

Asked for licence, offers two \$20 bills

Officers take car keys from inebriated sleeper

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public safety officer was patrolling up Grosvenor about 5:30 am on October 17 when she noticed a car stopped with lights on in the east-west lane that is parallel to and north of Sherbrooke. Ten minutes later, she spotted the same car and decided to investigate it, Public Security officials said.

In relating the incident, they said the patroller discovered extensive damage to the front bumper and a man inside who appeared to be asleep with his foot on the brake. She called for back-up and, while awaiting police, officers opened the car door, concerned for the man's safety.

They were immediately greeted by a strong odour of alcohol, and reported finding him in a "profound" sleep and the

car's windows fogged over. They turned off the engine, removed the keys and managed to rouse him though he appeared in a confused state.

Asked for his driver's permit, the man was reported to have handed them two \$20 bills before finally handing over his wallet. Barefoot, he managed to put on his shoes and at 6 am took out a bottle of perfume and proceeded to spray it on his mouth, laughing when a newspaper deliverer passed by.

Police arrived at 6:08 am and took control. When the man refused to blow into a breathalyser, he was put under arrest at 6:23 am. He was described as a 39-year-old resident of NDG. Public Security then searched the area in an effort to find any other damage. None was found.

With key in hand, city opens rinks



The city took possession of the Westmount recreation centre Oct. 25 at about 3:45 pm, symbolized by a key. What does this mean? "We own it," replied Mayor Peter Trent. Work was still being done to the landscaping and elsewhere, and the pool needs to be filled and tested, but a game took place hours later. From left: Dave Lapointe, Michelle Dodds, Matthew Lawton, Bruce Stacey, Mike Deegan and Andrew Maislin from the Sports and Rec department, with Trent and city director general Duncan Campbell. See coverage, p. 20.

Photo: Independent.

Don't Miss It: Sunday, November 3 is voting day for the municipal election from 10 am to 8 pm. Location varies by district, see p. 6.

2 teens ticketed, 1 charged

Public Security tracks down 4 suspects in 2 graffiti incidents

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers pursued six graffiti suspects recently in two nighttime incidents that included a garbage fire in Westmount Park, Public Security officials said.

One was reported to have been charged by police while two others were issued tickets for breaking parks curfew and could also face graffiti clean-up costs. Two made good their escape.

In the first incident, October 14, a patroller who was parked at Melville and Melbourne at 12:19 am spotted four teens in Westmount Park who appeared to be lighting something in a garbage can. Approaching the four, the officer, joined by another, heard a hissing sound similar to that of a spray can, but temporarily lost sight of them in bushes.

On seeing the officers, the four began running. Three were intercepted by the Public Se-

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Plan being fine-tuned after trial run

New Prince Albert Square postponed till next spring

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Construction of the proposed Prince Albert Square just south of Sherbrooke has been postponed until next spring, Public Works officials said last week. Work had been scheduled to start at the end of summer or early fall just after completion of the Greene town square at de Maison-neuve.

"We came to the conclusion that for better planning, we would defer it until the spring," explained Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. She said the decision was made at one point during the summer given all the Public Works projects under way.

By waiting, she added, the city would have more time to fine-tune details of the plan that was presented to citizens at a public consultation meeting April 8, which she described as "an overall vision" (see April 16, p. 1).

As a trial, the city used benches to cor-don off an experimental seating area at the location where people were often seen re-

laxing or socializing this summer despite the absence of landscaping.

"The goal was to simulate the plan, provide the maximum amount of space for the square while losing as few parking spaces as possible, and get some feed-back," Zalzal said. "We got very little."

Fewer spaces lost

The trial area was slightly shorter than what had been proposed in order to allow for more delivery access to the lane behind the stores on Sherbrooke and allow for more parking. Originally, six spaces were to be eliminated at that location. Now there would be four, she said.

The plan to reconstruct sidewalks on Prince Albert north from Somerville to the lane as part of the project went ahead this fall with the building of new sidewalks and installation of new lighting "to make it safer for pedestrians." The road work, however, will wait for the square. The entire reconstruction of Prince Albert south of Sherbrooke has been under way block by block over some two years.

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Stromberg's latest sculpture unveiled



Westmount sculptor Susan Stromberg's latest creation, a seven-foot-tall aluminum sculpture entitled "Régénération," was unveiled on the front lawn of the MUHC-affiliated Lachine Hospital on October 18 as part of the hospital's ongoing 100th anniversary celebrations. Stromberg, whose work can be found in private and public collections, said she wanted to portray the merger of the century-old hospital with the MUHC. Seen in the photo from left to right are Marquette provincial legislator François Ouimet, MUHC executive-director Normand Rinfret, Stromberg, Lachine borough mayor Claude Dauphin and Dorval mayor Edgar Rouleau.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

ECS takes gold at LCC soccer tourney



Photo courtesy of ECS

ECS won the gold medal at a grade 5 and 6 invitational soccer tournament held from October 17 to 19 at LCC.

A total of nine girls' teams participated in this year's tournament. Division A teams included ECS, Notre Dame de Sion and Royal Vale. In Division B were LCC's White team, Turnbull from Ottawa and The Priory. LCC's Blue team and Kuper Academy played in Division C.

On October 17, ECS players took to the field early, braving mud and rain in games

against NDS and Royal Vale. By the end of the day, they had won in their division.

On October 18, better weather and drier playing fields helped all of the teams. ECS prevailed first in the semi-finals against LCC and then in the final game against Kirkland's Kuper Academy.

Co-captains Grace Anderson and Julia DuForest were thrilled with the results, declaring, "We're really excited – we have a great team, and a great coach!"

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City awaits working drawings, new council

Condo permits for 175 Metcalfe facing new delays

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's new council will have at least one item of unfinished business high on its agenda.

This is the 175 Metcalfe condo development, which is already being promoted as starting construction in December at the site of the former Vanguard school.

It was October 24 when the working drawings were finally submitted to the city, according to developer Francis Charron of EMD Construction. "We're hoping the new council will give its final approval for the permits at the December meeting so we can start demolition by January at least," he told the *Independent*.

Next steps

City Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said that after receipt of working drawings, final reviews are undertaken by the city's Board of Inspections and Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

The new council will then have to be briefed on the results before the request

for permit approvals can be recommended, she explained. "This will not be before December or January."

While demolition of the existing four-storey Vanguard building has already been approved with conditions by the city's Demolition committee and upheld by the former city council in an appeal decision, this permit is contingent on the approval of the building permit.

The demolition was originally announced in June to take about eight weeks starting in August, and then postponed to October.

New buildings

The new building is projected to have six storeys set back some 11 feet from the sidewalk.

Charron said that in the two weeks after the sales office was opened Thanksgiving weekend, 35 percent of the building had been sold and another 5 percent reserved. "That's amazing. It's what we said: Westmount is a prestige location."



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City's electoral list grows/shrinks to 14,016

Westmount now has 14,016 eligible electors for the municipal election, according to the City Clerk's office. The number grew by 40 following three days of revisions at city hall October 15, 16 and 22.

As a result, the Board of Revisors made 95 changes: 55 inscriptions, 12 corrections, 15 removals and 13 address changes. Not as many people were reported stricken from the list this year as in the 2009 revision, when the number grew by only 1, bringing the total at that time to 14,139.

Since then, however, ongoing changes to Quebec's permanent electoral list, on which the municipal list is based, resulted in lowering the Westmount portion to 13,976 before last week's additional numbers, explained city archivist Morgannis Graham, assistant to the returning officer.

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Liberals reach out to 'Share the Warmth'



Three members of the Westmount-Ville-Marie federal Liberal riding association became "partners for a day" on October 18 with Share the Warmth, a Point St. Charles-based organization that provides various services for the needy, including a meal program at Westmount's Roslyn School and Westmount Park School. It was the second year that Pam Miller, Arianna Bedos and Elin Miller (seen from left to right) helped out in the Share the Warmth kitchen as part of the riding association's outreach program.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUNG RESPONDS TO LULHAM

I wish to respond to the claim of Councillor Lulham that I made untrue statements that questioned her integrity during the “Meet the Candidates” event (October 22, p. 14).

I simply pointed out that when an individual works for an industry association and a municipal association and then in addition represents residents affected by these associations, there is the potential for conflict of interest. While not correct in my understanding about the rail company not wanting to be responsible for the sound barrier, this does not change the appearance of a possible conflict of interest on the part of Ms. Lulham. The interests of railway and municipal associations can, and do, differ from those of the citizens of District 7.

I did not at any time comment on Ms. Lulham’s integrity. Individuals of integrity may inadvertently find themselves in conflicts of interest. The voters of District 7 will ultimately decide whether or not Ms. Lulham’s employment affects her ability to represent them effectively with respect to issues concerning the train noise and vibrations, highway noise and a sound barrier.

MAVIS YOUNG,
CANDIDATE (DISTRICT 7)
MELVILLE AVE.

LULHAM ‘IMPULSIVE AND AGGRESSIVE’

As Cynthia Lulham once again asks voters for their support on November 3, those in her district might consider her impulsive and aggressive behaviour towards parishioners of the Westmount Park United Church during the arena injunction process.

In April 2012, the *Montreal Gazette’s* K. Wilton reported:

...[a church official] said she is disappointed that city councillor Cynthia Lulham has contacted a few parishioners asking them to arrange a meeting between the church’s board of directors and city officials so the dispute does not end up in court.

“The councillor has been calling people and has got them quite upset,” McNally said, adding that parishioners did not want to speak to the media about the phone calls.

She said the church’s board is going to send Lulham a letter Wednesday asking her to refrain from calling church members.

Lulham refused to speak to *The Gazette* about the phone calls and referred all questions to Westmount Mayor Peter Trent...

Indeed, this was an embarrassment to the city and ... not her finest hour.

DAVID LUDMER, GROSVENOR AVE.

Acting editor’s note: *Given that this is our last issue before the election and that David Ludmer’s letter raised new issues, we shared it, with his consent, with Councillor Lulham and gave her a chance to reply – DP*

I am proud of the fact that I attempted to prevent the church from joining Ludmer’s quixotic court case against the city. As it turned out, the judge threw out the case anyway. The church could have saved themselves (and the city) a lot of time and money had they listened to me.

It is perfectly normal for parties to try to work things out before going to court. It is a practice the courts generally like to see happen. It was particularly appropriate in this instance, because the only pertinent arguments put forward in Ludmer’s doomed legal case had nothing to do with the church’s concerns about its building. The church was simply being used to give respectability to his case.

Because the case was shortly to be before the courts, I did what city officials always do: refer media calls to the mayor.

I am still scratching my head as to how my actions can be seen in anything but a positive light...even by David Ludmer.

CYNTHIA LULHAM,
COUNCILLOR (DISTRICT 7)

RAILWAY NOISE, SOUND BARRIERS INVOLVES RAILWAYS

In her article on Mavis Young’s comments about Councillor Lulham’s potential conflict of interest with railway and municipal associations, Ms. Sweeney wrote that “the city has been in negotiations not with the railways over a sound barrier for District 8, but with the Quebec Transport ministry, which helps fund sound barriers to reduce highway, not train, noise” (October 22, p. 14). In fact, there have been negotiations with the railroad – therefore candidate Mavis Young’s statement was correct. Councillor Samiotis of District 8 said in *The Suburban* of May 30, 2012 that ... further negotiations with the CPR (Canadian Pacific Railway) must be concluded – especially as they relate to the exact location of the sound barrier facing the tracks and issues regarding the Greene Ave. overpass.” These negotiations will affect the future of the sound barrier.

It has been suggested that the impetus for the sound barrier was noise from the highway, but the sound barrier is effective at reducing some of the noise from the trains passing at speed. One can test this by walking along Riverside to Abbott Ave., which has a partial sound barrier, and Irvine, which has trees and a rusty fence.

Irvine Ave. and Riverside residents are poorly shielded from the passing trains.

The proximity of the railway and highway is a hard dossier to navigate, with competing interests working to have their own way. The railway operators have shown no concern for the noise and pollution they cause. If they did, no sound barrier would be needed. I am appalled that Irvine Ave. and Riverside residents still have no protection from noisy locomotives.

Perhaps it is possible for an elected councillor to work with railway interests and other proximity issues affecting Canadian municipalities without conflict of interest, but I can understand why some citizens might require clarity.

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By DANIEL LAMBERT, WESTMOUNT
WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Home: Beaconsfield.
Occupation: Owner of Chez Nick Restaurant on Greene Ave.
How long have you been cycling? All of my life, but seriously for the past 5 years.
How often do you cycle? At least five days a week, from mid-March until mid-December, then spinning indoors during the winter at least four days a week. I cycle about 9,000 km a year.
Where do you cycle? From home in Beaconsfield to my restaurant on Greene Ave – about 30 kms each way.
Besides commuting, do you do other cycling? Group rides on my days off (typically 80 to 130-km rides).
What kind of bicycle do you use? I have a hybrid bike for commuting and trails, plus a road bike for long rides and dry-weather commuting.
Why do you choose to cycle? At first to lose weight, then I became passionate about the sport. Then I was diagnosed

with lymphoma in 2010 and continued my recovery by choosing to commute to work by bike. Doctors said the weight loss from cycling likely saved my life as they would not have detected my tumour without my having lost it. Cycling is also the most economic mode of transport. I estimate that I save about \$1,500-\$2,000 per year by riding to work. In addition to my well-being, cycling is absolutely better for the environment.
How would you best describe your urban cycling experience? Fun, but I am cautious and respectful of the cars around me. I am not afraid and I generally have a good relationship with those around me on the road as I respect the basic rules of riding.
What are some of the challenges you encounter? My biggest frustration is when a passing car does not give at least a three-foot clearance. I ride to the left of the manhole covers so that should I have to move aside quickly, I have room before hitting the curb. Other than that, the poor road conditions are always a challenge.



Do you fear having your bike stolen or vandalized? It's always a concern although I bring my bike inside at work for safe-keeping.
Should there be more bike paths? Dedicated bike paths separate from walking paths are the safest option.
Do you ride in bad weather? Extreme wet and icy conditions will prevent me from riding. Other than that, I like to ride in most conditions. I take about three months off in winter, but train inside at the gym. I try and ride to work at least once during each winter month just to say I did!
Do your friends or colleagues cycle? Many do, and then I have gained many friendships through the cycling community.
What could be done to encourage more people to cycle? Any kind of infrastructure that makes it safer for cyclists will encourage newcomers.
Would you recommend cycling? I do daily at work to my clients! Cycling is great for the body and mind. Some of my best rides have been in the early morning on the way to work. It clears the head and allows you time to reflect. I just love my rides into work and back home at night.

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Pornography hijacking sexuality, feminist activist contends

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

If there are any devotees out there of *Fifty Shades of Grey*, the steamy bestselling fiction series mixing bondage-and-discipline sex with a tawdry romantic storyline, be forewarned – Gail Dines is not a fan.

On October 15, Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Committee Against Human Trafficking hosted Dines, an expatriate British feminist who lives in the US. She has become a leading figure in the fight against pornography and is the author of *Pornland: How Pornography Has Hijacked Our Sexuality*.

In a 50-minute presentation, Dines examined how pornography has permeated the culture, how it is shaping sexuality and how it is hypersexualizing society.

"What I'm going to argue is that the culture is socializing all of our girls to be porn-ready, whether they end up in porn or not, because what we have is a massive grooming culture forcing and seducing our girls into a type of sexuality that is commodified, generic and robotic and has nothing authentic," she said.

She argues that people older than 40, who were brought up in a more print-based culture, are less easily manipulated by the media, whereas those who are younger,

who were raised in an image-based culture, are more susceptible.

"The image-based culture we live in has power over our identity," she said, adding that it has "changed the way that we process information. It's changed the way that we interact with each other."

Dines contrasted a glossy magazine image, depicting fashion model/singer Rihanna in a playful sadomasochism scene, with a police evidence photo showing the facial injuries Rihanna sustained from the notorious beating she was given by pop singer Chris Brown.

Citing a recurring feminist argument, Dines contended that "men who rape are not deviant. They are over-conformist to the messages of society," that "violence against women is a cultural phenomenon," and that the culture is responsible for turning men into rapists, bashers, pimps and johns.

Because women's bodies have been exploited to the point where there is literally



"The new frontier is children," feminist anti-porn activist Gail Dines said in a presentation she gave at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on Oct. 15.

nothing more pornographers can do to them, she said, legitimate porn producers are creating simulated child porn using models and actors who are adults but who appear to be underage. This became legally possible in the US after a legal change in 2002 undid certain provisions in the 1996 child pornography protection law.

"The new frontier is children," said Dines, adding that in an effort to not be held responsible for using children, the porn industry has been fighting to repeal a legal provision requiring it to have documents proving the age of all models and actors.

As for *Fifty Shades of Grey*, Dines ridiculed the book's author, Erika Leonard, who writes under the pseudonym E. L. James, who has said that she was inspired by Stephanie Meyer, author of the *Twilight* vampire series.

"Do you really need to know anything more about anybody than that they were inspired by *Twilight*?" said Dines.

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Graffiti, cont'd. from p. 1

curity sergeant on Metcalfe. A can was thrown to the ground. It was found to contain red paint matching graffiti on a park bench where they had been seen initially.

Two, aged 16 and 17, showed public safety officers identification indicating they lived in Laval while the third had none. The first two were issued \$119 tickets for breaking curfew. The fire was also extinguished.

While one admitted to the graffiti, it was only after police arrived on the scene that a second one confessed to “participating,” according to Public Security officials.

Police called the youths’ parents, who were to drive in from Laval to pick them up. The third youth, a 17-year-old, was driven to an address on Vendôme where his identity was to be confirmed.

Two other graffiti locations were found nearby in the tot lot. “Ideally, we will want to follow up with all three to recover clean-up costs,” said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

In the second graffiti incident, October 18, a 16-year-old resident of Ville St. Pierre was arrested and charged by police for graffiti found at the back of the SAQ on Sherbrooke near Victoria after he and another were followed by a public safety officer to Prince Albert. The second made good his escape.

Acting on a description from a witness at 10:10 pm, the patroller spotted two young men exiting the lane behind the SAQ on skateboards, called police and began following the pair as they walked west along Sherbrooke looking over their shoulders at her and turning south on Prince Albert.

When police arrived, they arrested one while the public safety officer continued looking for the second one, without success.

A can of black paint matching the fresh graffiti on the SAQ was recovered from the backpack of the one suspect, who was reported to have admitted to the vandalism. He was arrested and charged in relation to the incident. Another similar tag was later discovered at 417 Victoria.

District 1 brings highest response
5% cast ballots in advance vote, down from 2009 election

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The number of eligible voters casting ballots in Westmount’s advance vote October 27 dropped from 6.1 percent in 2009 to 5.2 percent, according to the results released by the city clerk’s office that night.

The highest participation rate came from District 1 at 8.1 percent, almost 24 percent of the total number of advance voters in Westmount.

This is the first election in this ward for a councillor seat since before the forced mergers. In this mostly summit area, 129 of 1,600 voters made their way down to the one polling station at Victoria Hall.

While advance voting is reported to be indicating higher election interest in Montreal and produced long line-ups in some of the suburbs, all of those are choosing a new mayor, which involves all of a municipality’s electoral districts.

In Westmount, where the mayor and two councillors have already been acclaimed, only six wards are facing elections. This is the same number as in 2009.

Results from the city’s mobile advance poll at four seniors’ residences Monday, October 28, is expected to be higher than last time, however, according to city clerk and returning officer Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza.

Only 30 voted in 2009 at these residences: St. Margaret’s, Place Kensington and Manoir Westmount (all in District 7) as well as Château Westmount (District 5).

While these were not included in advance vote numbers, she explained, this year’s anticipated higher numbers are expected to change results slightly. No ad-



First voter Noreen Griffith arrived at Victoria Hall 20 minutes ahead of the poll opening, “anxious to exercise her democratic right,” in the words of one passer-by.

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vance votes are counted until after the close of general voting November 3 at 8 pm.

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Advance poll participation (BVA*)

2013 District							2009		
	Electors	BVA	% of Electors	% BVA		Electors	BVA	% of Electors	% BVA
1	1,600	129	8.1%	23.8%	1	Acclaimed			
2	1,562	64	4.1%	11.8%	2	1,557	81	5.2%	12.2%
3	Acclaimed				3	Acclaimed			
4	1,812	104	5.7%	19.2%	4	2,014	142	7.1%	21.5%
5	1,822	101	5.5%	18.6%	5	1,862	183	9.8%	27.6%
6	Acclaimed				6	2,037	76	3.7%	11.5%
7	1,840	93	5.1%	17.1%	7	1,995	103	5.2%	15.6%
8	1,722	52	3.0%	9.6%	8	1,420	77	5.4%	11.6%
Total	10,358	543	5.2%	100%	Total	10,885	662	6.1%	100%

Source: City clerk’s office

* Bilan du vote par anticipation.

Pepall receives The Study's alumna award



As part of a celebration for The Study's 98th anniversary, the guest of honour at a special assembly held at the girls' school on October 25 was Sarah Pepall, a judge at the Ontario Court of Appeal, who graduated from The Study in 1969. During the assembly, Pepall was presented with the school's annual Judy Elder alumna award. She is seen here with, from left, grade 7 students Caroline Kouri, Anne Sarah Dickman and Alice Webster.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

3 ticketed for drinking in park

Three young men were ticketed October 21 for consuming beer in Westmount Park at 9:27 pm, according to Public Security officials. They were identified as an 18-year-old Westmount resident who was

given a ticket for \$219 and two 17-year-olds from Westmount and NDG who, because of their juvenile status were issued tickets for \$119.



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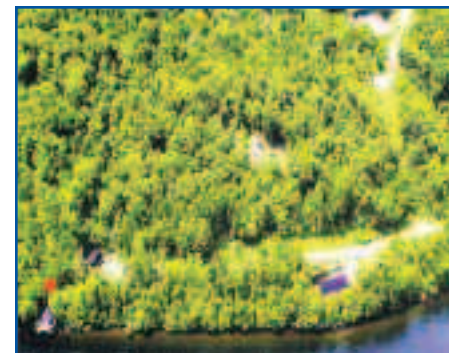
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Station 12 Reports

60-year-old pedestrian struck, killed by pick-up truck

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

Just before noon on October 24, a 60-year-old Montreal woman was fatally struck by a GMC pick-up truck while she hurried across Wood Ave. at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd., according to Sta-

tion 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

Pimentel said the woman was walking east on de Maisonneuve Blvd. when, as she approached Wood Ave., she quickened her pace, said Pimentel. This account of the story, he said, comes from nearby witnesses who saw her speed up at the intersection. As she crossed Wood Ave., Pimentel said a westbound pickup truck, driven by a 44-year-old Lachine man, made a left-hand turn from de Maisonneuve.

The woman was struck by the truck and then her head struck the pavement, said Pimentel. Police were called to the scene, arrived quickly and provided basic first aid until an ambulance arrived. The woman was transported to the Montreal General Hospital and later died from her injuries, the constable said.

At this point, he said, there are no criminal charges. The incident, he added, is still under investigation to ensure it was indeed an accident and not the result of mechanical malfunction, poor infrastructure or other possible factors.

Pimentel said he cannot say exactly what happened until the investigation is

completed, but he urges citizens to use extra caution when crossing any city street. Senior citizens and children under 15, he said, are the age groups most commonly struck by vehicles.

The three most common causes of vehicle-to-pedestrian collisions are when pedestrians cross somewhere other than an intersection, emerge from between two parked cars and do not take the time to look both ways, he said.

"Always be aware of your surroundings and use proper, pedestrian crossings," concluded Pimentel. "Don't let yourself be distracted by your phone and always keep an eye out for turning vehicles."

New parking for Greene, Abbott, summit

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Among several parking changes adopted by the city's outgoing council at its last meeting October 1 were two measures aimed at facilitating deliveries on Greene Ave. and at Les 5 Saisons grocery store, in particular, where trucks waiting to back

into the loading zone have had to circle the block. Both involve metered parking.

In one case, two metered spaces on de Maisonneuve at the northeast corner of Greene are being reserved for delivery trucks between 7 and 10 am. This means that even before the meters come into effect in the morning, other types of vehicles will not be permitted to park in those two spots.

The other is the removal of two meters on the north side of de Maisonneuve west of Greene, thereby extending the no-stopping zone. This will give trucks a wider berth for turning as they enter or exit the grocery store's loading zone.

Another parking change was the creation of a reserved zone on the west side of Abbott for holders of "blue" permits. This change was undertaken to establish additional on-street parking for local residents in light of the Westmount recreation centre.

In two changes at the summit, no-parking zones were created on the west side of Oakland from Summit Circle to Gordon Cresc. and on the north side of Summit Circle from Oakland to Gordon.

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Lower Canada College's (LCC) Junior School Director, Yasmine Ghandour, is very familiar with the significance of the decision-making process for parents. She knows that it all starts at kindergarten, and her goal, along with her team, is to ignite that spark right away.

"At LCC's Junior School we offer a safe and stimulating environment, for girls and boys, nestled away from the other divisions of the school," she says. "The newly renovated kindergarten and private playground is uniquely for our youngest learners and offers an ideal setting to start the primary years."

With an average class size of fewer than 15 students, LCC's kindergarten program, like the rest of its Junior School, is an environment abounding with ideas, inspiration and stimulation. Led by excellence in teaching, boys and girls explore a bilingual program based on creativity, curiosity and discovery. The focus is on developing the foundations for life-long learning, including literacy, numeracy and communication in French and English.

"We implement the latest approaches to instruction in kindergarten – and at all LCC grade levels," shares Ghandour. "Essentially, the school believes in the importance of matching program and resources. It's clear when you visit our school that we are blessed with wonderful facilities. But in my view, what's even more significant is having caring, talented teachers and the investment that we make in the professional development of our staff. Essentially, our students are the ultimate beneficiaries because our teachers are encouraged to learn new things, collaborate, and implement best practices in the classroom. We really live the professional staff pillar of our strategic vision."

Ghandour and her team walk the talk. LCC kindergarten teachers use AIM (Accelerative Integrated Method) – essentially sign language associated with words – to teach French. Structured phonics-based programs are implemented in both English and French and culminate with the publishing of student-created books. Technology is integrated into the program, as appropriate, with the use of Smartboards and iPads. At home, the students continue to interact with their teachers on Voicethread in order to further develop the acquisition of a second language. At the end of

the day, all their accomplishments both in and out of the classroom are shared and celebrated on a private online community called Ning.

"But parents need to look at the big picture when selecting a school. Opportunities are important," Ghandour suggests. "Beyond the classroom, whether these young students walk the stage, sing in the choir or pursue athletics, each of them will find a multitude of opportunities to grow and mature in a variety of ways."

She also notes the importance of instilling a sense of community, developing character and global citizenship. With a genuine commitment to serving others, all Junior School students participate in age-appropriate service activities and truly live the school motto: *Non Nobis Solum/ Not for Ourselves Alone*. Ghandour notes that the school is focused on ensuring that each student grows to meet the challenges of the future, with confidence and compassion.

"Visit the kindergarten and the Junior School, stop in a classroom, and sneak-a-peak at the friendships and children at play. The sense of joy, community, and engagement is palpable. LCC's youngest students flourish in a caring, child-centered environment with a strong sense of purpose. The journey to be whoever they will be all starts here."



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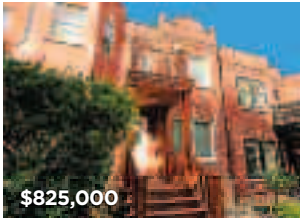
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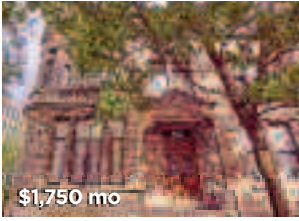
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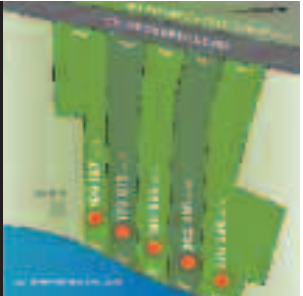
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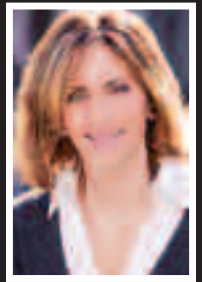
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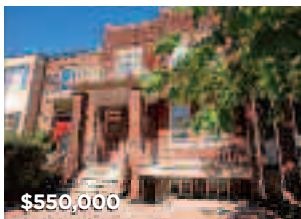
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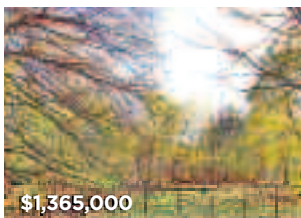
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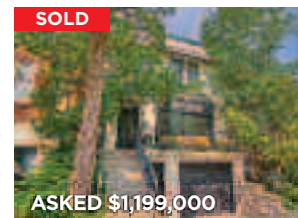
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Social Calendar

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

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NOVEMBER Friday, November 1

WestHill Grandmothers present A Mu-

sical Cabaret. A benefit for the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African grandmothers caring for their orphaned grandchildren whose parents died of AIDS. 7:30 pm. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Tickets 450.688.2213.

Tuesday, November 5

Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada presents The Monte Carlo Casino and Fashion Gala. 6 pm. Featuring swimwear by SHAN and jewelry by Anzie. Le Windsor,

1170 Peel St. Tickets Elyse 514.875.7745, local 225. elyseb@colorectal-cancer.ca

Wednesday, November 6

Atwater Library & Computer Centre Benefit Cocktail. Honoured guests Constance and Lawrence Pathy. 6 pm. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. MC Dennis Trudeau. With Dave Turner Jazz Trio Tickets \$125. Tanya Mayhew 514.935.7344. tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca

Thursday, November 7

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Gala. Honorary president Joey Saputo. 6 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets Kim Lacombe 514.744.5537, local 225. klacombe@jdfrf.ca

Thursday, November 14

76th Annual St. Mary's Ball. 6:30 pm. Co-presidents Sara Pedersen and Patrick Shea. Windsor Station, 1100 de la Gauchetière West. Tickets Nathalie Kamel 514.345.3511, local 5196. Nathalie.kamel@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Friday, November 15

Project K hosts second annual fundraiser to benefit Kilema HIV/AIDS Care

and Treatment Center (CTC) at the Kilema District Hospital in Tanzania, Africa. 7:30 pm. La Toundra, 1 circuit Gilles Ville-neuve. Tickets \$100 to \$140 (VIP) www.projectkilema.eventbrite.ca

Italian Chamber of Commerce in Canada. Honorary chair Mario Rigante. 6 pm. Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1228 Sherbrooke St. Tickets Connie Russo 514.844.4249, local 229. Russo.montreal@italchamber.qc.ca

Saturday, November 16

Viennese Ball of The Austrian Society of Montreal. Guest of honour Arno Riedel, Austrian ambassador to Canada. Ball president Harold Scheer. 7 pm. Marriott Chateau Champlain, 1 Place du Canada. Tickets \$250 and \$150 for 30 and under. Anita Hold 514.369.2339. ahold@tonalco.ca or hscheer@bakergilmore.com

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) 53rd Museum Ball. *Splendore a Venezia*. Organized by the MMFA Volunteer Association. Co-presidents Eric Boyko, president/CEO Stingray Digital; Christine Marchildon, chair, Quebec Market, Groupe Banque TD; John Williams, president/CEO Domtar Corporation. Ball president Johanne Champoux. 6:30 pm. MMFA, 1379



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Tuesday, November 19

Jewish General Hospital Gala. Honouring Michele Dionne and Jean Charest. Black tie. Chairs Harold (Sonny) Gordon, Tony Lofferda and Joan Prevost. 6 pm. Arsenal, 2020 William St. Tickets 514.340.8222, local 4602. agoldman@jgh.mcgill.ca

Wednesday, November 20

Ogilvy en Fête 2013. Fashion-gastronomy eve benefits St. Justine UHC Foundation. Participating boutiques offer 15 percent off. Chairs Melanie Dunn, Charles Guay, Alain Miquelon. 7 pm. Ogilvy, 1307 St. Catherine St. Tickets \$100 (available at Ogilvy post office) and Anne-Marie Hart. hsj@ssss.gouv.qc.ca. 514.282.1552.

Thursday, November 21

Kidney Foundation of Canada Founder's Award Gala. Honorary president Tony Lofredda, head, National Client Group

Quebec, RBC Royal Bank. Gala honoree Luciano D'Agnazio, Schwartz Levitsky Feldman. 6:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets: Linda Pellas 514.938.4515, local 227. Linda.pellas@kidney.ca

Sunday, November 24

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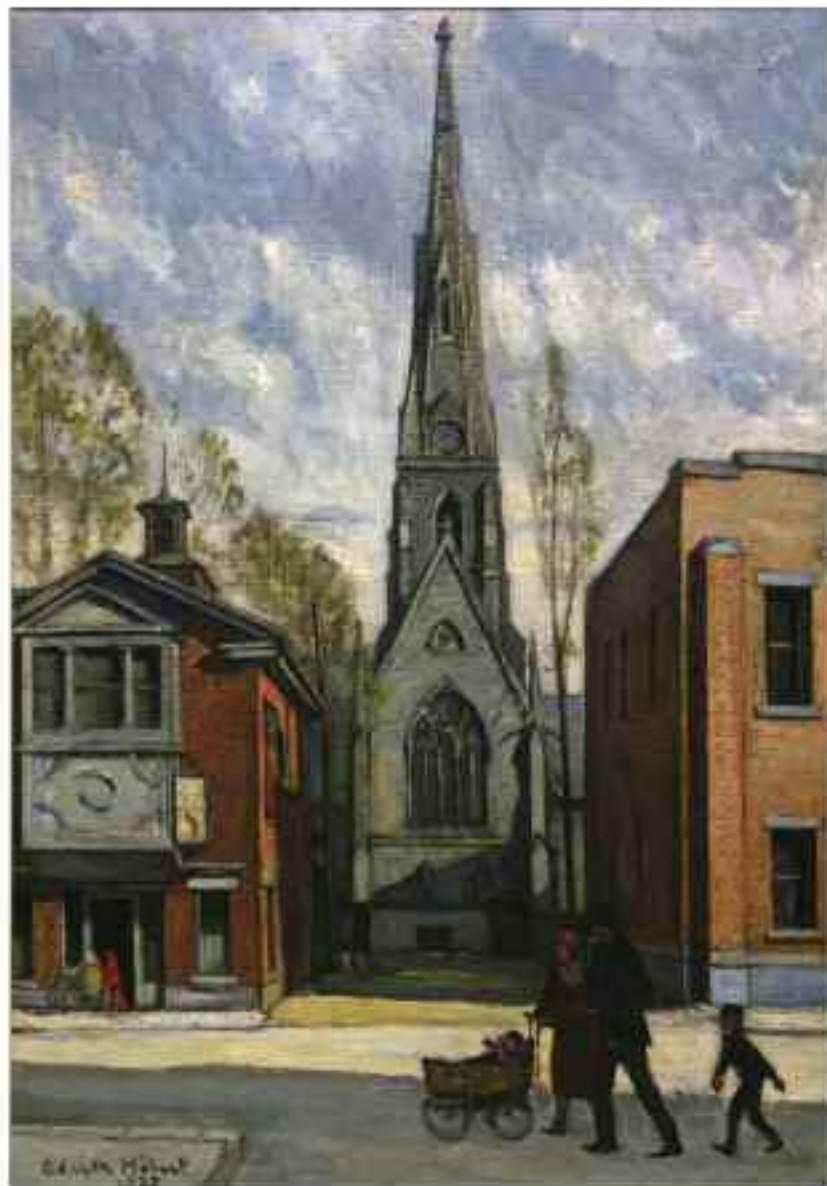
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Besner and Davies: It takes imagination



Westmount
Art
Scene

HEATHER BLACK

Westmount manhole covers are central to a new exhibition at the Warren G. Flowers Gallery. These everyday items have been transposed by Simon Davies into intriguing photographs, stone rubbings and sculpture. But creative imagination is also evident in the narrative paintings of Dominic Besner currently on display at Galerie V Trimont.

Simon J. Davies at Warren G. Flowers Gallery, Dawson College

Dawson professor Simon Davies' exhibition *Underfoot: From street level to eye level* reveals found art from Westmount streets and beyond. His photographs of manhole covers are rich with texture and decora-

tion. One featuring a circling Manhattan "DPW" in orange and mauve set against red and blue brick is surprisingly colourful. Another of an aluminum square drain cover is quietly elegant.

The image of the Westmount manhole cover "Noiseless Patented No 318-964" celebrates innovation. Yet another from Brooklyn reveals the use of a cover as a compass and city guide. In this image, directional arrows also indicate corresponding neighbourhoods including "Downtown" and "Dumbo," the acronym for "Down under the Manhattan bridge overpass." Photographs of painted traffic lane arrows with parking lines or drain patterns also create interesting graphic images.

Throughout the gallery, drainage grates are arranged as sculpture, while drain caps filled with rocks and feathers make up small curios. One wall of the gallery features a series of stone tracings of various manhole covers, many of which are diptychs. Framed in red or blue, some include

patterns set at various angles while others include text. In the centre of the display another Westmount cover serves as a table for the public to try their hand at stone rubbing.

With a keen eye for pattern, Davies combines documentary precision with creative vision. This exhibit continues until November 1 at Dawson College, 4001 de Maison-neuve Blvd.

Dominic Besner at Galerie V Trimont, Greene Avenue

Paintings by this Montreal artist evoke drama and myth. Frequently featuring white-faced actors or aristocrats, these figures have been likened to those by Edvard Munch and Gustav Klimt. Similar to



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Munch's characters, Besner's sculpted faces or mascarons dominate the image, while intricate patterns and texture recall Klimt.

In *La mélancolie d'une madeleine* the figure emerging from a swirling shape suggests constriction. Yet Besner simultaneously evokes a baroque refinement through coloured layers. Painted against gold and black, this figure resembles Besner's legendary queen of the "Immortalis" currently on display at Musée de Suzhou in Beijing.

This white-faced aristocrat is also featured in several giclée prints. The central figure of *La garde patrie* looks out at the viewer as both muse and critic. In another, *Mascaron du port aux vents*, a red-costumed figure sits in profile as ruler of wind and darkness.

Horses also inhibit Besner's theatrical world. In *Petite clientèle du Post-it*, two horses alternatively emerge and retreat into the background. Creating memorable images in a rich and recognizable style, Besner's dramatic flair reflects Montreal theatre. His work is on display until the end of November at 1308 Greene Ave.



Dominic Besner's *La mélancolie d'une madeleine*.

Jonathan Swift's comment that "Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others" applies to both of these artists. Whether Davies' documentation of found art of drain or manhole covers, or Besner's theatrical paintings, creative imagination brings these works to life.

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Rec centre handed over to city, opens for ice programs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre was officially handed over to the city October 25, a week ahead of the contractual delivery date of October 31 (see photo, p 1).

“It was a last-minute decision because we didn’t realize we would get the building early,” said Mayor Peter Trent.

“I’m still upset the pool was so delayed even though Pomerleau has met their delivery date for the entire building,” Trent said. The pool was expected to be filled last week. It was being filled on the morning of October 28 at press time. The pool fence and sod are also to be installed. The pool’s original delivery date was the end of May.

The city was given the keys to the building with the agreement that contractor, Pomerleau Inc., would be able to continue working during the day this week, he explained. This includes the correcting of some deficiencies already identified.

A contract of the conditions was signed late Friday afternoon.

The actual first period of play on the new rinks took place October 25 (see below) when a pick-up game was held on the Molson (western) rink. The ice time was auctioned off at a fundraising soirée event this spring and purchased by Councillor Patrick Martin.

“It was just a magical experience,” said Martin who dropped the first puck at the

new arena wearing a referee’s sweater. “It brought home the reality that we got it done.” While the decision to hold the first game that night had come only a few hours before, two teams were raised by his son Nicholas for the 7:30 pm start.

Sports coordinator Bruce Stacey, the rec centre’s fundraising coordinator, was among the players. “The ice was incredible: smooth, hard and fast,” he reported. “I still can’t believe we just played.”

The city’s first skaters took to the ice October 26 (see below) as part of the regular in-house hockey program. Both rinks were opened for regular practice after the city ran out of rented ice time at other arenas.

“Now that we own the building, the commissioning and deficiencies will be dealt with,” Trent explained. This includes inspections and verification of the all mechanical systems and other aspects. “The seating will be cordoned off until it can be physically changed. It needs to be redone.”

Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan said the regular ice programs, including figure skating, would take place this week from 3 pm to midnight. Free skating is to start November 2 at 7:30 am.

There is also the possibility that some of the other programs such as fitness or yoga might also be moved over from Victoria Hall this week, he said.

First free skate: Nov. 2 at 7:30 am

First firsts at arena:

‘Vraiment, c’est tout neuf’

First skater of first game



City councillor Patrick Martin, pictured here with his son Nicholas seconds before hitting the ice, won the right to host the first game at the new arena by bidding on it at a fundraiser in the spring. The game took place October 25 at 7:30 pm on the Molson (western) rink and Martin was the first on the ice. Would Martin actually be refereeing? “No. I can’t keep up with these guys. I haven’t been on skates in 15 years,” a visibly excited Martin told the Independent. What skates was he sporting? 30-year-old Orbits, purchased 15 years ago at a clearance sale at Tony’s Shoes. The arena’s newness was visible in the smallest matters: “Look at the plastic windows on top of the boards. No marks. You won’t see that again.”

First Sports and Rec players

The house Novice Skiers were the first city of Westmount Sports and Recreation users of the new arena. Their practice started 8 am on October 25 at the Molson rink. Why “skiers”? The program ends at Christmas and is designed for children who ski. “They don’t have to choose anymore,” said explained coordinator Andrew Maislin. “Vraiment, c’est tout neuf,” a parent was heard to say about the arena.

Photos: Independent.



First players of first game



Patrick Martin’s invitees, from left, standing: Dan Cohen, Aric Gardner, Joey Czikk, Nicholas Martin, Patrick Martin, Scotty Berish, Alex Balazinski, Matt Philip, Craig Klinkhoff, Martin Germain, Kevin Jardine, Andrew Kerklaan and Adam Perez; kneeling: Dany Filion, Zack Filion, Ross MacDougall, Ryan French-MacDougall, Mike Deegan, Bruce Stacey, and Dominic Agostino.

Trent: Quiet at home; issues galore at aggro, provincial levels

Newly re-acclaimed Westmount mayor Peter Trent spoke at the Rotary Club of Westmount's weekly lunch on October 23. His speech hit a number of humorous zoological notes (Montreal city councillors are "ants" or "Tremblay's trained seals," according to Trent), as well as a number of more serious, prosaic ones.

On the domestic front, Trent said that, post-arena/pool construction, it would be an upcoming council term of more incremental work on Ps: pavement, pipes, pension plans (the biggest problem in Trent's view, as well as being one at the agglomeration level), planning for traffic, permit process changes, parks and "pooches."

In short, though, "all was quiet on the Westmount front."

About the agglomeration, where 60 per cent of Westmount's taxes go, Trent was angrier and saw more difficult times ahead. While a Montreal council fragmented by the upcoming election might be preferable to the lock that the now defunct Union party had in the Tremblay years and while corruption is now being dealt with, a major challenge remains the \$500 million in extra annual costs that Trent contends come from the merger period and its after-effects.

In his view, relations with the province are also an important aspect of Quebec municipal politics since municipalities are, by settled law, "creatures" of the provincial government. Trent's ideal Montreal mayor would have the prestige to represent and fight for the city and agglomeration in Quebec City.

Trent decried the lack of municipal political and business experience of Montreal and Quebec politicians, who "never met a payroll, ran anything or were present where the buck stopped." Politicians and prostitutes are the only professions not requiring prior experience, quipped Trent, and both "try to please large numbers of people, collectively or sequentially."

Later in the speech, Trent expressed vehemently how he was "fed up" with separatism, charters of language and values without substantive justification (despite his sympathy for the preservation of French), Bill 99, the idleness of the Quebec population, spoiled students, Quebec's obsession with the "rurality," and urban sprawl that is expensive to everyone else, as exemplified by Vaudreuil-Dorion, which has grown 66 percent in recent years.

The net result of these trends? \$250 billion in provincial debt, when Hydro Quebec and municipal is included in the total.



Mayor Peter Trent speaking to the Westmount Rotary club on Wednesday in Victoria Hall.

Ending on a neutral note, he warned against "magic solutions and messiahs." Remember, he said, merger was a magic solution and Tremblay was seen as a messiah.



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The Westmount Municipal Association, in accordance with its mission of working for good governance of Westmount, has invited candidates for City Councillor in the November 3rd municipal elections to respond in writing to the following questions. All candidates, with the exception of those acclaimed, graciously accepted our invitation, with the understanding that responses were restricted to a specified length and would be printed unedited. We hope that you find these position statements enlightening and helpful in forming your own assessments of the declared candidates.

- Question 1) What motivates you to run for city councillor?
- Question 2) What are the 3 most critical issues facing Westmount in the next 4 years?

Patrick Martin - Candidate for District 1



Answer 1) My record speaks for itself, and my commitment to public service remains unwavering. No councillor has done more for infrastructure, and for providing facilities and green spaces for all ages and groups of citizens, including those with mobility issues. No councillor has pressed harder for improving the current building permit process.

I'm a problem solver, and want to continue applying my talents, expertise and professional background to significantly improving the lives of all Westmount residents.

Answer 2) Upgrading infrastructure: Streets, sidewalks, sewers, water systems, Hydro equipment need costly improvement, while controlling the budget and expenditure of tax revenue. In highly-taxed District 1, at least 8 streets need priority attention, beginning with Sunnyside.

Implementing the Traffic Master Plan, tailored to citizens' needs, and in the face of unprecedented pressure from the MUHC and Turcot projects.

Reviewing and streamlining the building permits process, making it faster, friendlier, more transparent, efficient, and fair.

Julia Carbone Gold - Candidate for District 1

Answer 1) C'est ma profonde conviction que nous avons tous un rôle à jouer afin de bâtir une meilleure ville. J'ai grandi à Westmount et j'y élève maintenant mes enfants. J'ai un intérêt sincère dans la communauté dans laquelle ils grandissent. J'amène deux perspectives - une absente lors du dernier conseil et l'autre sous-représentée - celle d'une avocate et celle d'une mère professionnelle avec jeunes enfants. Nous ne pouvons pas attendre quatre ans pour adresser ces lacunes.



Answer 2) 1) Westmount's changing demographics: more families with young children and a growing elderly population requires innovative policies tailored to meet needs (traffic, recreational, security, commercial districts), 2) A need for innovative infrastructure financing and ensured transparency to avoid corruption 3) Simplification and clear communication of processes and by-laws to increase efficiency, reduce costs (e.g. it should not cost substantially more to build in Westmount as compared to Outremont) and avoid ad hoc decisions.

Philip Cutler - Candidate for District 2



Answer 1) City council should be a microcosm of our community.

My 3 years of experience as a director of the WMA, my experience as a Senator at McGill University, and my experience in the creation and growth of two successful enterprises qualifies and motivates me to represent, on council, the unrepresented 50% of Westmounters under the age of 45.

I believe this representation is not only important, it is mandatory.

Answer 2) A survey of residents in my district concluded that they would like me to address the following key issues.

- 1- Construction of a permanent moat around Westmount
- 2- The conversion of Westmount Park into an elite executive par 3 golf facility.
- 3- More seriously: Addressing traffic, parking and safety issues emanating from the MUHC. Ensuring transparency and improved communication between City Hall and residents. Improving the efficiency of services provided by our tax dollars.

Peter Starr - Candidate for District 2

Answer 1) I've been a Westmount resident all my life, I've participated in its political events, and I understand the issues and choices in our future. I've enjoyed a successful career in resource management, broadcasting, and publishing; I'm a board member of local charities. I have the experience, knowledge, and commitment to make a positive contribution to council and the civic affairs that affect us all. My style is non-confrontational; I strive for co-operation and consensus.



Answer 2) We need to maintain and improve services while ensuring that strict cost control keeps taxes at reasonable levels. Now that the recreation centre is complete, we need to focus on repairs and renewal of our 100-year-old sewers and aqueduct, decaying roads, and sidewalks. Home and business owners are asking for changes to the renovation and rebuilding permit process; we need greater transparency, precise guidelines, clear communication, and oversight by council.

Rosalind Davis - Candidate for District 4



Answer 1) Westmount is a great place to live! As the municipal level of government has the most impact on our daily lives,

I want to get more involved to ensure the continued quality of life in Westmount.

I am an active, involved Westmounter with lots of experience in many organizations, giving me a broad knowledge base upon which to draw.

It would be an honour for me to bring a fresh voice and perspective to council.

Answer 2) There are always many issues important to Westmounters, but these ones stand out, and need to be followed closely and addressed.

The impact on our daily lives of the traffic and noise, arising from the MUHC and the Turcot.

Improving the condition of our roads, sidewalks, our potable water and the sewers without overstraining our finances

Striving to maintain the neighbourhood character of Victoria Village and encouraging the presence of our local merchants. Thank you.

Kathleen Warner Duncan - Candidate for District 4

Answer 1) My motivations for running for council stem from a love for my community. Westmount has been my family's home for four generations. I was privileged to have grown up and raised my family here. My deeply-rooted sense of connection is what galvanized me to fight long and hard to win our city back during my four year term as President of the WMA. That victory inspired me to serve my community on Council.



Answer 2) • **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Tackle the decayed state of our above and below ground infrastructure including Hydro Westmount through regularly scheduled maintenance.

• **TRAFFIC:** Implement short, medium and long term actions to alleviate local traffic and through traffic in Westmount.

• **FINANCE:** Work diligently to put our financial house in order; reduce the debt and over the long term, review the current pension agreements for paid employees in order to ensure its viability.

John Fretz - Candidate for District 5

Answer 1) In 1986, Councillor Joan Rothman took a few of us gardeners on a ride in her car. We went around and visited possible sites for the first community garden. I was impressed by her. She rejected some useless sites and we finally landed up at the SW corner of the WAG. That experience has remained with me as an excellent example of devotion to public duty. I could only hope to do as much.

Answer 2) Here's my take: the more people cross paths in a community and see each other at activities, the better the feeling of health, security, and inner tranquility. We have many substantive issues to tackle, and life will be more challenging, not easier, since completion of the WRC, but unless we stop tolerating bad manners, the rest will be uphill. Bike paths, Summit Woods as a refuge, we've done the studies. Now we need traction.

Christina Smith - Candidate for District 5

Answer 1) I am running for Council because I care deeply about the community in which we have chosen to raise our young family. City Council is a team and I am an experienced team player. I will work hard to make this a safer city and to ensure accessibility to family-friendly programs and facilities. I will engage citizens and ensure they feel they have a Councillor who listens to them and gives them a voice.



Answer 2) I will work diligently to: ensure the safety of our community by investing in traffic calming measures and updating infrastructure; integrate the MUHC Glen Campus as our new neighbour while ensuring that Westmount retains a balance of residential and commercial space; help the merchants of Victoria Village to ensure that they have a successful retail environment.

NOTE

... : candidate went over allowed limit of 150 words

Cynthia Lulham - Candidate for District 7

Answer 1) Westmount offers a perfect small city scale while having all the big city advantages next door. The challenge is to protect our residential neighbourhoods, to offer a safe and sustainable community. I believe in building community – finding solutions to make our city more livable, to bring our community together, to maintain and even improve our standards of service and to protect our built heritage. This is what motivates me to run for City Councillor.

Answer 2) • The renewal of our infrastructure; sewers, water, roads, sidewalks and the electricity distribution network. Do an audit, develop a plan and commit the funds.

• Regulating traffic speed/volume; implement the Traffic Master Plan through specific studies for signal light updates and road designs.

• Turcot reconstruction and AMT trains; continue consulting/advocating with the AMT/CP for infrastructure improvements/electrification. With MTQ to ensure that all possible mitigation methods are used during the Turcot reconstruction.

Mavis Young - Candidate for District 7

Answer 1) • I am motivated to run for city council because I perceive a lack of real debate by councillors and an instinct to vote as a group. Good government requires engaged citizenry as well as informed, ethical councillors and mayors. Policies announced by decree do not constitute good government. Debate should be encouraged and councillors free to vote their opinions. As a candidate trained in the research sciences and health regulation, I support rational, evidence-based decision-making.



Answer 2) • Preserving quality of life for neighbourhoods through strategies to mitigate noise (from both human activity and construction) and traffic, through re-design of street parking, improved public transportation/cycling and better bylaw enforcement. Re-zoning must be done with sensitivity and community consultation;

• Stronger quality management systems and an integrated vision at city hall to reduce waste and inefficiency;

• Long-term budgeting and planning for infrastructure replacement and initiatives to ...

Andrei Jones - Candidate for District 8

Answer 1) I wanted to avoid the candidate in my District (8) from being acclaimed into office unchallenged and encourage a return to issues that voters care most about.

Answer 2) Safety: I want to work with residents and law enforcement to ensure that Westmount continues to do its best to ensure our personal safety - Possibly through increasing beat patrols and implementing efforts to discourage criminals. Recently there has been a car lit on fire in my neighbourhood - that is not something I should expect here; also I hear that the situation was well handled - my thanks to the law enforcement community.

Promoting good neighbourliness: With population density going up lately partially thanks to new construction, it is important that we all work hard to get to know each other and help each other out in our urbanized area. On that note I want to have more local events that attract a wide ...

Theodora Samiotis - Candidate for District 8

Answer 1) I am running because I care about my neighbourhood and I care about my city. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve my fellow citizens for the past four years and I hope that they will continue give me their trust.



Ce fut un honneur et un privilège pour moi de servir les résidents du district 8 et je désire ardemment poursuivre au cours d'un second mandat les actions positives entreprises.

Answer 2) 1. Urban Renewal is a city-wide priority: Maintenance of our road/sidewalk network and infrastructure. Renewal of public spaces by implementing Parks Master Plan. For district 8 the City needs to revitalize and better integrate the section of Dorchester and Ste Catherine between Greene and Atwater.

2. Council needs to tackle streamlining the building permits process while rendering it more open & consistent.

3. Develop a Pension Fund Strategy with Montreal to ensure programme sustainability

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Dr. Joe Schwarcz talks about Houdini on the 87th anniversary of his death. Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Ave. Free. 12:30 pm.

The Atwater Poetry Project presents Amanda Jernigan and Jan Zwicky. Free. Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Ave. 7 pm.

Week 1 of My Toolbox, a chronic pain self-management workshop. Free. Westmount Public library, 4574 Sherbrooke, Register by visiting www.mytoolbox.mcgill.ca or by calling 514.934.1934 ext. 71585. 1:30 to 4 pm.

Haunted House Fright Night in Westmount. Costumes a must. Lawn bowling clubhouse, 4333 Sherbrooke. 5 pm to 8 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Sheila Lawrence’s Soirée de Dance. \$10. Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. 7 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Westmount municipal elections, voting in six districts, 10 am to 8 pm (see p. 6).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Westmount Square Antique Show, 1 Westmount Square, #RC. Admission free. Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday from 10 to 5 pm.

Contactivity Crafts Sale and Bazaar, hand-crafted, hand-knit items, home baking, jewelry, books, second-hand fashions, raffle. Proceeds benefit non-profit Contactivity’s seniors services. 4695 de Maison-neuve. 514.932-2326. 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Annual Westmount Remembrance Day service at the Westmount cenotaph, 2 pm.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Council meeting 8 pm, city hall starting with swearing-in of newly councillors.

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ONGOING:

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Montreal Children’s Library would like the help of bilingual volunteers at one of the library’s three branches to help children between the ages of 5 and 14 with reading and to perform other duties. Please call Helen Kyne: 514.931.2304 or email at info@mcl-bjm.ca.

Friends of the Westmount Library request book donations for their upcoming sale, to be held at Victoria Hall on Saturday November 23 and Sunday November 24. Books on all topics in excellent condition can be dropped off at the front desk, 4574 Sherbrooke St. No magazines, encyclopedias, VHS videos, cassettes or any materials in poor condition. Info: 514.483.5604.

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On October 10, YUL hosted a cocktail for the CHU St. Justine Foundation. The innovative concept took public art – commissioned by YUL – and made it private through a silent auction fundraiser for the foundation.

The works were created over the sum-



Artist Omen with his work.



Steve Stein and Earl Pinchuk.



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mer months by four internationally renowned artists: **Ricardo Cavolo** (Spain); **OMEN** (Montreal); **Jasper Wong** (Hong Kong) and **Faith 47** (Africa). The huge murals (800 square feet) were cut down to size

for homes, lofts, board rooms, and offices.

A few pieces were left quite large, and welcomed guests at the red carpet entrance.

All were sold during continued on p. 27



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Élections municipales le 3 novembre

 Le jour de scrutin est le dimanche 3 novembre de 10 h à 20 h dans six districts de Westmount. Assurez-vous d'avoir en main votre carte de rappel d'électeur ainsi que vos documents d'identification. Pour plus d'informations, composez le 514 989-5280 ou visitez le site Web www.westmount.org/vote2013.

Cérémonie du Jour du Souvenir

Le dimanche 10 novembre à 13 h au Cénotaphe de Westmount. Joignez-vous aux membres du conseil municipal pour commémorer les citoyens de Westmount décédés sur les champs de bataille.

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SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Changez l'horloge, changez les piles

Le dimanche 3 novembre. Les membres de l'équipe de la sécurité publique tiennent à vous rappeler de remplacer les piles de vos avertisseurs de fumée lors du retour à l'heure normale de l'est, la nuit du samedi 2 novembre au dimanche 3 novembre. Ce petit geste pourrait vous sauver la vie !

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 6 novembre à 10 h 15. Faites preuve de créativité lors de cet atelier où vous pourrez vous exprimer en vers dans une ambiance décontractée. Info : 514 989-5299.

Rencontre d'auteur : Saleema Nawaz

Le mercredi 6 novembre à 19 h. Venez rencontrer Saleema Nawaz, auteure de *Bone and Bread*. Info : 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 18 novembre

Conférences à 14 heures : Anne Renaud

Le mercredi 13 novembre à 14 h. Venez rencontrer Anne Renaud, auteure du livre *The Extraordinary Life of Anna Swan*. Info : 514 989-5299.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition : œuvres d'art de la Bibliothèque

Jusqu'au 9 novembre à la Galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter la collection des œuvres d'art de la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

La nuit des horreurs à Westmount

Le jeudi 31 octobre de 17 h à 20 h au pavillon du boulingrin à côté de l'hôtel de ville. Ne manquez pas la Nuit des horreurs le 31 octobre ! Vous ne devinerez jamais qui vous attend dans l'obscurité ... si vous osez entrer ! Soirée géniale et terrifiante pour les jeunes de tous âges. Venez déguisés. L'équipe de la sécurité publique vous propose des conseils pour une soirée d'Halloween en sécurité au www.westmount.org. Info : 514 932-5468.

Soirée de danse 2013

Le samedi 2 novembre à 19 h au Victoria Hall.

Sheila Lawrence présente l'œuvre des chorégraphes et danseurs des programmes de loisirs de Westmount lors de cette superbe soirée de ballet classique, ballet jazz, danse moderne, break dance et danse du ventre. Adultes 10 \$, enfants 5 \$. Info : 514 989-5393.



Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount

Les samedi et dimanche 9 et 10 novembre de 10 h à 17 h au Victoria Hall. Trouvez le cadeau parfait parmi une sélection impressionnante d'objets confectionnés à la main par des artisans du quartier. Entrée : denrées non périssables ou 2 \$ pour la collecte annuelle d'aliments du Service de la sécurité publique.

Concert pour enfants : Kissy Kissy Time

 **Le dimanche 17 novembre à 14 h au Victoria Hall.** Un concert de chansons entraînantes et éducatives en français, anglais et espagnol. Pour les jeunes de 6 ans et moins. Adultes 10 \$, enfants 5 \$. Info : 514 989-5226.


TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de feuilles mortes

Au cours des mois d'octobre et de novembre. Placez vos sacs de feuilles et de résidus de jardin en bordure du trottoir avant 7 h les jours de semaine. N.B., seuls les sacs en papier sont acceptés. Info : 514 989-5390.

CITY HALL

Municipal Election November 3

 Voting day is Sunday, November 3rd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in six of Westmount's districts. Remember to bring your voter reminder card and identification. For more information, phone 514 989-5280 or visit the website at www.westmount.org/vote2013.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 10 at 1 p.m. at the Westmount Cenotaph. Join members of Westmount City Council to commemorate Westmount soldiers who fell in battle.

WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

Follow the construction of the WRC

See the latest photos of the Recreation Centre online at www.westmount.org.


SPORTS & RECREATION

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Beginning October 15 at Victoria Hall. Residents can purchase their 2014 Facility Membership Card at the Sports & Recreation office (Membership fee: \$25 for individuals, \$50 for families (max. 5 cards). Be sure to bring two proofs of residence (municipal tax bill or utility bill, as well as an identity card such as a driver's licence; leases and cell phone bills not accepted). To get a card, each individual must be present, as pictures are taken on site. Info: 514 989-5353.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Change the clock, change the batteries

 **Sunday, November 3.** Members of the Westmount Public Safety team remind everyone to take advantage of the return to Eastern Standard Time the night of Saturday, November 2nd to Sunday, November 3rd to replace the batteries in all smoke detectors while adjusting the clocks. This small action could save your life!

LIBRARY

Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, November 6 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these monthly light-hearted workshops that will get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.

Author Event: Saleema Nawaz

Wednesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. Come meet Saleema Nawaz, author of *Bone and Bread*. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'Clock Series: Anne Renaud

Wednesday, November 13 at 2 p.m. Come meet Anne Renaud, author of *The Extraordinary Life of Anna Swan*. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, November 18

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: Library Art Collection

Until November 9 in the Gallery at Victoria Hall. The Gallery is pleased to feature the Westmount Public Library Art Collection. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Westmount Fright Night

Thursday, October 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse next to City Hall. Don't miss Fright Night on October 31st! You'll never guess who might be waiting for you there in the dark ... if you dare enter! A bone-chilling evening for kids of all ages. Costumes a must! Check out the Public Safety team's Halloween safety tips at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 932-5468.



Soirée de danse 2013

Saturday November 2nd at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Sheila Lawrence presents the work of choreographers and dancers from Westmount's recreational dance programmes in a spectacular evening of classical ballet, jazz and modern dance, break dance and belly dancing. Adults, \$10; children, \$5. Info: 514 989-5393.

Westmount Artisans' Festival

Saturday & Sunday, November 9 & 10 at Victoria Hall.



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Children's concert: Kissy Kissy Time

Sunday, November 17 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Fun, engaging and educational songs in English, French and Spanish for children 6 years and under. Adults, \$10; Children, \$5. Info: 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC WORKS

Autumn Leaf Collection

Throughout October and November. Place bagged leaves and garden waste behind the sidewalk by 7 a.m. on weekdays for collection. Please note that only paper yard waste bags are accepted. Info: 514 989-5390.





Yan Martel, John Saint-Louis and Andy Nulman.

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the reception, with proceeds being donated to the CHU St. Justine Foundation. As well, the ticket price of \$100 was paid directly to the foundation. In total, \$25,000 was raised.

Guests enjoying the bouchées and wine included Westmount res and *Diary of a Social Gal's* **Jennifer Campbell**, in black including sky-high heels; art reviewer **Dorota Kozinkska**, in Burberry beige; siblings **Catherine and Stephanie** with mum **Anne-Marie Hart**, wearing marvelous mauve shoes and a beautiful purple-hued paisley silk scarf from her recent trip to India; as well as former Westmounter and art collector **Andy Nulman**; Art For Healing's co-founder **Earl Pinchuk**; and **Steve Stein**.

Also noted were **Yan Martel** of LNDMRK, artist **OMEN**, **Hairah He**, **Suzanne Collelo**, **Cheryl Besner-Cohen**, **Jack Arduini** (TG BECO), **DJ Abeille Gélinas**, brothers **John and Robert St-Louis**, and **Andreanne Poitras**, and **Colombe Dargnies**, from the CHU St. Justine Foundation, who expressed her appreciation to the crowd. Casa Armani tables dotted the room. Huge bouquets of white roses and purple delphiniums added to the energetic colours of the street art, which sold quickly to the highest bidders.

Jennifer Campbell.



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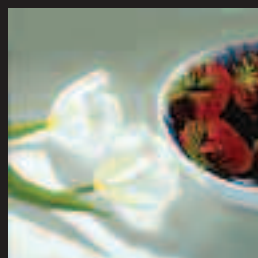
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Susan Oomen

New in the gallery

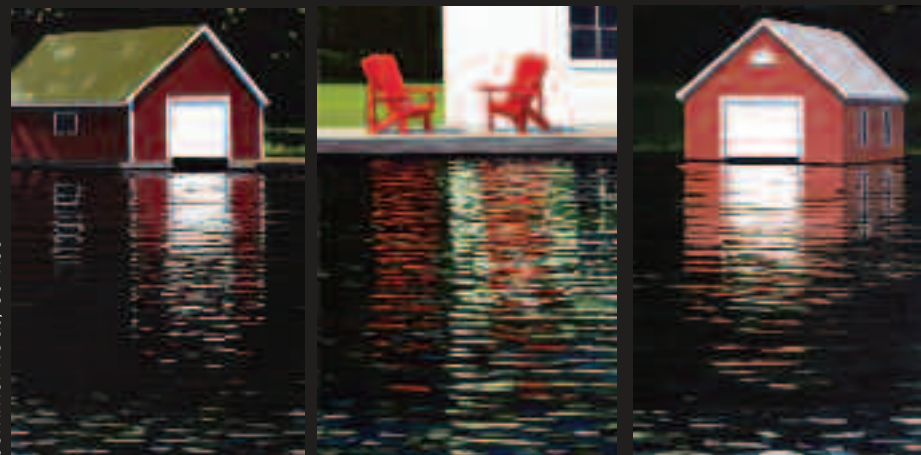
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