE MARIE

*\* Editor's note: Municipal records indicate that Westmount's claim to be a municipal entity only goes back to 1874, compared with others such as Quebec City and St. John's, Newfoundland, which were founded earlier.*

## CAN RELATE TO THE KIDNAPPED PHLOX

First of all, my condolences to you on being rudely nabbed (re: "Dear perennial flower garden thief," August 14, p. 6). I do know how miserable it is when you are growing beautifully, have been nurtured and cared for and then suddenly and unceremoniously you are uprooted.

It is painful both for you and your loving gardener.

I grow vegetables at the public gardens and just when some of my prized veggies are ripe and luscious, they mysteriously disappear. I go to harvest them and they are just not there. Other gardeners have had the same experience, and it is most unpleasant.

Really, would a person walk into a nursery and steal a phlox or into the supermarket and steal tomatoes or zucchini? Somehow these thieves do not see it as stealing, but it is. If it does not belong to you and you take it, it is stealing.

I am hoping that perhaps the guilty party that took you might reconsider and return you, but I am not too hopeful. In any case I do hope you do have as good a life as is now possible.

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## Election streeter

# Local voters concerned about student protests, corruption

By MARTIN C. BARRY

If the opinions of a sampling of Westmounters are an indicator of the direction that the upcoming provincial election could go in, Westmount-St. Louis voters will probably be supporting the Liberals, although they remain concerned about issues like tuition fees and allegations of public corruption.

Frédéric Pfund, a Westmount Park ten-

nis court attendant and Westmount resident in his early 20s, told the *Independent* he thought that the incumbent Liberal government had everything to gain by calling the election while the student protest-

what they've been doing."

Like many Quebecers, Pfund has heard allegations of corruption being rampant among public works contractors and said that the issue will be on his mind come

Moriarty said he's disillusioned with the choice of candidates for the province's top political position.

"I feel that there is absolutely nobody to choose from in this particular election," he

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Frédéric Pfund plans to vote Liberal despite some concerns with unresolved issues.

ers are away until the fall.

Among the issues Pfund said he was concerned about is rising provincial taxes.

And he didn't disapprove of how the government handled the tuition fee crisis. "I've always been against the student strike," he said. "I feel that even with the fee increase, Quebec still has the lowest fees in Canada. It's not proportional with



Leoneice Feener sympathizes with student tuition fee protesters, but still plans to vote Liberal. She, along with Tylko (see photo to the right) are wearing cowboy-themed accessories for an event that was about to take place at the Manoir.

election day. While the incumbent government hopes to win another term despite being saddled with bad publicity from the issue, Pfund said that when he votes it will "probably" be for the Liberals.

Reclining comfortably against the base of a tree on a warm day last week, Francis



Pauline Tylko of Manoir Westmount is satisfied with the incumbent Charest government and plans to vote Liberal.

said. "It's hard to say who's the worst." Although he hadn't decided how he'll vote, "I'll probably vote according to what I know about the candidate rather than the party," said Moriarty.

At the Manoir Westmount retirement residence, Pauline Tylko was unconcerned about the election taking place towards the end of summer. The top issue in her mind? "I wouldn't want the Marois party to be elected because I hate separation," she said. "And I'm very much in favour of English being taught in school."

As for issues, she had no problem with the way the Liberal government dealt with the student crisis, and she was satisfied with the incumbent government's management of public health care. She planned to vote Liberal.

### Athletes need more support

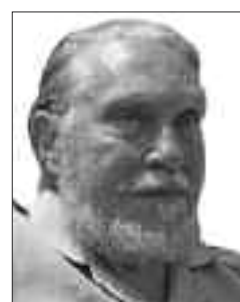
Another Manoir Westmount resident, Leoneice Feener, thought Canada's poor showing in the London Olympics should be reason enough for provinces like Quebec to provide athletes with more support. "All the other countries get good help, but we don't seem to do it," she said.

While she sympathizes with the students who protested against the Liberal government's tuition fee increases, she also supports a pledge by the Liberals to pass legislation that will crack down on puppy mills in a province with the worst reputation in Canada for tolerating them. She, too, said she will be voting Liberal.

## Unaffiliated candidate running

# Election 2012: Allard intends participatory-style representation

Westmount-St. Louis has an unaffiliated candidate running in the September 4 provincial election: mostly retired lawyer and current blogger Pierre Allard.



Pierre Allard

The 77-year-old Verdun resident was seen going door to door in Westmount on August 15 collecting signatures for his nomination papers. By August 17, he'd done it.

Should Quebecers be voting for candidates like himself? Yes, according to Allard, "The essence of democracy would be for inde-

pendent representatives ... to discuss and vote on the government's projects..."

And why should Westmounters vote for him in particular? "I believe I share their values. Above all, though, I commit myself, if elected, to summarize all proposed bills on my blog, to ask for reactions and to vote as people will demand. If asked to vote against my principles, I will resign."

What are his views on separation? Despite being for what his blog calls the "Droit des Québécois à l'autodétermination" his position on "independence for Quebec is NO. It is not opportunistic, it is all over my writings and has been known at least since I started blogging [where you can find more from me on the subject] ..."

Allard is the last candidate to register. The nomination period closed August 18.



# BACK TO SCHOOL 2012

## The right tutor can help children succeed in school

BY MARLENE EISNER

Sometimes, it doesn't matter how hard kids try in school. Every now and then, even the best student could use a little extra help.

That's how Liz Finney-Brinberg de-

scribes her decision to hire outside help to get her children through the challenges they face in school. The Montreal West mother of three discovered her two older children, a son, 14, who attends LCC and a daughter, 16, a student at St. George's, have benefitted from a tutor and a tutoring/learning coach.

"It's really for math," she explained. "My husband and I have imbued our kids with poor math genes. Math was the one subject where they always needed extra help, and that's where it started with tutors."

But finding a good match for each of her children was easier said than done. She had to try a few before it clicked.

"I think I've gotten a bit smarter as time goes on in knowing a bit more what to look for with each of my kids," she said.

"I think different tutors work differently with different kids. I find they have to be able to relate to a tutor and not be afraid even on the fifth go-around to be able to say 'I don't get it.' What they used to do was try to please the tutor and say they did

when they didn't, and at \$65 an hour later, it added up and they were still struggling."

With her son Cameron, Finney-Brinberg said she started noticing he was having trouble in grade 7. As he continued to fall further behind in math, she decided to send him to the Personalized Design Educational Consultants (PDec), which is run by two former educators who offer a coaching service for students, as well as services for educational professionals.

"Last year, he had not passed his Christmas and June math exams. I knew Elaine [Wisenthal Milech] was an amazing math teacher. I went to her at PDec to help him so he could rewrite his math exam in grade 7 to get him caught up because he was really behind. He made huge progress with her."

But once he was back on track, Finney-Brinberg switched her son from PDec to tutoring sessions with his former summer camp counsellor, who seemed to be a good match, at a more affordable price.

"The boy that tutors him is a McGill stu-

dent. He comes once or twice a week and the two of them, you hear them go back and forth; they have a relationship, there's no faking it. That's really worked for my son."

For her daughter Hannah, the first step was changing high ..... schools, which she did in ..... *continued on p. 10*

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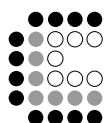
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## BACK TO

### Tutoring can help

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the middle of grade 9. Finney-Brinberg said once at St. George's, her daughter flourished, but still needed help with math. She accessed the school's resources for help.

#### Extra help

"They are able to identify in smaller classes if you need a bit of help, and there is always someone there for extra help," she said. And it was through the school that Hannah found a math tutor whom she has been working with for a year and a half. From time to time, Finney-Brinberg will also send Hannah to Birdie Goodman at PDec to help develop other skills.

"She works with Birdie, not on an every-week basis, but sometimes she'll have a literary criticism or a large essay, or will have to prepare for exams, and we will make an appointment with Birdie, who will help her with special tasks. Birdie is amazing. The kids love her and Elaine, too. It's very easy to go to. It has to click." Even though her

children do well in school – her son averages 80 to 82 percent in all subjects – Finney-Brinberg's decision to get extra help for them has been a thoughtful one, geared toward identifying the areas in which they were having difficulty and working on them outside the classroom to help them succeed.

"I wouldn't put my kids with tutors across the board. Math is different," she said.

#### Improving skills

"And then just to improve skills in reading comprehension and writing. What I didn't want to do is get my kids to rely on the tutor to get there to do their work. It's just there to specifically target certain questions or things they don't understand that they can't get to on a one-to-one basis with the teacher, with everything else going on."

Kids need to feel good about their skill level, she said.

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- Make learning a part of daily life.
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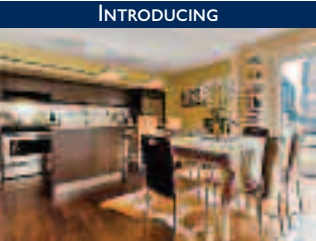
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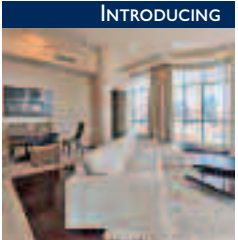
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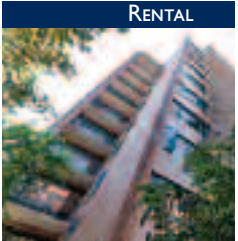
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CONDO 2102 | LE CRYSTAL

A contemporary condo with an elegant touch (11 ft. ceiling), exquisite view of the river, 2 rooms and 2 full bathroom. Hotel building, restaurant, conciergerie, valet and inside swimming pool. MLS 9480135

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UNIT 44 | 1520 DR. PENFIELD

A beautiful 2+1 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms in the heart of downtown. This unit is new with hardwood floors, modern kitchen and a long balcony. 24 hr concierge, rooftop gym and interior garage space. Near universities, college, a pedestrian lifestyle.

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MT-TREMBLANT | LAC MERCIER

Unique, ultra private property, 4 bedrooms, nestled on 1.9 acres landscaped bottom shoreline. Spectacular views over and ski hill. MLS 8581866

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ON | CLARKE | WESTMOUNT \$1,498,000  
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RECENTLY REDUCED  
DORCHESTER | WESTMOUNT \$998,000  
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LE CHÂTEAU | SHERBROOKE VW. \$995,000  
This apartment is everything you expect from this heritage building. Classic and elegant, it has 2 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and large rooms perfect for entertaining. Located in Building D with direct access to Sherbrooke, this unit is a real gem. Not to be missed!



INTRODUCING  
DOWNTOWN | 1200 DE MAISONNEUVE W \$975,000  
The ultimate downtown location! Elegant 2 bedroom+, 2 bath corner condo with balcony. 1,565 sq. ft. City views, 24h security, indoor parking, gym, pool. MLS 10463389



MONTREAL | PINE AVENUE \$949,000  
Extremely bright centrally located condo with extraordinary views in the heart of downtown. Master bedroom with en-suite, additional bedroom with family bath. Professionally designed & decorated, architectural ceilings, private access elevator, beautiful built-ins, rich wood floors, southern exposure, this sun filled property will captivate you. JILL SHPRITSER\*\* 514.691.0800



GOLDEN SQ MILE | CARRÉ DU MUSÉE \$945,000  
This all brick three level townhouse is located in the splendid “Carré du Musée” located within Montreal’s Golden Square Mile. Amenities include: 3 bedrooms, 3+1 bathrooms, eat-in-kitchen, large master suite, 2 fireplaces, living room, family room, indoor garage & private backyard. MLS 861448



INTRODUCING  
1200 BOUL. DE MAISONNEUVE VW. \$915,000  
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INTRODUCING  
FAMILY HOME | TMR \$1,225,000  
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INTRODUCING  
LUXURIOUS HOME | MOUNT-ROYAL \$829,000  
Ideal 4 bedroom home for a young family. Located on a very peaceful street, with magnificent views on a big park. Gorgeous paved garden filled with flowers and an in-ground pool. Located steps from metro, buses, and shopping centers. MLS 9441036



COUNTRY ESTATE | ST-LAZARE \$2,500,000  
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HUDSON | PLACE MADISON \$1,650,000  
Sublime residence located in Hudson Valley Estates offering 2+3 bedrooms, 2 double garages, luxurious master bedroom suite and terrace with SPA and inground pool. MLS 8761473



BAIE D’URFÉ \$1,295,000  
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ain, featuring 106 acres of land with the Bride flowing through, small private lake esidence. MLS 8683530



335' ON MEMPHRÉMAGOG | OGDEN \$1,175,000  
Facing due south with stunning lakefront views, meticulously crafted hide way designed to bring the outside in, stone fireplace, floor to ceiling windows, gourmet kitchen. MLS 8630181



ST-HIPPOLYTE | WATERFRONT \$1,050,000  
Perched on a gentle slope, this lakefront property is secluded from the road offering privacy and breath-taking views. Open concept with cathedral ceilings and a bright and airy interior. An impeccable home in a peaceful setting. MLS 8760949



STATION MONT-TREMBLANT \$795,000  
Ski-In / Ski-Out | This 1,800 sq. ft. Penthouse features 3 balconies, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces and 2 interior parking. All furnished. MLS 8664243



LAC DES SABLES | STE-AGATHE-DES-MONTS \$595,000  
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# Crowley Arts Centre holds evening for Old Brewery Mission



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Guests arrived at “An Evening of Passion & Compassion” by meandering through a maze. The evening was held on June 11 at the Crowley Arts Centre, normally a great event location. However, being near the new hospital site, construction constricted arriving guests. Not to fear. The thoughtful organizers had volunteers standing with helpful signs at strategic locations.

Starring the multi-talented performer **Gregory Charles**, the cocktail was a fundraiser for the Old Brewery Mission. Tickets were \$250.



*Silvija Renusa and Mila Mulroney.*

Westmounters **Gail and Stephen Jarislowsky**, **Claudine and Stephen Bronfman**, and **Barbara Bronfman** were “angel sponsors” along with **Rita Mayo** and **Charles Bronfman**.

The benefit supported the services for women at the Mission. Westmounters noted arriving included **Mila Mulroney**, **Sondra Palangio**, **Liliana Simpson**, **Meredith Webster**, **Judith and Philip Johnston**, **Annick-Isabelle Marcoux** and **Leonard Schlemm**, **Lise and Daniel Labrecque**, **Julia and Stephen Reitman**, **John Aylen**, **Claire and Stuart Webster**, **Roshi and Blajit Chadha**, **Richard Gervais**, **Silvija Renusa**, and Quebec celeb **Diane Juster**, attending with husband **François Odermatt**.

Also seen in the packed room were **Nanette and Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien**, **Gloria and Rick Leckner**, **Nancy Rosenfeld**, **Peter Letko**, **Suzanne Brillant-Fluhier**, **Debby**

**Jamos-Brillant**, **Sean O'Donnell**, **Andrea Wolff** and **Eric Maldooff**, **Esther Benezra**, **Niki Papachristidis**, **Marie-Lise Andrade**, and **Serge Rocheleau** and **Lise Watier**, who sponsors the **Lise Watier Pavilion** at the Mission.

Guests remembered strong supporter of the Mission, elegant Westmounter **Andrée Beaulieu**, who passed away recently.



*Stephen and Claudine Bronfman.*

The evening raised \$237,000. Gold sponsors were the **Laurentian Bank of Canada**, **Fasken Martineau** and **Letko Brosseau**. Silver sponsors were **National Bank Financial**, **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec**, **Encadrex**, **Great West Life**, **Heenan Blaikie** and **Philippe Dandurand Wines**.



*Danielle LaRivière, Diane Juster and François Odermatt.*



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## NEW LISTING WESTMOUNT



**791 Upper Belmont** Fabulous family home -large kitchen opening onto private landscaped garden. Beautifully renovated, bleached hardwood floors, 2 working fireplaces, 4+1 bedrooms, 3+1 bathrooms, garage, 3 ext pkg, close to private schools. Asking **\$1,550,000**.



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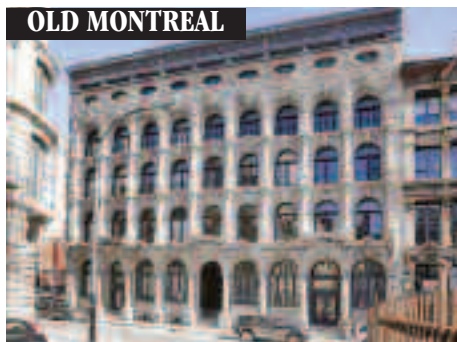
Compare and see the difference: Imposing Victorian stone house that has been renovated and offers all the comforts of a new home while preserving its classic elegance. 6 bedrm, 4+1 bthrms, high ceilings, original architecture, multi car pkg, large private lot. Great location. Asking **\$3,650,000**.

## COUNTRY ESTATE



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## OLD MONTREAL



**455 St-Pierre #230:** 'The Caverhill,' a prestigious address, accommodations for the discriminating buyer. 2 bedrooms, 2 deluxe baths, high ceiling, brick walls, arched windows, garage. Modern and inviting. Prime location steps to restos, transport, services. Must see! **\$1,049,000**

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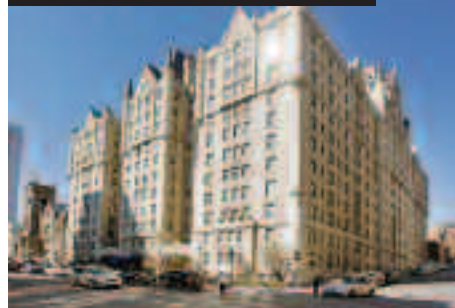
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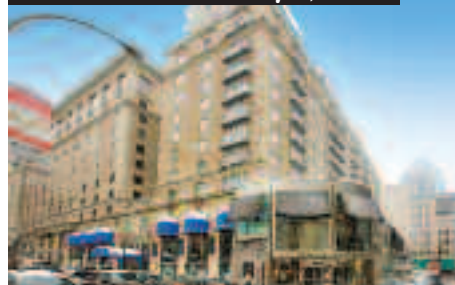
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## 1321 Sherbrooke West #C-2



Elegant Le Chateau Apt in the heart of downtown's Golden Square Mile. Spacious + bright corner unit has 4 bedrooms, 2.5 renovated baths. Lovely details, fireplace, hardwood floors, high ceilings, gracious rooms for entertaining, eat-in kitchen, south-east exposure. **\$1,298,000**

## 1001 Place Mount-Royal, #901



Corner condo in the heart of downtown. 3 beds, 2 ensuite baths, open-concept LVR/DNR/KIT renovated, 24h sec., valet prkg, underground shopping + metro. **\$869,000**

## IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY



**Westmount: 4046 Dorchester Blvd. W.** Magnificent home beautifully renovated and restored to its **classical and original beauty**. Hardwood floors throughout and original crown molding, 4+1 bedrooms, 3+2 bathrooms, 1 parking, balconies, all appliances are included. **\$4,700/mo. or \$995,000**



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**WENTWORTH: 20 ch Laurier S.:** Prestigious property, 400+ ft. frontage on Lac Laurier. Gated community. 2+1 bedrooms, 2+1 bathrooms, All appliances. Located in lower Laurentians, one-hour drive from Montreal and less than an hour from Mont Tremblant. **\$575,000**

## FEATURE PROPERTY



**Westmount adjacent: 4694 av. Roslyn:** Large Tudor-style home. Recently renovated, 4 bedroom, 2+1 bathroom house, perfect for a large family or entertaining guests. Sunny garden with 2-car garage. **\$1,025,000**



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| <div></div> <div><b>HÔTEL DE VILLE</b><br/><b>Séance du conseil reportée au lundi 10 septembre</b><br/>Veuillez noter que la séance ordinaire du conseil, prévue pour le mardi 4 septembre 2012 à 20 h, est reportée au lundi 10 septembre 2012 à 20 h en raison des élections provinciales. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT</b><br/><b>Participez au concours Capsule témoin du Centre des loisirs de Westmount !</b><br/>Les Westmountais sont invités à proposer l'un des <b>12 éléments</b> à être inclus dans une capsule témoin qui sera enterrée sous le CLW. Procurez-vous un formulaire d'inscription dans un édifice municipal ou envoyez un courriel à <a href="mailto:capsuletemoin@westmount.org">capsuletemoin@westmount.org</a> avec vos nom et adresse, une description de l'objet et pourquoi vous pensez qu'il représente le Westmount d'aujourd'hui. Faites partie de l'histoire de notre communauté.</div> <div><b>Exposition des plans du CLW</b><br/>Les plans du nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount, incluant le plan de chacun des 3 niveaux de l'installation ainsi qu'une interprétation visuelle, sont présentement exposés à la Bibliothèque de Westmount et au Victoria Hall.</div> <div><b>Suivez l'avancement du projet</b><br/>Recevez des mises à jour par courriel à propos de la construction; envoyez un message d'abonnement au <a href="mailto:centredeloisirswestmount@westmount.org">centredeloisirswestmount@westmount.org</a>. Vous pouvez également nous suivre sur Twitter <a href="https://twitter.com/constructalert">@constructalert</a>. Aimez-nous sur Facebook au <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westmountrecreationcentre">westmountrecreationcentre</a> et consultez le <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a> pour tous les détails sur le projet. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>SPORTS ET LOISIRS</b><br/><b>Inscriptions : activités automne et hiver</b><br/>La période d'inscription pour les activités d'automne et d'hiver débutera le <b>lundi 27 août à 8 h 30</b> au Victoria Hall pour les résidents de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5353.🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES</b><br/><b>Poésie en plein air</b><br/>Joignez-vous à nous le mercredi 29 août de 18 h à 20 h pour une soirée de musique et de poésie au parc Westmount près de l'étang. Apportez votre chaise. En cas de pluie, l'événement aura lieu au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.</div> |  | <div></div> <div><b>CITY HALL</b><br/><b>Council meeting moved to Monday, September 10</b><br/>Please note that the regular sitting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 8 p.m. has been changed to Monday, September 10, 2012 at 8 p.m. because of the provincial election. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE</b><br/><b>Enter the Westmount Recreation Centre Time Capsule Contest!</b><br/>Westmounters are invited to make a proposal for one of the <b>12 items</b> that will be included in a time capsule to be buried deep in the WRC. Pick up an entry form in a City building or send an email to <a href="mailto:timecapsule@westmount.org">timecapsule@westmount.org</a> with your name, address, a description of the item and the reasons why you believe the item represents today's Westmount. Be part of our community's history.</div> <div><b>WRC Plans on Display</b><br/>Plans of the new Westmount Recreation Centre are now on display at the Westmount Public Library and at Victoria Hall. These include detailed architectural plans of the 3 levels of the facility as well as an artist's rendition.</div> <div><b>Follow the progress of the project</b><br/>Receive regular email updates on the progress on the WRC; send a message to <a href="mailto:westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org">westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org</a>. You can also follow us on Twitter : <a href="https://twitter.com/constructalert">@constructalert</a> and like us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westmountrecreationcentre">westmountrecreationcentre</a>. Check us out on <a href="http://www.westmount.org">www.westmount.org</a> for all the project info. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>SPORTS AND RECREATION</b><br/><b>Fall and winter activities registration</b><br/>Registration for fall and winter activities will begin <b>Monday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m.</b> at Victoria Hall for Westmount residents. Info : 514 989-5353. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>COMMUNITY EVENTS</b><br/><b>Poetry in the Park</b><br/>Join us for an evening of poetry and music in Westmount Park on Wednesday, August 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. near the lagoon. Bring a chair. Rain location: Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.</div> |  |
| <div><b>DATES À RETENIR</b></div> <div><b>Le 22 août à 19 h 30</b><br/>Rencontre avec les candidats - Élections provinciales Victoria Hall</div> <div><b>Le 27 août à compter de 8 h 30</b><br/>Inscriptions pour les activités d'automne et d'hiver Victoria Hall</div> <div><b>Le 10 septembre à 20 h</b><br/>Séance du conseil<br/>Hôtel de ville</div>  |  | <div><b>DATEBOOK</b></div> <div><b>August 22 at 7:30 p.m.</b><br/>Meet the candidates night : Provincial Election Victoria Hall</div> <div><b>August 27 from 8:30 a.m.</b><br/>Registration for fall and winter activities Victoria Hall</div> <div><b>September 10 at 8 p.m.</b><br/>Council Meeting<br/>City Hall</div>   |  |
| <div><b>Exposition : Art Souterrain Déclic 70</b><br/>Cette collection de photographies des années 1970 est présentée en collaboration avec le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée à la galerie du Victoria Hall du 6 au 23 septembre. Info : 514 989-5226. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>BIBLIOTHÈQUE</b><br/><b>Soirée cinéma en plein air</b><br/>Assistez au film <i>A Monster in Paris</i> sous un ciel étoilé au parc Westmount le vendredi 24 août au crépuscule. Venez en famille et apportez vos chaises pliantes et couvertures ! Du maïs soufflé et des boissons seront mis en vente au profit des Scouts de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Histoires enchantées sous les étoiles</b><br/>Viens te joindre à nous lors de notre soirée magique d'histoires et de bricolage le jeudi 30 août à 18 h 30 dans le Jardin du conte. Costumes encouragés ! 3 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Club de lecture d'été TD : fête de clôture avec le magicien Benoit Fournier</b><br/>Soyez des nôtres le samedi 8 septembre à 14 h au Victoria Hall (prix, spectacles et rafraîchissements). Les membres du club de lecture peuvent obtenir leurs billets au comptoir des enfants. Info : 514 989-5229</div> <div><b>Cercle de lecture</b><br/>Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Le mardi 11 septembre à 10 h 15. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd</b><br/>Cet atelier vous permettra de vous exprimer en vers et de libérer votre créativité dans une ambiance décontractée. Le mercredi 12 septembre à 10 h 15. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Rencontre d'auteur : Taras Grescoe</b><br/>L'auteur montréalais Taras Grescoe discutera de son dernier livre <i>Straphanger: Saving our Cities and Ourselves from the Automobile</i> le mercredi 12 septembre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5386.🌿</div>  |  | <div><b>Exhibition: Art Souterrain Déclic 70</b><br/>This collection of photographs from the 1970s is presented in collaboration with the <i>Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée</i> in the Gallery at Victoria Hall from September 6 to 23. Info : 514 989-5226. 🌿</div> <div></div> <div><b>LIBRARY</b><br/><b>Movie Night in the Park</b><br/>Come watch the film <i>A Monster in Paris</i> under the stars in Westmount Park on Friday, August 24 at dusk. Don't forget your chairs and blankets! Popcorn and drinks for sale to benefit the Westmount Scouts. Info : 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Enchanted Stories under the Stars</b><br/>Join us for a magical evening of stories and crafts on Thursday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m., in the Storytelling Garden. Costumes encouraged! 3 years and up. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>TD Summer Reading Club: Closing Party with Magician Benoit Fournier!</b><br/>Join us on Saturday, September 8 at 2 p.m. in Victoria Hall for prizes, entertainment and food! Reading Club members may pick up their free tickets at the children's desk. Info: 514 989-5229.</div> <div><b>Readers to Readers Book Club</b><br/>No reading list and no deadline, just a chat about books recently read. Tuesday, September 11 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd</b><br/>Get creative in these light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Wednesday, September 12 at 10:15 a.m. Info: 514 989-5386.</div> <div><b>Author Event: Taras Grescoe</b><br/>Montreal author Taras Grescoe will discuss his new book <i>Straphanger : Saving our Cities and Ourselves from the Automobile</i> on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿</div>  |  |



## Carmel brothers home from worlds, nationals



Alex Carmel, left, was starting catcher of the NDG Senior Lynx (players are 15 to 16 years old) which represented Canada at the Senior League Baseball World Series in Bangor, Maine August 12 to 18. The team went 1-3. Prior to the worlds, the team won the Senior League National tournament in Regina, Saskatchewan. To the right of their mother Mary Catherine Carmel, who is president of NDG Baseball, is brother Sam Carmel, who was starting catcher of the NDG Junior Lynx (13-14 years of age). His team competed at the Junior League Canadian Championships in Lethbridge, Alberta in early August with a final result of 3 and 4. The Junior Lynx won Little League Quebec's Junior Provincial championship in Valleyfield. The Carmel family lives in Westmount.

Photo courtesy of Ken Quinn

## Rizzolo and team victorious at provincials



Westmounter Vincent Rizzolo shows off the team trophy from the provincials. Rizzolo is an outfielder with the NDG Major Lynx (11-12 years of age), the team that won its Little League Quebec competition at the recent provincial tournament in Val D'Or. In the recent Little League national tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, the team had second-best overall record, but due to an unfavourable tie-breaker procedure, wound up in 5th place overall. Rizzolo, a Selwyn House student starting grade 7, has also played on the Westmount baseball team for several years, making it to the finals twice.

Photo courtesy of Angela Rizzolo

## Perron-Smith and Miller win gold



Photo courtesy of Denise Perron

The Jeux du Québec took place July 26 to August 3 in Shawinigan. Westmounter Jacqueline Perron Smith won three gold medals (including one for a games-record 400M run and one for the 100M) and two silver ones. She and fellow Westmounter Alexia Miller are members of the St. Laurent track club who competed for the Lac St. Louis region, which won gold in the track and field portion of the meet. In the photo, Miller passes the baton to Perron Smith in the 4X100M relay, where the team won silver. It won gold in 4X400M. The other team members were Allison Frantz and Erin Mink.

## Barracuda swimmers finish top 5 in open water race



Swimmers in Westmount's youth competitive swim team, the Barracudas, placed in the top five in a two-kilometre race in the Memphremagog Open Water Challenge on August 3. Swimming an open water race for the first time, from left, Julia Landsberger (14), Adele Beinraviciute (15) and Emma Bandia (14) swam through choppy waters to finish fifth, third and fourth in their age group. "It was very different from anything we had ever done before," said Beinraviciute, who brought home the bronze medal for the girls 12-18 category, her teammates finishing just a few strokes behind her. "It was exciting to swim in a pack and to realize how strong we've become training with the Barracudas." New and returning members, swimmers from ages six to 18, are invited to an information and registration session at the Westmount Y (4585 Sherbrooke St.) on Wednesday, August 29 from 6:30 to 8 pm. New swimmers will be evaluated to determine their level. Swimmers registered on or before that date will receive a 12-month membership to the Y, according to the Barracudas organization. For information, contact [dianecharlton@videotron.ca](mailto:dianecharlton@videotron.ca) or 514.244.2875 or visit [www.westmountymcaswimclub.qc.ca](http://www.westmountymcaswimclub.qc.ca).

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# Dumais to ride 180 kms for MS



For the sixth year, Patricia Dumais of Greene Ave. will be participating in the MS Bike Tour in Trois Rivières on Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26. A seasoned long-distance bicyclist, Dumais hopes to raise more than \$2,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. In all, Dumais will be completing 180 kilometres on the tour. She will be part of a team from Montreal known as the Spirit Riders.

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# Mugging near Prince Albert

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with her iPhone in hand on Sherbrooke near Prince Albert. One of the suspects pushed her, dropping his bicycle in the process, and the muggers tore her phone away. The suspect who dropped his bicycle opted to flee on foot, leaving the bike on the sidewalk, said Côté, while the other two cycled westward.

The female victim notified police and gave a description of the suspects which, a short time later, led to the capture of two of the culprits in Westmount Park near the corner of Melville and Sherbrooke.

Knowing a weapon was used in one of the robberies, Côté said police searched the area and found a fake, but very real looking, gun not far from the suspects. This, she said, connects them to both of the muggings, but she declined to provide further information on the teens because they are under age.

The investigation, she said, is on-going before police decide what the charges are. Côté recommended that people be careful about carrying their valuables, like smart phones, out in the open. It's better, she said, to be discreet.

"Keep your phone in your pocket or bag when you aren't using it," she said. "When you are using it, keep an eye out for who is around. We have a lot of these kind of robberies downtown."



# PSU powers, tools evaluated

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According to Gerbeau, “The limits of Public Security are not clearly defined.”

It is not regulated by the province as are powers accorded to police under the police act. The powers of municipal public security forces have, instead, evolved “more through the courts” as jurisprudence and through the powers provided by municipalities in the enforcement of local by-laws.

Public Security’s role of by-law enforcement in Westmount includes the right of officers (as authorized enforcers) to ask for identification and to issue tickets or warnings, explained Public Security director David Sedgwick.

“We also have the power of citizen’s arrest when we – or an eye witness – observe criminal activity.”

This means that public safety officers can use necessary force to detain an individual until the arrival of police, he said. This includes handcuffing to prevent someone from fleeing or attacking the arresting officer.

As Gerbeau points out: “Certainly when it comes to powers of arrest, they can’t have less than other citizens.”

After lying relatively dormant for a few years, the subject of seeking additional Public Security powers was brought up two years ago at the 30th anniversary celebration of the Westmount unit by its founder, lawyer and former city councillor André Gervais, who urged the city to renew the fight for more powers that he had waged many years ago (see December 1, p. 1, 2010).

## **New tools acquired by Public Security**

The issue comes as the Westmount unit moves forward this year in its acquisition of new tools for improving services it already provides with its existing powers.

New equipment includes renewing the fleet with more dependable patrol vehicles and outfitting them with updated first-aid kits, defibrillators, iPads and street-blocking material. This includes portable barricades and pop-up orange hazard cones.

The medical equipment is especially important when patrollers come across injured or sick people before the arrival of fire department first responders or Urgences Santé, Sedgwick said.

As well, the shift sergeant’s car also has been equipped with an iPad, “which is proving so useful that we’re getting two more,” Sedgwick said. This provides on-the-spot access to databanks that eliminates the need to go through the

dispatcher for information on dog licences, for example, or people already warned about the parks curfew.

The sergeant also has a city cell phone while officers carry portable radios. All patrollers are also outfitted with handcuffs and the police-style telescopic baton for protection.

This baton replaced the conventional nightstick a few years ago though, so far, it has not had to be used for self-defence, “as far as I know,” Sedgwick said. As a deterrent, however, “It can get a lot of attention when snapped open.”

The new equipment is a far cry from the days Sedgwick started on the job 27 years ago. “Back then, we had only a night stick,” he recalled, “and our cars didn’t have emergency lights either. We were almost invisible.”

The latest addition of surveillance cameras in Stayner Park that are monitored with others by the Public Security dispatcher has already proved its usefulness (see story August 14, p. 3).

## Registration open for chronic pain management course

McGill University Health Centre’s chronic pain self-management program starts the first week of September at the Westmount Public Library.

“My Tool Box: The Building Blocks to Self-Care” is a free six-week program geared for people living with chronic pain to discover and implement strategies to help them live better. It is being offered in English on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 12:30 pm. For information or to register, call 514.934.1934, ext. 71585.

## Comin’ Up

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

**Candidates debate** in preparation for the September 4 provincial election, 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall.

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.

• **Movie night in Westmount Park**, 8 pm. A family film will be screened by the library. Popcorn and drinks for sale. Bring lawn chair and blanket. Info: 514.989.5299.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

“**Poetry in the Park**,” 6 pm to 8 pm at the Westmount Park lagoon. Bring a chair. Rain location: Victoria Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Filmmaker Maryam Henein leads a discussion on bees following the screening of the 30-minute version of her film *Vanishing of the Bees*, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library (1200 Atwater Ave.). Writer Kathleen Winter introduces the program and Montreal beekeeper and microbiologist Branislav Babic takes part in the discussion. Free admission; donations invited.

## Bricks fall off Greene Ave. building

Bricks crumbling off the corner of a building at 1336 Greene on August 12 led to a call to firefighters at around 7 pm to remove others in danger of falling. Public Security officials said. The building houses a restaurant, which has a terrasse on Greene. Officers contacted the building administration by phone, Public Works personnel cleaned up the debris and an Urban Planning inspector was to be sent out the next day.

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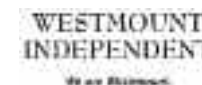
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**BUILDING PERMITS** 🏠 *What's permitted*

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the August 6 meeting of city council.

- 478 Côte St. Antoine:** to replace a window;
- MUHC Glen campus:** to erect water towers in the southwest of the sector lying in Westmount;
- 446 Mount Stephen:** to build a balcony and pergola in the back yard;
- 334 Grosvenor:** to carry out landscaping in the rear yard and change the balcony;
- 767 Upper Belmont:** to landscape the rear yard;
- 464 Strathcona:** to repair the back balcony and a roof above;
- 255 Metcalfe:** at a Category I house, to erect a fence in the back yard;
- 4281 de Maisonneuve:** at a Category I house, to build a new detached double garage in the rear yard and repair the balcony;
- 460 Wood:** to replace the metal roof over the bay window;
- 371 Prince Albert:** to rebuild the front second storey balcony;

**15 Forden:** to add a second storey on top of the existing split-level house (see photo).



*This split-level house at 15 Forden Ave. will be growing higher with the addition of a second storey. A permit for the work was approved by city council August 6 as a separate agenda item given the major nature of the change. The work will not require a demolition permit since it is just under the 50-percent removal limit.*

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 12 – MORNING:** “Alzheimer’s – A Guide for us all” with Harneet Kaur-Singh of Alzheimer’s Society of Montreal

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# The ‘secret’ stairways of upper Westmount



*Living in Westmount*

JO SIMONETTI

Blink and you might miss it. If you’re driving or texting (or both, tsk tsk!), you’ll never find it.

But if you’re on foot and focused on your actual rather than virtual surroundings, and you happen to be the sort who takes pleasure in details, you just may spot it: The Secret Stairway of Upper Westmount.

Okay, so it’s not really secret. But it may as well be. In the countless times I’ve scaled it, I can count the number of other people I happened across on one hand. In fact, when I’m in a solitary mood, I immediately take off for one of my urban hikes from the flat of Sherbrooke St. to the peak of Westmount summit, accompanied by stunning architecture and scenery every step of the way – a direct route made possible by a lot of stairs.

I start by walking north on Grosvenor Ave. from my apartment and climb the steep slope towards The Boulevard, where I turn right and head east. The route levels off here, and I can slow down to admire the partially obfuscated estates dotting the north side. A turret here, a jutting terrace there, mansion parts peek through foliage and over high stone walls like coquettes trying in vain to appear demure.

A few blocks later, I know it’s time to start paying closer attention to the street signs. Hmm, where is it now, why can’t I ever remember... Did I pass it? Ah. Here we are. Renfrew.

Camouflaged by other steps that only lead to front doors, and cutting a swath right through the cluster of mountainside mansions, are the Renfrew steps.

They are flanked by manicured gardens and mature trees, transforming them into a fragrant canopied passage. On a blistering day when the sun is beating down on the bare concrete and asphalt of The Boulevard, and the exhaust fumes from the traffic are so thick they seem to be suspended in mid-air, turning off the street and ducking into the shaded stairway is like stepping from Dante’s inferno into Eden. The contrast is startling, and I always pause here to take a deep breath.

The first set of stairs leads you to Edgehill, and they continue directly across the

street, where a second set takes you to Sunnyside. Each of these streets merits a separate expedition, as they are both studied with exquisite homes and city views. But this particular mission has one goal: surviving the stairs and making it to Summit Circle.

Across the street from Sunnyside is the third and last set of stairs, which end near the top of Summit Crescent. Look to the right and you will see Summit Circle, which forms the circumference of Summit Woods park.

Here go left or right, the nomenclature is not meant to deceive – it is a circle. Either way, you will eventually come to the Westmount lookout, repaired and restored in recent years, with its majestic cream stucco balustrades framing a panoramic view of the city, the river and its bridges.

I’ve lived in Westmount on and off for a decade and have seen this view hundreds of times. It just never gets old. If you continue walking and circle right back to the lookout, it will take your breath away all over again.

It is simply impossible to follow this route and not be affected by the staggering beauty of upper Westmount. Architecture, city, and nature meld together into a perfect storm of inspiration. And while it is an uphill journey, all you come away with is a feeling of pure elevation.

*Send comments and questions to [simonettijo@gmail.com](mailto:simonettijo@gmail.com).*

## Street name signs to get facelift

City council approved the purchase of 357 street name plates August 6 at a total cost of \$62,818. The city had been unable to find a supplier of plates made in the traditional Westmount style until now, said Mayor Peter Trent, so “we’ve now ordered a bunch.”



*Street name signs show wear.*

Westmount Independent file photo



# You gotta have heart!



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Underdog  
Club*

CYNTHIA LEE

Chiffon is a survivor – a survivor of epic proportions. It's almost as though the disco anthem "I Will Survive" was written in homage of this tiny little he-dog.

You know about heartworm? The life-threatening disease of parasites, infestation, lethargy that promises a long recovery time (if those who come down with it recover at all)? It's a dreaded disease that fells many dogs. Well, Chiffon had it!

But he was treated, and he more than survived. He's even passed all his tests and is now a healthy specimen who is ready for a good home.

It shouldn't be too difficult to find a nice spot for Chiffon to hang up his coat (which, he would if he could, given his penchant for wearing little coats). Eccentric and cute are a winning combination.

On the flipside, Chiffon has a few issues that need to be noted. For starters, he is the opposite of a loner and requires copious amounts of time with people. He just wants to be by the side of the human he belongs with, who makes him happiest. To this end, adoptors who work from home or who are in their retirement



Chiffon

years would be the ideal match for Chiffon.

As well, he will need someone to refresh him on how to act indoors and reinforce his house-training skills.

But for all this, Chiffon has a lot to offer in exchange, as he is a happy, affectionate eight-pound, 8-year-old cutie.

Do you have heart? So does Chiffon. Please page Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions at 514.203.9180 or email [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org).

*The Underdog Club is a virtual marketing agency working to help those hardest-to-adopt canines find good homes.*

## Cycling campaign set for Aug. 22

What is being dubbed "Safe Cycling Campaign" is expected to take place Wednesday, August 22 on the bike path through Westmount Park, the *Independent* learned at press time Monday. To be held by the Public Security Unit and the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), the event is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 am to target commuting cyclists, emphasizing the importance of respect for park users and the residents living along the downtown route. A follow-up police enforcement campaign is also planned. The awareness event was announced earlier by Dan Lambert of the WWCA although the date depended on weather forecasts (see August 14, p. 7).

## Forbes goes to CLD board

City council approved the appointment of Councillor Nicole Forbes August 6 to replace colleague Gary Ikeman as one of Westmount's two representatives on the board of the Centre locale de développement Les 3 Monts (CLD). This is the CLD that serves this community. Councillor Victor Drury will continue. Ikeman resigned July 3 after serving for more than two years.

## Scribbling on planter

Graffiti was discovered on a city planter August 13, Public Security officials report. It was located at Claremont and Willow.

## Plotnick receives Yakir award



Westmount resident Stanley Plotnick, left, shakes hands with Shimon Peres, president of Israel, on June 18 at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where he received the Yakir Keren Hayesod award, which is given to leaders of Keren Hayesod - United Israel Appeal (UIA) in "recognition of their commitment and volunteerism, as well as to those who have distinguished themselves by their contribution towards promoting the aims and goals of Keren Hayesod, both in Israel and throughout the Jewish world." Plotnik is the sixth Canadian to receive the award over the last decade, according to Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal, which operates in 45 countries.

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# July sales: Lower prices abound for bargain hunters



## Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings which were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in July 2012. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses and prices cannot be made public, but they give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

Bargain hunters appear to have been out in force in July, picking up whatever houses they could in the under \$1-million category, but staying away from the condominium market.

Six out of the thirteen sales posted in July brought prices under \$1 million, the lowest at \$605,000 and three others at less than \$800,000. Another four ranged in price from \$1 to \$1.2 million, and two tied for the highest price of \$1,900,000, fairly modest by Westmount standards.

Average price was \$1,096,923 compared with \$1,372,250 in June, but the adjusted average mark-up is still 22 percent and the figure has wavered only slightly for most of this year.

Volume in July was actually more than in June, somewhat surprising considering

we are moving into an election period, which usually causes a slowdown in sales. We suspect that the bargain hunters are responsible for the surge, gambling on the outcome of the election to get a foothold in Westmount.

### No condos sold in July

Still, no condos sold in Westmount in July, though three units in apartment buildings just east of the city limits brought prices from \$450,000 to \$800,000. The only other adjacent-Westmount sale was a duplex in Côte des Neiges, an indication that pre-election jitters were holding back the buyers.

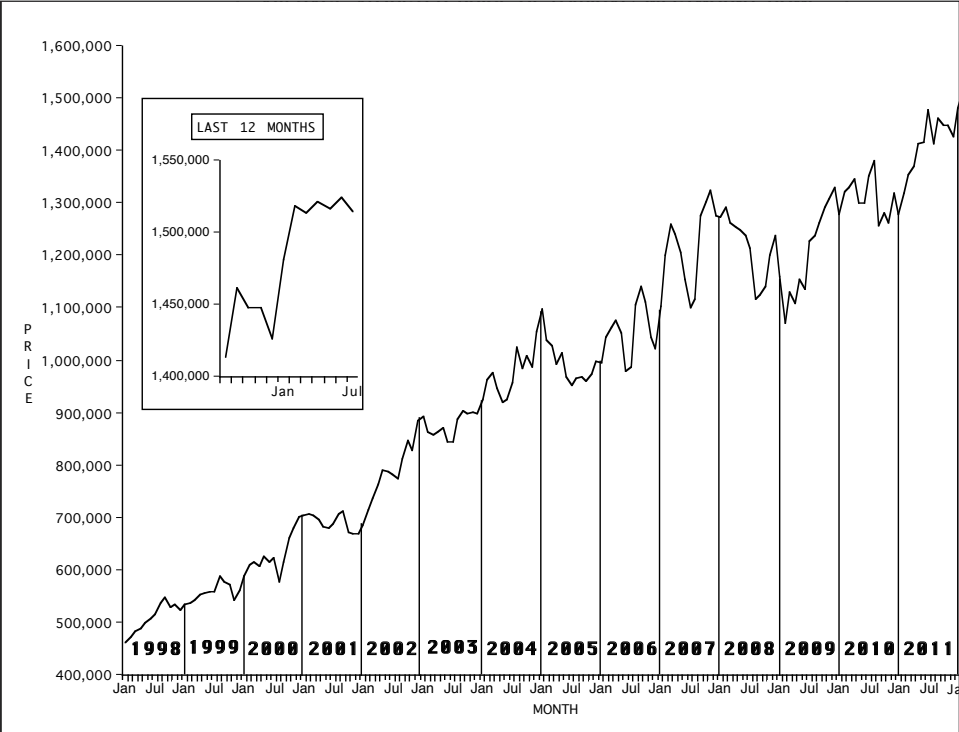
So far this year, 102 sales have been posted, compared to 106 through July last year but stronger than the year-to-date volume for 2009 or 2010. The 13 sales in July compares with an average of only 10.9 for the month generally, but buyers are likely to hold off on making offers now until after the election.

### House rentals moving at same pace

House rentals are moving at about the same pace this year as last year, though the rates have moved up significantly. In the first seven months of 2011, the top rate obtained in Westmount was \$7,000 per month; this year three houses have rented for more than that, with a top rate of \$8,400 a month. The average of 19 house rentals last year was just over \$4,340 per month; this year the average of 20 rentals is \$5,270 per month.

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## Average adjusted price of a typical Westmount residence by month – January 1998 to July 2012 based on accepted offer dates



Source: Andy Dodge and Associated Inc.

## By-law changes adopted for I\* houses, garages

Amendments to the city's planning by-law were adopted by council August 6 to integrate a conservation strategy for heritage Category I\* buildings and to "better

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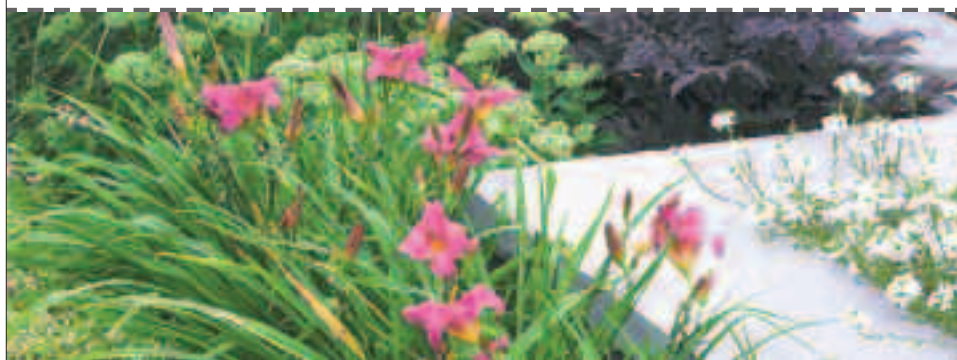
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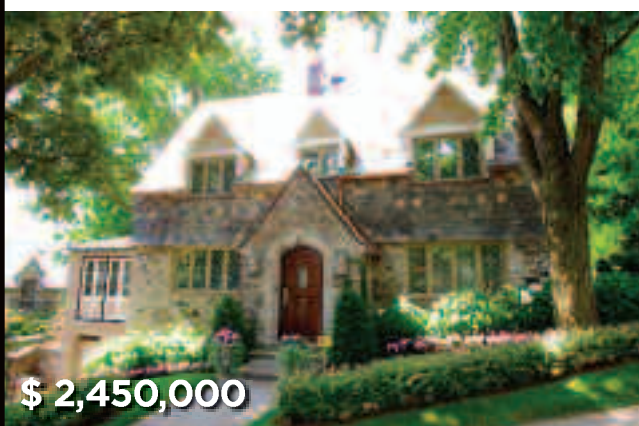
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Westmount Art Scene

# De Francesca and Sharpe – the wonder of colour

BY HEATHER BLACK

This month at Westmount galleries two artists reveal their true colours. Franco De Francesca’s digital art sizzles in luminous tones at Galerie de Bellefeuille, while painter Kristen Sharpe colourfully challenges perceptions at Galerie D’Este.

**Franco De Francesca at  
Galerie de Bellefeuille**

De Francesca’s digitally-composed images are bold and compelling. In “Galaxy,” orbit paths and nebulous gases are suggested by a colourful bull’s-eye composition of red and green rings set against a magenta background. Although his work recalls Victor Vasarely’s Op Art of the 60s, the glossy resin finish evokes a luminous, liquid crystal display.

Another, “Pristmata,” is a prismatic, pixel-like composition of magenta, mauve and yellow. In contrast, the diffused forms of “Chromeleon Aura” are offset by thin bands of colour. Creating an interesting pattern, images of car headlights on rainy streets or colourful rows of glass bottles are evoked.



*Franco De Francesca “Galaxy”*

Carefully composed, De Francesca’s brings a painterly quality to digital art. Harmonious colour schemes of complementary or adjacent colours creates the beauty of the series “Plasma Gel.” The lively and enjoyable works can be seen at Galerie de Bellefeuille, 1367 Greene Ave.

**Kristen Sharpe at Galerie D’Este**

Sharpe paints unusual and interesting

scenes in rich oil hues. “Find your Inner/Centre Peace/Piece,” a composition of robin’s egg blue, grey and maroon conveys both an interior and exterior view. Like Vasarely’s images, walls both advance and retreat. The title’s reference to “peace” and “piece” also plays on the duality of an inner and outer reality.

Evoking surrealism, one scene suggests a psychoanalyst’s office and restricted norms. Entitled “Sectional,” a section of a vermilion coach rests against the wall, challenging the viewer to wonder which way is up. The theme of floor and wall ambiguity continues in “Hardwood is the New Dirt,” a visual collage of painted flooring and forest.

Using illogical or startling effects, Sharpe creates meaning. Yet, through her choice of a refined and harmonious palette, her images are visually pleasing. Light-hearted yet complex, Sharpe’s work is available at Galerie D’Este, 1329 Greene Ave.

**Setting the tone**

“Every form is a base for colour, every

colour is the attribute of a form.” Vasarely’s statement equally applies to the images of De Francesca or Sharpe. Colour creates or defines an object and, for these artists, it is a catalyst for both beauty and fun.



*Kristen Sharpe “Find your Inner/Centre  
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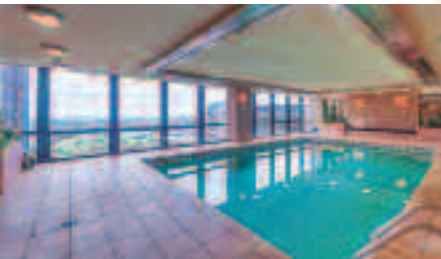


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