

\$4.5M raised for arena

'Community' fundraising phase coming

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of \$4.5 million has been reached so far in fundraising pledges for the Westmount recreation centre, campaign chair Geoff Molson announced February 21. The first results represent 77 percent of the \$6-million goal.

Significant pledges are reported to have come from a number of Westmount families including the Desmarais, Molson, Pathy, Pomerleau and Saputo families, though specific amounts are not being disclosed.

"It's a good start and a good campaign,

but we've got our work cut out for us," Molson told the *Independent*.

"All the calls I've made, and meetings I had, have been very positive, with people trying to do as much as possible. The community phase will allow for a lot more people to participate and the more that do, the more will feel part of it."

The initial results were announced as the fundraising committee prepares to launch the second phase in mid-March geared to broader community participation. This phase will target \$300,000 to be raised through a number of community events.

The names of contributors are to be "appropriately recognized in the new Westmount recreation centre complex," according to fundraising coordinator continued on p. 23

Greene to be greener



Looking north up Greene, this design shows the new terrasse along de Maisonneuve where an "esplanade" will be created of decorative concrete using land at the side of the old Post Office building, reduced traffic lanes on either side of the new raised Greene intersection and the greening of all four corners. See story below.

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Second phase of facelift to start in May

Raised intersection, Greene square set for this summer

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Plans for redesigning the crossroads at Greene at de Maisonneuve show a raised intersection flush with the sidewalk, an elevated esplanade to the west between the Old Post Office building and a new terrasse, or public square, along the side of the new condo development at the southwest corner.

Unveiled by the city to residents and merchants at a meeting February 19, the

new design also calls for reducing the number of traffic lanes on de Maisonneuve with the aim of creating a "pedestrian friendly" gathering point in the commercial district.

By raising the crosswalks and the entire intersection at the "carrefour," the message to drivers is that they are crossing the sidewalk, rather than pedestrians crossing the street, explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Urban Plan- continued on p. 9

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My father was a tailor by profession; he worked in ladies coats and suits in the art deco Hermes building on Peel street . He would bring home fabrics from Italy, England and France and would make me, my sister and my mother these one -of -a -kind coats . His profession had saved his life in Siberia since clothing and food were more valuable than money or jewels during the war. Once, I had him design me a Humphrey Bogart 30's style coat that made me look like a Russian emmigré.

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Demo meeting for 1* house at 3219 The Boulevard

Braemar’s attic rooms get quick nod for ‘missing’ dormer

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It didn’t take long for one of Westmount’s oldest heritage houses to receive the Demolition committee’s blessing to install a shed dormer with two windows in the only façade of the roof without attic dormers.

At the city hall hearing February 14 into the house known as Braemar (3219 The Boulevard), almost more time was taken up in historical debate about whether or not it had once had a dormer in the south façade. But city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier redirected the focus.

“The reason that PAC [the Planning Advisory Committee] approved the dormer was based not on history but more on the need for natural light in attic bedrooms,” she stated, as well as increased ventilation.

The addition of the dormer is part of extensive ongoing restorations of the 1847 house undertaken by owner Sharon Azrieli, who at times disagreed over details with committee chairman Patrick Martin.

Diverging views

But whatever their divergent views, Martin concluded the hearing by telling Azrieli that Westmount was “very fortunate” to have an owner of Braemar “such as you who wishes to restore it and bring it up to date in terms of usage...so I think

you can count on our favourable consideration.”

The request to install the dormer required a demolition hearing only because the city now requires one for exterior modifications to all 1* heritage buildings, such as Braemar.

The city had not received any letters of concern or support regarding the proposed window, Poirier confirmed.

Debate resumed

As soon as the decision was rendered, the historical debate resumed as Martin, Azrieli and her husband, Avi Perez, along with architect François Pellicer began poring over plans and early images of Braemar and its subsequent modifications that also had been distributed during the hearing.

Of particular interest were those showing interior images of cut roof members that suggested an opening of some sort once existed in the south side of Braemar’s attic space at the location of the proposed dormer.

“We know for a fact that there was an opening the entire width – for a balcony, a tower or a dormer,” Pellicer told the hear-



Sketch shows new roof dormer at left after restoration of Braemar.

Image courtesy of DFS Architecture

ing. “We know that something existed there.”

Referring to early drawings of the house that show no southern window on the roof, Martin stated that, “It’s really re-

markable that the south-facing roof façade is the only side that doesn’t have a dormer. So it calls out for a dormer.”

Pellicer said in his presentation that alter- continued on p. 8

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After the meeting February 14, from left: Avi Perez, Councillor Patrick Martin, Sharon Azrieli and architect François Pellicer.



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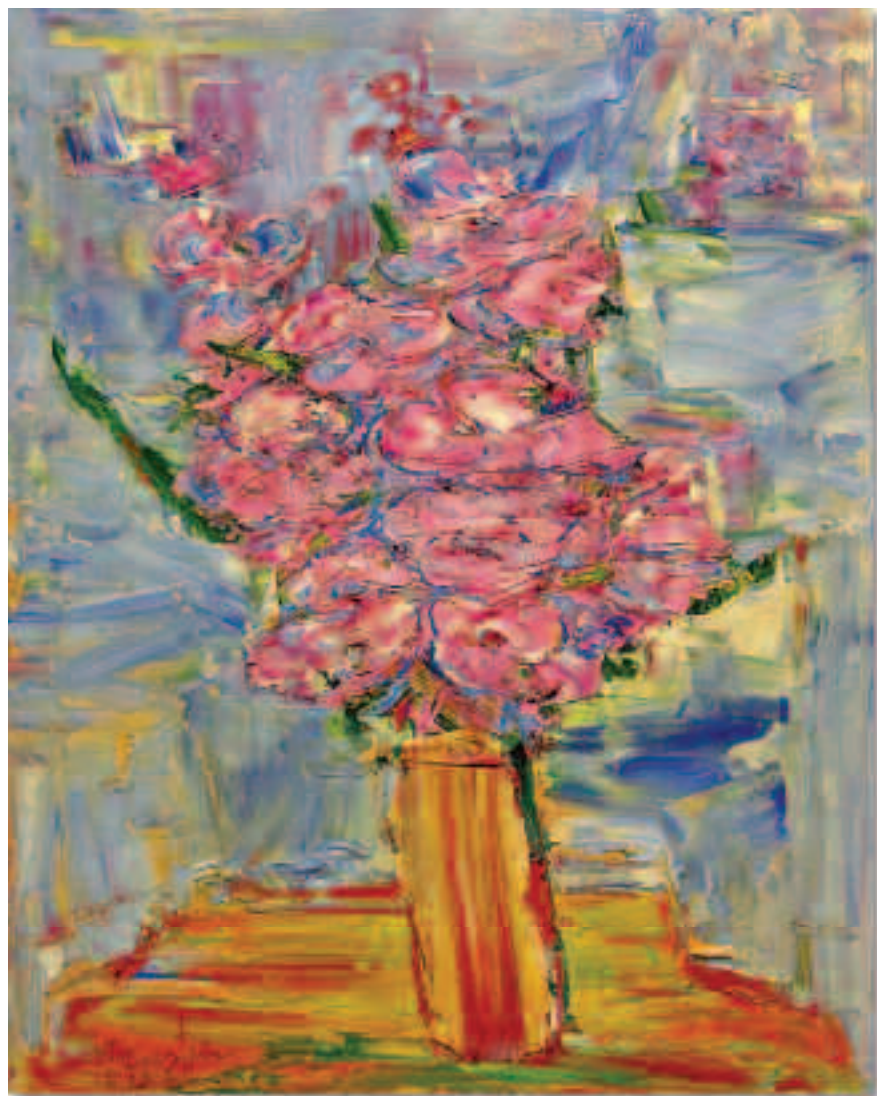
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Westmount Art Scene

Gedalof, Vantomme and 'Carnaval:' magic and mischief

BY HEATHER BLACK

This month, festive art allays the winter chill. Paintings by Westmount residents Anna Gedalof and Aileen Marie Vantomme explode the senses at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, while Galerie D'Este's group exhibit "Carnaval" ignites the passions.

Gedalof and Vantomme at the Gallery

Intense colour, exaggerated line and free forms define Gedalof's latest work. The "Porte-manteaux" series features ab-



Anna Gedalof "Porte-manteaux 4"

stract shapes juxtaposed with lively patterns or lines. Evoking well-heeled women in fox and ermine, "Porte-manteaux 4" is particularly rich in texture and style.

Colourful fruit set against neutral tones define the series "En Provence." Free forms and whimsical lines evoke leisurely repasts in the French countryside. Expansive landscapes in rich colour are also captured in the artist's fluid style. Painted in acrylic on paper, the vibrant red of "Summer Rain" shocks the senses.

Vantomme's series "Interrupted" simultaneously suggests moon craters and microscopic cellular explosions. Beautifully crafted, the rich texture of fabric and paint dominate the neutral palette. Painted in gold, taupe and black, the mix of three-dimension and flat textures creates an unexpected dynamic. This exhibit continues until Saturday, March 9 at 4626 Sherbrooke St.

"Carnaval" at Galerie D'Este

This exhibit captures the carnival expe-

rience of performance, masks and mythology. British Columbia artist Meghan Hildebrand's complex abstracts set a festive tone. The rich red and orange of "I Dreamed You" or "Sometimes Brothers" vibrate to create an atmosphere of spontaneity and excitement.

Geneviève Lapierre's powerful imagery evokes both costume and stage sets. A mix of photography and painting, "Double en soi," features two rock divas entwined in a red and green composition. In "Tapis de fleurs," a gilded girl emerges from a patterned background not unlike Gustav Klimt's portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer. With fluid overpainting, this Quebec City artist creates the masks of contemporary society.

Montrealer Betino Assa's colourful graphic monographs feature masks, while gremlins prevail in "A Balkan story."

Montreal artist Nathan Brown also evokes the supernatural. The dramatic, detailed drawing of "Deaths of Adonis!!!" features man and beast, while masked creatures encircle fire for "Bonfire/The Orchard." "Carnaval" continues until Sunday, March 3 at Galerie D'Este, 1329 Greene Ave.

Crafted spontaneity

Gedalof's bold colour and Vantomme's nuanced form create a joyful experience. "Carnaval" captured in colourful costume and rhythmic line engages the senses. Incorporating the light and dark of mythology, a magical drama prevails.



Betino Assa "A Balkan story"

Last-minute review uncovers discrepancy in lot size

New storey for 91 Summit Cr. wins demo approval

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A demolition hearing required for the addition of a second storey to a split-level house at 91 Summit Crescent got off to a most unusual start at city hall February 14.

That very morning – even after the project had made its way through the zoning and design review process – it was discovered that the property frontage was wider than “it seems,” announced city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. This discrepancy increased the requirement for lateral setbacks.

As a result, the proposed design plan – or replacement project – was revealed not to conform to zoning By-law 1384.

The building’s footprint would not change, however, because the second storey is to be built on the original foundations and walls, she noted. But the new setbacks would have an impact on some of the second storey additions.

“It won’t affect the appearance of the building from the street,” she explained.

Poirier said the inconsistency was brought to light when the city’s Board of Inspections decided at a morning meeting “to take another look at it.”

Nevertheless, the presentation went on as planned and the design shown was readjusted over the following few days, Poirier later told the *Independent*. The city’s Demolition committee chaired by

Councillor Patrick Martin and comprising councillors Kathleen Duncan and Theodora Samiotis approved the request in a 2 to 1 decision with Martin dissenting over concerns about the replacement program.

Existing walls to form base

Architect Alain Carle told the meeting that by removing the original sloping roof to add a second storey had brought the

project just over the 50-percent mark for which a demolition permit is required even though the existing brick walls would form the base of the upper addition.

Located on the north side of Summit Crescent between Devon and Shorncliffe with St. Joseph’s Oratory in view, the house is to become more contemporary in design having a flat roof with wood siding around wood windows.

It is situated between a *continued on p. 8*



Architect Alain Carle, left, presents his redesign of 91 Summit Crescent at the demolition hearing February 14 as Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier looks on.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS NO-PARKING AREA ON MELBOURNE A CASH GRAB?

Melbourne Ave. is a one-block street. Many people park there because of its proximity to one of the busiest doctors' offices in the city. While there are signs indicating that parking is not allowed on the south side of the street from December 1 to March 31, these signs are the highest up of all the three signs on the pole – and the stickers with the dates are faded.

The next lower sign indicates there is no parking on Wednesdays for the greater part of the year and the lowest (and most visible sign) says parking is free for two hours.

Parents with sick children, elderly folks heading for a check-up or those who wish to enjoy a winter skate in Westmount Park are getting nailed with \$52 tickets all day, every day throughout the winter. Westmount Public Security vans turn down our street every few hours to write tickets for the next set of victims.

It's my understanding that the money goes to the city of Montreal*. So, we must ask ourselves: Why is Westmount giving the city of Montreal all this "free (read: expensive) and easy" money?

In January and, again, last week, a local Robin Hood and some Merry Men put brightly-coloured hockey tape on the signs to help hapless drivers more easily notice



Parking signs on Melbourne.

the parking rules. It was an extremely effective tactic, and people stopped parking on the south side of Melbourne. After both taping instances, the tape was removed.

It is clear that the city has no interest or reason for not having people park there. Car parker beware: the city wants your money and they have neither the will to make their signs more clear nor the heart to let Robin Hood do his good work.

LISA OSTERLAND, MELBOURNE AVE.



Photos courtesy of Lisa Osterland

* Editor's note: According to Annette Dupré, Westmount's Finance director and treasurer, "parking ticket fines are typically \$52, made up of \$12 administrative fees charged and kept by Montreal and \$40 going to Westmount."

THOSE WITH LONG DRIVEWAYS – WHY NOT PARK CLOSER TO STREET?

Because I anticipate at least one more large snowfall before spring, I am

prompted to respond to the letter "Long driveway owners need night-time removal" (February 12, p. 6). I also do so because it seems to be a response to my letter urging council not to change the regulations restricting contractors from working at night.

I realize that some "humble" Westmounters would like their contractors to work at night, whereas some "classless" residents would like to sleep undisturbed. May I assure my Prince Albert Ave. neighbour that I am not "envious," and I think I have a "sound mind," but I still cannot find "a cure for sleeping soundly" when snow is being removed at 4 am.

I could not follow all the other arguments in this letter, but nevertheless have a suggestion that might resolve the duel between the humble and the classless: just as those with parking aprons do, those with long driveways should park near the sidewalk. That would make for an easy exit and save money. And, although this is not part of the night removal controversy, my letter expressed concern about the danger of snow being piled on the street.

So, in response to the question of a contractor, "what am I supposed to do – put it in my pocket?" I suggest a better option might be to follow the example of other communities and insist the snow be carted away or put onto the owner's property.

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New app launched at Westmount High puts scheduling info in staff's hands

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount High is one of 17 English Montreal School Board (EMSB) schools where a new computerized and wireless system is now being deployed to help administrators know where students are supposed to be – without having to go back to their offices or consult a desktop computer.

“Hall Monitor,” an application for mobile devices developed by Montreal-based emAPPetizer Inc., was officially launched at the school on February 13.

It has been designed to lighten the workload for school staffers who routinely have to deal with students spotted wandering hallways when they're between classes or perhaps for less legitimate reasons.

The software provides a database of information on the students, including their names, photographs, and class schedules and rooms, and makes it accessible through various wireless devices, including computer tablets that many staff now carry while working.

Although Westmount High and other EMSB schools had already set up computer databases with some of this information, the data could only be accessed from a laptop or desktop computer. While the new app functions for now only within range of the school's wi-fi system, there are plans to eventually extend access to the internet.

“This is a tool that will allow the administrators of our schools to identify students at the touch of a screen,” said Sylvia Lo Bianco, the EMSB's vice chair. “This is something innovative, and there are more applications like this to come.”

While the system was designed to be used by virtually any staff member, for the time being, according to Westmount High principal Michael Cristofaro, only administrators will be able to use it. “If we are in the hall and a student is also in the hall and we want to know where he's supposed to be, this will tell us right away,” he told the *Independent*.

“We also foresee it being used in situations where students may not know their schedule completely or by heart, and they may ask where they should be or where is their next class. This way we don't have to send them to the office because we have it right there.”

Besides the app, existing security measures at Westmount High include keeping doors locked at all times from the outside, and screening visitors at the administra-



Westmount High principal Michael Cristofaro, second from right, and vice principal Joanna Genovesos, right, hold computer tablets containing the Hall Monitor app with, from left, students Kami Katopodis, Emilie Cook-Desmarteau, Tanjena Atker and Gopal Logaratnam.

tion office. “We also practise lock-down drills on a regular basis,” said Cristofaro, while adding that closed-circuit cameras have been set up at some entrances.

“We're currently looking at expanding the cameras both inside and outside of the building,” he said.

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Shaddick receives Bronze Wolf



Thomas Allen, left, and John Neysmith present Scouting award to Maggie Shaddick.

After more than 50 years in Scouting in Westmount and internationally, Maggie Shaddick was presented with the highest world award, the Bronze Wolf, at a ceremony February 20 in Victoria Hall attended by some 200 invited guests. “This wonderful Wolf belongs to all of you,” she said referring to the many volunteers from Westmount and others she has worked with. Among them were two of the 12 members of the world committee: Thomas Allen, of Chicago, who made the presentation along with John Neysmith of

Morin Heights. A former Scout master of the 2nd Westmount Troop, retired Maj.-Gen. Frank Norman, came from Kingston. One of his two sons who were Westmount Scouts, now Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, was recently named to take command of the Royal Canadian Navy in June. Mayor Peter Trent read a congratulatory letter from Lt.-Gov. Pierre Duchesne, the patron of Scouting in Quebec, former city councillor George Bowser emceed the event and Westmount Scouter Andrew Macdougall led a Cub choir.

– LS

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modern house of similar height to the north and a more traditional one to the right with a high-peaked roof.

Carle pointed out that the variety of architecture on the street was consistent with the non-alignment of streets “at the top of the hill,” which were in keeping with the configuration of the mountain.

Andrea Wolff, who spoke on behalf of the PAC, said the original 1956 house was rated Category III. As such, it had no particular historic or heritage significance. While it was in good condition, the PAC found no reason to preserve the original given the owners’ needs to add a second storey (see January 29, p. 2).

Modern ‘mish-mash’

In terms of harmonizing with the streetscape, Wolff pointed out a variety of other houses shown on the screen presentation, saying: “You can see there’s a mixture – a modern mish-mash.” In this context, she added, the house “warrants an intervention that is more contemporary in style.”

Summarizing the defining characteris-

tics of the neighbourhood – Character Area 1 – Wolff said the houses were often asymmetrical in composition with windows more than likely to be horizontal and “garages that are almost always integrated in the main volume of the building.”

The house is owned by the DN Family Trust, which was represented at the hear-

Merchants, residents react to new Greene square design

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Reaction from residents and merchants to the second phase of the Greene refurbishment project starting in May came so quickly and with so little input that the city meeting February 19 lasted scarcely 45 minutes.

“We tried to incorporate many of the ideas that had been proposed and to learn from the first phase of the project,” explained Public Works civil engineer Elisa Gaetano. In fact, the city was already opening tenders for the supply of granite.

“I think the plan is very good,” said Michael Millman, president of the Greene Ave. Merchants Association, one of about a dozen attendees other than planners, city officials and councillors.

An illustrated notice from the city dated February 13 was delivered to Greene Ave. businesses and local residents inviting them to the meeting with a brief description of its purpose. Although time and location had been chosen for the convenience of merchants, only a handful of stores were represented.

Millman said he particularly liked the use of the area alongside the Old Post Office to create an esplanade but asked if an electronic business directory could be in-

stalled.

“We haven’t looked at that,” Lulham said. But when it was later suggested that some sort of information board for the posting of notices also be installed, she added, “We’ll see if it’s possible to add that to the design.”

Patricia Dumais, of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association, and a resident of Greene, also liked the plan. She said the raised walking area would make it easier not only for pedestrians but the narrowing to one lane of de Maisonneuve would be good for merchants since it would “steer traffic down Greene.”

Jerry Miller, a director of the Westmount Municipal Association, called the plan “a good piece of work,” and asked how many indoor parking spaces would be created for 5 Saisons, to which architect Brian Burrows said about 21 compared to about 24 previously available outside.

Miller also suggested a two-inch lip (like a low curb) be used to separate the road from raised portions of sidewalk “to protect the city from a lawsuit,” to which Gaetano said it was being considered for some areas.

Joseph Attias, the Ramco developer of the new 1250 Greene building who also at-

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ations in 1924 included the creation of five bedrooms for servants in the attic and additional dormer windows. The south facing attic space had been retained for storage, however, though Azrieli now plans to use it as bedrooms.

Pellicer also pointed out that the new south-facing dormer would have minimal impact from the street and that “by law, bedrooms need a dormer.”

Such historical buildings, he said, “are not static. They’re dynamic and move forward through time and need to meet current requirements.”

Regency-style house

The distinctive white Regency-style house once dominated the north side of what is now The Boulevard to the west of the top of Mount Pleasant. The house became virtually hidden from view by the building of houses in front of it during the 1980s (see January 29, p. 3).

The galleries surrounding it on two levels are among its defining characteristics along with its greened copper roof.



On an easel, an image of the house inserted into the streetscape was displayed to those in attendance at the demo hearing February 14.

Phase 2 of Greene refurbishment starts in May

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ning, during the meeting at Centre Greene.

The work is scheduled to start in May and wind up mid-July, weather permitting. It is part of the second phase of a two-block refurbishment of Greene begun three years ago with the block south of Sherbrooke (see June 22, 2010, p. 1).

The new phase, which involves reconstruction of the street, sidewalks and carrefour from de Maisonneuve to St. Catherine, has been awaiting completion of the condo development at 1250 Greene.

"The goal is to have the terrasse open by the end of July," Lulham said.

Terrasse to seat 100

The terrasse with a low bubbling fountain will be large enough for tables to seat 90 and benches for another 10. It will be defined by being slightly elevated above the sidewalk, ending with a grouping of trees to act as a buffer between the commercial and residential zones of the street.

"The idea is to create a gateway into the residential zone on de Maisonneuve," explained architect Brian Burrows.

Traffic is to be reduced to one lane along this short strip alongside the bike path while the Bixi station will be moved across Greene to the southeast corner beside the TD bank building, where the current three traffic lanes will go down to two.

Other details of the new design include trees and a row of permanent decorative bollards to separate the sidewalk from the

bike path within the esplanade area, which includes the roadway, sidewalks and terrasse/seating areas on either side.

The entire project is to be based on sustainable development, universal accessibility and respect for the built environment with an aim to create a "small town" ambiance, said Public Works civil engineer Elisa Gaetano, who presented the construction project.

While the plan has already been approved by council members, details were still described as "in progress" when it was rolled out for input last week. Merchants also were assured the number of parking spots "should not" not change (see story, p. 8).

Access to businesses would also be maintained during construction even though that section of Greene would be closed at various times. Additional parking might be accommodated on Olivier.

The creation of a terrasse and subsequent development of the four corners was made possible by an agreement reached between the city and Ramco developer Joseph Attias, whereby 5 Saisons would occupy space on the ground floor and a public square would be created to replace the former plaza outside the grocery store (see June 15, 2010, p. 1).

"Before, this was a haphazard space, a kind of no man's land," Lulham noted. By contrast, the new terrasse would be clearly defined.

The four corners of the intersection were rezoned in August 2010 to prepare for the upcoming work. Les 5 Saisons is

expected to re-open in its new space in May or June.

For reactions, see story, p. 8.

For artist rendering, see p. 1.

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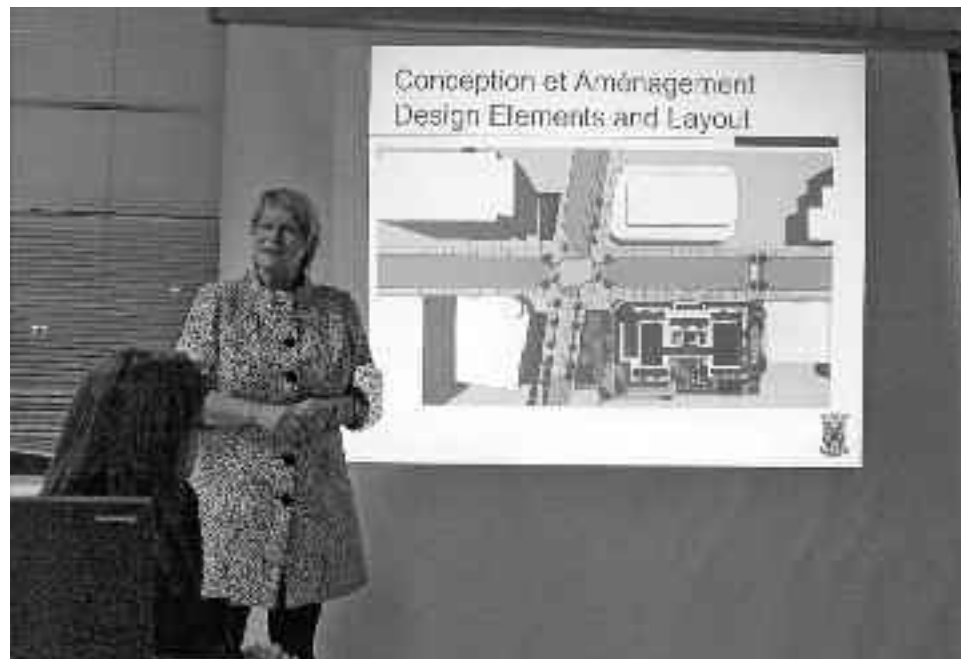
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Medivan ticketed on de Maisonneuve bike path

By MICHAEL MOORE

A Medivan waiting on de Maisonneuve to transport an injured Westmouter to a doctor's appointment was ticketed for parking in the bike path, as police crack down on traffic violations in the area.

With his wife recovering from a broken leg and ankle, de Maisonneuve resident Frank Nichilo hires a Medivan, essentially



The Medivan received the \$57 ticket on the south side of de Maisonneuve on February 12.

a minivan taxi with an access ramp to accommodate wheelchair-bound patients, to transport her to bi-weekly doctor appointments.

"We have stairs in front of our condo and no ramp, so getting her to her appointments is a two-man job," he said.

According to Nichilo, he and his wife were preparing to leave their condo on the south side of de Maisonneuve near Redfern on February 12 when their driver ran in, brandishing a \$57 ticket for parking in the boulevard's bike path.

"If the driver didn't know beforehand that there was a bike path, there wasn't any way for him to see it. There was so much snow on the ground that it was impossible to see the bike path lines," said Nichilo.

In recent years, the de Maisonneuve bike path has remained open in winter.

"The vehicle was continued on p. 21

2012 figures released for Westmount

Bixi members up 10%, true usage hike unknown

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Bixi membership rose 10 percent in Westmount for the year 2012 to 549, according to figures from the bike sharing company released last week by the city. But while the use of Bixi docking stations also increased, numbers do not reflect the same number of months.

This is because in 2011 the Bixi service had not been installed and fully operational until mid-May for the first three months of 2012 (see August 14, 2012, p. 9). As a result, the 2012 usage numbers from Bixi showing a 20-percent increase relate to a seven-month period compared to six months the previous year.

"These figures have to be interpreted with some care because we shouldn't be comparing apples and oranges," added Mayor Peter Trent. "There is some increase in usage but clearly not 20 percent."

Nevertheless, during 2012, a combined total of 76,186 departures and arrivals were recorded over the operating period

from mid-April to mid-November. The previous year, 63,673 were registered from mid-May to mid-November.

Bixi on Greene most popular

As well, the Bixi station at de Maisonneuve and Greene continued for the second year running to be the most popular of the five locations. In 2012, it chalked up a combined total of 24,110 departures and arrivals.

Following in descending order were those at de Maisonneuve and Victoria (18,303), Victoria Hall (14,523), Hillside and St. Catherine (10,315), and Argyle and Sherbrooke (8,935).

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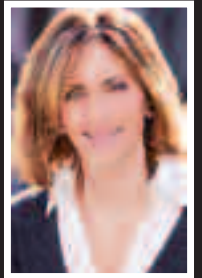
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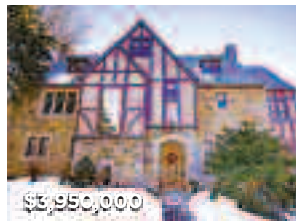


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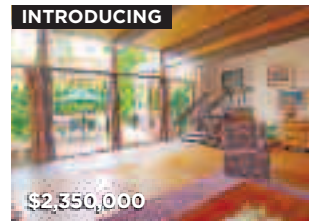
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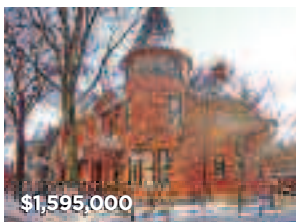
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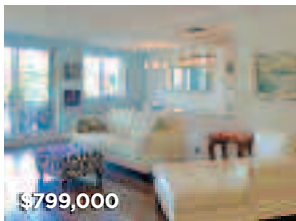
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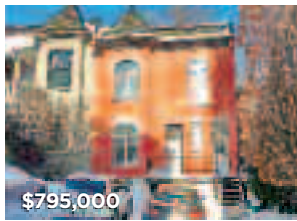
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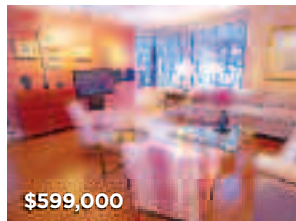
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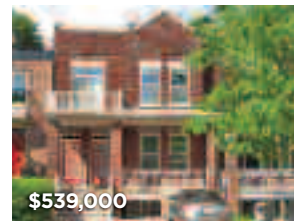
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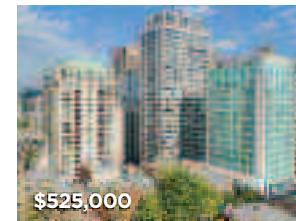
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Station 12 Reports

Police told not to intervene with barefoot woman

By ISAAC OLSON

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

An NDG woman in her 40s has, for a number of years, been strolling the area barefoot no matter the weather and, when the temperature drops to dangerously cold temperatures, concerned residents regularly call 911 to report the shoeless woman.

After several interventions, discussions with social workers and research made by the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal’s (SPVM) legal department, officers are now being told not to contact the woman. This is because she has threatened to file a human rights or discrimination complaint against the department for continually stopping her as she goes about her business, according to Station 12’s Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The woman is not allowed to use the Société de transport de Montréal’s (STM) public transportation system without shoes, said Pimentel, but she does have the right to not wear shoes on the streets of Montreal and Westmount. This is not a mental health issue, he said, it is her choice. Now police have circulated a description of the woman so they know, when out on foot patrol, not to intervene.

Pimentel said this does not mean people should stop calling 911 if they see someone without shoes or in need of intervention. However, police will ignore the call no matter the weather if they find it is the same NDG woman.

According to Environment Canada, the risk of frostbite and frostnip generally begins around the -28° C mark, and it can occur on skin exposed to wind chill in 10 to 30 minutes. It begins to be a high risk at -28°C.

Purse stolen at eatery

A woman enjoying a visit to the Pâtis-

serie de Gascogne on Sherbrooke St. near Grosvenor Ave. had her purse stolen from between her feet on February 19.

The woman was in the eatery for about an hour that afternoon, said Pimentel, and the police report does not confirm whether the woman guarded the purse at her feet the entire time or got up at some point. Regardless, the purse, full of personal information, cards and money, was stolen. She didn’t notice the purse was missing until she was leaving, he said.

Usually, said Pimentel, putting the purse between your feet is a good way to prevent theft, but it is not foolproof as thieves will, on occasion, manage to steal it or items out of it. He said he would like to see all restaurant tables equipped with hooks so purses can be hung under the table but, until then, he recommends setting the purse on the table or in your lap.

People should never, he said, leave a purse or bag hanging from the back of their chair or unattended.

Itinerant found drying socks

A man described as an itinerant was spotted on the city’s security camera “sleeping” in the comfort station in Stayner Park at 4 pm February 15, Public Security officials said. Officers found the man just who stated he was drying his socks with the hand dryer. He was reported as aged 52 and homeless but not known to them. He was referred to seek help at the Open Door mission at nearby St. Stephen’s Church.

Lane boxed in by delayed recycling

A resident of Sherbrooke called Public Security February 16 to report that an accumulation of boxes behind the Starbucks outlet near Claremont was preventing passage in the lane. Public safety officers said that employees told them the private recycling truck that usually passed on Friday had not been around for two weeks. They were given an hour to remove the boxes, which they did.



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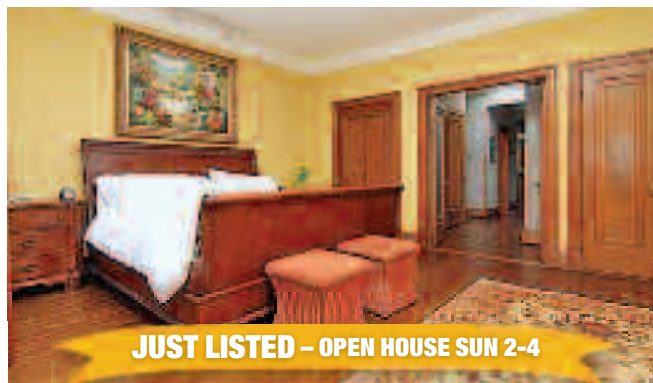


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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Série conférences ville en santé : *Apprivoiser la circulation pour une meilleure qualité de vie*
Le jeudi 7 mars à 19 h. Bibliothèque de Westmount. Le comité sur l'environnement du Projet ville en santé de Westmount présente **Dan Lambert**, président de l'Association de marche et de cyclisme de Westmount, qui discutera de la gestion de la circulation en milieu urbain résidentiel. Gratuit; bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5284.

CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT

Campagne de financement du CLW

Préparez-vous pour la phase communautaire de la campagne CLW, qui sera dévoilé bientôt. Parmi les événements de levée de fonds proposés : un tournoi de hockey de rue pendant la Journée familiale, la fabuleuse soirée printanière au Victoria Hall, un tournoi de tennis de 3 jours et un festival aquatique et rodéo de camions-restaurateurs. Consultez le guide d'activités printemps/été, ou suivez les médias pour en savoir plus.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Activités de relâche : films en après-midi

Les lundi et mardi 4 et 5 mars à 14 h. Salle Westmount; films pour les enfants de 6 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

Cercle de lecture

Le mardi 12 mars à 10 h 15. Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Info : 514 989-5386.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 13 mars à 10 h 15. Faites preuve de créativité lors de cet atelier où vous pourrez vous exprimer en vers dans une ambiance décontractée. Info : 514 989-5386.

Conférences de 14 heures :

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela

Le mercredi 13 mars à 14 h. Jean Marier et Jean Pothier offriront une présentation illustrée de leur voyage vers Compostelle et traiteront des aspects religieux, spirituels, historiques et géographiques de ce pèlerinage en Espagne du Nord. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5299.

L'heure du conte : *The Lost Art of Listening*

Le jeudi 14 mars à 19 h. Le conteur Brad Woods puise son inspiration de faits réels, de contes traditionnels et de sa propre expérience de vie pour approfondir l'art du conte. Venez prêter une oreille attentive à ses histoires tantôt passionnantes, tantôt humoristiques. Info : 514 989-5299.

Film familial en soirée

Le vendredi 15 mars à 18 h 30. Salle Westmount; une projection spéciale d'un film familial (7 ans et plus) qui n'est pas encore disponible en DVD. Veuillez vous inscrire au comptoir des enfants. Présentation en anglais. Info : 514 989-5229.

Prochaine séance du conseil : le 4 mars

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

La galerie du Victoria Hall

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les œuvres d'**Anna Gedalof** et d'**Aileen Marie Vantomme** du 14 février au 9 mars 2013. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Galerie : appel de dossiers

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2013-2014 (septembre 2013 à août 2014). Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes professionnels ou émergents qui habitent Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure 10 photographies ou images électroniques d'œuvres récentes (programmation générale) ou 5 photographies (volet groupe); une liste des œuvres présentées et les renseignements s'y rattachant (titre, grandeur, année, etc.). Svp indiquer si vous poser votre candidature pour la programmation générale ou le volet exposition de groupe, ou pour les deux.

Période d'inscription annuelle : du 15 février au 15 avril. Les dossiers doivent être envoyés au soin du Comité de sélection, Victoria Hall, 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, H3Z 1E2 ou déposés au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victoriahall@westmount.org.

Concert Jeunesses Musicales Canada : Rythmo-Rigolo (3 à 7 ans)

Le mercredi 6 mars à 9 h 30 au Victoria Hall. Connaissez-vous le monde fascinant des instruments à percussion ? Découvrez les sons qui font rire et les rythmes qui font danser. Même notre corps est un instrument de musique : tout le monde peut jouer ! Avec Thierry Arseneault and Bruno Roy. Entrée : 2 \$. Billets en vente au Victoria Hall; places limitées. Info : 514 989-5226.

Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

Le dimanche 17 mars à midi. Centre-ville de Montréal. Participez au défilé ! L'équipe Westmount vous attendra au coin du boulevard René-Lévesque et la rue Crescent le 17 mars à midi. Info : 514 989-5226.



CITY HALL

Healthy City Speaker Series:

Tame Traffic to Improve Livability

Thursday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Westmount Library. The Westmount HCP Environment Committee presents **Dan Lambert**, President of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association, who will speak about managing traffic in urban residential areas. Free; everyone welcome. Info: 514 989-5284.

WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

WRC Fundraising Campaign

Stay tuned for more information about the community phase of the WRC Campaign! Fundraising events will include a Street Hockey Tournament on Family Day, this year's glamorous Spring Soirée at Victoria Hall, a 3-day Tennis Tournament and an Aquatics Festival and Food Truck Rodeo. Watch for details in the spring/summer activities guide and in the media.

LIBRARY

March Break Film Afternoons

Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. Westmount Room; for children aged 6 and up. Info: 514 989-5229.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, March 12 at 10:15 a.m. No reading lists, no deadlines, just a talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5386.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, March 13 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5386.

2 O'Clock Series:

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela

Wednesday, March 13 at 2 p.m.



Join Jean Marier and Jean Pothier for an illustrated presentation of their journey along the *Camino de Santiago de Compostela*, touching on the religious, spiritual, historical and physical aspects of this pilgrimage route in Northern Spain. Info: 514 989-5299.

Storytelling Event: *The Lost Art of Listening*

Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Join storyteller Brad Woods as he uses traditional tales, original stories and personal stories to explore the power and art of storytelling. Come prepared to learn, to laugh and most importantly, to listen. Info: 514 989-5299.

Family Film Night

Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a special screening of a family film (for age 7 and up) not yet available on DVD! Please register at the Children's Desk. Presentation in English. Info : 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting: March 4

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Gallery at Victoria Hall

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to feature the works of **Anna Gedalof** and **Aileen Marie Vantomme** from February 14 to March 9, 2013. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Gallery: Call for projects

The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces its Call for projects for the 2013-2014 exhibition season (September 2013 to August 2014). Emerging or professional artists residing in Westmount are invited to apply. Please include ten photographs or electronic images of recent works for a season exhibition or five photographs for the group exhibition category, a descriptive list of the photographs submitted (title, size, year completed, etc.); a short résumé and an artist's statement and indicate whether you are applying for a season exhibition, a group show, or for both.

Annual registration period: February 15 to April 15.

Please forward your project to the Gallery Selection Committee, Victoria Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W., H3Z 1E2 or deliver it to Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. Info: 514 989-5521 or victoriahall@westmount.org.

Concert: Jeunesses Musicales Canada : Giggle & Stomp (3-7 years)



Wednesday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., Victoria Hall. Have you ever explored the fascinating world of percussion? Discover sounds that will make you laugh and rhythms that will get you dancing! Even our bodies are musical instruments, so anyone can play! With Bruno Roy and Thierry Arseneault. Admission \$2. Tickets available at Victoria Hall; places are limited. Info: 514 989-5226.

St. Patrick's Parade:

Sunday, March 17 at noon. Downtown Montreal. Join the Westmount contingent! Meet us at noon on the 17th at the corner of René-Lévesque Boulevard and Crescent Street. Info: 514 989-5226.



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Camps aim to keep youth active and learning during summer vacation

By MICHAEL MOORE

To students everywhere, few sounds ring as sweet as the final school bell each spring – the official proclamation signalling the long-awaited freedom of summer has finally arrived.

Needing to keep their youngsters active

during those ensuing months off, many parents turn to summer camps, opting between an array of athletic, artistic and educational alternatives to best help their kids develop mentally, physically and socially.

According to camp veterans, the experience can shape both character and mind,

building positive habits and providing an active alternative to the faintly illuminated allure of cell phones and iPads.

"In the society of today that involves a lot of screens, camp is such a wonderful place to send a teenager," said Heidi Loerick, mother of two school-aged camp goers. Their father is Gary White, director of the Westmount Y.

The unofficial Loerick family tradition of spending summers at sleep-away camp

predates the recent proliferation of personal handheld electronic devices.

"My father had also gone away to sleep-away camp as a child and adolescent, and he really believed that it had helped to shape him as a person," said Loerick.

Following in the footsteps of her father, Loerick spent the summers of her youth in the isolated atmosphere of sleep-away camp, relishing break from the pressures of the *continued on p. 18*



Emma at 10 years of age, left, with her mum Heidi Loerick, canoeing.

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“real world.”

“When you go to sleep-away camp, a lot of the layers from the city are stripped away. You just wear sweatpants and a sweater and not worry about the kind of superficial values,” she said.

Inspired by her experiences, Loerick returned to the sleep-away camp in the Laurentians as an 18-year-old, spending four years as councillor. Now the mother of two, Loerick's positives memories of her time at camp have rubbed off on her children, especially daughter Emma, soon to be 16.

“It wasn't that I told my daughter that I thought she was old enough to go to sleep-away camp,” said Loerick. “She just came up to me and said, ‘Next summer I'm going to camp!’”

Naturally shy and reserved, Emma has attended the Laurentian-based sleep-away camp for the last four years and credits its isolated setting with helping her blossom socially.

“The second I go to camp I just want to meet everybody and talk to everybody. It's carried over afterwards to school where now I want to talk to everybody, whereas

before I just hung out with my tighter group of friends,” she said.

The soon-to-be 16-year-old is hoping to make the jump to councillor-in-training this summer, giving her added social responsibility as an authority figure to younger campers.

“When you're with somebody 24/7, you become inseparable and you'll never forget them,” said Emma. “There are so many different people with so many different stories. It reminds you that you aren't the only person with problems and to think of everybody else, not just yourself.

Lifeguard training camp

Erin Mannard found similar personal growth at a camp closer to home.

As a 10-year-old, Mannard began attending a lifeguard training camp in Montreal West. A passionate swimmer, Mannard would attend lessons in the morning before lending a helping hand at the pool in the afternoon.

“I learned about teamwork and about getting to places on time because people were relying on you to be where you needed to be,” she said. “I

had always been the kid continued on p. 19

February isn't too early for soccer



The Westmount Soccer Club held an intramural tournament at Centre Greene on February 10. Four teams of four boys played each other over several hours. All the boys were members of last year's U13 soccer team.

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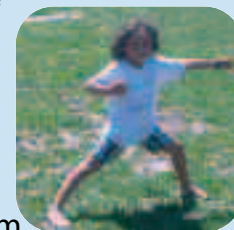
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Un message de votre député fédéral, Marc Garneau / A message from your Member of Parliament, Marc Garneau

Les citoyens de la circonscription de Westmount-Ville-Marie reçoivent et financent par leurs impôts de nombreux services du gouvernement fédéral. C'est le cas des services postaux. Or Postes Canada a récemment annoncé qu'il envisageait de fermer les trois bureaux de poste de notre circonscription que voici :

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Bureau de poste Snowdon --- 4944, boul. Décarie, Montréal, Québec

Votre député comprend parfaitement votre désir de consultation préalable. Comme c'est une décision qui va affecter nos communautés, il est normal que nous ayons un mot à dire à son sujet.

La pétition demandant au gouvernement d'annuler ces fermetures circule dans la circonscription. Si vous estimez que vous n'avez pas été convenablement consulté(e) ou que ces décisions ne sont pas dans le meilleur intérêt de notre collectivité, je vous encourage à signer la pétition. Faites-vous entendre du gouvernement.

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La pétition est disponible dans les commerces situés à proximité des bureaux de poste mentionnés.

As citizens of the riding of Westmount-Ville-Marie we receive, and help fund through taxes, many services from the federal government. These include postal services. Recently it was announced by Canada Post that it is considering closing three (3) of post offices in our riding. These are:

Westmount (Victoria) post office --- 4895 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, QC
NDG post office --- 5751 Sherbrooke West, Montréal.
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As your Member of Parliament I am responding to your desire to be consulted regarding this decision. This decision will affect our communities. We should have a say in it.

Petitions asking the Government to cancel these closures are circulating in the riding. If you feel that you were not properly consulted or that these decisions are not in the best interest of our community, I encourage you to sign one of these petitions. Make your voice heard by our government.

If you agree with the closures then no action is required.

The petitions can be found in businesses located near the above mentioned Post Offices.

Marc Garneau

Growing your own greens during winter

Adventures in Urban Farming

MARCI BABINEAU



Too wet to plow, too cold to care: These sentiments announce the perfect moment for the bathroom greenhouse. Our guest bathroom is organized with several wire rack shelves up the wall to hold shallow growing trays. Around the middle of February, when the days become longer but the world around us is still frozen, these shelves become an indoor micro greens plantation.

For those who haven't heard of micro-greens, they are young sprouts usually harvested after the first true leaves mature, with the cotyledons still attached, generally between one- to two-inches tall. Like a sprout, they are higher in nutrition than a mature plant and take fewer resources to develop. And they're tasty!

Beneath the shelves hang fluorescent shop lights 12 inches above the seed trays. The 18x24x3-inch trays are actually old plastic lids to storage boxes that were being sent to the landfill. All they needed were water drainage holes. Wooden clementine boxes also make good growing trays. They are on the small side, but plentiful after the holidays, and some might prefer a wooden growing medium rather than plastic.

Beneath the seed trays are winter boot trays to catch watering over-run, and are used for bottom watering once the seeds

are sprouted.

Seeding

With growing micro-greens in the off-season, try to avoid heat lovers like basil, spinach and amaranth. Stick to cold hardier plants like broccoli, beets, radish, arugula, cabbages, lettuces, carrots and chard. Micro-greens are popular enough that it is easy to come by different mixes, which can be fun. Many health food stores have begun to carry organic seeds for sprouting, which work well for this application too.

Use sterile soil for vegetable growing from the garden center or vermi-compost, if you have it – or some combination of the two. Sow approximately four to six seeds per inch. I like to soak the seeds for a couple of hours, then plant them into a moist soil by scattering them, then evenly pressing them into the earth. The soil needs to stay damp but not soaked.

Top watering should be done gently until seeds have sprouted. Once the seeds have sprouted, the plants can be bottom watered into the drainage tray. The little roots wick up the water. Trays can be covered with an open, clear plastic bag to hold in the warmth and moisture.

For lighting, leave the fluorescent lights on a timer for 12 hours of light. Plants benefit from the dark as well so it is best to use a timer.

Harvesting is a simple matter of trimming the little greens off near the earth with kitchen scissors, rinsing and eating them. Micro-greens make salads, omelets and any dish that needs cheering up more delicious and nutritious. They are an answer to developing local growing during

the Canadian winter. Providing their growing conditions have been properly met, seed-to-plate time is about two to three weeks. Soil and roots from the trays can augment kitchen compost throughout the winter.

Good growing Westmount!

Marci Babineau is a long-time organic gardener, and keeps hens and bees in her urban garden in Westmount. You can reach her at sustainthislife@gmail.com.



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Medivan, cont'd. from p. 10

parked in such a way that it created a danger for bicycles," said Station 12's Lt. Jacques Meunier. "They would have had to go outside the path and potentially into incoming traffic to get past the vehicle." He added that several adequate parking places were available on the other side of the street.

According to Meunier, the vehicle was deserted when Constable Steven Goldberg pulled up to investigate.

"If we see somebody entering or leaving a vehicle, we will ask them to move it but [Goldberg] had time to investigate the vehicle and time to issue the ticket before meeting with Mr. Nichilo and the driver," he said.

The condo construction site on Redfern has become a hotbed for traffic complaints, with locals accusing work crews of

disobeying traffic laws (see "City, residents exasperated by Redfern worksite," February 12, p. 7).

"We ask our officers to pay a little extra attention to construction sites," said Meunier. "We are working with the city and the contractor to make sure that all signage is obeyed."

Although he is not legally liable for the fine, Nichilo says he feels responsible for the ticket and has contacted various members of city hall to plead his case, including Mayor Peter Trent and director general Duncan Campbell.

"These [Medivan] drivers are only making \$10 or \$20 for each trip," explained Nichilo, who says he will pay the \$57 fine if the ticket is not rescinded. "I don't think it's fair to ask the driver to pay the fine."

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Winter wonderland in Westmount



Murray Park, February 20 after a snowfall.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Arena project, cont'd. from p. 1

Camilla Leigh. Many naming opportunities will be available including such areas as dressing rooms, penalty boxes and the pool.

Leigh said she was not in a position at this time to announce any significant pledges that might be forthcoming from schools that use the city's sporting facilities.

Community events planned

Among fundraising events already identified are a street hockey tournament at Family Day, the Spring Soirée at Victoria Hall, a three-day tennis tournament and an aquatics festival with gourmet food truck rodeo.

Members of the volunteer committee chaired by Councillor Nicole Forbes who are heading up the community phase of the campaign are Karen Anderson, Helen Campbell, Ingrid Kovitch Dannenbaum, Antony Kovic, Sian Matthews, Mike Osterland, Sada Reddy and Oliver Sugden.

The campaign started off with an objective of \$5 million but was increased by \$700,000 and then another \$300,000 with the decision to increase the size of a second ice rink to regulation size allowing for more flexibility in programming and introducing more types of skating programs.

The reaction to the decision has been positive, Molson said. "At first, people were asking 'Why?' Now that it's well known, people are saying it makes for a more positive experience."

The fundraising objective represents about one third of the \$38.3-million budget (rink extension included) not being financed by the \$20-million infrastructure grants. Some \$12 million remaining is to be borne by Westmount taxpayers over a 10-year-old period amounting to about \$200 on the average tax bill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- **Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd**, 10:15 am at the Westmount Public Library. Info: Donna Lach at dlach@westmount.org.
- **Seniors' luncheon**, 12:15 pm at Centre Greene. RSVP: 514.931.6202. Cost: \$5.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Arts and crafts for kids, 12 pm to 2 pm at Centre Greene. Cost: Drop-in \$3.50/child. Info: 514.931.6202 or www.centre-greene.org

MONDAY, 4 MARCH

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

McGill University Health Centre's **chronic pain self-management program** starts at the Westmount Public Library. Run Tuesdays, from 10 am to 12:30 pm until April 9. Free. Register: mytoolbox.mcgill.ca or call 514.934.1934, ext. 71585.



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Jeunesses Musicales Canada concert "**Giggle & Stomp**," 9:30 am at Victoria Hall. For ages 3 to 7 years. Performance by Thierry Arsenault and Bruno Roy on percussion. Cost: \$2. Tickets available at Victoria Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- As part of the Healthy City speaker series, Westmounter **Dan Lambert** to present "Tame traffic to improve livability," 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free.
- A screening of "Status Quo? **The unfinished business of feminism in Canada**," 7 pm at the Atwater Library. Sponsored by The University Women's Club of Montreal.
- Sister Patricia Simpson recounts the story of **Marguerite Bourgeoys** and her role in the development of Montreal in the second half of the 17th century, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

"Straight talk on dying: Know all your op-

tions," 1 pm at at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Wanda Morris, executive director of **Dying with Dignity** will present a two-hour workshop. Info: www.dyingwithdignity.ca, www.ucmtl.ca or info@dyingwithdignity.ca.

The University Women's Club of Montreal

is sponsoring a screening of the NFB film:

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ON THE SHELVES

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Magazines

“How to tell if you’re a psychopath” by Melissa Wilson in *This Magazine*, January/February 2013, p. 16. When Robert Hare developed his psychopathy checklist in the ’80s, he never intended its widespread use in the Canadian justice system.

Yet 30 years later, the list is a go-to assessment tool in trial, sentencing and parole hearings across the country.

“The New Normal” by Rachel Giese in *The Walrus*, March 2013, p. 30. Canada’s largest mental health facility is undergoing a \$108-million facelift that reflects a greater cultural shift – the mainstreaming of mental illness. But taking down the walls is easier than overcoming the stigma associated with psychiatric disorders.

“Les dix découvertes [scientifiques] de l’année [2012 au Québec]” by Joël Leblanc, Catherine Girard, Bouchra Ouattik et al. in *Québec science*, January/February 2013, p. 20.

E-books

The Blood Gospel by James Rollins and Rebecca Cantrell – After a shocking discovery in Masada, Israel, Sergeant Jordan Stone, Father Rhun Korza and Dr. Erin Granger, racing against time to recover a book written by Christ’s own hand, must contend with a force of ancient evil and a secret sect within the Vatican called the Sanguines.

Blood money by James Grippando – When he agrees to defend Sydney Bennett, a sexy nightclub waitress and party girl accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter, Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swyteck embarks on the most dangerous and controversial case of his career.

Adult English – Short takes on love

The News from Spain: Seven Variations on a Love Story by Joan Wickersham – A collection of stories that explores the power of love and the impossibility of controlling or understanding, featuring characters from various times and regions – from Mozart’s 18th century collaboration with librettist Da Ponte to a 1940s love triangle.

She Loves Me Not: New and Selected Stories by Ron Hansen – An anthology of stories reflecting more than 20 years of writing explores a diverse range of topics – from Oscar Wilde and murder to dementia and romance.

Adult French – Spotlight on historical fiction

Le roi des ombres by Eve de Castro – The author tells the story of the commoners who built the castle of Versailles and

worked day and night for the comfort of Louis XIV and his court.

Une question d’orgueil by Pierre As-souline – This book is based on the true story of Georges Pâques, a French civil servant who, from 1943 to 1963, sent the KGB confidential state documents and was eventually tried for espionage.

Books on CD

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn – This mystery’s toxic mix of sharp-edged wit with deliciously chilling prose creates a nerve-fraying thriller that confounds you at every turn.

Quiet by Susan Cain – The author demonstrates how introverted people are misunderstood and undervalued in modern culture, charting the rise of extrovert ideology while sharing anecdotal examples of how to use introvert talents to adapt to various situations.

Children’s picture books about love

Maman solo by Paule Brière – Malou’s mother is a violin soloist. She plays alone on stages all over the world, and after her concerts, she plays alone with Malou. Although Malou loves to travel and spend time with her mother, she also misses being with other children. One day, while exploring a new city, Malou and her mother discover a circus and some very special performers.

Bear in Love by Daniel Pinkwater – Every morning someone has been leaving treats for Bear that make him feel very special. If only he could discover who. Then one night he makes an extraordinary discovery!

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Reactions, cont’d. from p. 8

tended, told the *Independent* he was “impressed with the presentation.”

Maya Byers, manager of Babar en Ville in the block on Greene to be reconstructed, told the *Independent* that in her case, for instance, a book industry event the same evening had prevented personnel from attending the city meeting. She said she would learn from other merchants what had taken place. Of immediate concern was construction going on in the store’s own building.

Kids play basketball in apartment

Investigating a complaint February 18 for banging in the apartment building at 4800 de Maisonneuve (Westmount Estates), public safety officers traced the noise to an upper unit where two children were reported to be playing basketball. They were asked to stop. Public Security officials said their parents were not home at the time, 2 pm.

Just For Kids Foundation fundraiser rocked



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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before the show, which was modeled after the TV hit *Dancing with the Stars*.

Judges were **Jean-Marc Généreux** from the TV show *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*; **Connie Rotella**, a professional choreographer; and **Vince Guzzo** of Cinémas Guzzo, there with his wife **Maria**. Radio personality **Chantal Desjardins** was



Heather Kugler, left, and Norma D'Alesio.



Christine Desmarais, left, and Alan Azuelos.

On February 5, the Just for Kids Foundation (JFK) held its seventh annual “Dancing with the Stars – We Wanna Rock” event at the Telus Theatre. The “stars” were dance-loving Montrealers. Tickets were \$195.

The sold-out glam gala was co-chaired by Westmounter **Norma D'Alesio** and **Heather Kugler**. Westmount's Java U catered a scrumptious cocktail dinatoire

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The event paired six “stars” with professionally trained dancers from Centre Ballroom Dance Sport, located on Sherbrooke near Grey.

A little Westmounter, 9-year-old **Charlotte Bloom Goldberg**, kicked off the evening with her partner **Marlon-Jacob Figueroa**, with whom she danced a professionally choreographed routine.

The evening featured two group dance teams. “Thunderstruck” featured **Mark Bergman**, **Louise Guimond**, **Joyce Levy**, **Allan Lisbona**, **Peter McEntyre**, **Laurie Rossitto-Abrams** and **Patricia Vanounou**, and

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Photos: Ralph Thompson

A Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal ceremony took place the afternoon of February 23 in Victoria Hall. Marc Garneau, member of parliament for Westmount-Ville Marie, had 30 medals to present during a ceremony that was led by Westmount city councillor Victor Drury. The jubilee medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne and "is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country...[and] serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians," according to program. It will have been awarded to 60,000 Canadians.

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Westmounters Valerie Frost and Elizabeth Gomery. They competed against "Twisted Sista," featuring Keren Besner, Martin Hamel, Silvia Lebensztajn, Gil Michel-Garcia, Stephanie Raby-Naimer, Sandra Suissa-Moghrabi, Jacquie Ulrich and Westmounter Valerie Telio.

Other dancers included Westmounters Alan Azuelos (male winner of the night) and Mark Smith, as well as Peter Pickrell of Westmount Florist, Claudia Panzera, Tatiana Londono and Kirsty Stern, crowned female winner.

Noted enjoying the dancing talent in the packed room were Westmounters Rosie and Sal Parasuco, Louise Guimond, Caroline and Mark Fletcher, Gil Garcia and Allyson and Steven Goldberg, as well as Laura Scaff and Max Francischiello, Francine and Robbie Wiseman, Laura and Elana Borsellino, Marla and Robert Oringer, and Kristina Panzera and Anthony Ieraci.

The foundation's current campaign is to update medical equipment of the Montreal Children's pediatric day hospital, as well as purchasing equipment for the operating suite at the new MUHC.

The fun soirée raised more than \$400,000 for the cause.

Dog leads Public Security to open door on Lexington

Answering a call at 5 pm about two dogs running loose on Lexington February 17, public safety officers found one wearing a tag with a phone number to which there was no answer, according to Public Security officials. A second dog ran around to the back of a house and inside an open door, followed by officers and the other dog just as a car drove into the garage. It was reported that the driver was looking after the house and his grandchildren while their parents were away. Officers made a quick tour of the house with the man and reported all was in order. Children were believed to have left the door open.

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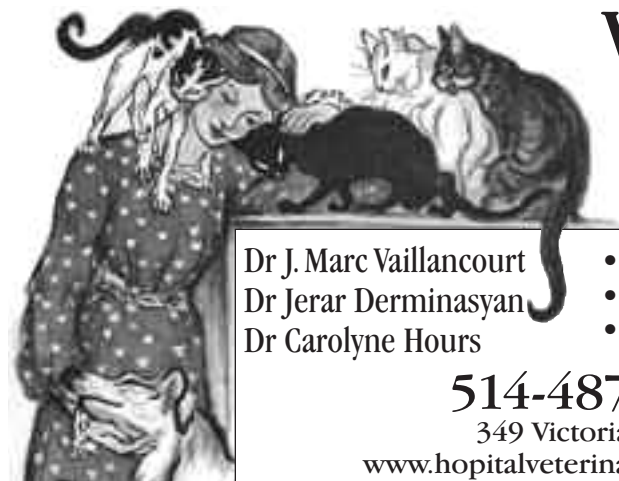
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Sun-Filled 6+1 Bedroom Detached Cottage in Desirable Mid-Level Westmount. This House has Everything. Gorgeous Gourmet Kitchen and Great Entertaining Space. Renovated from A to Z-Central A/C plus garage and parking. **\$2,395,000**



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WESTMOUNT, CLAREMONT : Modern renovated townhouse – 4 bedrooms – 2 bathrooms, 2 car garage, nice view. MLS 10825636 **\$1,095,000**



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WESTMOUNT Elegant semi-detached Tudor in desirable Murray Hill area near schools, transport. Grand spacious cross-hall entertaining rooms. Large eat-in kitchen w/adjoining laundry area. 3 generous bedrooms, master w/ensuite, den w/built-ins. Private garden/patio. Finished basement w/integrated dble garage. A/C, dual energy-saving system. Bright corner lot **\$1,640,000**



WESTMOUNT ADJ., your choice! Bright upper 3 bedrooms with master ensuite, completely renovated. New windows, kitchen insulated wood floors, **\$540,000** – OR – Amazing open plan lower with huge sundeck leading to landscaped perennial garden plus finished basement. **\$585,000**



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WESTMOUNT, 638 GROSVENOR: Charming 3+1 bedroom updated family home. Dream kitchen, garden parking. MLS 10796412 **\$939,000**



UPPER WESTMOUNT: Delightful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom executive residence with playroom, garden, garage and VIEWS! **\$1,995,000**



Prestigious PORT ROYAL: Don't miss this 15th floor 2,541 s.f. 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner unit with mountain and city views made for entertaining. **\$1,175,000**



WESTMOUNT: Unique custom built residence on 7,865 s.f. corner lot. Open Concept. contemporary 3 bedroom + den home. Inground pool. **\$2,100,000**

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RARE OPPORTUNITY



WESTMOUNT 21 Thornhill \$1,585,000
Elegant semi-detached on quiet street, 4 bedrooms,
peaceful garden, finished basement. **MLS 8765402**



WESTMOUNT 4549 Sherbrooke W. \$1,198,000
Century old home in a class by itself, 4 BDR,
exceptional woodwork, high ceilings, across from park.
MLS 8653037



WESTMOUNT 303 Grosvenor \$1,035,000
Beautiful, renovated 3+1 BDR attached, garden and
finished basement. Good value in a fabulous location!
MLS 10329472

NEW ON THE MARKET



WESTMOUNT Upper Clarke Price Upon Request
Impeccable 6 BDR stone residence, large rooms, wine
cellar, pool, fabulous landscaping.



VILLEMARIE 2954 Hill Park Circle \$859,000
Spacious 5 BDR semi, steps to Beaver Lake, wood
floors, finished basement, parking + garage.
MLS 10405728

NEW ON THE MARKET



WESTMOUNT ADJ. 4724 Victoria \$695,000
Renovators dream! Semi-detached 3 bedrooms with
garage and lovely garden. **MLS 9008376**

NEW ON THE MARKET



WESTMOUNT ADJ. 5201 Brillon \$879,000
Charming 4 bdr semi with garage, on very quiet street,
lovely garden backing on Villa Maria Campus.
MLS 10526858

NEW ON THE MARKET



WESTMOUNT 300 Lansdowne, PH 63 \$475,000
Superb and bright PH unit in Victoria Village with
panoramic views, 1 bdr, den, 2 balconies, indoor prkg.
MLS 9939388



WESTMOUNT 616 Sydenham
Listed price \$2,990,000 **MLS 8699766**



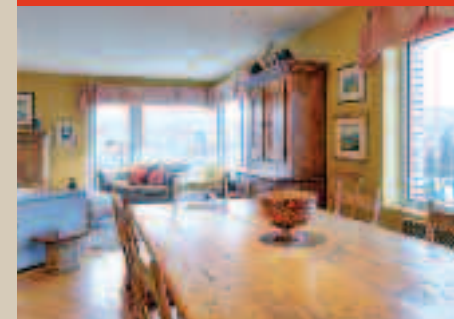
WESTMOUNT 327 Victoria \$695,000
In Victoria Village, century old property, 4+1 BDR,
high ceilings, large private garden, walk to all shops.
MLS 9320713

EXCLUSIVE



WESTMOUNT Price Upon Request
Contemporary masterpiece with state of the art
technology and an amazing master suite!

CONDITIONAL OFFER



WESTMOUNT 300 Lansdowne PH 64 \$495,000
Very sunny 1 bdr penthouse in Victoria Village with
magnificent views, large balcony, 2 parkings.
MLS 9436124

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