

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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## Election 2013: Four new candidates file as nomination period ends



Philip Cutler will oppose Peter Starr for Cllr. Tim Price's seat, see p. 6



Mavis Young and Nigel Goddard will oppose Councillor Cynthia Lulham, see p. 7



Andrei Jones is opposing Councillor Theodora Samiotis.

## Three candidates acclaimed



Declared elected by acclamation October 4 by city returning officer Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza are, from left: District 6 councillor Nicole Forbes, Mayor Peter Trent and District 4 councillor Victor Drury. They are to be sworn in October 9 at 5 pm. Iturriaga Espinoza announced elections for Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

Greene Ave. merchants look forward to life after construction period, p. 20

## Road rage against cyclists on Victoria

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two cyclists became victims of "serious road rage," as they pedaled south through the commercial area on Victoria September 27, Public Security officials said. The young women were described as "in a state of shock" over the incident.

In relating the incident, assistant Public Security director Greg McBain said a public safety patroller had been parked near 324 Victoria, around 2:10 pm when a car passed by quickly and stopped suddenly beside the two cyclists. The driver flung open the door, almost hitting them. A man then got out screaming at them, ex-

tended his arm and a leg as if trying to hit them.

The cyclists managed to get out of the way, but the man got back in the car and began chasing them south of de Maison-neuve. The officer pursued on foot, reporting the man again jumped out of the car, a grey Toyota. He left after spotting the officer, but not before she had time to record a licence plate.

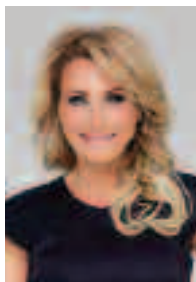
She then assisted the cyclists, McBain said, and all proceeded to local police station 12 to file a report of the incident which he described as "a case of serious road rage, intimidation and attempted assault."

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# Party ends, 40 teens fan out into Westmount

A group of 40 noisy teens leaving a party overnight September 28-29 generated an influx of complaints starting at 11:15 pm, Public Security officials said. The teens were seen loitering at a variety of locations including Irvine and St. Catherine, Côte St. Antoine, Mount Stephen, Kensington, Elm, Melville and de Maison-neuve as well as King George (Murray) and Westmount parks.

Police and public safety officers kept them under surveillance until 12:30 am.

The teens were believed to have come from a party at an apartment building on St. Catherine at Irvine to which Public Security had responded at 10:15 pm to a neighbour's complaint about loud teens on a balcony.

At that time, officers had asked the party host to bring the six or seven inside and to clean up two broken beer bottles on the street below, which she did. The 16-year-old stated she was having a party while her parents were away.

# Worker alive, report in progress

A construction worker is alive after an accident at a residential construction site on de Lavigne Rd., just east of the Westmount border, on September 23.

He was in critical condition immediately following the event, but incorrect news reports stated that he had died.

The CSST is investigating whether the retaining wall that collapsed on him met safety norms and will file a report in about six months.

# Price publishes

Retired Westmount publisher Michael Price has re-entered the publishing game – for charity this time.

He has published a 2014 Eastern Townships calendar, which is for sale locally at Westmount Stationery and Hogg Hardware.

The photographs were contributed by former Westmounter Louise Abbott and her partner-in-life Niels Jensen. Beneficiaries include the Mount Echo Conservation Association (MECA) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Other Townships charities are selling the calendar to their constituencies.

# Loffreda chairs Kidney event to \$194k day



From left: Luc Bisaillon, Royal Bank; Luciano D'Ignazio, Schwartz Levitsky Feldman; Tony Loffreda, Royal Bank, and Ghassan Deko, Royal Bank.

Photo courtesy of Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Westmounter Tony Loffreda was the honorary chair of the Kidney Golf Classic of the Kidney Foundation of Canada, which took place September 16 at the Royal Montreal Golf Club. It raised \$194,000.

"In Quebec today, over 12,000 people are suffering from kidney failure. Once the disease reaches its end stage, kidney patients' only options for survival are dialysis or a transplant," said the group's press release.



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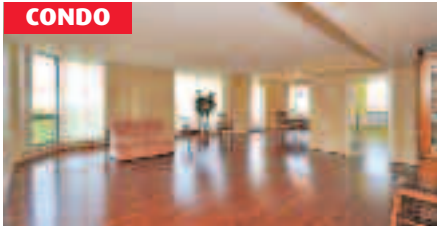
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**Westmount High #1 WAG user, but softball team now 'rooms'**

# Selwyn House negotiated extra WAG time, still #3 in hours

By MICHAEL MOORE

Selwyn House has been given an extra 2.5 hours of exclusive use on the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) this fall after spending over \$600,000 renovating the facility in the summer.

The school has exclusive use of the WAG for a total of 7.5 hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, up from 5 hours a year ago, according to Selwyn House headmaster Hal Hannaford.

The extra allotment comes after the private school spent over \$600,000 this summer to improve the WAG's facilities, including the installation of a new running track, irrigation system, scoreboard and soccer goals and football posts. Selwyn House also continues to pay rent for use of the facility.

"We think the field is a great benefit for us and we didn't spend the money for

nothing, but we knew it would be a real benefit for everybody else too," said Hannaford.

When the agreement was reached in May, city director general Duncan Campbell said the school approached the city about the project and that the investment would not affect the status of the field or its management by the city.

"The benefit to the city is that we wouldn't pay a cent," said Campbell in May. "The expenditure for us is not a priority when the \$600,000 would be better spent on sewers and other infrastructure."

In past years, Selwyn House had exclusive use of the field on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-5:30. It was provided with an additional 2.5 hour block on Thursday afternoon this year as part of a contract signed with the city of Westmount for paying for the renovation.

Despite the 50-percent bump in field

access, Selwyn House remains third in terms of total usage behind Westmount High School and the city of Westmount itself.

Westmount High has access to the WAG when it is not in use by Selwyn House for a total of 36 hours, according to Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan. Unlike Selwyn House, Westmount High does not pay rent or barter the use of its own facilities to the city in return for access to the WAG.

The high school has also been provided an additional two hours at the soccer field on Academy Rd. to offset the increase in Selwyn House's usage, said Deegan.

The reduced access to the WAG has impacted Westmount High's sports program, however. Softball coach Jeff Kosow told the *Independent* that he has had to "roam around" to find practice time this fall, but declined to comment further, saying he was in discussion with Selwyn House about finding a solution.

## Passing the baton at CJA



From left: Federation CJA vice-president Evan Feldman; outgoing president David Cape and Stephen Bronfman, both Westmounters; Rosalind Goodman; incoming president Susan Laxer and CEO Deborah Corber.

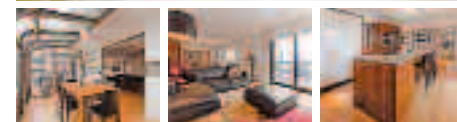
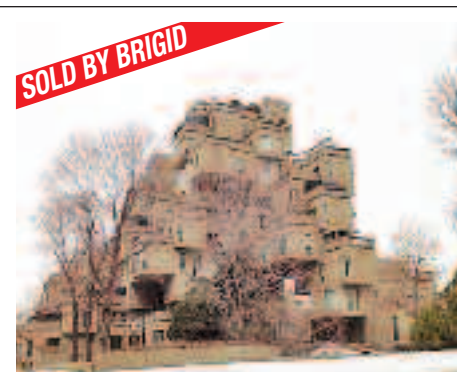
Photo courtesy of Federation CJA.

After two years at the helm, Westmounter David Cape passed the "presidency baton" of the Federation CJA to Susan Laxer at the group's annual general meeting, held October 2 at the Gelber conference centre in Côte des Neiges. In 2012-

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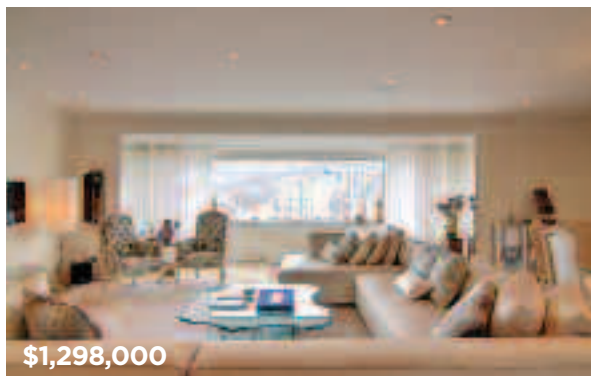


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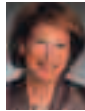
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## Getting ready for safe riding



Public Security bike patroller Sabrina Tremblay checks car seat holding 9-month-old Cedrick Pelsise D'Anselme September 25.

Photo courtesy of Westmount Public Security.

A Public Security campaign at Westmount's many daycares to check the safe installation of child seats in vehicles kicked off September 25 at Centre Greene with 10 seats verified or reinstalled, Public Security officials report. The goal is to get

around to as many daycares as possible. Of the 10, seven were found to need reinstallation by city's bike patrollers. The daycare was notified a week earlier that the patrollers would be conducting the child seat campaign between 3:45 pm and 5:30 pm.

## FEATURED WESTMOUNT PROPERTIES

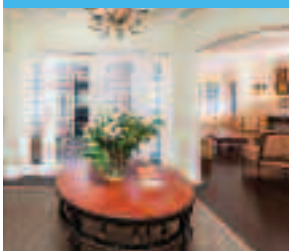
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**Winning 5 to publicize November 3 vote**

# 85 local school children submit city election posters

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's posters publicizing the November 3 election will start appearing around Westmount soon, designed in competition by local school children aged 7 to 14 from Akiva, Westmount Park, St. George's and The Study.

They were the five winning entries from 85 posters submitted in a new city contest to generate interest among kids and their parents in the election, according to city clerk and returning officer Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza, who initiated the project.

"I feel very strongly about the need to sensitize children early on to the democratic process," she said. "And who knows? Some of them could be council members one day."

The participation was beyond expectation, she said, with enthusiastic response from teachers at the four participating schools.

Called "If I was elected..." the competition generated poster slogans such as: "I'd knock this city out of the park," and "I would make sure that every animal is well



Looking at some of the many election poster submissions are, from left: judges Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza, Duncan Campbell and Flora Lee Wagner, along with contest organizers Morgannis Graham and Kenza Bouhaddi.

fed" or "I would make more spaces for flowers to grow."

All entries may be seen at <http://www.westmount.org/vote2013/en/poster.html>.

Along with Iturriaga Espinoza, judges

were artist Flora Lee Wagner, animator Samantha Yousse and city director general Duncan Campbell. Election clerk and city archivist Morgannis Graham and assistant to the returning officer Kenza Bouhaddi

helped organize the event.

A total of 23 submissions came from ages 7 to 9, 48 from 10 and 11-year-olds and 14 from those aged 12 to 14.

## Winners named

The five winners will have their posters printed and distributed. They are:

- Lorelai Dusaniwsky-Eon, 7, St. George's
- Bernice Djaballah, 9, Westmount Park
- Isaac Cape, 10, Akiva
- Clare Goddard, 11, St. George's
- Victoria Sebag, 14, The Study

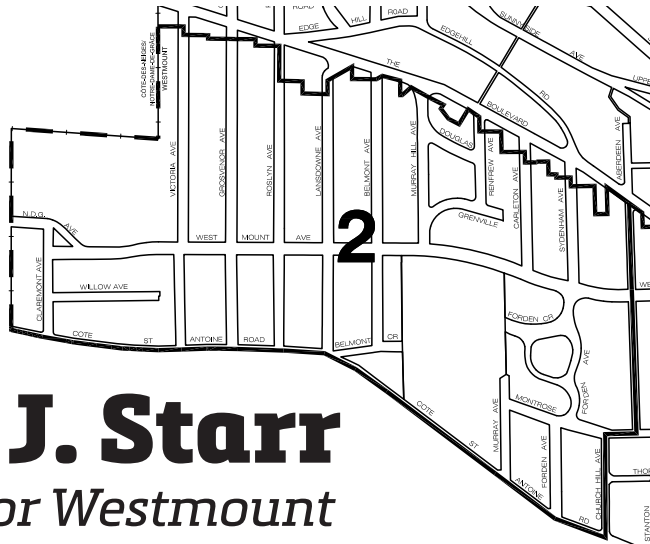
## Honourable mention

- Chiarra Sylvere-Tamburri, 7, St. George's
- Victoria Lee, 8, Westmount Park
- Anurag Bhowmick, 9, Westmount Park
- Zoey Adourian, 9, St. George's
- Erin Gould, 10, St. George's
- Tristan Groene, 10, Westmount Park
- Jessica Mizrahi, 10, Akiva
- Euny Kim, 11, Westmount Park
- Kristen Hesselbo, 12, St. George's
- Caroline Stewart, 14, The Study

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LEASH YOUR DOGS, PLEASE

Early on September 22, I took a walk through King George Park, making my way along the winding, paved pedestrian path, close to the children's playground.

All of a sudden, a Labrador dog appeared, coming the other way, off leash. After several anxious seconds, I yelled at the owner (who was at about 15 feet away) to call his quickly approaching dog.

I'd like to remind owners: do not assume everyone likes, or is comfortable around, your dogs. Regardless that you may say "he's friendly," actual physical contact with your pet (or the likelihood of it) is not appreciated.

I am far from alone in feeling this way. No one should be faced with watching for, and dealing with, off-leash dogs. This was not an isolated case; I increasingly see dogs running off leash in parks and on sidewalks. It contravenes the leash by-law and, more importantly, is unfair to others.

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## KIND PEOPLE, UNKIND DRIVERS

There seems to be always something about bicycles and cyclists in every issue of the *Independent*. My bicycle weighs over 40 pounds. And it is not easy to walk up or down the metro stairs with it. But there seems to be always someone behind, politely asking, "Can I help you?" Some-

times, they do not even ask, but simply take hold of my bike. And up or down the stairs they go.

I am sure all cyclists in Montreal have had the same experience in the Metro as I.

It shows how kind are the feelings towards cyclists the people of our city have. Except those that drive cars or ride motor bikes.

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

## NEVER ANY MUSIC AT ROYAL BANK

En réponse aux lettres parues dans le *Westmount Independent* les 24 septembre et 1 octobre dernier, je désire apporter une précision concernant l'absence de musique dans la succursale RBC, sise au coin des rues Sherbrooke et Victoria, à Westmount.

J'aimerais en effet que vos lecteurs sachent que nous ne diffusons pas de musique à l'intérieur de la succursale, ni le jour du Yom Kippour, ni à un autre jour de l'année. Il en va ainsi, je crois, dans toutes les succursales de RBC Banque Royale. C'est là une façon, notamment, de favoriser la concentration dont ont besoin nos clients et nos employés pour effectuer leurs transactions et leur travail.

J'espère ainsi clarifier tout malentendu à ce sujet.

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# Announcement leads to race against Starr Cutler runs in District 2 to be 'young voice on council'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Philip Cutler announced last week his bid to seek a council seat in his home district, Ward 2. He'll be running against electoral newcomer Peter Starr, who declared a month ago. It's Cutler's second bid for the seat.

Cutler, the 24-year-old grandson of the late feisty Mayor May Cutler, also ran in the last election, losing to retiring Councillor Tim Price, then a newcomer, by only 42 votes in a three-way race. While Cutler was only born during May's term in office, he believes he inherited the same passion and energy.

"I want to be the young voice on council," Cutler said. "Someone who's not afraid to stand up and say what's best for District 2."

Among the issues he sees for the ward are traffic, parking, quality of life for families and "engaging residents in the discussion process before decisions are made." He also advocates reducing taxes by "leveraging technology to improve efficiency of services."

## District has changed

The district has changed with the influx of 2,000 or 3,000 students daily to Marianopolis, he explained. Add to that, the routing of fire trucks using Westmount Ave. from NDG, which has happened relatively recently, he said. A Bixi station is now needed at Marianopolis for students and residents alike who have to walk down the hill to reach a Bixi station.

"My goal," he said, "is to make everybody feel a part of this community – generate multi-generational interest and make them feel that all issues, large and small, are important."

An avid athlete, Cutler campaigned last time in support of the Westmount recreational centre. Now that it's built, he said, "I want to ensure it offers programs relevant to all ages." Cutler plays Senior A recreational hockey with Westmount and played football for the McGill Redmen for three seasons.

## Gained new experience

In the four years since the last election, he said. He has widened his perspective and experience through a policy-making role on the McGill senate and a member of the board of the Westmount Municipal

Association as well as founding and expanding his own business in tutoring services across Canada.

At McGill, he served on the senate as a student representative for the education faculty and was the only undergraduate to sit on the senate's honorary degree selection committee.

Three years ago, he started up his own tutoring services business called Laurus Educational Services that employs about 100 tutors providing services in six major cities across Canada. He also co-founded the Laurus Summer Camp at the RMR armoury which he describes as "Montreal's first and only lifestyle summer camp."

"I've dedicated the larger part of my adult life to working with families," he explained. And he sees this as the thrust of his campaign.

## WMA board members

Interestingly, both Cutler and his opponent, Peter Starr, served together on the WMA board, though Cutler resigned in May this year.

Starr has recused himself from the presidency while campaigning and awaiting the outcome of the election.



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# Election 2013: Who's running?

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Ward 1 Patrick Martin\*,  
Julia Carbone Gold

2 Peter Starr, Philip Cutler

4 Kathleen Duncan\*,  
Rosalind Davis

5 Christina Smith, John Fretz

7 Cynthia Lulham\*,  
Mavis Young, Nigel Goddard

8 Theodora Samiotis\*,  
Andrei Jones

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Not running: incumbent councillors  
Tim Price and Gary Ikeman.



## District 7 candidate touts 'transparency, accountability'

# Mavis Young runs to 'resolve' outstanding issues

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mavis Young has been in a race against Councillor Cynthia Lulham before. In fact in 2009, she came up 44 votes short to winning the District 7 seat.

This time, however, there's a third candidate, and anything could happen, she said last week in announcing her candidacy. Nigel Goddard is the newcomer.

But for Young, her reasons for seeking the seat remain the same ones which, she says, obviously resonated with voters: "transparency and accountability."

"This time, there also seems to be a general trend, judging from candidates in other districts, that it's time for a change, for fresh ideas and new voices. I won't change my approach. Many of the same issues are present and unresolved."

These include the bike path, parking, trains, a sound barrier and disturbances from large worksites. There are now added issues of impact from the Turcot project and the super-hospital.

The closure of the Lansdowne dog run, she said, was an example of an issue that was announced without prior discussion. Solutions, she said, have been put on the

back burner. "We do not always need a perfect solution, but one that people can live with."

In terms of fiscal responsibility, she said, the city should make greater use of input from well-informed and well-educated citizenry before going to outside consultants for costly reports. She cites the study of the southwest sector as an example.

A resident of Melville and the mother of three grown children, Young has been serving for the past four years on the board of the Westmount Municipal Association, "a very useful experience." She's the treasurer and has worked on the task forces dealing with dogs and the traffic master plan.

An immunologist trained at the University of Montreal, Young holds an MBA in finance from Concordia. She works for Health Canada as a senior regulatory affairs officer in the department that oversees the blood supply. Since March, she has reduced her workload to three days a week, she said. While some of the work is in Ottawa, "it's actually a great job for flexibility and I do a lot from home."



As a scientist and researcher, she said, "I'm a very evidence-based person. When issues come up, I like to get the facts, preferably data."

This, she feels, is an important element for being able to make informed decisions. She also describes herself as "approachable, empathetic, and a good listener and problem solver."

While District 7 shares common issues with districts 5 and 8, she notes, her own ward has suffered through the noise and nuisance of construction projects. "You can't stop development, but let's reduce the disturbance. Our priorities should be safety and quality of life. Why should developers be allowed to start early and get only a ticket when they do? That's just an incentive for such behaviour."

"We have to ensure the rules are respected," she said. "People on Redfern as well as Academy Rd. have suffered through the work there. Now, imagine what will happen on Metcalfe with the Vanguard building."

Introduced to politics in 2007 over the

(eventually discarded) artificial turf proposal for the fields in Westmount Park as a co-founder of Save the Park!, she has coached soccer there for her daughter.

Born in Scotland and educated in England, Young moved to Canada with her parents and graduated from Trafalgar. She has taught with the World Health Organization in Lausanne and Sao Paulo and worked at the Jewish General and the Montreal Chest hospitals.

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## BUREAUX MUNICIPAUX FERMÉS LE LUNDI 14 OCTOBRE 2013

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, dont l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics, seront fermés le lundi 14 octobre en raison de la Fête de l'Action de grâces. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le dimanche et le lundi.

Les collectes de résidus alimentaires et d'ordures s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be closed Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Westmount Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday.

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Westmount History  
Recognizing and protecting our heritage



The old Westmount train station at the foot of Victoria Ave., October 7. Photo: Independent.

By Doreen Lindsay

On September 19, the Westmount Historical Association invited heritage architect and educator Mehdi Ghafouri to present an overview of the various ways in which heritage sites can be identified, honoured and protected. Following the city of Westmount’s designation as a national historic site in 2010, the WHA organized this talk and three more fall lectures for members and residents who wish to learn more about heritage preservation.

Drawing from his extensive background of 25 years in heritage conservation and planning, Mr. Ghafouri emphasized the important effect that our built environment has on our quality of life. He pointed out that when Bill 82, the new provincial cultural heritage act, came into effect last year, it gave municipalities greater opportunities to propose sites within their own areas.

A municipality may, after obtaining the opinion of its local heritage council, recognize elements of intangible heritage, deceased persons of historical importance, historic events and, of course, buildings and sites.

Buildings and sites in Westmount

The provincial government has already designated the motherhouse of the Congregation de Notre Dame as a historic site in 1977, the Braemar house as a historical monument in 1984 and the Hurtubise house as a historic monument and historic site in 2004.

The notion of heritage has developed over the years to include the preservation and restoration of natural, rural and urban landscapes and sites, but in 1922, when Quebec first created the Historic Monuments Commission, it only conserved monuments and art objects of artistic and historic value.

The federal Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada through Parks Canada, designated as historical Monklands/Villa Maria Convent in 1951, Trafalgar Lodge in 1990, Westmount train station in 1994, the Church of St. Léon de Westmount in 1997, and the Atwater Library of the Mechanics’ Institute of Montreal in 2005.

The notion of preserving historic monuments was first noted in France in 1830 by F. Guizot and in protecting ancient buildings in England by William Morris in 1877.

The next talk will propose four sites in Westmount that could be designated. It takes place October 17 at 7 pm in the Westmount Library.

Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association.

Westmount on Two Wheels  
Profile of a cyclist: de Courcy-Ireland

By Patricia Dumais

**Name:** Andrew de Courcy-Ireland  
**Address:** Prince Albert Ave.  
**Occupation:** Portfolio manager, Dundee Goodman Private Wealth  
**How long have you been cycling with Bixi?** Ever since Day One of the first season in 2009.

**How often do you cycle with Bixi?** Five days a week.

**Where do you pick up your Bixi?** Victoria Hall, unless they’re all gone!

**To where do you cycle with Bixi?** Commuting to the office, meetings during the day, errands.

**How far do you cycle each day?** About 8 km.

**Approximately how many km have you cycled with Bixi?** My account shows I’ve cycled over 2,600 km, so I expect to surpass 3,000 before the end of this season.

**Why do you choose to bike?** It gives me a bit of exercise; it’s certainly faster than walking; it’s convenient; it’s quicker and cheaper than taking public transit; it would even be faster than driving my car if I rode my own bike.

**Why did you choose Bixi?** I have my own bike, so some people ask why I choose to pay for a Bixi subscription. I find the Bixi to be more convenient; it’s a quick pick-up/drop-off. The bikes are comfortable to

ride, and I don’t have to go through the bother of preventing my trouser legs from touching the chain and locking my bike. My own bike doesn’t have fenders, whereas the Bixi bikes do. So I won’t get wet and dirty in a light drizzle. If it’s pouring rain at the end of my work day, I have the option of going home by public transit.

**What are some of the challenges you encounter?** The biggest challenge of using the Bixi can be finding a bike, or finding a parking spot. Now I have an app on my phone that shows the number of bikes and free spaces at every Bixi station, so I know what to expect before I get there.

**Is weather a factor in your use of Bixi?** No one wants to ride in the rain. If it’s really raining, I won’t ride, but a light drizzle is okay. Cool weather isn’t a problem; I just wear gloves. On those extra-cold days, I keep a headband handy to protect my ears.

**Do you cycle at all in winter?** As long as the pavement is dry I would use the Bixi in winter, but that’s not an option. I don’t ride my own bike in the winter.

**Do your friends or colleagues cycle?** Plenty of friends ride for fun, but not many of them commute on a bicycle.

**Why is it that some people won’t cycle?** I think a lot of people find it too much bother to ride to work. Wearing a suit isn’t the most comfortable attire for cycling; one can get dirty and sweaty; and there’s traffic to deal with.

**What could be done to encourage them to cycle?** Bike paths could help, but they need to be wider than the ones we currently have. During rush hours, I feel safer riding on most streets than on the bike paths. If I were a novice cyclist, I’d feel terrified on many sections of the bike path during rush hour!

**How could your Bixi cycling experience be improved?** It’s already really good. More stations is probably the main improvement I’d wish for. I’d love to have a private station right outside my house!

**Would you recommend Bixi?** I certainly recommend using the Bixi, but I worry it could become a victim of its own success; if everyone uses Bixi I might not be able to find a bike to ride, or a place to park it!

*The Westmount Walking and Cycling Association’s mission is to promote walking and cycling to improve the liveability of our community and our planet. Interview by Patricia Dumais of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.*



Photo courtesy of Patricia Dumais.

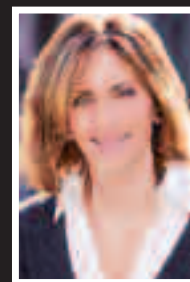
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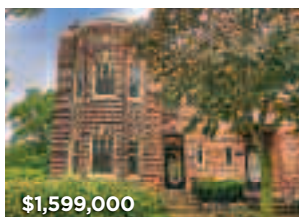
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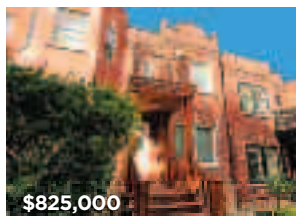
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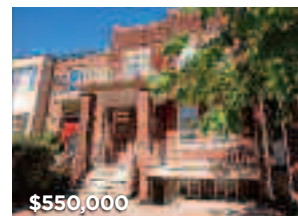
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# Maldoff receives ‘emeritus’ award

Longtime Westmount resident Eric Maldoff was awarded the honorary distinction of “lawyer emeritus” (*advocatus emeritus*) by the Quebec Bar at a ceremony September 23 at the Montreal Science Centre.

Every year the bar bestows the distinction for excellence on members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional contribution in their field, to the community or social milieu.

Maldoff, who heads the business law section of Heenan Blaikie, was recognized for his role in negotiations with aboriginal groups that began over 20 years ago, and for his social and community involvement in education and health.

He was a close advisor to former prime minister Jean Chr tien, the first president of Alliance Quebec in 1982 and a passionate advocate for Quebec’s English-speaking community and for the development of commercial and economic relations between Canada and Israel. He is a director of the MUHC, chair of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and of the Old Brewery Mission and a past chair of the McGill board of governors and the Montreal Children’s Hospital.

Maldoff is married to Westmount architect Andrea Wolff.



Eric Maldoff.

# Bike stands on order for Greene City asked why Bixi numbers cut 50% at busiest station

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Why the reduced number of bikes at Westmount’s most-used Bixi stand?

City officials didn’t have an answer, but appeared just as puzzled when the question was asked at the city council meeting October 1 by Dan Lambert, president the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association. The bikes have gone from 15 to seven, he said.

## ‘Surprised’

“I was a bit surprised to see the Bixi station had been cut by 50 percent,” Lambert said. “I’d like to know why.”

“I was completely taken by surprise,” replied Mayor Peter Trent, adding the city had in fact been looking at increasing the number of bikes.

City director director general Duncan Campbell said the company had been contacted over the reduced number of bikes. “We paid for them so we want our money’s worth.”

With the newly refurbished intersec-

tion, the Bixi station has been relocated to the southeast sidewalk where Lambert believes there probably wasn’t sufficient space to install the full station. It used to be on the northeast corner, but on the roadway.

“Cycling doesn’t seem to be a priority for the city,” Lambert later said. The size of the Bixi station that could be accommodated in the new design had to be known. We can’t understand how this could happen.”

## Bike stand coming

John Burcombe, who identified himself as living in St. Henri and also spoke at the meeting, expressed disappointment that the refurbished Greene intersection did not seem to have provision for regular bicycle parking near Les 5 Saisons.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Urban Planning, assured him the bike stands had been ordered and the city was awaiting their delivery.

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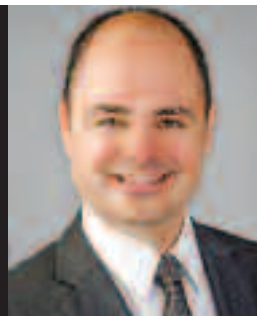


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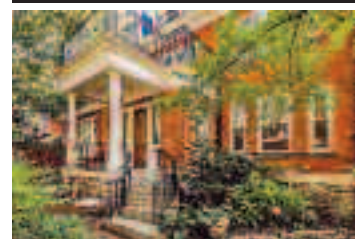
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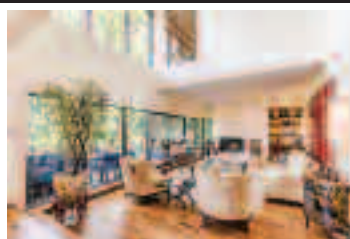


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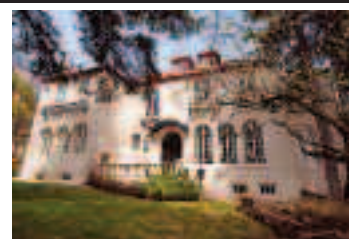
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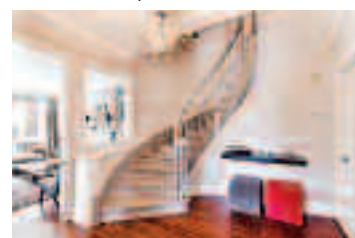
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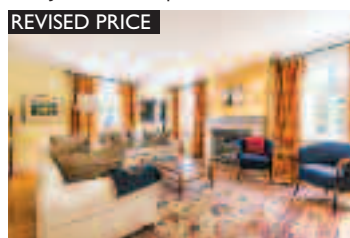
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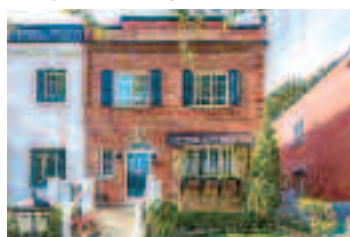


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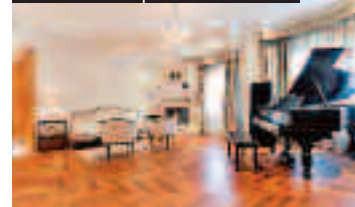
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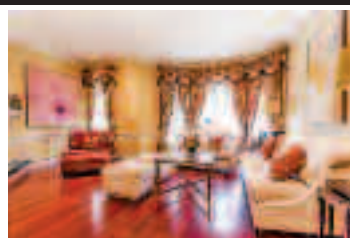


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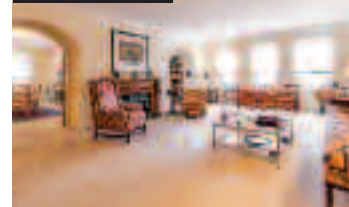


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Approves legal appeal with other island suburbs

# Council fights aggro share of \$84M Griffintown loan

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council members agreed unanimously October 1 to contest the adoption of an agglomeration loan by-law that would require island suburbs to share the redevelopment of Griffintown to the tune of \$83.6 million.

Authorizing the legal firm of LeChasseur to file its objection with the Quebec Municipal Commission in conjunction with other island of Montreal suburbs, the council contends the suburbs' responsibilities to contribute to the downtown core does not extend to Griffintown.

**Was is downtown?**

It was the last item of business adopted by the council in its four-year mandate. It also underlined the unresolved issue since the demerger of what defines the downtown core, said Mayor Peter Trent.

While Montreal will reap tax and other revenue from developing Griffintown, "What's interesting is that we don't get a share of the revenue," he said, adding, "It's a one-way street."

As well, he said, Laval and the South

Shore get off scot free in funding the downtown core though they also live off the avails of Montreal. "So the whole thing makes no sense." Taking the Griffintown issue to the municipal commission is "our way to speed things up" in resolving the downtown definition.

Westmount and the other island suburbs voted against adoption of the Griffintown loan by-law at the aggro meeting September 26, but the island-wide council's structure gives the majority of votes to the city of Montreal.

**More public security powers?**

Earlier in the council meeting, John Fretz of Lansdowne, now a candidate for council, asked Trent if another longstanding issue of additional powers for municipal public security forces units had come up at the recent aggro meeting.

Trent said it had not, but he had met with Montreal police chief Marc Parent on the issue and "he seems to display an openness." Not all island suburbs wanted the additional powers, however, since some contract out the services.

"You're one of the few people to ask

about the aggro," he told Fretz. Aggro funding was important since 60 percent of Westmounters' taxes help pay for island-wide services. These include police, but

## Should councillors compete for commissionerships?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Looking ahead to the next council, Clarke Ave. resident Joan Hagerman asked Mayor Peter Trent at the outgoing council's October 1 meeting how the criteria for councillor commissionerships were set.

Trent replied that over the years a number of set responsibilities had been carved out for the commissionerships. Matching them to the appropriate talents or interests of council members, however, was a different matter. In some cases this involves their passion or interest in an area or their professional expertise as in the case of the Finance portfolio.

Hagerman later added that most candidates running for council have a passion

not public security, which is a local service expense. Increased Public Security powers have been sought by Westmount since the unit's founding three decades ago.

but they also need the tools to carry out their duties as a commissioner.

## Suspect checked out

A woman informed a parking inspector at 10:10 am September 25 that a man had been harassing her for money at the Victoria parking lot, Public Security officials said. An individual matching the description was located at Sherbrooke and Prince Albert, Public Security officials said. As he attempted to walk away he was stopped and identified as someone known to officers in relation to car break-ins. As a result, vehicles in the Victoria lot were checked, but all reported in order. He was told not to linger and went on his way. He lives at a downtown shelter.

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City 'dramatically altered' by improvements: WMA

# Council's 'muted' swansong ends four years in atypical fashion

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council's last stand October 1 before the municipal election was, in the words of one attendee, a "muted" swansong.

The shorter-than-usual meeting conducted business as usual, but without the fanfare and celebratory achievements that traditionally mark the end of a council term and which have even included in some years past a reception for those attending.

The meeting opened with Mayor Peter Trent's official election announcement

saying he still had "the fire in the belly" to seek another term. Six of the eight councillors are also running again. That left it to longtime questioner Maureen Kiely, vice-president of the Westmount Municipal Association, to deliver the typical retrospective.

Citing the council's "truly impressive achievements," she said the city had been "dramatically altered," over the last four years.

"We have all witnessed significant visible as well as some relatively unseen improvements in our community." And all, she added, had been carried out, "remarkably" without any additions to city staff or significant budget increases.

She highlighted the Westmount recreation centre (WRC), efforts to reduce severe flooding by decreasing water flow from higher elevations, creating a new retention basin on St. Catherine and diverting some of the sewers, as well as the \$600,000 renovation of the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG).

"I won't query how the city managed to negotiate such a generous agreement with Selwyn House School," she added, "but

clearly Westmount citizens and children attending all our schools are the beneficiaries." The new WAG was officially opened October 4 with a football game.

## Outgoing councillors

Retiring councillor Gary Ikeman thanked colleagues and residents of District 5 for their support over the last four years. Councillor Tim Price at his last meeting, said he remained committed to the \$6-mil-

lion campaign for the Westmount recreation centre which was "just shy of \$5.8 million."

And Councillor Patrick Martin one of those facing an election race in District 1 said in looking forward to the next council, "It's possible I won't be here... there's at least one person who doesn't want me back!"

Julia Carbone Gold, his opponent, sat at the back of the council chamber.

## Two-car collision ends up in yard



One car hit another car from behind at Murray and The Boulevard on October 3 at around 12.15 pm, according to one witness. One of the vehicles ended up in a nearby yard, damaging a fence and tree in the process.

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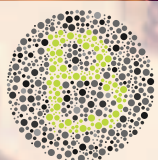
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## Westmount Antique Show celebrates 30 years



From left, front row: Annie Coriat, Bev Vyvial and Jill Marvin; back row: Robert Poirier, Christine Pflieger, Armand Coriat, Lana Harper, Charles Vyvial and Cary Leclaire.

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

The annual Westmount Antique Show is turning 30. Over that period, it has been the showcase for porcelain, glass, silverware, coins, Chinese objects, books, paintings, and costume and vintage jewellery.

Exhibitors include Christine and Varouj of Christelart, which sells fine jewellery; Jill Marvin (linens); Robert Poirier (20th century fashion accessories); Charles Vyvial (rare books and collectibles); Cary Leclaire (antique glass and china); and Gerry Vosko (Asian and European masterpieces).

“As we live in a disposable society, the quality of finer things is becoming more and more important,” explained Lana Harper of Lyons and Harper Antiques,

which specializes in English antique furnishings and estate sales. “More and more, people prefer to see the sheen of older wooden furniture than the look of laminate, and the glimmer of crystal over the dullness of bargain glasses.”

Exhibitor Gerry Vosko, just back from Paris “picking up beautiful things,” added “this show is a bit like a treasure hunt. It’s fun – and you never know what you might find!”

The Westmount Antique Show begins on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 (10 am to 6 pm) and ends on Saturday, November 9 (10 am to 5 pm) at Westmount Square’s Tower 1. For information, call 514.697.8055.

## Bottle breakers have to clean up

A man who saw three young people breaking beer bottles at the comfort station in Westmount Park September 27 at 11:17 pm kept them under surveillance until public safety officers could catch up with the trio at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor, according to Public Security officials. The two boys and a girl were told to return and clean up the mess, which they apparently did. Because they were reported to have “shown remorse,” they were let off without tickets but their names were entered into the city’s data bank for future reference. They were identified as 17-year-old NDG residents.



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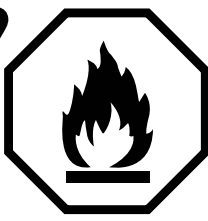
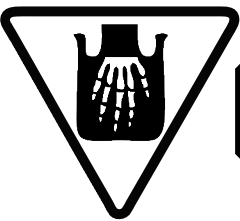
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Westmounters involved included Steve

Dennis of Martin Swiss cycle, Alex Gieyztor, Guy Melhuish, Peter Smale, Nabil Tabet, John Van Toch, Bill Alexander, Rob Callard of Nick's Restaurant, Jane Reichman Van Toch, and Bob and Greg Dunning – all of whom are in the picture above. Also participating were Westmounters Nancy Benitz, Lorraine Shatilla, Andrea Van Toch and Claudette Dwyer.

### Station 12 Reports

## Minors targeted for cell phones

*The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.*

BY ISAAC OLSON

There were two separate cell-phone-related incidents in as many days, reports Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel, but, in one case, the victim escaped before he could be robbed.

The first incident took place around 7:15 pm in King George (Murray) Park, said Pimentel. A group of 14-year-old boys was playing football when three other minors, all around age 16, asked to join. The older boys were reportedly physically aggressive during the game, the witness told police, and, after a quick match, the largest of the three boys asked to use a cell phone. All four of the 14-year-olds refused, so the

larger boy made a fist and demanded a phone aggressively.

The victim complied, handing over his smart phone. The suspect, said Pimentel, then called somebody and asked for a ride before offering the phone back to the victim. Just as the victim reached for his phone, the suspect pulled it away and took off running with his friends.

However, said Pimentel, tracing the number the boy called was not hard and the investigation looks as though it will be wrapped up soon. In fact, he added, it could already be solved.

The next day, at around 10:20 pm, a 14-year-old boy was sitting on a Sherbrooke St. bench near Prince Albert Ave. He was talking on his phone, said Pimentel, when four suspects, all about the same age, surrounded him and demanded the phone in French. The victim, rather than handing over the phone, made a run for it and sprinted all the way home, said Pimentel. He escaped the incident unscathed.

Pimentel said in cases like these where the victims and suspects are described as minors, he is not allowed to divulge the physical descriptions of those involved.

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# TomTom died, but these twins need a home

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who offered to help TomTom, the kitten who was saved by Anouk's rescue Au Répit de la Montagne and featured in last week's column.

He was found by the side of a country road as a newborn, probably thrown out of a car window, and was at DMV fighting for his life with the consequences of a lung weakness incurred from his initial exposure when he was abandoned. His back was also affected and the DMV veterinarians had arranged for surgery. Unfortunately, after a very brave battle, Anouk's rescue and the DMV team lost wee TomTom to the effects of the lung infection for which he had been placed in an oxygen machine. He rallied more than once, giving us all great hope, but he took a turn for the worst and he was gone.

We would like to continue to set aside funds for DMV veterinary treatment for kittens like TomTom, in his memory. Unfortunately, the good work never ends: Anouk's rescue received two other newborn kittens the same day, these adorable



two-week darlings featured here today. They don't have names yet, but they are waiting for adoption and Anouk would love to hear from you if you would like to find out more about them, she can be contacted on her cellular at 514.234.2668, email at [anouklecomptereamax@sympatico.ca](mailto:anouklecomptereamax@sympatico.ca) or at the rescue's website [aurepit-dela-montagne.com](http://aurepit-dela-montagne.com).

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# Language police visits Quelque Chose

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

An Oct. 2 visit from Quebec's language police has the owners of Quelque Chose wondering if they're being targeted.

At first Sophie Bourassa, who owns the Quelque Chose boutique on Sherbrooke St. near Prince Albert with her mother, Annie White, wondered why a woman was hanging around outside the home décor and lamp shop with a camera. A little while later, the woman came in and identified herself as an inspector with the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF).

"The worst part was I was in the back room when she came in," said Bourassa. "I said in English 'Hi, I'll be back out in a minute.'"

"I speak perfect French," said Bourassa, who at the time of the language inspector's visit was alone at the shop. She said the inspector's presence made her feel so nervous she spoke English at first. "I'm 28 and she has to be close to my age. It's weird that a girl the same age could intimidate me."

Bourassa said the inspector didn't notice a "funny poster" she has near the door referencing a Plateau bike shop owner whose experiences of being targeted by language inspectors made news last February. "She was standing right in front of it."

## Tons of paper

The inspector said she was going up and down the street taking pictures of the outsides of storefronts and had a clipboard with "tons of papers" listing businesses, Bourassa said.

She said the inspector didn't go far into her store, but took photos of two of her signs – the bilingual text in the store's front window that uses the same font size



*Sophie Bourassa at Quelque Chose.*

for French and English words and the stick-on sign with the store's hours, also bilingual with letters all the same size. According to Quebec's French language charter, French words on commercial signs must be predominant.

"I always thought they (OQLF inspectors) were an urban legend." She said she's heard that during the 1980s language inspectors visited Quelque Chose but that was before she and her mother bought it.

"I was just surprised they were coming around the strip," Bourassa said, adding that after the inspector left, she asked neighbouring businesses including Campbell Galerie, La Fournagerie, Java U and Annie Young Cosmétiques if they'd

been visited. "No one had heard anything," she said.

"There's nothing wrong with Quelque Chose's signs," said Gail Fellerath of Folklore 1, on the opposite side of Sherbrooke. "I think we have to view this with equanimity. Somebody probably called."

## Only visit?

It seems Quelque Chose may be the only Westmount business the OQLF visited recently.

"I haven't heard anything from anybody else," said Fellerath, who with her husband, Folklore 1 co-owner George Fellerath, is active with the Sherbrooke/Victoria Merchants' Association. "Certainly we haven't been bothered."

Fellerath recalled an experience years ago when she said two young guys came in pointing out the store's English signs. Soon after, she said she stopped writing words with her prices. Instead of writing, for instance, "belts" with prices, she would simply write price numbers only.

A few days after the young men came by, Fellerath said an older gentleman came in. She spoke to him in what she thought was bad French. "He told me there was nothing wrong with my French and to keep his card. He said, 'You have a friend in the Office (québécois) de la langue française,'" she said.

"Nobody (from the OQLF) has visited me inside my store," said Steve Sigler, owner of Bead It, located down the street from Quelque Chose. Sigler, who has some prominent English text in his store window, said he didn't notice anyone taking photos.

"I haven't heard anything on Greene," said Michael Millman, owner of the West End Gallery and co-chair of the Greene Avenue Merchants' Association. "No one has mentioned it to me."

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# Greene Ave. merchants hoping for post-construction boom

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Merchants along Greene Ave. looking out their storefront windows have gotten used to seeing and hearing the constant rumble of construction vehicles renovating their street and effectively scaring away customers.

“It was tough. People just weren’t seeing the numbers we used to see and the merchants were suffering,” said Maya Byers, the owner of Babar En Ville.

After years of construction, the work on Greene Ave. is mostly finished, the hum of hulking cranes and dump trucks mostly gone, and the street’s merchants are hoping to get back to business as usual.

“The corner is open, the trees have been moved, we have the terrasse back. These are all elements that had been missing from our street,” said Michael Millman, the owner of West End Gallery and president of the Greene Avenue Merchants Association.

**Wanted: customers,  
not construction workers**

Finally construction-free, the street’s merchants are hopeful the exodus of construction teams will mean an inflow of

customers and help Greene Ave. re-establish itself as a commercial destination in Montreal.

To christen the “re-opening” of the post-construction Greene Ave., the merchants hosted a three-day street festival in conjunction with the city on September 19-21.

“It was nice to have the city help us out to try bring some people back to Greene Ave. and let them see that it is open and alive for business. People are ready and willing to service the customer and take care of them again,” said Tony’s Shoes owner Tony Fagnoli.

The festival, which included live music, face painting and a circus act, also provided merchants a chance to reintroduce themselves and the street to potential customers, said Fagnoli.

“It’s difficult coming out of a few years of, you’d like to say, construction, but really it was destruction. It was an opportunity for every merchant to build up a relationship with the customer and help bring them back,” he said.

The merchants are also toasting the re-opening of one of Greene Ave.’s most prominent businesses, Les 5 Saisons grocery store, which is returning to the street after a two-and-a-half year absence.

“It was like missing an integral part of your body and then having it working again. We’re working again and the street is working again,” said Fagnoli.

According to Millman, Les 5 Saisons’ return provides a boon to all neighbouring businesses by increasing the total amount of foot traffic in the area.

“This was the first time that we didn’t have a grocery store on Greene Ave. for roughly 100 years. It all has an impact on bringing people to the area. Often people will shop and then go to other places,” he explained.

### Merchants: Parking needed

Despite the merchants’ optimism about the street’s future, an issue that has plagued the street for years remains unresolved: parking.

“The fact is that some people still have to circle two, three, four times to get a parking spot. We have to be competitive with the rest of the world out there and we can’t keep putting customers in difficult situations,” said Fagnoli.

Millman says the merchants have been banging the drums on increased parking for decades.

“We’ve been lobbying for 20 years to

have multi-level parking and we’re going to keep pushing,” he said. “Right now, we have about 80 businesses on the street and 90 parking spaces in total. Hopefully, we will be able to get at least a couple of parking floors underground or above. It would provide more income for the city and give us probably another 100 spaces.”

## Usher-Jones’ new clinic offers musical approach to therapy

BY MICHAEL MOORE

A new Westmount therapy clinic is hoping to use the power of music to help reach through to children struggling to verbalize their issues.

“The expressive qualities of music naturally are able to reach places that words can’t,” said Alison Usher-Jones, who opened Thornhill Ave.’s Westmount Music Therapy in September.

Usher-Jones uses music in an attempt to create a non-threatening environment for children with autism and developmental delays, as well as those struggling through personal issues like a parental divorce.

She says the music gives kids an outlet to communicate about issues that they may be unable or unwilling to verbalize.

“Kids might not have the vocabulary to sit in a talk therapy session so I use music as an alternative tool that I have. My therapy does include discussion when possible, but the music helps get to that place,” she said.

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- (3) Deal Perry with 10,310 points
- (4) Barbara Maclaren with 9,430 points
- (5) Nida Koudsi with 9,170 points

## Syringes found in lane

A resident of Clarke called Public Security September 25 to report finding three syringes in the lane that her property backs on to south of Sherbrooke.

They were subsequently placed in the department’s bio-hazard container for disposal.

It’s not uncommon for syringes to be found and it doesn’t necessarily indicate drug use in the lane, according to assistant director Greg McBain.

They could have come from a torn-open garbage bag or fallen out of some other receptacle, he said.

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# Karms for arms, karma for pet lovers



## Social Notes

from Westmount  
and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Two curly and very friendly dogs added “karma” to the Canadian launch of Karms. Westmounter **Nancy Bloomfield** held a celebratory cocktail in her home in late August to premiere her newly-designed collection of sleeves called Karms.

“They are ‘kandy’ for your arms, to wear with a short-sleeved, or sleeveless, top,” she explained. Westmount res and fellow dog lover **Dale Tedeschi** arrived with her handsome boxer, who was warmly welcomed by the Bloomfields’ cuddly, happy poodles Calvin and Hobbes, a rescue dog.

Greeted by **Harry Bloomfield** and sons



*Serge Sénécal, Nancy Bloomfield, Réal Bastien and Raphael Schachter.*

**Jon, Andrew and James**, Westmounters noted included the Morton family – mom **Micky** (fresh in white), daughters **Katy and Tori**, and son **Alex**; **Emma Molson** (sharp in fuchsia), **Bill Molson**, **Evie** (elegant in black) and **Raphael Schachter**, **Liza Kaufman**, **Susan Lavy**, **Rosemary** and **Jenny**

**Hoppenheim**, **Ingrid Bryson**, **Leslie Conostas**, **Joanne Ivaskiv** and son **Justin**, **Eddy** and **Heelena Wiltzer**, **Diane**, **Jonathan** and **Caroline Deitcher**, **Sharon Klinkhoff**, **Susan Stern**, and designers **Serge Sénécal** and **Réal Bastien**, renowned for their couture chic shop **Serge & Réal**, very Milan in beautiful linen jackets.

Also seen were Westmount res **Susan Mc-** continued on p. 22



*Lindsay Boivaird*

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Micky Morton, Emma Molson, Jon Bloomfield and Alex Morton.

Social notes, cont'd. from p. 21

Connell, Lana Harper, and Nancy Bloomfield’s mother Chubby Tolchinsky, who raved about chef Philippe Laloux’s catered bouchées. Local res Lindsay Bovaird was noted for her stellar scarlet stilettos by Florentine designer Roberto Cavalli.

Other guests noted included Anna Kruyt, Georgia Ntentis, Alex Shiller,



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Suhaila Khan, Fred Vennat, Sue Spencer and her son Tom, Beatrice Weisel and her son Olivier, and surprise celebrity visitors Duke Ellington siblings April and Edward Ellington.

“From Karms’ sales, I will be donating to the SPCA Annex, where I volunteer,” announced Nancy at the fashion finale shown by a bevy of beautiful models.

Pot, beer, kids  
Two ticketed,  
scolded for setting  
bad example

Tickets for \$219 each were given to two young Westmount men September 30 for drinking beer in Westmount Park, according to Public Security reports. One was 21, the other 18.

The pair was observed as part of a group of 10 described as drinking about 5:48 pm near the Melville wading pool where two skateboarders aged about 7 were playing. Several beer cans were found on top of bushes where the pair was seen tossing cans backward over their heads.

A “strong odor of pot” was also present, Public Security officials said and the two ticketed were told they were setting a bad example for the children.

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Schnitz saves his affection for people, not dogs



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Schnitz is bursting with love, affection and trust. He is curious and intelligent, and loves his walk time. He literally stops to smell the flowers and just about anything else he comes across on his walks, although he needs to work on his pulling on-leash. Schnitz walks nose to the ground, full-steam ahead, but it is fun to watch this good-natured dog experience



the world around him. The main impediment that Schnitz has faced in being adopted is that he does not like other dogs, and as such he has not garnered a lot of interest.

The ideal home for Schnitz would be one with a fenced-in yard, as beagles tend to follow their noses wherever a scent takes them, and lots of human love and companionship. Beagles are great dogs for kids, but because of Schnitz’s size, we recommend a family with children over the age of twelve. He is untested with cats so it is suggested Schnitz live in a cat-free home. If you are interested in adopting Schnitz, please contact Gerdy’s rescue at: info@gerdysrescue.org.

Tree partly down on Somerville



Part of a tree broke off from the main body on Somerville east of Claremont the morning October 7. It “narrowly missed” a car, according to one witness.

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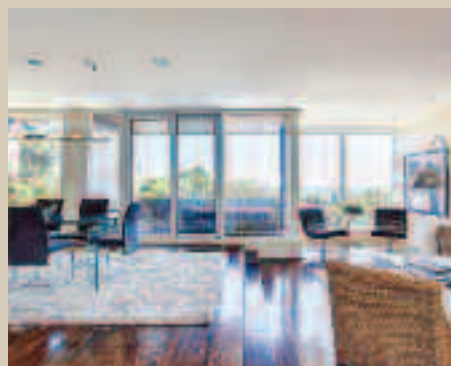


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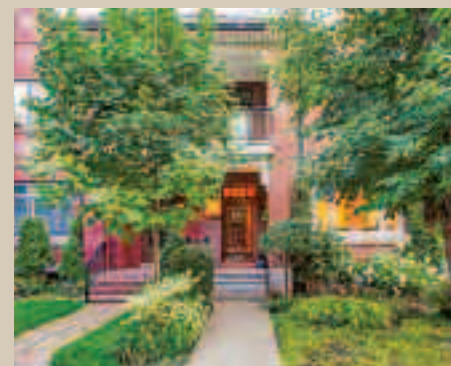
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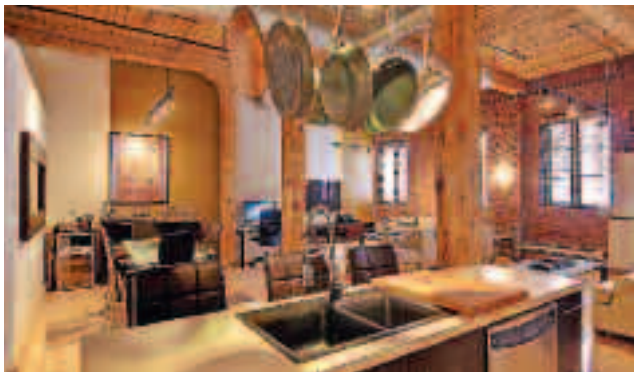
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