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Reduced construction hours adopted for summer only

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Residents hoping to enjoy an evening outside without the sound of neighbours' construction will be the beneficiaries of shorter hours adopted by city council May 6.

From June 25 to September 15, no construction work or operation is to be carried out after 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. It is currently permitted until 9 pm on weekdays and 8 pm on Saturdays. Re-

maining unchanged is the Sunday ban and the 7 am start-up times on weekdays and 8 am on Saturdays.

The earlier shut-down hours had originally been proposed in a draft by-law to apply year-round.

But the decision to impose them for only the summer resulted from a public information meeting November 26, 2012, when contractors stated the earlier times could adversely affect costs. Adopting a seasonal reduction was a compromise.

"It's a first step," explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham. "We're trying to reduce noise and find a balance."

She said the city had *continued on p. 8*

Residents to decide on rezoning for Miss Vicky's



Miss Vicky's preschool is located at the parish hall of St. Matthias on Church Hill, as photographed on May 10. Some residents contend that this use does not conform to current zoning. The city is initiating a zoning change to "regularize" the situation. See story, p. 7.

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Dog walkers to be limited to 3 at all runs

Lansdowne dog run moves into new park space

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Lansdowne dog run is to be relocated to a new "little-used" space in Westmount Park, announced city council at its May 6 meeting.

The move was described as providing a more "appropriate" and larger area than can now be provided safely at the area immediately adjacent to the new pool.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham made the

announcement along with a change in the dog by-law to limit the number of dogs to three that any one person can take into Summit Woods or another dog run at the same time.

The area chosen for the new dog run in Westmount Park is immediately north of the circular garden and was once used for shuffleboard and checkers, Lulham said. "We're not taking it away from someone else's use," *continued on p. 25*

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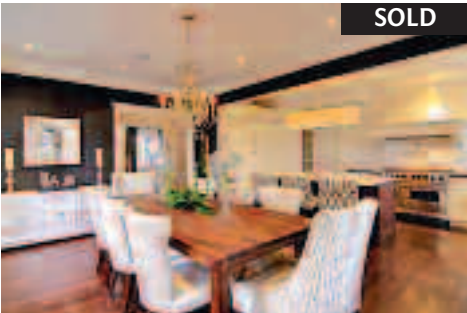
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Summit Woods ‘brush fire’ burns two oak trees, forest floor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A “brush” fire on the north side of Summit Woods just before 6 pm on May 6 was reported to have burnt two large oak trees and scorched the ground of a relatively open area known for its abundance of trilliums.

It was extinguished by firefighters, who remained on the scene for slightly over two hours to ensure it did not erupt again, Public Security officials said.

“It wasn’t unusual,” said Public Security director David Sedgwick of brush fires on the summit. “It’s something we’ve had before.”

The affected area was south of the

closed-off portion of Summit Circle near the “escarpment path” as labeled on the official sign board. It’s an area known by some as the Old Oak Forest, a feeding ground for woodpeckers.

“It was an isolated fire that ignited the dry oak leaves and dry grass that act as a duff layer in the forest,” explained Jayme Gerbrandt, city inspector of horticulture and arboriculture.

The affected area was measured as about 70 meters long by 45 meters wide, she said. The only trees required to be removed were the two oaks of about 70 cm in diameter, one which had been completely engulfed in flame.

While one of the burnt oaks suffered

“major irreparable burn damage to the trunk and canopy,” Gerbrandt said, the second was removed when it was found to be very hot after the fire, had a little decay and appeared in danger of re-igniting.”

Other medium-size trees survived with little damage – mostly leaf wilt – and “will bounce back,” she said. These included oak, maple, ironwood, ash and black cherry trees.

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2 purses stolen from cars at summit

Two purses were reported stolen from cars parked recently at the summit, Public Security officials said. In both cases windows were smashed. One theft occurred May 1 between 9 am and 10 am across from 1 Summit Circle. Public safety officers drove the victim, a resident of New York City, to the police station to file a report. The second incident, May 3, took place on Surrey Gardens around the same time period while the driver went jogging.



Part of Summit Woods, photographed on May 9, shows charred wood and burned leaves.

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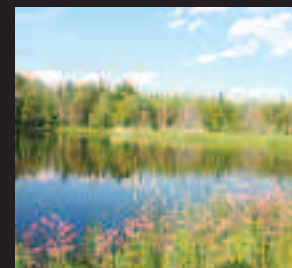
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NEWS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Trent apologizes for late pool delivery date

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent opened the city council meeting May 6 with an apology. “I want to apologize for the fact the pool will be late,” he said. He had announced April 26 that the contractor, Pierre Pomerleau, had confirmed the pool could not be delivered until August 30 though the contracted date was May 31. “Pomerleau is the person who did not deliver but we are ultimately responsible,”

Trent said. “Obviously we’re very distressed,” said Councillor Patrick Martin, adding, “I can assure you that the city has given everything to Pomerleau it could to allow him to conclude the work on time.” He dismissed “trivial happenings” and other excuses for the delay, such as the discovery of an old pipe, as having nothing to do with the pool. “I’m very ticked off,” he said. “We don’t even have in writing from Pomerleau the

exact date they will deliver.” While a contingent of some seven or eight members of the Dolphins swim team attended the council meeting, only Richard Bond of Lansdowne spoke on their behalf. Now that the pool’s opening date was finally known, he said, it was time to move forward and to provide some summertime programs that would be positive for the community. He also hoped there would be more money available for them.

Councillor Kathleen Duncan said the Sports and Recreation department was looking at water slides in the parks or other programming like last summer. Bond said he hoped it would be “a heck of a lot better than last year.” **Aquatics Festival date pending** No replacement date has yet been announced for the Aquatics Festival, a fundraiser originally scheduled for the new continued on p. 9



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MEETING, MAY 6

New petition presented to council

Lansdowners renew case for reduced traffic

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The “quiet residential nature of Lansdowne” is threatened by the arrival of the super-hospital and the Turcot interchange, according to a petition submitted to city council May 6 by a Lansdowne residents’ association.

Lansdowne between St. Catherine and

Sherbrooke was shouldering too much of the traffic burden, which would only worsen when the hospital’s employee parking garage opens at the bottom of the Glen, residents stated.

The garage will be accessed from St. Jacques near St. Remi St.

“We are here tonight with a majority of signatures in support of the position Lansdowne residents have taken over the past two and a half years,” stated Gary Moscovitz.

He said residents in those two blocks (St. Catherine to Sherbrooke) had been asking at numerous meetings with city officials for the street to become one-way north to prevent trucking and ambulances from using the route and to improve safety around the recreational facilities.

“On every occasion we were told to wait until the master traffic plan was tabled. That time has come and here we are,” he said.

The petition, signed by some 143 residents, was submitted at the meeting

by Marta Korwin-Szmanowski. She later told the *Independent* the group had also made commentaries on the master traffic plan. The city had received five by last week, according to city director general Duncan Campbell. The deadline for sub-

mitting comments to the city has been extended to Friday, May 31.

Peter shouldn’t pay for Paul

Mayor Peter Trent noted the one-way ques- *continued on p. 25*



Richard Lock addresses city council at its meeting May 6.

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NOT LIKING THE NEW DOG PARK

As a dog owner, I was dismayed at the announcement at the recent council meeting of the closure of the Lansdowne dog run and its move to the centre of Westmount Park. No reason was given. *

This action destroys a wonderful, shaded, quiet part of the park and replaces what's there now with a dog run that is unsuitable for large dogs. Every day, many people read books there, talk with others or sit with their baby carriages in a completely private, shaded and traffic-free environment. Where will they now go?

Large dogs need wide open spaces to roughhouse or play ball or frisbee with their owners. This space offers nothing like that. Also, to remove the existing concrete surface and planters would present a huge bill and be a complete waste of taxpayers' money.

The suggestion at the council meeting that more people will now be encouraged to visit the re-landscaped Lansdowne dog run area is simply not believable. No one is ever there now in the lovely north-east corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine. Who wants to sit in one of the busiest and noisiest corners in the city when Westmount Park is a block away? What, to watch the countless trucks, buses and trains – perhaps count the front-end loaders and

dump trucks using the Glen Yards?

By far the best and easiest action is to extend the dog run back to its original, pre-construction size. There is more than enough room. It would be inexpensive and would not even remotely encroach on the huge pool area, which is east of it.

Everyone suffers here. Residents who want a quiet place in Westmount Park to sit and rest, owners with large dogs and our resident taxpayer.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

* *Editor's note: At the May 6 council meeting, Councillor Cynthia Lulham contended that the current Lansdowne dog park was too close to the new pool and if moved downward, would be too close to St. Catherine St., a busy road. For story, see "Lansdowne dog run moves into new park space," p. 1.* – KM

LIKING THE NEW DOG PARK

Thoughtful, creative, hard work has found a new pleasant area for the dog run.

A large round of applause greeted the announcement at the city council meeting May 6, that the [Lansdowne] dog park will be [re-]located to a quiet, woody area of Westmount Park.

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TRUDY ASCH, LANSDOWNE AVE.

CROMWELL OF OUR TIME?

Once upon a time, Sherbrooke St. near Victoria Ave. was home to speciality shops and independent retailers. But in recent years, Cromwell Management Inc. has systematically bought out the area – upping rents and forcing out the small business owners who made the quaint promenade a destination location.

As a part-time student and full-time manager of a charming boutique along the Sherbrooke strip, I can't help but recall that historical Oliver Cromwell some of us might remember. He closed down theaters and playhouses in 17th century London. Some historians call his term a "dictatorship," lest we forget that he supported the king's execution and then took his place in office.

Now, I don't want to push the analogy past the point of suggestion, but I think the comparison is pretty apt. This past winter, I watched neighbouring businesses go. And what else were they to do? Accept the rent increase or pack up and leave!

I don't know from where Cromwell Management takes its name, but I've made a pretty strong association in my mind, for whatever it's worth.

VERONICA BELAFI, MONTREAL

WCSC: CARE TO GO FOR A BIKE RIDE?

In order to promote mutual understanding, I'm considering inviting the members of the Westmount Citizens for Safe Cycling (WCSC) for something they apparently haven't done for a while: experiencing the safety of urban cycling by riding their bikes instead of reading reports in their living rooms.

We could start at the east end of Montreal on the Notre Dame St. bike path alongside the type of arterial boulevards where all bike lanes should be located, according to the WCSC. In addition to admiring the urban disaster zone that it crosses, we could stop at the spot where a cyclist nearly got killed earlier this month. Was it the cyclist's fault? Possibly. In any case, it will be a reminder that on those lanes alongside busy streets that WCSC cherishes, a cyclist is only one mistake away from serious injury or death.

We could then proceed to the Rachel bike lane. The WCSC used to quote that stretch as a model of safety, but not anymore after someone was killed on it.

We could continue down the lane alongside Lafontaine Park, where cyclists and pedestrians coexist without a warfare

– yes, that's possible.

Then on to the infamous de Maisonneuve stretch. As we cross Atwater into Westmount, for a change we'll enjoy the safety and quietness of riding in a calm neighbourhood. We'll stop for a quick pause to remind ourselves that de Maisonneuve is a public street, not a private property.

To make the exercise mutually beneficial, I'm ready to share the pain that they WCSC members must endure daily. I'm ready to drive their cars out of their driveways, having to look both ways and even waiting a minute or two for the cyclist traffic to clear off. Now, that must hurt.

GUY SAUVÉ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

CONSTRUCTION SITE NOT TOO ROSY, ACTUALLY

In response to the letter from Penny Arsenault in the April 23 issue, "Construction not too bad," (p. 6), Ms. Arsenault has obviously not walked on Academy Rd. lately.

The dirt and dust flying around has been insane. Living right across from the site, I no sooner wash the floors than the dust is evident again. This does not take into account the number of times I have found boards with embedded nails lying on the street or paths. After windy nights, some lighter items such as insulation have been found in the soccer field.

Several times now residents have lost their reserved parking for a whole day to accommodate cement trucks and other large vehicles coming by ("Concrete pouring reduces parking," April 23, p. 7).

There is also the noise from these vehicles that can go on until 8 pm. There have been the Saturdays that work began by 7 am (rather than the legal 8 am).

Luckily there hasn't been a big rain, as the only drain is behind the construction site and turns Academy into Lake Academy, which happened several times when the snow was melting.

All in all, the construction has been a nightmare for the residents of Academy.

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Miss Vicky's on Church Hill issue to be decided by rezoning process

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A longstanding question over the zoning legality of Miss Vicky's preschool in St. Matthias' Church is to be resolved through a rezoning process to be initiated by the city and ultimately decided by residents through the public process.

City director general Duncan Campbell announced the decision at the council meeting May 6, though a draft zoning amendment has yet to be tabled specifying the changes.

Campbell said he had just met with the church's rector, Kenneth Near, to tell him "the right option for the city is to go ahead with a zoning change to make the necessary correction to make the operation of the school legal."

Population to discuss

This means the population can discuss it and then vote according to the zoning process, he said.

Residents of Church Hill, Shelley Kerman and Bertha Dawang, have pressed the council for 18 months to act on the

school's so-called non-conformity to the street's residential zoning. They contend it's a commercial enterprise that creates traffic congestion and a dangerous situation on a steep hill where several accidents have occurred.

20 years dealing with issue

It's an issue with which council has been wrestling since the school has been operating within the church for some 20 years.

"Having a nursery school on Church Hill with 80 children is not safe and is inappropriate," said Kerman.

Mayor Peter Trent explained that there were likely dozens of schools operating in churches all over Westmount in residential neighbourhoods. Times had changed since they were set up years ago so people could walk to church and school but had morphed into something larger.

"We're saddled with an older model ... What we are going to do is regularize it," by rezoning to allow for the option. Council's responsibility was to ensure it conformed to the zoning by-laws.

Trent told Kerman the rezoning process

would work in the same way as any other, with the people in the zone and contiguous zones ultimately being able to vote.

Residents' letter

In a letter Kerman distributed on behalf of Dawang, the latter stated that "at least on two occasions I explained how easy it is for a pre-school [to] operate and financially benefit the church and benefit the

community." This was for the church to officially run the school, collect the revenue, and pay its expenses including the hiring of the administrator, now its owner.

The file, however, has been in the hands of city lawyers and the rezoning amendment is awaiting legal wording.

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The owner of a car that was parked with the engine running for more than four hours outside 556 Victoria April 20 was finally tracked down at the nearby Seventh-day Adventist Church at Westmount Ave., Public Security officials said. Officers, who had been called to check out the car at 1:14 pm, found the black Honda unlocked. The keys were removed while the owner was sought.

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Council approves arena/pool extra costs with conditions

‘Contaminated’ soil costs could reach \$3M, but city reserves right to question

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Costs involved in the disposal of “contaminated” soil from the arena/pool site could reach \$3 million, Councillor Patrick Martin disclosed at the city council meeting May 6. This is three times the amount allocated in the loan by-law.

A resolution to approve payment of \$700,000 of the additional costs was adopted “under condition that the city reserves its right to take all means to recover any additional monies over the initial budget of \$1 million from any party that it holds responsible for said added costs.”

Martin said the council felt “very strongly that the original estimate of \$1 million that had been confirmed three times by Inspec Sol was the proper amount.”

The project is not yet complete, and it’s not impossible the amount could reach as high as \$3 million, he said. “We do not feel this is our responsibility, and we will be acting accordingly.” In the meantime, the trucks leaving the site had to be paid.

With the \$700,000 payment, the total

amount disbursed for decontamination has now reached \$1.6 million, excluding taxes.

As Martin has previously mentioned at city council meetings, on several occasions, the term “contaminated” soil, in this case, relates to various grades of soil depending on what can or cannot be reused for other purposes, as opposed to being hazardous materials. The arena/pool site’s landfill consisted of bricks and material from demolition, ashes and old tree stumps from the bottom of the old ravine.

As well, much of what has already been removed has been accepted for the Turcot project. Other truck loads went to other locations or dumpsites requiring longer transport or dumping fees but not requiring specified routes.

The May 6 resolution also approved an extra amount of \$2,508 “to improve” the interior of the elevator.

The separate approval for additional costs or credits is a previously announced requirement by the council not only for the arena/pool project but for all contracts.

Council reaffirms 10-year arena/pool pay-off

At the May 6 council meeting, a number of resolutions related to the city’s borrowing for the Westmount recreation centre were adopted. All were required by the provincial government, according to Councillor Tim Price, Finance commissioner.

Just as with loan by-laws adopted by the city for all capital work projects, the city may not require the full amount of the financing and will be able to pay it off

before the due date.

The city also adopted a resolution affirming its intention to pay off the arena/pool loan within 10 years. “We wanted to bind future councils to this,” said Mayor Peter Trent.

The resolutions and set terms were also required by the fact that Westmount is part of a group of municipalities that issue bonds jointly.

Construction, cont’d. from p. 1

received many complaints from residents who can’t enjoy their gardens in the early evening because of neighbours’ additions and renovations – sometimes on all sides.

On the other hand, the city generally does not have many large construction sites such as the one at 215 Redfern. This is across the street from the home of Timothy Slonosky, who told the meeting he was disappointed the 7 am start time was

maintained.

He had requested a later time of 9 am as being more “logical.” While the actual work may not start until 7 am, workers often arrive much earlier – between 5 am and 6 am. “They have their coffee and talk about the hockey game.” He asked why construction hours had to start at 7 am.

Lulham said she believed the reason was so the workers would not get stuck in rush-hour traffic. “I looked at times in other municipalities and that seems pretty standard.”



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Construction worker ticketed when caught by security, police

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officer Nick Bouchard had just arrived to check out the construction site at 215 Redfern at 6:30 am May 7 when he heard the roar of a sports car, according to Public Security reports.

He then spotted a car speeding down the street from de Maisonneuve, south on Redfern, which is one-way north, at an estimated 60 km/h. The car entered the underground garage used by the workers but not before Bouchard was able to get a partial licence plate number.

Within three minutes – and by coinci-

dence – traffic officer Steven Goldberg from local police station 12 also came by to check out the site.

Together, he and Bouchard proceeded into the garage, where they located a blue Subaru Impreza STI matching the description of the offending car. A worker found nearby claimed to be the driver and was told he would be receiving a ticket in the mail, said Public Security David Sedgwick.

“We’ve been going to the site early in the morning following a number of complaints from residents,” he said. Goldberg also has been patrolling the area.

Hands-on clinic takes place at Family Day

Restoring wood windows, doors provides heritage option

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Restoring original wood windows and doors can provide owners of older Westmount homes and buildings with an option that not only preserves their character but also offers the advantage of preserving the way in which the total structure was designed to work.

The message comes from Octavio Salcedo, a carpenter specializing in heritage woodwork, who will be demonstrating various techniques at a hands-on windows and doors clinic being held at Family Day, Saturday, May 25, by the city’s Urban Planning department.

When various parts of an older house are changed and upgraded by so-called newer techniques, such as windows with high energy efficiency ratings, he said, “sometimes you end up with bigger problems, such as the disintegration of walls, because it changes the way the building was meant to work and breathe as an ensemble.”

To raise awareness

The purpose of the clinic is to raise awareness among residents of the option to restore rather than replace wood windows and doors, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

“I think if the city informs people there are alternatives, especially with double-hung windows, you may not have to replace them.”

The clinic is particularly timely since

the city’s guidelines in this area are currently being “refined and clarified,” she explained. They were drafted some 10 years ago for private homes but certain aspects have been found to be missing such as those related to basement windows and larger buildings.

The changes should be ready in the next few months, she said.

Anyone seeking advice on the possibility of restoring their windows and doors should bring photos with them to the clinic, which is scheduled to operate from 10 am to 3 pm.

Further consultation is available from Amis et propriétaires de maisons anciennes du Québec (APMAQ), Poirier said.

Pool, cont’d. from p. 4

pool August 24, but Helen Campbell, who chairs the event’s committee, told the *Independent* she had proposed two dates at the start of the pool season next year.

She said the committee felt the event would be better attended with the enthusiasm over the new pool at that time.

Injured raccoon

Public safety officers took an injured raccoon to the SPCA May 1 after it was caught around 11:30 am by police at Clarke and Sherbrooke. Public Security officials said it was not known how the injury to a front leg had occurred.

Two cyclists hurt in accidents May 1

Two cyclists were involved in accidents May 1, within an hour of each other, according to Public Security.

A 55-year-old Montreal man suffered a cut over the left eye when he fell on Dorchester near Bruce. A patroller who came across the accident at 3:15 pm requested the assistance of Urgences Santé. The victim appeared to be intoxicated, and the bicycle was found to have no front brake.

An hour later, officers diverted traffic from Westmount Ave. and Lansdowne, where a bicycle and a car had collided. Neither driver was reported to have made a complete stop. Both were identified only as adults. The cyclist was believed to have hurt a shoulder and was attended to by Urgences Santé.

Line painting hits a snag

A patrolling public safety officer noticed April 30 that a freshly painted double line on Rosemount Cres. had been applied in such a way as to prevent drivers from legally proceeding onto Mount Pleasant. The paint job had to be erased and corrected, Public Security officials said.



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Station 12 Reports

Muggings in Westmount and surrounding area continue, police beef up investigation: Gauthier

By ISAAC OLSON

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

Two recent violent muggings in Westmount were committed by individuals who match the description of suspects in a series of similar incidents under the jurisdictions of Stations 9, 11 and 12, according to Station 12 constable Caroline Gauthier.

In the latest incident, a 12-year-old boy was physically assaulted and robbed of his

cell phone.

On May 8, the child got off the number 24 bus near the intersection of Sherbrooke and Wood. It was around 6 pm at the time, like most of these cases, Gauthier said. He walked down Olivier Ave. and, not far down the block, one of the two men who were following him asked for the time while the other stayed back a few feet, Gauthier explained. The men, she noted, had not been on the bus with the boy but, rather, had seen him exit and followed him down the residential street.

When the boy took out his phone to check the time, the inquiring suspect

grabbed the device and proceeded to slap the boy in the face several times on the left side, causing the victim to scream. The suspects fled the scene, running south on Olivier.

In this case, the first suspect was English-speaking, black and wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt with the saying “I love New York” written on the front, said Gauthier. The second suspect, also English-speaking and black, was wearing a black shirt and a jean jacket.

This description is similar to another incident that occurred April 25 just before 6 pm in the same area. In this case, Gauthier described a 21-year-old man who left the Atwater Metro station and headed north toward Barat and de Casson. As he walked down the residential streets, he realized he was being followed by three men.

He kept his pace, but suddenly one of the men shoved him hard enough that he lost his balance. He caught himself, she said, managing to stay on his feet as the

English-speaking suspect demanded the victim turn over his cell phone.

The victim, she said, wasn’t sure if it was some kind of joke at first and was quiet as he looked at the men. A second suspect charged forward and brandished a knife while the other gave the victim three swift punches to the head. Dazed, Gauthier said the victim handed over his iPhone.

In this case, the first suspect was a young black man, wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt. He stood about 176 centimeters tall and weighed about 70 kilograms. The second suspect, of similar build, was also black, she said. He wore a dark blue Adidas sports jacket and had a diamond earring in his right ear. The third suspect, she said, was of similar skin colour and size of the first two.

Gauthier noted, like the incident on de Casson Rd., a knife was brandished in a Westmount Park robbery on April 19 by suspects of similar de- scription and, in that case, continued on p. 30

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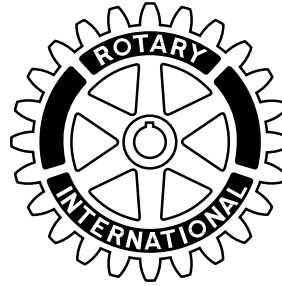
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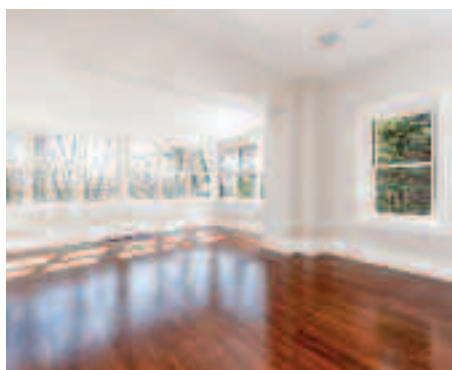
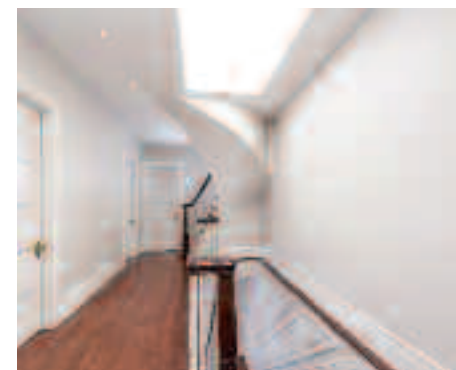
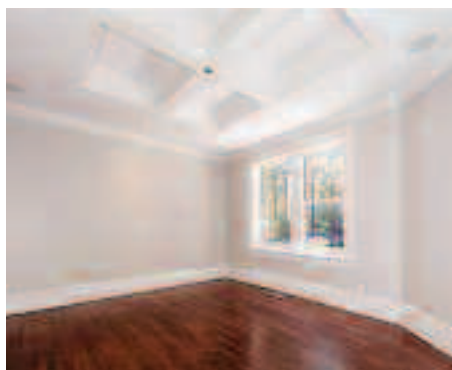
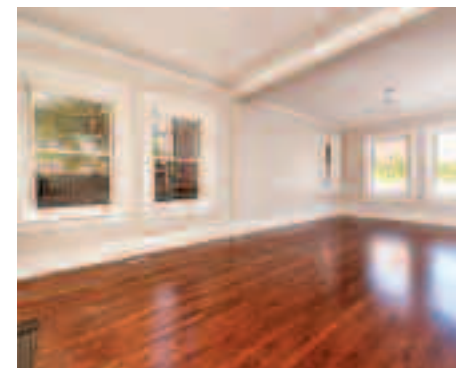
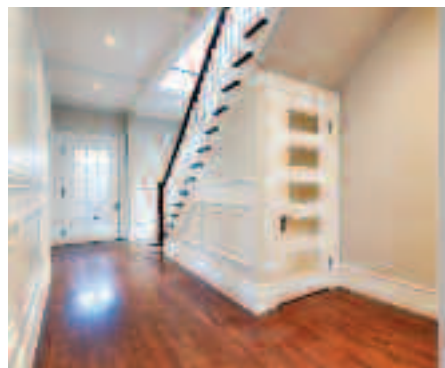
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WMA adds three new board members at its AGM

By MICHAEL MOORE

The Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) has opted to inject some new blood into its leadership structure, electing three new members to its board of directors at the group's annual general meeting.

The group's membership unanimously approved the appointment of Medhi Galfouri, Chloe Landry and Brigitte Stock during the May 8 meeting at Victoria Hall, increasing the board's size to 14.

The three newcomers will be joined by all but one of the last year's dozen-member board, with only Philip Cutler declining the offer to return for 2013-14.

Ex-WMA president and current board member Jean-Pierre Picard praised the three new additions for the unique skill sets and perspectives each could offer to the organization.

"Mehdi Galfouri is an architect, who can add his skill to the council," said Picard.

"Chloe Landry is a young student at McGill, who is involved in many local activities at the library and so on," he added. "It's good to have some youth members to represent the youth."

"Brigitte Stock has lots of skills, including public relations that would be very helpful to our board," finished Picard.

WMA president Peter Starr hoped that the infusion of new board members would also help spark an increase in a membership total that has stagnated in recent years.

"It's terribly important that the mem-

bership goes higher than the 200 or so that we've been sitting at for the last couple of years," said Starr.

The organization has actively courted new members through a guest speaker series, including NDG city councillor Peter McQueen and Party Québécois minister Jean-François Lisée, but Starr urged his membership to play a more hands-on role in helping to grow the WMA going forward.

"I think this year to make it that much more successful, I have to look to you, the members, to reach out to your friends and reach out to your neighbours to suggest they make a \$5 donation [later revealed to be \$10] to the Westmount Municipal Association," he said.

While it may be struggling to attract new members, the WMA currently is having no trouble balancing its budget, according to treasurer Mavis Young, who lightened the evening with a mock complaint about the boredom of running the WMA's finances.

"Do you want to know what the most interesting thing to happen this year? We got a check that bounced," deadpanned Young, eliciting a roar of laughter from the crowd.

"How bad can it be if that's the biggest complaint I have?" she asked. "The bottom line is that we're all good."

After Starr brought the meeting to a close, Marilyn Gillies got up to introduce Doreen Lindsay, who received the Derek Walker Volunteer Citizen of the Year. See p. 12.



WMA president Peter Starr, seen on May 8 at Victoria Hall, encouraged members to invite friends and family to join the group.

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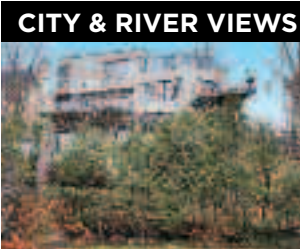
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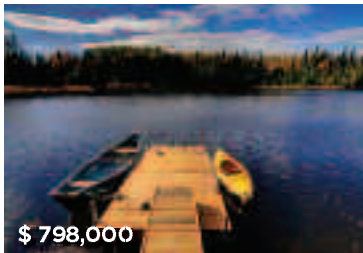
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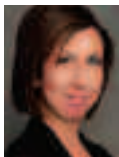
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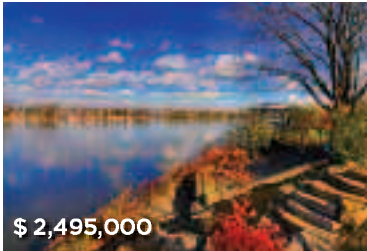
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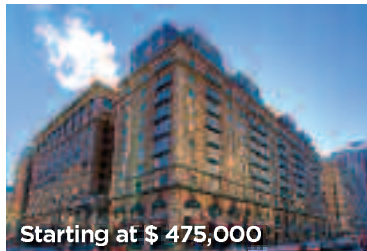
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Westmount Today, Yesterday and Before

WHA leads a ‘Jane’s Walk’ down Victoria Ave.

By DOREEN LINDSAY

Under a bright, sunny sky, some 45 adults, children and dogs joined Westmount Historical Association (WHA) guides Ruth Allan-Rigby, Doreen Lindsay, Elizabeth Currie and Virginia Elliott at the corner of Victoria Ave. and Sherbrooke St. on May 5 to go on a tour of Victoria Ave., styled after the globally recognized Jane’s Walks.

This is the third year that the WHA has organized a free neighbourhood walking tour to develop urban literacy by pointing out local history and giving people the opportunity to be more aware of the historical aspects that affect the development of their neighbourhood.

Participants enjoyed cups of tea from David’s Tea while they learned that Victoria Ave. started out as a farmer’s lane extending down under the Glen arch to the market in Ville Marie. The street was named in honour of Queen Victoria during her 1897 diamond jubilee year.

The group then walked a few steps west to visit the colourful Folklore 1 store, where its co-owner, Gerard Fellerath, who is also a co-director of the Victoria Village Merchant Association, expounded on the positive value that small, family-owned businesses have on the quality of the neighbourhood.

As the guides led the group down Victoria Ave., they were invited to stop at the Visual Arts Centre, where the director Victoria Leblanc explained how it had developed from the original Potters Club. The building had been constructed in 1910 by William Biltcliffe as Westmount’s first department store.

The architecturally superb row housing constructed on the west side of Victoria Ave. in 1897 was the next stop. People admired the stone arched doorways of the six grey stone buildings and stopped at the small Avenue des Arts store, where the young artist/salesman explained how important their store is for the students who study at the Visual Arts Centre.



Participants in a “Jane’s Walk” gather at Sherbrooke and Victoria May 5.

Photo courtesy of Doreen Lindsay

From one of the greystones, Astri Pruger emerged to invite the group inside her shop to explain how she fulfilled a dream to save an old house and combine her small dress design business on the lower level with a family home above. This was thought to be an excellent plan for future

development.

The guides then pointed out the five charming small Victorian houses on the east side of the street, each painted a different colour. They were built in 1896 and their originality needs to
be protected.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada held its eleventh annual fundraiser – the "All That Glitters Gala" – on April 14 at the new P.F. Changs Bistro Chinois in the previous hippodrome site. Tickets were \$175.

The evening honoured Westmounter **Dr. Albert Cohen**, attending with his wife **Karen**, his son **Laurent** and daughter **Véronique**. A leader in his field, Cohen is an associate professor in the faculty of medicine at McGill and is director of the division of gastroenterology at the Jewish General Hospital.

Gala co-chairs were **Adelia Bensoussan** and **Steve Merling**.

Even the valet parking (Adagio) was elegant, as guys in matching black jackets and red scarves whipped the cars away. A sinuous, golden-costumed mascot was brought in to give luck to the huge new

restaurant, and a charming group of Chinese dancers entertained guests during the cocktail.

Unlike many receptions, food was more than bountiful, and – most importantly – waiters bearing platters of Asian bites went to each corner of the massive space so everyone had a chance to munch. The open bar was packed, although lovely lasses also offered trays of martinis.

Westmounters noted at the standing-room only reception included **Heather** and **Joseph Paperman**, **Nadia** and **Tommy Alberga**, **Debbie** and **Bill Brownstein**, **Sherri Stubina**, **Dale** and **Nick Tedeschi**, **Suzanne** and **Peter Varadi**, **Amanda** and **Mike Battat**, **Tronny** and **Sydney Sweibel**.

Also seen were **Erin** and **Joe Battat**, **Patricia** and **David Ades**, **Michael White**, **Lianne** and **Michael Routtenberg**, **Jodi** and **Cookie Lazarus**, **Elaine** and **Phil Levi**, and **Joanne** and **Jon Gurman**.

Event supporters included **Elie** and **Harrison Cutler** (Delmar International); **Mélanie** and **Marc-André Bastien** (Roy Larochelle Avocats); and **Nadia Canini** and **Pat De Marco** (Alimentaires Viau).

The platinum sponsor was PearTree Financial Services Ltd. Silver sponsors were Abbvie, Aldo Groupe, Automobiles



From left: Laurent, Karen, Albert and Véronique Cohen.

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The event partner was P.F. Changs.

The gala raised a record \$210,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

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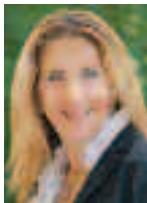
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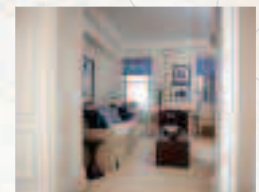
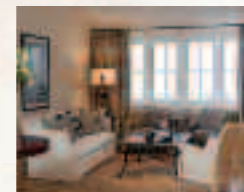
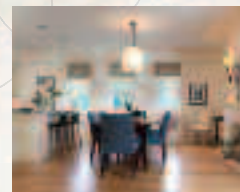
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Lindsay, cont'd. from p. 12

gallery called Power House, arranging shows and becoming immersed in what she calls “the milieu of the woman.”

At that time, we came to the realization that we could make art out of our own lives. We looked into ourselves, painting our bodies, the food we were preparing and our children. I think I just transferred that from my life to where I live.”

Through her art and activities, she met people who had been involved in the West-

mount Historical Society and it brought together all her interests and talents.

Lindsay set out to reactivate the dormant WHA in 1994. She is editor of the *Westmount Historian*, the WHA newsletter published semi-annually since 2004. She is coordinator of the group’s lecture series on Westmount and joint coordinator with the city of Westmount for walking tours each fall as part of Opération patrimoine architecturale de Montréal.

Lindsay has written historical columns for newspapers, including the *Independent* (see p. 18), and develops photographs for WHA archives from glass plate negatives. She is a director of Arts Westmount and chaired the eight-person committee for the arts in Westmount in 1993.

She has taught at Trafalgar School, Concordia, the National Photography School in Arles (France), Collège Marie-Victorin and the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

Birthday generates six \$217 tickets

Six people were issued tickets for \$217 each for violating the parks curfew when they were found during a foot patrol of Murray Park at 1:09 am on May 4, Public Security officials said. Another took off. They were apparently celebrating the birthday of one. All were aged between 18 and 23. One was identified as a Westmount resident. The others came from NDG, Montreal West and Kahnawake.



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**AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1445**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1445 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1300 SUR LES PERMIS ET CERTIFICATS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 6 mai 2013.

Ce règlement vise à réduire les heures de travaux de construction permises durant la période estivale, soit entre le 25 juin et le 15 septembre. Aucun travail ne doit être effectué avant 7 h et après 18 h du lundi au vendredi (présentement avant 7 h et après 21 h), et avant 8 h et après 18 h le samedi (présentement avant 8 h et après 20 h), le dimanche et lors d’une fête légale ou d’un jour férié.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau de la greffière situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30, et à compter du 3 juin, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 14 mai 2013.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1445**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1445 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES BY-LAW 1300**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 6, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to reduce the hours when construction work is permitted during the summer season between June 25 and September 15. No work shall be carried out before 7 a.m. and after 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday (it is currently before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m.), before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on Saturday (it is currently before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m.), on Sunday, and on any statutory or public holiday.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City’s website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and as of June 3 from Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this May 14, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la ville / City Clerk



Ville de Westmount
City of Westmount



**AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1444**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1444 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT 1387 SUR LE BRUIT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d’une séance ordinaire tenue à l’hôtel de ville le 6 mai 2013.

Ce règlement vise à réduire les heures de travaux de construction permises durant la période estivale, soit entre le 25 juin et le 15 septembre. Aucun travail ne doit être effectué avant 7 h et après 18 h du lundi au vendredi (présentement avant 7 h et après 21 h), et avant 8 h et après 18 h le samedi (présentement avant 8 h et après 20 h), le dimanche et lors d’une fête légale ou d’un jour férié.

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BY-LAW 1444**

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Summit fire, cont'd. from p. 3

While it was not known what caused the fire, John Fretz, president of the Summit Woods Advisory Committee (SWAC) attributes it to a cigarette tossed into the leaves. The area had been very dry without much else on the ground, and the leaves came right up to the side of the trail, he said.

“The area is very open without much foliage this time of year so it’s not a likely place for kids to be lighting a fire and drinking beer.”

The “negative benefit” from the fire, he said, “is that it’s creating greater awareness of how fragile the area is.” While he found some burnt trilliums, he said there was green on some of the oak saplings and he was hoping to see more green emerge.

Fire truck

The fire came to the attention of Public Security at 5:53 pm, when public safety officer Marc Franceschini came across a fire truck on Summit

Circle while patrolling, Sedgwick said. Firefighters told him a call had been received from 911 for a brush fire near Summit Circle and Summit Rd.

Firefighters cut through the chain blocking off the northern half of Summit Circle and the truck proceeded to the location where smoke could be seen.

Public safety officers cordoned off the area with danger tape and called for the city’s tree gang, which arrived at 7:06 pm to cut down the two trees.



Photographed May 7 are the charred remains of burnt logs and leaves.

Photo courtesy of John Fretz

Empty – Full – Empty



The lagoon, photographed May 8.

Photo: Westmount Independent

The lagoon (commonly referred to as the “duck pond”) in Westmount Park was found empty May 8 after being full the day before. Public Works director Marianne Zalzal explained that the pond didn’t hold the water after it had been filled. A “mystery drain pipe” was found underground and when it was discovered that the water had made its way to the new arena/pool site, she said the department emptied the pond. PublicWorks is now on a “fact-finding” mission, using city archives, to find

out about the underground infrastructure beneath the park, before it attempts to fill up the pond again.

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• “Holding on to Memory: **Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease**,” with Dr. Howard Chertkow and Marva Whyte, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Presented by the Westmount Public Library and the Westmount Healthy City Project. Free.

• Samples for inclusion in the annual **Westmount Artisans’ Festival** can be brought to the jury May 15, 2 to 6 pm. Pick-up is Thursday, May 16, 4 to 7 pm. The show is November 9 and 10. Info: westmountartisansfestival@yahoo.ca

THURSDAY, MAY 16

The city of Westmount’s **perennial plant exchange** at the Westmount Conservatory, 4:30 to 8 pm. See p. 4.

• Westmount Y’s member profile series: **Joan Vogelesang**, CEO of Toon Boom, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Duckling/Beluga Room. Tickets: \$10. Proceeds go to support the Westmount YMCA Strong Kids Campaign.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

City of Westmount **memorial ceremony for Sergeant-Major Walter Leja**, 4:30 pm at the northwest corner of Westmount

Ave. and Roslyn. See May 7, p. 20.

SUNDAY MAY 19

Discussion on **justice issues with Mark Macdonald**, national indigenous bishop for the Anglican Church of Canada, 9:15 am at St. Matthias Church. Part of the church’s adult forum series. Info: 514. 933.4295.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

• **Alexander Reford** gives a presentation about the Reford Gardens, 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library. Free.

• Buster Keaton’s *The General*, accompanied by Shayne Gryn on the piano, with guest **Gerald Potterton**, 7 pm at Westmount Park United Church. Popcorn, desserts, coffee, tea, beer. Tickets at door: \$8 seniors/students; \$12 adults.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Westmount family day, 10 am to 4 pm in Westmount Park. See “Family Day program May 25 features new street hockey,” May 7, p. 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

The Westmount branch of Cummings

Centre presents **Avi Nesher’s** latest film *The Matchmaker*, 7 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Info: 514.342.1234, ext. 7216.

• The annual general meeting of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 6 pm in the main-floor reading room, 1200 Atwater Ave. Also, the launch of a “From our Vault” exhibit curated by Edward McCann.

Public meeting May 27 to clarify French version

A public consultation to clarify the French wording in a zoning amendment on the subject of floor-area-ratio (FAR) already adopted will take place Monday, May 27 at 5 pm at city hall.

The by-law was adopted as a first draft at the council meeting May 6. The object of the change is to avoid misinterpretation of the definition “above ground floor area,” Councillor Cynthia Lulham explained at the meeting.

New at Family Day: Eco-squad

The “Westmount EcoSquad” will be offering information to residents at Family Day, Saturday, May 25, on sustainability measures to improve their ecological footprint, according to Mila Nevajda, a McGill Urban Planning student involved in the organization.


The organization will have a booth, where visitors will be able to learn about its work and obtain information which includes free home energy audits and a guide to the environmental measures available to Westmounters.

It is a collaborative project of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA), Hydro Westmount, Westmount Healthy City Project and McGill Urban Planning CURA project.

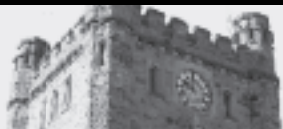
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JOURNÉE NATIONALE DES PATRIOTES : Heures d'affaires et services municipaux

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soient l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics sont **fermés le lundi 20 mai 2013** en raison de la Journée nationale des patriotes.

La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le dimanche 19 mai et le lundi 20 mai.


Il n'y a aucun changement quant aux collectes des ordures et des résidus alimentaires qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.


VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY: Business Hours and Municipal Services

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be **closed on Monday, May 20th, 2013** for the Victoria Day holiday.


Westmount Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 19 and 20.

The kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.





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Plan directeur de la circulation et du transport actif de Westmount

COMMENTAIRES ACCEPTÉS JUSQU'AU 31 MAI 2013

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Les documents pertinents sont disponibles au www.westmount.org, à l'Hôtel de Ville de Westmount et à la Bibliothèque de Westmount.

Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY MAY 31, 2013

The City of Westmount welcomes your comments, suggestions and feedback regarding the Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan. You can submit them by email to trafficplan@westmount.org or by mail to Westmount Traffic and Active Transportation Master Plan, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, H3Z 1E2.

The related documents are available at www.westmount.org, at Westmount City Hall and at the Westmount Public Library.

New site for dog run examined in Westmount Park

Dog park, cont'd. from p. 1

though it is unofficially used some times by skateboarders, she noted.

1,249 square-meter area

The concrete is to be removed, creating an area of 1,249 square meters. This would be about the size of the Lansdowne run before it was reduced to 400 square meters with the building of the Westmount recreation centre.

The new venue is also isolated from homes and traffic and the echoing of barking, which has generated complaints from Lansdowne residents, Lulham added.

Moving the dog run also increases the amount of green space for pool users and users of Lansdowne park as well as the larger place for dogs, Mayor Peter Trent said. "It really works out all the way round," he said, to lengthy applause from the audience.



Touring the new dog run location in Westmount Park May 10, Councillor Cynthia Lulham (with dogs Kiki and Bobo) explains how the ground will be mounded up around the large trees once the concrete walls are removed. The site extends beyond the shrubbery behind Lulham.

No date has been scheduled for the new run.

Late last week in a visit to the new dog run site, Lulham explained how the area is to be transformed by removing not only the existing concrete surface but also the concrete walls around the many large trees. This will enable the ground to be built up around them.

More benches are to be installed to provide areas where dog owners can socialize with each other while playing with their pets.

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Dog walkers restricted to three in Summit Woods, other runs

The restriction on the number of dogs a person can walk stems from the concerns of some regarding the numbers that dog walkers bring into Summit Woods, in particular, Lulham explained.

"We welcome the security the dogs provide," but there was "no way" one person could supervise many dogs. She spoke of people shouting for them, failing to clean up after them, and dogs running hither and thither. Walking in the woods should be a "pleasant adventure" for everyone. In the dog runs, "they often get rather pack-like."

"You're only allowed to own three, henceforth it seems to make sense one should only be able to walk three," Lulham said.

The restriction does not apply to the number of dogs someone can walk on the sidewalk.

Maureen Kiely of the Westmount Municipal Association asked that dogs be leashed in Summit Woods at all times. John Fretz of Lansdowne said he commended Lulham for her position on the dogs.

Another resident, Franciska Kilian of Westmount Square, told of the hospitalization both she and her dog required following an incident last year in which her dog was attacked. "I'm really scared to walk in the woods now because the dog walkers have so many that when they walk together they can have 15 or so in a pack."

Lansdowne, cont'd. from p. 5

tion had been raised a number of times. The city would not do anything to shift traffic from one street to another within Westmount "to make Peter pay for Paul."

The recent closure of Lansdowne was not seen to have shifted traffic, said Moscovitz. The next morning, however, Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the *Independent* she had discovered that day the northbound lane on Lansdowne had been closed "and all the traffic was taking

Grosvenor."

Both Moscovitz and Lansdowne resident Richard Lock asked how the process would work for addressing their requests for one-way traffic. Lock also said the no-truck-turn onto Lansdowne from Sherbrooke gave truckers no advance warning and asked that a sign be posted earlier.

Councillor Gary Ikeman said that once the master traffic plan is adopted, they could make their request, which would then be analyzed and evaluated.

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Jane’s Walk, cont’d. from p. 18

The walk finished at the boarded-up CP railway station to reflect on the history of the CPR in the community and the impact of the new MUHC site .

Jane’s Walks started in Toronto on May 5, 2007. In 1968, Jane Jacobs moved to Toronto after living in Greenwich Village, New York, where she published her influential book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* in 1961. After her death in 2006 some of her friends decided to honour her ideas and legacy by starting Jane’s Walks.

Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association.

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Westmount on-line

Petition posted for skatepark
in Westmount

A petition called “Skate park for the youth in Westmount park” was found on the Care2 petition site on May 8. Its “target” was to “council and city officials” and was “sponsored by Louis Stock-rabbat.”

The petition asked for signatures to “allow the youth of Westmount to have a place to hang out and practice their favorite sports, wether [sic] it be skateboarding, rollerblading, or biking.” It continued to lobby by arguing that “the skatepark will also stop public security

from having to always run after the skateboarders or bikers who are in the park minding their business. In Westmount there is a law that states that skateboarding is illegal in the streets, even though most of the youth in Westmount own a skateboard. The skate park would allow the youth to practice their sport without having to break the law.”

At the time of viewing, one Westmounter had signed, and the other nine came from other Canadian provinces, as well as Germany, Texas and the United Kingdom.

care2 petition site

Skate park for the youth in Westmount park

Sign Petition!

Target: Council and city officials
Sponsored by: Louis Stock-rabbat

Signatures: 10

Signatures goal: 1,000

we signed “Skate park for the youth in Westmount park”

Name	Location	Date	Signature
Mr. Paul Maloney, MA	Westmount	May 08, 2013	[Signature]
Mr. Dennis Doreen, TR	Westmount	May 01, 2013	[Signature]

Screen grab was taken May 8.

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ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1446 LE LUNDI 27 MAI 2013 – 17 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1446 INTITULÉ « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – SUPERFICIE DE PLANCHER HORS-SOL* »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 6 mai 2013, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1446 intitulé « *RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – SUPERFICIE DE PLANCHER HORS-SOL* ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (Chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **lundi 27 mai 2013 à 17 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1446 dont l'objet vise à modifier la définition française de « Superficie de plancher hors-sol ».

3. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.
4. Le projet de règlement ne comporte aucune disposition propre à un règlement susceptible d'approbation référendaire.
5. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le projet de règlement n° 1446 et en obtenir copie au bureau de la greffière situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 14 mai 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1446 MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 – 5:00 P.M.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1446 ENTITLED “*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ABOVE GROUND FLOOR AREA*”

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2013, Council adopted by resolution, the first draft By-law no. 1446 entitled “*BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ABOVE GROUND FLOOR AREA*”.
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (Chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Monday, May 27, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft By-law no. 1446, the object of which is to modify the French definition of “Above Ground Floor Area”.

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The draft by-law does not contain provision making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. Any interested person may consult the draft By-law no. 1446 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, May 14, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la ville / City Clerk

418 Wood: Luther Hamilton Holton’s property



History by
the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The townhouse at 418 Wood Ave., just opposite the corner of Barat Rd., was once part of a huge flat area in eastern Côte St. Antoine, which was among the first to be subdivided for tract development. By 1876, the Town of Notre Dame de Grâce had been split in two and the eastern section, now with the name of Côte St. Antoine and later to become Westmount, was apparently attracting a number of eager developers who started subdividing Westmount to become a modern village.

One of those companies, apparently, was the Montreal West End Building Society, which, in 1878, was forced to give up a large stretch of property just to the west of the Sulpician farmland in a sheriff’s sale before it even planned the subdivisions to go ahead with construction.

The land, all of Lot 374 stretching north from Sherbrooke St. and what was then the east end of Côte St. Antoine Rd. (between what is now Mount Pleasant and Wood), was picked up by Luther Hamilton Holton, a member of the house of commons for Châteauguay, for \$250.

(Holton originally was involved in transportation along the St. Lawrence River, then in the development of the Grand Trunk Railway. He was a Montreal city councillor and a member of the legislative assembly before entering the house of commons in 1867.)

Area was subdivided

Holton died two years later in March 1880, leaving the land to his wife, Dame Eliza Forbes. She held on to the tract until 1885 when she sold to William Lewis, who began plans to subdivide the entire area. Various subdivisions were added and the streets built between then and 1891.

Wood Ave. was still in the planning stages when Edward Askew, a restaurant proprietor with restaurants on Notre Dame St. and St. Catherine St., purchased the entire block north from Sherbrooke to what is now Holton Ave. (and might then have been called High Street) from Lewis for \$25,616.

After what was probably much planning and speculation, and the transformation of Côte St. Antoine to the Town of Westmount in the mid-1890s, two and a half lots comprising 50 feet of frontage on Wood Ave., just above the lane behind the

Sherbrooke St. buildings, were sold to Mary Anne Holgate, wife of Joseph Thompson, for \$2,517.

Sold for \$8K in 1897

Thompson built the buildings and sold off one house that was to become 416 Wood Ave. in December 1897 for \$8,000.

It appears from various notarial descriptions that 418 Wood was originally built as a semi-detached house, but whatever it was, it could not sell. By June 1901, Holgate had to abandon the property “for the benefit of her creditors,” and release it to John Ross, accountant, with instructions to sell it for not less than \$6,000. He accomplished the sale in December to John Millen, a downtown merchant.

Millen lived there for more than two decades, according to *Lovell’s Directory*, even though in 1915 he tried to sell it to Louis Schwab from East Orange, New Jersey. We know little about the buyer except that he ceded the property back to Millen four years later for non-payment of a \$4,000 balance of sale he owed, plus amounts unpaid to another creditor, George Bromby.

Turns into attached house

The directory shows Millen as the occupant until 1924 when he sold to Muriel Eileen Garth, wife of Merrill Beckett, for \$15,000. In the same year a house was built attached to the north side of the building, so it changed from being semi-detached to being attached, though this was not picked up by the notaries until 1974.

The Beckett family doubled the tenure established by Millen, living there through the Great Depression, World War II, the Duplessis era and even Expo ’67, finally selling in September 1967 to Gertrude Thorne, wife of Arthur Edward Stanger, described as a “gentleman” on the title deed. They paid \$45,000 for the property, tripling the price after 43 years.

The next two sales joined the Westmount tradition of selling for “\$1 and other good and valuable considerations,” probably to keep the prices out of the local newspapers.

It sold in October 1969 to Marion Watson, wife of Stephen Whitney, who is described in the deed as a “retired farmer” living in Abbotsford, Quebec.

Whitney is listed as the resident in the 1973-74 *Lovell’s Directory*, and the mother and father are still listed as residents of Abbotsford when, in 1974, they sell the house to Henri Lafleur, advocate, who again is registered as paying “\$1” for the property.



418 Wood, photographed May 9.

The lawyer lived in the house for most of the eight years he owned it; it is not at all surprising to see that the price tripled again, as he obtained \$151,590 from Florian Riecker in April 1982, just after the first separation referendum in Quebec.

Forced to sell to brother

It appears the buyer got into some financial troubles a year later and was forced to sell the house to his brother, Thomas, who is described as living in Georgeville, Quebec. Both then and two years later when he bought back the house, the price is declared as \$192,000.

This is hardly the price Florian Riecker was to obtain the next year, 1986, when he sold the house to R.J. Ronci Properties Ltd. of Toronto for \$360,000; then in 1987 it sold for \$402,000; in 1988 that grew to \$460,000 before the next crash came, and by 1994 the Schuchard-Bourne family was forced to sell for only \$400,000 to Clifford Noonoo, an investment advisor with TD Waterhouse.

For him, this investment may have

been his most lucrative, as he sold the property for \$1,300,000 in April 2011, to Joanne McBurney, who still lives there with her husband, Robert Henderson (according to *Lovell’s Directory*).

History of 418 Wood Ave. sales

Date	Buyer	Price \$
30 Apr, 1901	John Ross	abandonment
24 Dec, 1901	John Millen	6,000
27 Jan, 1915	Louis Schwab	12,000
23 May, 1919	John Millen	cession
22 Apr, 1924	Muriel Garth	15,000
11 Sep, 1967	Gertrude Thorne	45,000
2 Oct, 1969	Marion Watson	1
7 Jun, 1974	Henri Lafleur	1
26 Apr, 1982	Florian Riecker	151,590
12 Aug, 1983	Thomas Riecker	192,000
12 Jul, 1985	Florian Riecker	192,000
30 Dec, 1986	R.J. Ronci	360,000
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14 Jul, 1987	Jean-François Simard & Dr. Peter Forbes	402,000
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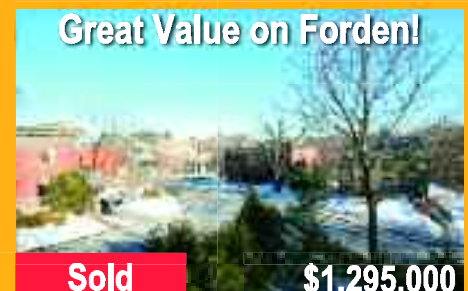


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TRENDSETTERS

MILA MULRONEY

By VERONICA REDGRAVE



Mila Mulroney, dressed for an evening event, at her home, May 9.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

It is not only attending red carpet events for the Indie that I discover Westmounters with great style. And it is not only walking along Westmount streets. Some women are busy volunteering. Sitting on a committee with Mila Mulroney, I could not help but admire her elegance. For the eighth year, she is co-chairing Table of Hope, and for over 15 years, she has worked to help drive awareness of this cause to feed hungry school children at Share the Warmth in Pointe St. Charles. Volunteering is practically a full-time job for her. As we chatted, I realized that her classic style was exactly as she said: comfortable.

STYLE

You attend an awful lot of meetings. What do you usually wear?

I love suits. I wear pant and skirt suits. They are easy and always look smart. I like to be comfortable. I usually bring a scarf with me for colour and warmth.

How would you describe your personal style?

I don't really follow trends. I think my style is a classic European approach to dressing. I mix and match a lot – with colours and patterns, and with new and old items from my closet. I like to use accessories to change my look, especially bold jewelry. At the same time, I love the sophistication of black in the winter. In the summer, I switch to my brights and pretty pastels.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

It depends on where I am. Generally, I choose cashmere sweaters as they are chic, comfortable – and warm, if I need it. I like pants with a good cut, and wear them cuffed or straight. I also wear the shorter Audrey Hepburn-style length above the ankle, which looks great with ballet shoes or loafers. If I am travelling, I have found a great silk-blend legging, which I wear with boots in the winter and flats later on.

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

We have travelled a great deal, but I love Montreal! My roots are here. And I can travel easily to see my grandchildren in Toronto.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, and from any era?

We have had fascinating people in our home and have also been to dinner parties with interesting guests. My main criterion is to have thought-provoking conversations. In Europe, dinners are stimulating as guests are often all ages, so one gets different points of view.

FASHION

I think all women love (love!) high heels. As you attend so many elegant events here and in Palm Beach, do you wear stilettos, the 2013 “in” kitten heel or flats?

I wear them all. My favourite is the new-old kitten heel. For my running-around town errands, I have comfortable loafers or ballet flats. For glamour, nothing beats stilettos. When we are in warmer weather, I wear sandals and open-toed high heels.

Who are your favourite designers?

I love Lida Baday. And I just found some lovely dresses by Victoria Beckham. Polo/Ralph Lauren are weekend favourites, and his evening wear is outstanding. I love Chanel suits, and, like most women, save them forever. I also admire Chado by Ralph Rucci.

Do you have flowers in your home? What is your favourite?

With their graceful beauty, orchids, hands down. I keep them after the flowers fall and nurse them carefully in my kitchen, which has good light. The ones you see now are from last year.

Robberies, cont'd. from p. 10

phones were stolen. (“Teenagers robbed at knife point in park,” April 30, p. 10).

So far, she said, there have been four such crimes in Westmount in recent weeks and several more in the area. Police, she said, will be stepping up the pursuit by sending out plain-clothed investigators.

In the meantime, she said police are also handing out safety pamphlets and reminding people to be wary around evening rush hour, especially near public transit stops and stations. People should be discreet with their possessions and money so prying eyes don't see how much cash or valuables a potential victim is carrying, she said.

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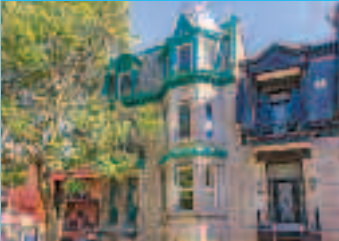
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