

New programs announced, others expanded

Open house set for residents to tour new arena Sept. 22

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre (WRC) last week embarked on what appears to be the last leg of its journey to completion as a time capsule was buried, new and expanded ice programs were announced and open house tours of the \$40-million facility were slated for September 22.

“We invite you to get to the bottom of things and see for yourself the world’s first underground skating rinks with green space above,” stated Mayor Peter Trent in an invitation to all residents.

While much work still remains, a look inside August 12 showed the rink boards up and walls already painted in grey, bur-

gundy and pea green. Outside, the roof is landscaped with knolls and pathways, and is awaiting its grass. The sides of the pool were awaiting their concrete and the water retention basin was dug.

With registration starting August 26 for upcoming Sports and Recreation programs, the impact of having two full-size rinks is now apparent.

New girls’ and women’s hockey programs will be introduced. Skating instruction, including figure skating, will generally take place on one whole (large) rink, instead of on a small rink as previously. As well, the aim is to reserve one of the rinks for general skating on weekends at most times, said sports coordinator Andrew Maislin.

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Westmount’s Olympic hopefuls



Sailor Arielle Morgan placed third nationally in the 49er FX sailboat class, see p. 10.



Rookie triathlete Michael Le Rossignol is making waves with two wins, see p. 10.

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No opposition to change from Church Hill residents Only Côte Rd. zone against Miss Vicky’s zoning amendment

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Signatures from only one of five applicable zones were received by the city at deadline August 14 to request that a referendum register be held to oppose a proposed zoning change allowing for Miss Vicky’s pre-school to operate at St. Matthias’ Church.

Unexpectedly, however, the lone zone mustering what could be enough signatures in opposition is along Côte St. An-

toine west of the church and not Church Hill where the pre-school is based. It was two residents of that street – Shelley Kerman and Bertha Dawang – who opposed the traffic on the steep hill they say is generated by the school and the zoning irregularity presented by the school’s location.

It won’t be known whether or not a register will actually be opened, however, until the eligibility of at least 12 of 14 signatures received can be confirmed, said city clerk

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Vanguard demo time change
August 21’s Vanguard demolition appeal time changed from 7 pm to 8 pm, see p. 19

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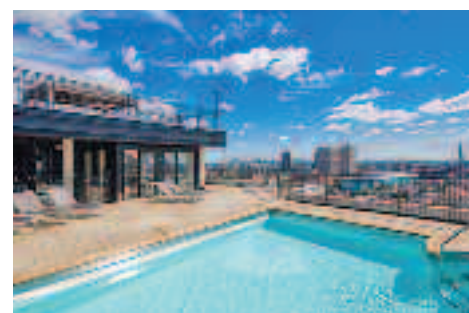
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Challenge accepted (and met)

The ninth CIBC 401 Bike Challenge in support of children with cancer took place this year and 42 cyclists biked from Toronto to Montreal over two and half days, arriving in Westmount at Martin Swiss on Victoria Ave. August 12 at mid-day (top). Inset: Rob Collard (left), owner of Nick's Restaurant on Greene, and Westmounter Jonathan Frankel (right) flank Gene Piccoli, the event's founder. \$274,355 was raised this year.

Group photo: Independent. Inset photo courtesy of MUHC marketing and development office.



Vagrant generates 2 complaints

Public safety officers were called to the Second Cup on Greene at 8:47 pm, August 11, to help an employee eject a man known to frequent the coffee shop to drink milk put out for clients, Public Security officials said. He left on request but became

the subject of a second complaint at 10:12 pm for a man loitering in the lobby of an apartment building around the corner on Sherbrooke. He departed once again without incident. The man was described as a vagrant.

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Maitland, friends bike from Megantic, for Megantic

Westmounter Nigel Maitland, and his friends Hans Hermann-Alvarez and Michael Seccarrecchia, recently cycled from Lake Megantic to Charlottetown, PEI, finishing their two-week, 1,300-km trip on August 15.

All three are McGill University students. Maitland recently completed his undergrad in physiology. Hermann-Alvarez is in his second year of environmental sci-

ences and Seccarrecchia will soon be graduating from the faculty of education.

Through a link on their website to the Red Cross, the trio had raised \$7,391 for the town as of August 16, but the donation page will remain open for two more weeks.

According to Maitland, the most surprising thing was how “feasible/accomplishable this entire trip was.”



From left, Nigel Maitland, Hans Hermann-Alvarez, and Michael Seccarrecchia.

Photo courtesy of Samantha Coverini.

“When the Lac Megantic explosion took place, we agreed we would set out by the end of the month. This, for university students, meant two weeks of procrastination and one of preparation. But that is all it took: an idea and a starting date...”

“I’m proud of myself and my two friends,” continued Maitland. “The trip

was a challenge. Being able to help the people of Megantic is awesome. And it was just a simple idea at the heart of it all. ... What surprises me most is how willing people were to put faith in a simple idea and dedicate themselves to helping us make this trip the memorable adventure that it was.”



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OPEN LETTER TO CLLR. PRICE: DOGS AT TRAIN STATION

In the debate around the location of the next dog run, I suggest the piece of land in front of the Westmount railway station at the bottom of Victoria Ave.

This area has a good mix of sunshine and shade to allow citizens to take a breath of fresh air, read and talk while observing the performance of the canine race.

We could set up two petanque alleys just like in the park between Gatineau and Decelles.

These activities could justify opening the barricaded station, and so provide space and toilets to users.

This is an attractive project to revitalize this area of our city, isn't it?

RACHEL MONNIÈRE, GROSVENOR AVE.

END THE 'DAYMARE' OF DOGS IN PARK

Stephen Chin is absolutely right (August 6, p. 7, "Tennis, dogs don't mix").

Westmount Park simply has no place for a dog run, including the previous location at Lansdowne and St. Catherine.

Living across from that dog run for more than 15 years has been a day/nightmare!

Starting at 6 am and going on until 10 pm, the dogs bark and fight, and some owners can be heard doing the same



Residents continue to have thoughts about the now closed dog run at St. Catherine and Lansdowne, and possible new locations for it. Its former site was photographed on August 19.

Photo & caption: Independent.

thing.

Yes, the run was filthy and the stench of urine, droppings and dust was always present. More than 15 years of this is enough.

The city of Westmount should find a location where people won't be disturbed and offended.

TRUDY ASCH, LANSDOWNE AVE.

LIGHT FROM THE MARITIMES

My brother and I came from Halifax to visit our grandparents who live on de Maisonneuve Blvd. Their front porch over-

looks a busy bicycle path. What was shocking to us was the number of cyclists we saw riding without the safety of a helmet. From 9 am to 10 am on August 9 we sat on the porch and counted 81 cyclists wearing helmets versus 56 without helmets, totalling 137 using the bicycle path, 40 percent of whom were without helmets. The following evening we noticed bicycles going by in the twilight without lights. From 8:15 pm to 9:15 pm on August 10, we undertook another count. We counted 18 riders with lights (most were Bixis) and 41 with no lights – total 59 (70 percent with no lights!).

My brother and I were raised to be very safety conscious: we both wear helmets on bikes, we wear seat belts in cars and life preservers in boats. We wonder why so many disregard what we think are very important safety features for bike riding.

We went to Martin Swiss bicycles on Victoria Ave. to ask about the cost of safety. Helmets cost \$35 to \$45 and lights are \$15 (times two for front and back). Safety and head protection is surely worth \$75. After all, we only have one head!

We think all cyclists should wear helmets and have adequate lighting (front and back) at night.

ADRIENNE AND RICHARD DENIS,
HALIFAX, NS

DOOR HIT CYCLIST

Re: "Cyclist hits car door" (August 13, p. 8).

If it were not for the warped views of so many readers, it would just be funny. But for those who wonder, here is how it usually works in the real world: bicyclist passes car; bicyclist assumes driver will look behind before opening door; driver too busy with cellphone, passenger, etc. to bother or just forgot; door hits cyclist, *not* the opposite as the header suggests. I was a victim of a typical "dooring" (a moving vehicle violation).

For a cyclist to have "hit the door" and thereby justify this misleading headline, would require the door to have been wide open when it was hit. Not many cyclists make a habit of plowing into a stationary open door because it really hurts!

Please publish a correction.

IVAN BARRY PLESS, LANSDOWNE AVE.

THANKS FOR THE MOONDOG NEWS

I am writing to thank you for the *Westmount Independent's* commitment to informing Westmount residents of what is happening in their community and beyond. Specifically, thank you for publish-

ing in the July 2 issue information about the local band Moondog Duo performing Wednesday evenings throughout the summer at the Italian restaurant 11 Scalini.

I finally made it there this week and thoroughly enjoyed the restaurant's unique Italian fare and the fellowship of dining with fellow Westmounters.

Moreover, I very much relaxed and melted out to the soft sounds of Moondog Duo's developed boomer repertoire of classic rock jazz deftly performed by George Wall on electric guitar and Mark Reif on electric bass that actually drew applause from the small but approving clientele. It was a wonderful evening of fun, friends and food.

As a community investment specialist, I know it is important for Westmounters to patronize local eateries and artistic talent. Thank you for helping us make that possible.

MARILYNN VANDERSTAAY,
ST. CATHERINE ST.

UP THE CREEK?

To many, the history of creeks and ponds in Westmount Park remains firmly in the realm of the urban myth.

By a consultation of the Under Montreal website, at www.undermontreal.com/map/ and the Goad map of 1809, one can see that two creeks once flowed through our once majestic park.

Of primary concern is the creek that once flowed from the northwest section of the park, traversed the arena site and continued down the glen.

Interestingly, that historic flow corresponds to same route as the drainage pipe that was discovered and cut during the arena's excavation.

The water from this pipe, which appears in various shades of brown, continues to be pumped out of the arena onto de Maisonneuve Blvd. near Lansdowne to the amusement of children.

To adults, it will require a sizeable amount of money and engineering to rectify. So, is there a correlation between one (or more) of these historic creeks and the drainage pipe that follows its old course? I cannot say for certain. However, it does appear to be a "smoking gun."

Regardless of its origin, a pipe and its source(s) were missed in the planning of a project, whose location was questionable. In consideration of this, the swelling of the arena decontamination costs from \$1 million to possibly \$3 million and other extra costs, it would appear that it is all Westmounters who are now "up the creek."

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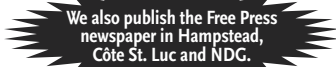
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Sued to build mansion on Cedar

Court rejects Al-Musawi's \$8.5M claim against city

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

After a dozen years of court cases involving a Westmount property owner's bid to build a large house on Cedar, a judge has rejected her \$8.5-million claim for damages against the city.

Superior Court judge Pierre Tessier, in a ruling August 7, dismissed attempts by Shatha Al-Musawi to recover damages she alleged emanated from the Westmount Urban Planning department's revocation of her original permits to restore and enlarge what was then an existing house.

The work was stopped and permits withdrawn in early 2002 when it was discovered that the Category I heritage house from 1872 had been totally demolished despite a demolition permit that allowed only a 10-percent removal of the façade.

This led to years of litigation including the suit against the city – which was a part of Montreal at the time of the filing.

The judge ruled the city and its Urban Planning department had acted in good faith, were justified in their actions and held that Al-Musawi was essentially responsible for her own losses.

"She knew the main body of the house had to be preserved," he wrote. "She knew what could be demolished and what could be built, she knew what could stop the work in the event of a contravention of attached permit conditions."

He also found Al-Musawi knew that the city had always treated the project as an enlargement project and not as one to build a new house.

As well, he refused to order the return of a \$50,000 monetary guarantee she had paid in 2001 for the partial demolition work and required Al-Musawi to pay court costs.

The judge cited the decisions rendered by other Superior Court and Court of Ap-

peal judges, including one which the Supreme Court refused to hear in 2007.

He dismissed all claims for damage plus interest which Al-Musawi attributed to the city's actions. These included professional fees, construction costs already incurred and other expenses related to lodging and lost investments during delays to build a replacement home at the site.

In its defence, the city had argued the only cause of the alleged damages was the illegal work that had taken place. As well, the city had discretion in approving construction plans and any delays were attributed to the plaintiff's own conduct.

Since 2002, Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) has turned down various designs from Al-Musawi to build a new replacement house based largely on considering them to be too massive for the site in relation to the neighbourhood (see February 28, 2012, p. 5).

In 2011, a large area in which Al-Musawi's property is located south of The Boulevard was rezoned by the city to reduce the maximum site coverage that any new house could occupy on a large property. This was done to conform to similar zoning north of The Boulevard aimed at preventing the building of so-called oversized houses. Al-Musawi campaigned against the change but failed to force a zoning referendum (see March 1, 2011, p. 3).

This was to conform to the same requirements adopted in the R1 area, which is north of The Boulevard. Al-Musawi campaigned against the change but failed to force a zoning referendum (see March 1, 2011, p. 3).

While Montreal was named as the defendant in the suit, the initial building permits were issued by Westmount and the work started just before the December 31, 2001 merger.

Interestingly, noted Urban Planning di-



Al-Musawi's property, seen here on August 16, is on the north side of Cedar between Mountain and Mount Pleasant.

Photo: Independent.

rector Joanne Poirier last week, the Montreal agglomeration would have had to pay the damages had the judge ruled in favour of Al-Musawi. It was agreed at the time of demerger that any suit launched during the merger years of 2002-2005 would re-

main with Montreal. As a result, she explained, Westmount has not had any "investment" in the case.

Poirier is currently substitute director general for Duncan Campbell, who is on vacation.



Cedar decision consistent: Hoppenheim

Howard Hoppenheim, whose home on The Boulevard backs on to the Al-Musawi property on Cedar, has provided court testimony on how he had noticed the entire Category I house had been demolished in February 2002 and brought it to the attention of the city at that time.

Since then, he has maintained a close watch on the designs of any new replacement house that might negatively affect his property or those of neighbours, and scrutinized the various decisions rendered by courts in the Al-Musawi cases, including the latest one.

"It clearly confirms you can't do things in contravention to the conditions of a permit," he said. "Every judge who has heard this case has been consistent. I guess Madame Al-Musawi has a right of appeal, but she must be getting the message that this might be futile."

Result of meetings with Transport Quebec, CP

Council to pay half of sound barrier feasibility study

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The 30-year issue of a sound barrier along the Ville Marie expressway and rail tracks in Westmount took a small step forward August 5 when city council adopted a resolution agreeing to pay 50 percent of a Transport Quebec feasibility study.

The measure stems from a June 27 meeting between city officials and the Transport ministry (MTQ). The city previously had been holding out for total provincial government funding of an updated study requested June 4, 2012, Councillor Theodora Samiotis explained.

Given several changes since then, however, the council decided to “move ahead” with requesting the study, sharing the cost 50-50.

Among the reasons are the finalizing of

the Turcot reconstruction plans to lower the highway west of Hallowell, the provincial government’s insistence on paying only 50 percent of the cost of the feasibility study and any ensuing sound barrier, and a decision received by the city in February from Canadian Pacific not to allow Westmount to use any of its land (see June 18, p. 22).

Since municipal property narrows to the east, the building of a sloping berm would likely depend on the use of CP land unless doubled with a retaining wall.

Now it is especially important to find out what type of barrier or combinations might be “practical,” according to Samiotis. Among some of the suggestions from an earlier preliminary study commissioned by Westmount are a clear barrier, berms and living walls.



At present, Westmount’s only sound barrier is this prototype at the foot of Abbott, seen here on August 16.

Photo: Independent.

The council resolution authorizes the city’s director general Duncan Campbell to negotiate and sign a “collaboration

agreement” with the MTQ to make good on the government’s commitment to pay 50 percent of the study’s cost.

Group a first in Montreal

Y offers cancer patients exercise, nutrition programme

By WALTER C. PERRY

One recent sun-drenched Monday afternoon, a second-floor studio in the Westmount YMCA reverberated with the sounds made by an exercise class for cancer survivors. The class, given twice a week, is offered free of charge by Cedars Cancer institute and its affiliate, Cedars CanSupport. Led by Catherine Heaton, herself a cancer survivor, and Daniel Fischer, a senior top-rated trainer, it is believed to be the first of its kind in Montreal.

Heaton, a self-described “cancer graduate,” understands the participants’ struggles first hand, “When I got cancer, I felt disempowered because of the disease,” she says. “But this class helped me to regain my power.

Today, we are using exercise, along with other resources, to give cancer survivors a quality of life they would not otherwise enjoy. Even my own oncologist tells me that his patients who participate in this programme need to be seen less often – and they’re happier when he examines them.”

Fischer adds: “The peer support within this group is tremendous! We insist on a medical clearance for everyone ... and we use gentle aerobics, stretching and toning routines.”

It is becoming increasingly clear that exercise, a healthy diet and stress management are effective in helping at-risk individuals lower their chances of developing cancer. But, for those who are diagnosed, there is hope that these factors can improve both survival rates and quality of life. In addition, the latest data available suggest that developing a peer support network is also a very positive step that both at-risk groups and cancer patients can take to achieve an enhanced sense of well-being.

Jennifer Finestone, who oversees the exercise classes, is very enthusiastic about using these factors to generate positive

change. “I would like anyone reading this who has cancer and does not know what we do to realize that there is help available to them, free of charge. We realize that a cancer diagnosis can be both overwhelming and terrifying.

For this reason, we offer many complementary therapies to support both patients and caregivers. Although the range of options we provide may be daunting at first, we are a very approachable, volunteer-driven organization – and we have a great support staff. In fact, everything we do here at Cedars is designed to offer our clients an enhanced quality of life.”

Dog attacks girl on scooter

A black Labrador jumped on a young girl in Westmount Park August 11 as she rode past it on a scooter at about 11 am, Public Security officials said.

The dog grabbed the sleeve of her T-shirt, resulting in what were described as “tooth scratches.” No blood was drawn but the girl, who was accompanied by her parents, was reported to have fallen to the ground in shock. The dog owner was to be ticketed \$76 and was given 14 days to obtain a licence. All involved are Westmount residents. The victim was aged about 7.

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A time capsule is lowered into its resting place August 12 by Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan, left, and Councillor Patrick Martin before its ceremonial burial by Mayor Peter Trent, right, at the Lansdowne entrance of the new Westmount recreation centre.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney.

Miss Vicky's, cont'd. from p. 1

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza.

The zone in question, numbered C3-15-02, is reported to contain some 24 houses, mainly on the south side of Côte St. Antoine between Metcalfe and Strathcona.

In the event that validity is established and a register is required, it is expected that the date of it would be set by council at its September 3 meeting, of it Iturriaga Espinoza explained.

The only people who would then be entitled to sign the register to express their opposition would be eligible voters from the one applying contiguous zone plus those from the "concerned" zone. The latter is very small, contains the church and would be automatically included.

At that stage, the two zones would form a new combined one on which results

would be based. A majority plus one of eligible voters would be required to move forward in the process of holding a referendum. This number remains to be calculated.



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RCMP band preps for Quebec City tattoo



Photo courtesy of Ron Harris.

The RCMP's Quebec band held a public rehearsal at Victoria Hall the evening of August 13. This initial idea was to have the event in Westmount Park, but rain forced people inside. About 30 music lovers attended, according to Westmount Community Events coordinator Virginia Elliott.

The pipes-and-drums band is composed of approximately 20 musicians, the

majority of whom are non-RCMP volunteers. It meets weekly at RCMP headquarters at Greene and Dorchester.

At the Festival de Musiques Militaires de Québec, which takes place from August 20 to 25 in Quebec City, the Quebec ensemble will join RCMP bands from other provinces to form a united RCMP group.

In the event of a waiver to block the register from happening, this same majority plus one from the new combined zone would be required.

The issue involves adding a "pre-

school" usage to St. Matthias' which would permit Miss Vicky's to remain at the location it has occupied for some 20 years though this had never been legitimized in the zoning by-law.

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Hockey meets tennis, Serbian-style

‘Without borders’ participants meet Djokovic

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A group of Serbians who travelled to Montreal this summer as part of a hockey-learning program coordinated by two Westmounters had an unexpected thrill when they got to meet one of their country’s most famous athletes – world No. 1 tennis champ Novak Djokovic.

Craig Klinkhoff and Matthew Robins, who grew up on Metcalfe and Lansdowne avenues respectively, formed a chapter of Hockey Without Borders two years ago.

Morgan sets sights on Rio 2016

Westmouter and Study alumna Arielle Morgan and her long-time crew Heather Myatt are campaigning to represent Canada in the 49er FX sailboat class at the Rio 2016 Olympic games. They competed from July 26 to 28 at the Canadian Championships in Kingston, Ontario with an overall third-place finish after 11 races. Two of those races saw the Morgan-Myatt team take first place. The women train full time in Kingston, Ont. See photo on p. 1.

The non-profit organization sends players and coaches abroad to promote the growth of hockey all over the world. Klinkhoff and Robins made a successful visit in July last year to Turkey and this July a delegation of six hockey enthusiasts from Serbia travelled to Canada as part of the program.

For more than two weeks, members of the delegation took part in a training camp, visited the Bell Centre where the Montreal Canadiens play, and attended Rogers Cup tennis matches, where they got to meet Djokovic. Accommodation and meals for the visit were provided by the Serbian Orthodox Church on Melville Ave.

On Aug. 3, Filip Papich, a member of the church, hosted a barbecue at his Rosemount Ave. home for the visiting delegation and a few church members.

“We were obviously very pleased to receive the people from our country,” said Bill Djurovic, a member of the Serbian Orthodox Church’s board of directors.

“It’s been pretty amazing to see how the families from the church have taken in the players from Serbia,” said Klinkhoff, who connected with the church through his friendship with Papich’s son, Stefan.



Seen on August 4, from left, were Craig Klinkhoff of Hockey Without Borders; Matilda Mickoski, a parent from Serbia; world No. 1 tennis champ Novak Djokovic; and Serbian visitors Milos Mickoski, Nikola Perisic and Aleksander Kolaric.

Rookie wins two events

Triathlete Le Rossignol embraces the pain

By MICHAEL MOORE

When a stress fracture in his shin forced Westmouter Michael Le Rossignol off his feet in February, the 23-year-old turned to low-impact rehab in the swimming pool and on his exercise bike, unwittingly starting himself on a new career path.

Embracing the new challenge, Le Rossignol, a member of Saint Mary’s University track team, paid for private lessons to hone his swimming skills and began registering in a series of triathlons this summer, putting in 30 hours a week of training to sharpen his body and mind.

The rookie has proven himself a natural, even embracing the sport’s masochistic tendencies.

“The main thing that I love is the pain. To do this type of sport you really have to enjoy being uncomfortable,” said Le Rossignol.

In May, just three months after he began training, Le Rossignol competed in his first event, finishing sixth in the Triathlon d’Oka sprint, a 750m swim followed by a 20km bike ride and 5km run.

Two weeks later, a severely sleep-deprived Le Rossignol beat out 77 other competitors to notch his win in the Ottawa River Sprint Triathlon.

“I slept in the parking lot in my car and

at midnight I got a knock on my window telling me to leave. I was so tired I just wanted to get some sleep since I was racing at 8 am, but I had to drive away and find a new spot,” said Le Rossignol.

After a 16th place finish in the longer 163-competitor Muskoka Triathlon, Le Rossignol again stepped onto the podium on July 21, finishing first in the 20-24 age group and third overall in the Canadian National Age Group Triathlon Championships in Toronto.

The top finish earned Le Rossignol a spot in the 2014 World Championships in Edmonton, reinforcing his desire to turn the sport into a viable career and hopefully one day compete in the Olympics.

See photo on p. 1.

Man falls on Greene

A man from the Snowdon area was transported to St. Mary’s Hospital August 6 after falling around 11:48 am across from 1245 Greene, on the east side where road construction was under way, according to Public Security reports.

The man, who was assisted by the city’s fire cadets, complained of pain in the hip and pelvis. A woman had tripped on the west sidewalk July 31 and also had to be taken to hospital (see August 13, p. 13).

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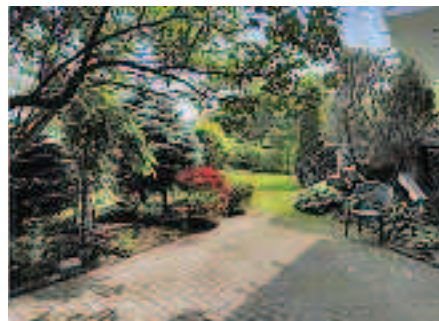
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Ribbon cut to reopen 5 Saisons

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Furniture for the terrasse arrived just in the nick of time August 14, a couple of hours before the official opening of the re-invented 5 Saisons store at Greene and de Maisonneuve. The reconstruction of the streets remained unfinished. But no one seemed to care.

Invited guests were too busy raving about the ham and sampling other gourmet offerings, or surveying the large section of in-house ready-to-eat meals, called “home-meal-replacement” in the trade.

Some attendees touched base with returning former employees, including store manager Jean-François Dugal, familiar to many not only as the previous franchise owner, but also as the former assistant to Graham Fletcher at the Victoria Ave. Metro store.

Dugal described the new 5 Saisons as having a “special spirit.”

The store, which now occupies a large part of the ground floor of the new 1250 Greene condo project, was closed some three years ago to allow for redevelopment. It’s now a “corporate store” rather than a franchise.

The new layout presents a new orienta-



From left, developer Jacob Attias, store manager Jean-François Dugal and Mayor Peter Trent.

tion and circulation flow with groceries at the back and the prepared meals, fresh produce and specialty items in the front.

A coffee and goodies section opens directly onto the terrasse on the de Maisonneuve side.

Hillside sewer diversion to ease flooding burden

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approval of a contract August 5 to construct a new storm-water sewer on Hillside follows longtime planning for the work to reduce the likelihood of flooding on Hillside and adjacent neighbourhoods.

The \$700,000 project involves redirecting the flow of the Hillside sewer from the overburdened Glen sewer into the one under the Westmount Athletic Grounds, which empties into one going south on Greene.

“It’s part of a continuing effort to improve drainage by reducing the amount of water going into the Glen sewer,” said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner

of Utilities and Public Works.

Other measures being taken include the installation of a retention basin south of the new Westmount recreation centre, the absorbent grass roof of the new arena, and water retention measures at the condo development proposed for Metcalfe at Hillside.

Because it takes only six minutes for water from The Boulevard to reach the Glen sewer, Martin told the council meeting, it means that in a downpour lasting any longer than that, all the rain is trying to go down the Glen at the same time.

Buildings on Abbott and Hillside, in particular, reported repeated flooding during intensive rainfalls last summer, in particular. This led to a study of sewer capacity.

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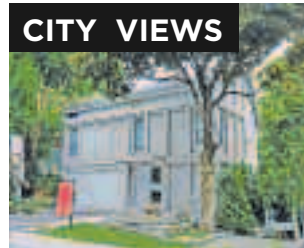
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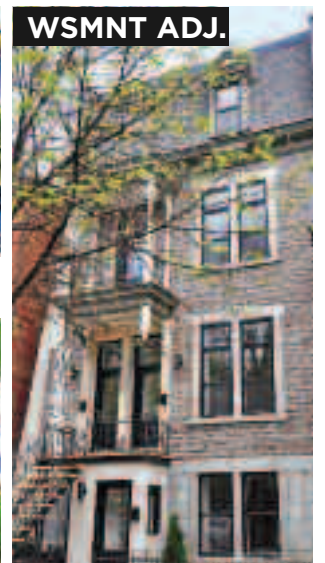
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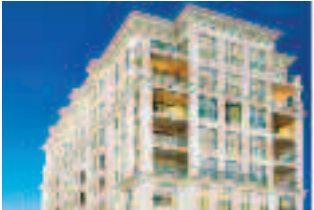
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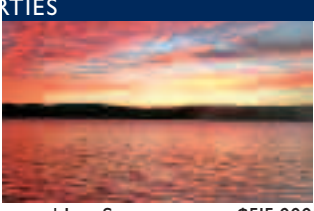
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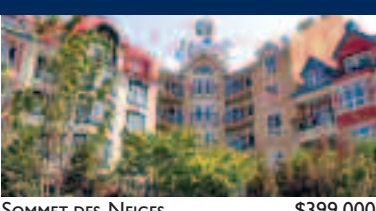
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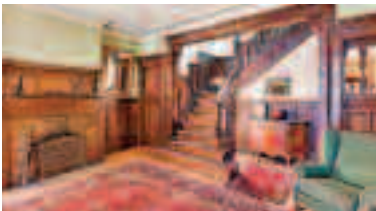
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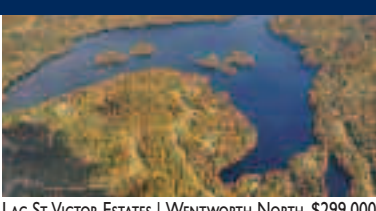
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This year's "Bouncing" graduates, staff and well-wishers.

Photo: Independent.

Westmount Park School's Bouncing Boys Back to Books pre-semester program finished its fifth year on August 16. Closing events were held at the school, including a basketball game, retrospective video, awards and a barbecue.

"I can see the evolution," said Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation board member Fiona Macfarlane, who coincidentally is a Westmounter. The foundation, established in memory of McGill med student Stra-

chan Hartley, a Vancouverite who died of cancer soon after graduating, supports projects across the country, but the Westmount Park initiative is the only one in Quebec at the moment. The foundation has supported it every year since its founding.

"Honestly, this was the best [year] ever," said one of the coordinators and Westmount Park teacher Pamela Price.

Runaway car hits another on St. Catherine

A driverless car rolling backward down St. Catherine St. and across the intersection at the glen August 10 hit one being driven east, according to Public Security officials. No injuries were reported in the incident at 1:51 pm.

The runaway car had apparently been parked outside 4616 St. Catherine St., between Lewis and Blenheim Place, while the driver went inside the building. He failed to apply the hand brake or turn the wheels to the curb and was to be ticketed by police. He was described as a 21-year-old resident of LaSalle.

Man loses consciousness, blood after fall at lookout

A public safety officer was patrolling at the summit lookout at 9:32 pm August 8 when she was informed that a man had fallen nearby and lost consciousness. According to Public Security officials, the man, a 41-year-old Montreal resident, was found bleeding from the nose and confused. He was reported to have consumed alcohol and cannabis. His wife, who also had been drinking, was taken to a patrol car to await an ambulance and accompanied her husband to the hospital. Police also assisted the man until the arrival of Urgences Santé.

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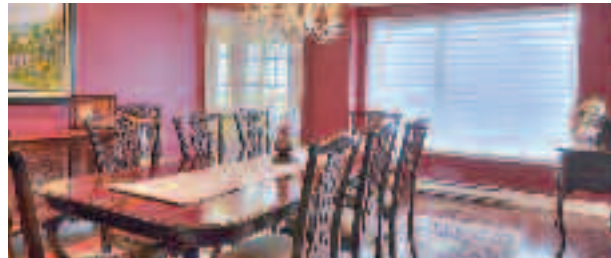
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On the roof looking northeast at exit and bike shelter.

Arena open house, cont'd. from p. 1

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A girls’ hockey program is being introduced, explained sports coordinator Michelle Dodds. This consists of clinics (Termite through Midget, ages 6-16) to develop basic hockey skills at all age levels in the hopes of starting a girls’ hockey league

next year in parallel with the boys.

A new women’s non-instructional recreational hockey league will be open to women of all hockey skills and a separate women’s beginner instructional program is being offered.

More flexible scheduling will enable men’s adult hockey games to have longer blocks of playing time – up to 90 minutes including ice resurfacing.

The number of youth travel intercity teams also will be increased and these teams will now be hosting home-ice games rather than having only practice time in Westmount.

They will also have a new website.



One of the new rinks, August 12.

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Lowest year-to-date since 1994 July Sales: Slow (again)

Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

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

Westmount real estate crawled to a near stop in July, with only four offers accepted for single-family homes, and prices in a very tight range between \$1,129,000 and \$1,313,500.

With volume generally sluggish during the first six months, the year-to-date volume through July is now the lowest it has been since 1994, the year before Quebec's second independence referendum. The small size of the July sample makes statistical analysis very difficult; the average mark-up over valuation of 27 percent actually makes the "typical" price of a Westmount house move up, but in the

meantime agents have been dropping their asking prices in an attempt to get the market moving again. There are still 144 houses on the market in Westmount, 57 of them (40 percent) asking over \$2 million.

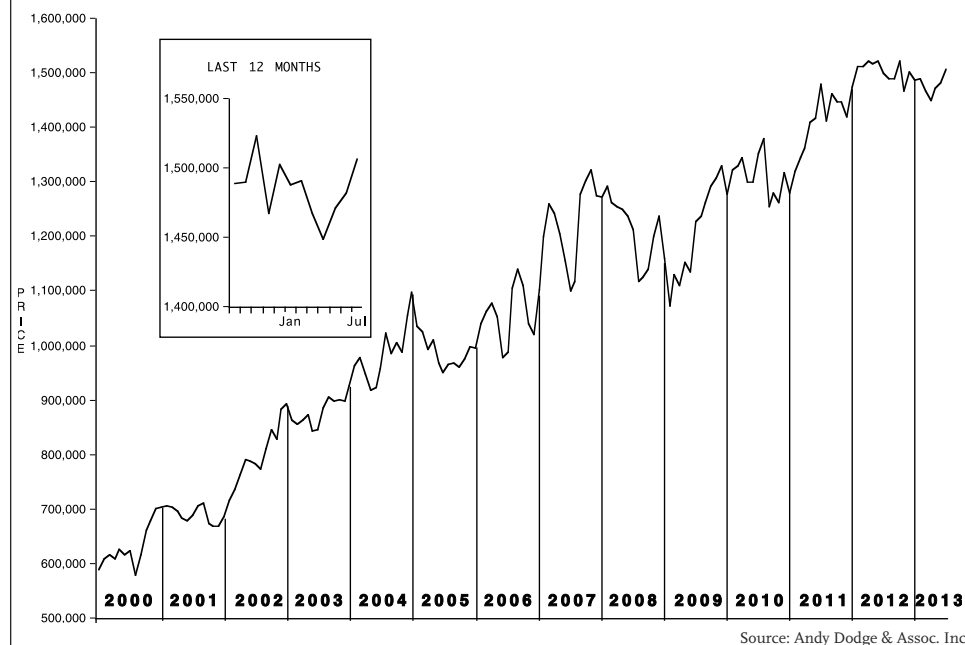
Slow condo market

The condominium market in Westmount was no busier, with only two sales, one in the \$300,000 range and one for \$1,465,000, while a share of a duplex brought its owner \$672,000. The condos in the first two quarters averaged about 25 percent above municipal valuation, but the two in July were both for only a 5-percent mark-up. Again, there are 80 condos and flats available on the market (not including 215 Redfern Ave., which is being sold off by the developers), only 22 of which are over \$1 million.

Westmount-adjacent busier

If any area showed signs of activity last month, it was the Westmount-adjacent district just east of the city limits, where three houses sold between \$950,000 and \$1,780,000. A house just north of the city limits went for \$985,000. One triplex on Victoria Ave. near Queen Mary Rd. sold for just under its municipal valuation, but otherwise all of the sales sold for fairly

Average adjusted price of a typical Westmount home by month from Jan. 2000 to July 2013 based on accepted offer dates



Source: Andy Dodge & Assoc. Inc.

healthy mark-ups. No sales were reported in eastern NDG.

So far this year (through July) agents have posted 86 Westmount home sales compared with 104 in each of the past two years. In 1994 only 64 sales were posted in the first seven months, and 84 back in 1991, but otherwise this is the slowest

seven months since we began keeping records in 1986. In 1984, prices had slumped badly and only started to rebound in 1997; so far this year prices are holding at about the \$1,500,000 average level where they have been stuck since early last year, but prices may have to drop to rekindle the volume figures of recent years.

Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Summer Film Club (*Mud*, directed by Jeff Nichols) at the Westmount Public Library at 2 pm.

Public consultation meeting on storm water management, city hall. 5 pm.

Public consultation meeting as above but including pool deck changes. 5:15 pm.

Demolition appeal hearing by city council, former Vanguard school building, city hall. 8 pm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Movie Under the Stars (*The Croods*) organized by the Westmount Public Library in Westmount Park. 8 pm. Scouts will be selling popcorn, cotton candy and drinks.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Westmount city council meeting at city hall. 8 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Open House and Discovery Café, Thomas More Institute (3405 Atwater). 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Also on Saturday, September 7 from 10 am – 4 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Seminar on the Old Age Security Pension Plan. Reservation required (contact Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 3 pm.

Author Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. Click here for the Book Club schedule up to June 2014. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mario Robert, gives an illustrated presentation on the Archives de Montréal, now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Alzheimer Café (monthly) For information, contact Beth Symansky at 514-935-7344 ext 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Seminar on Wills and Estate Planning.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Will Aitken speaks on the theme "Another County: Fiction Writing and the Other Place." He will talk about Japan and read from his latest novel, *My Life Burn-*

ing in the Moonlight. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Brenda Shanahan gives a talk on "Bridging the Income Gap.... Tips on Easing Into Full Retirement". She will discuss different phases in post-employment life. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

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Police, partners drive home bike path safety



Police, Westmount Public Security and Westmount Walking and Cycling Association in action, August 15.

Photo courtesy of Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.

Some 200 cyclists were stopped on the bike path August 15 in a police safety campaign and a number were cautioned about their failure to adhere to the highway safety code as they rode through Westmount Park between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

A total of 17 breezed through stop signs, 10 did not stop at the red light at Metcalfe and 23 wore ear phones, according to Public Security bike patrollers Sabrina Tremblay and Zach Sobkowiak, who participated in the event.

“Many cyclists were also informed that an enforcement campaign (ticketing) will follow and violators would receive a \$37 ticket and lose three points on their driver’s licence for offences,” reports Westmount Walking and Cycling Association president Dan Lambert.

The aim of the program was to increase safety on the bike path and encourage cyclists to respect the rules of the road. Many were given reflectors as well as t-shirts and helmets donated to local police Station 12.

“Continuing education is the key,” said

city councillor Gary Ikeman the next day.

Among participants were police constable Annie Grondin, Public Security parks cadet Patrick Genest and Patricia Dumais of the WWCA.

Graffiti costs \$637

A 20-year-old NDG man has been ticketed for \$637 for using a black marker on a mailbox at Elm and Sherbrooke August 12, Public Security officials said. He was spotted heading west at 4:34 am by a public safety officer parked at Wood and Sherbrooke as the individual stopped at the mailbox, appearing to mark it.

Following the suspect, the officer called police who intercepted the man at Clarke and de Maisonneuve. A black marker was reported to have been retrieved from his pocket and spray cans from a back pack. While he was not charged by police, Public Security sent him a ticket in keeping with the city’s zero tolerance policy on graffiti, according to director David Sedg-

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It is estimated to be 70 to 90 years old. The tree had an ant colony, its major branches had been wired and there was woodpecker damage.

Newborns dumped in dumpster



This young tortoiseshell mother cat and three newborn kittens were found at the dump in St. Sophie, in a dumpster.

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homes as soon as possible. Mother tortie cat is still nursing her adorable three male kittens, two orange little fellows and one grey one, which are three weeks old. Please consider adopting or fostering now, there is no time to lose.

For more information on this little family, please contact Marlene Sénéchal at 514.707.1683 or 450.478.1683. You can also email Marlene at marlene_senechal@hotmail.com, and she could send you more information and photographs.

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Sports fans who live at 1 Wood Ave. would be thrilled to know that they reside on the site of one of the first indoor hockey arenas built just for that purpose, home of the Montreal Wanderers and later the Montreal Canadiens.

Wood Ave. was laid out in about 1882 as a north-south street off St. Catherine St., which had recently been extended into the newly-formed town of Côte St. Antoine. Land to the north of St. Catherine St. was owned by the “Gentlemen Ecclesiastes of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal,” whose title to the property dated back to 1663. The Sulpician brothers had not been idle owners of the land, and established a lease with the Montreal Arena Company to build the hockey stadium in 1898, right next door to more land (closer to Atwater Ave.) which was occupied by the “Montreal Base Ball Park,” believed to be the original home of the Montreal Royals.

In February 1904, the Montreal Arena Company actually purchased the land from the Sulpicians, paying \$80,525.50 for

16 Dec 1988	Myrna MacKenzie	\$258,000
5 May 1989	Valeria Wlusek	\$325,000
30 Oct 1996	Joanna Rojewski	\$275,000
28 May 1998	Tami Dubrofsky	\$240,000
19 Mar 2002	Zachary Pocklington	\$440,000
4 Jul 2003	Elliot Sheftman & Clara Chaim	\$540,000
12 Sep 2007	Susan Stromberg & David Stein	\$875,000

1 Wood #504: An icy beginning

73,205 square feet (\$1.10 per square foot). One of the prime movers of this effort was William Northey, who along with Edmund Sheppard of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association (MAAA) actually saw to the construction of the arena and then purchased the land. He lived nearby at 370 Greene Ave., just south of Sherbrooke St. In 1947, because of his commitment to hockey and involvement both at this site and later the Montreal Forum (on the other side of Atwater), Northey was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Westmount Canadiens

The Montreal Wanderers were formed in 1903, mainly out of the Montreal Hockey Club, and called Westmount home for all but one of the next 15 years. In 1911 they were joined by the Montreal Canadiens, whose life had started in the east-end Jubilee Rink, which was smaller. Unfortunately, both teams were homeless when the Montreal Arena was destroyed by fire in January 1918.

It is unclear exactly what happened to the site at the corner of St. Catherine and Wood after that. Lovell’s Directory continues to have an address of 4095 St. Catherine occupied by Montreal Arena Company, but the Canadiens had moved back to Jubilee Rink (which burned down a year later, forcing another move to Mount Royal Arena and eventually the Montreal Forum, which was built nearby at the corner of Atwater and St. Catherine in 1926). The Wanderers disbanded. William Northey, not to be discouraged, sold the ice manufacturing facility that was a part of the original Montreal Arena in 1923. Its



1 Wood Ave., looking eastwards, August 16.

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address at 4093 St. Catherine remained in the directory alongside the listing for the arena. He then worked to construct the new Forum.

There is some indication in Lovell’s that the old Montreal Arena became a parking area for the hockey fans at the Forum. Still, the corner of Wood and St. Catherine languished through the 1920s and 1930s while the Forum hosted professional hockey. Finally, in 1942, the RCMP bought the land – listing addresses at 4095-99 St. Catherine – to establish its Montreal headquarters. The deed, signed by Montreal

Arena president A. G. B. Claxton along with Northey, who was then vice-president and executive director, suggests that the government had the power to expropriate, but concedes there had been an agreement to “compensate” the company some \$300,000. This included two lots, stretching from St. Catherine St. to what then was Western Ave. east of Wood Ave. to the laneway that today separates 1 Wood from Alexis Nihon Plaza.

The new RCMP headquarters does not appear in Lovell’s Directory until 1949, before

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which 4095 St. Catherine was the home of War Assets Corp. The large building served as Quebec headquarters for the national police until a new building was constructed in 1972 (between St. Catherine and Dorchester west of Greene Ave.), by which time Westmount Square had been constructed on the west side of Wood Ave. and Alexis Nihon Plaza had appeared on the east side of the block between Wood and Atwater. Both of these were a new, multi-use concept of building that integrated residential and commercial premises, and both were connected to the new Montreal Metro by tunnels.

No doubt the pressure on the federal government was tremendous as Westmount heralded the start of a new "urban renewal" program in the 1960s which brought with it Westmount Square and Alexis Nihon Plaza, but by the time the RCMP was able to build its new headquarters, the interest in massive residen-

tial development of this type had waned, and certainly the election of a separatist government in 1976 did not help. As the 1970s turned into the 1980s and demand for multi-residential housing revived, no doubt there was considerable planning going on.

Her Majesty sells out

Her Majesty the Queen ceded the property to a company called Montvest Ltée., with no identification of a principal nor any office address, on 14 March, 1986. Twelve days later, Montvest sold to Rhomcorp, Ltd., an Ontario developer, for the same \$5 million which Montvest paid to the government. A building permit was issued in August for a \$28-million complex.

Like its neighbours, 1 Wood Ave. was being designed to connect to the Metro tunnel and to have the basement floor – level entry from St. Catherine Street – as a commercial area.

In December 1988, as the building was nearing completion, Myrna MacKenzie, the widow of William Gordon Southam, signed the deeds for apartment 504, a small one-bedroom (plus den), two-bathroom apartment on the north end of the building, paying \$258,000 in December 1988. Presumably after finishing the interior, she sold it the next May for \$325,000 to Valeria Wlusek, wife of Mike Rosenbloom who was founder of Globe Communications, a Montreal-based publishing house.

Commercial area in limbo

It may be because of objections from high-prestige owners like this that the plans to connect to the Metro tunnel had to be scrapped and the commercial area was never developed. The storefronts that had been neatly laid out sat empty for years and finally were sold for taxes in 2006-07. Since then, there have been various sales, but the condominium association is keeping tight reins on the use that can be made of the premises.

Apartment 504, meanwhile, was leased to various tenants until Ms. Rosenbloom

sold it for \$275,000 in October 1996 to Joanna Rojewski. The price dropped even further, to \$240,000, 18 months later when she sold to Tami Dubrofsky. Three more sales between May 1998 and September 2007 moved the price up to \$875,000, paid by David Stein, chartered accountant and Susan Stromberg, a sculptor.

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Photo: Independent.

Bobby’s a star



Bobby was born for stardom, but like many talented prospects was only recently discovered after years of hardship. Your typical rags-to-riches story, this eight-year-old, 19-pound shiitzu was found tied to a bench in Mount Royal Park, shivering in the pouring rain with eyes so terribly infected that he was initially thought to be sight-impaired. Luckily, the folks at the shelter gave Bobby exactly what he needed to shine: medication, time and love, and with these tools Bobby has rebounded from his traumatic past like the champion that he is.

Bobby’s eyesight has made a nearly complete recovery, although he does not love to be approached from behind and he will likely need eye drops for the rest of his life. As with any true star, Bobby has rebounded from the shock and disappointment of rejection of his previous owners, and is ready to be cast in a new role, hopefully a starring one. His current foster family is helping Bobby prepare for his new life by providing him with all the affection and attention that this little boy could want. Bobby’s natural charm and effervescence have given him notoriety within his neighborhood – everyone knows this social butterfly by name on his street!

Hoping to see his name in lights in his forever home one day soon, Bobby has been taking on smaller roles in the meantime, and even starred in a grassroots video produced directed by some of the local kids in his neighbourhood. Bobby considers himself a method actor and used his not-yet-healed eyesight to bring life to his role as a monster dog.

Bobby loves everyone – cats, kids and dogs alike. However, it would be nice for this little guy to have a calm and relaxed environment, so a family with kids over the age of 12 would be ideal, although visiting grandkids and neighbours under the



Bobby

age of twelve are welcome and encouraged! Bobby loves his walks, but is equally happy to just relax on the sofa, watching film noir or just about anything else that is on TV.

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Horaires d'été en vigueur jusqu'au 6 septembre
Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville sont ouverts **du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h**. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount et la galerie du Victoria Hall sont fermées le dimanche.

Bureaux administratifs fermés le 2 septembre
Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville seront fermés le **lundi 2 septembre 2013** en raison de la Fête du travail. Les collectes de résidus alimentaires et d'ordures s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

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Inscriptions - activités automne/hiver
À compter du lundi 26 août à 9 h au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Places assurées pour presque toutes les activités si l'inscription est reçue au plus tard le 4 septembre. Si vous n'avez pas reçu le **Guide d'activités communautaires et culturelles, sportives et de loisirs** par la poste, vous pouvez vous le procurer dans l'un des édifices municipaux à compter du 21 août ou le consulter en ligne au www.westmount.org. Info : 514 989-5353.

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CITY HALL

Summer schedule in effect until September 6

The City's administrative offices will continue to be open **Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Westmount Public Library and the Gallery at Victoria Hall are closed Sundays.

Administrative offices closed September 2nd

The City's administrative offices will be closed on **Monday, September 2, 2013**. Kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.

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Registration for fall and winter activities

Beginning Monday, August 26 at 9 a.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. Places are guaranteed for most activities if registration is received by September 4th. If you did not receive the **Community and Cultural Events, Sports and Recreation Activities Guide** in the mail, pick one up at a City building from August 21st or consult it online at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5353.

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Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, September 3rd

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Poetry in the Park 2013

Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. at the Gazebo in Westmount Park. A music and poetry event with Wanda Potrykus, M.C., Suzanne Daningburg, Maryse Dodard, Denise Duguay, Hannah Franklin, Jan Jorgensen, Julie Mahfood, Dale Matthews and Erika White. Music by composer/performer Matt Stern. Bring your own chair. Info: 514-989-5226.

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Miriam event sells out, runs out of parking



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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Despite the torrential rains, the Miriam Foundation's annual art auction was another great success.

Held mid-June, it was sold out once again. In fact, there were so many guests, that the Sofitel could not find space for all the cars, and so one Westmouter had to drop off his wife, find parking and then – with no raincoat – traipse through puddles to attend.

No worries. Great food, organized by Sofitel director **Jean Christophe Gras**, and art cheered one and all. The co-chairs, elegantly dressed in chic, to-the-knee cocktail dresses were Westmouters **Carol Tryansky** (attending with hubby **Neil**), **Franki**

Yanofsky (with **Peter**), and **Jeannette Hoffman-Zaffir** (with **Ziki**).

Other Westmount residents noted in the room included **Karen and Clarence Epstein**, **Rhona and Irwin Kramer**, **Harriet Moquette**, **Allison Kassie Goldberg** and **Steven Goldberg**, **Mara Greenstone** and **Jason Agulnik**, **Laurie Samuelson**, **Rachel and Steven Kramer**, **Renée Baltuch**, **Sandra Agulnik** and **Max Cantor**, **Elissa Kates**, **Carol and David Nathaniel**, **Jody Shugar**, **Judy and Joe Kaback**, **Rosanna Besner** and **Sari Goldberg** and **Ali Dussault**, clinical director of the foundation's Abili-T program.

Guests admired works of art by Westmount artist **Heidi Spector**, as well as by **Yehouda Chaki**, **Guy Leclef**, **Geraldo Pace**, **Richard Roblin**, **André Schirmer**, and **Terry Tomalty**.

Other guests included **Deborah Malin** and **Neil Grover**; foundation director **Warren Greenstone** attending with his wife **Harriett**; **Allison and Ofer Drucker** (the Azrieli Foundation); **Richard Pilos** (RP In-



Clarence Epstein and Jean Christophe Gras.

vestment Advisors); **Sylvia and Ted Quint**; and **Marlene Levenson**. The evening celebrated the foundation's 40 years, and honoured past presidents.

Current president at the foundation,

Diane Guerrera, chic in black and white, and a summer Louis Vuitton bag, thanked guests for the "remarkable success of the 2013 auction." The evening raised \$100,000 which will allow the foundation to continue to provide support services for people with autism.

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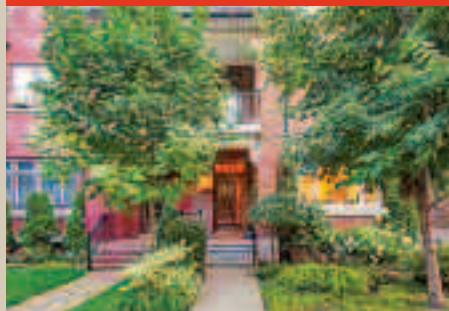
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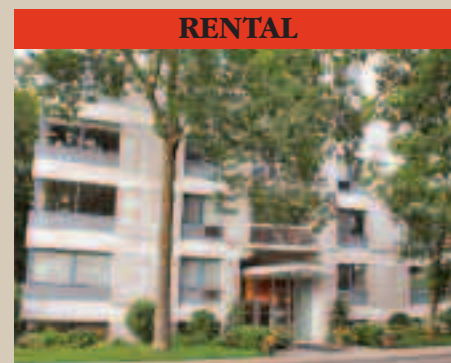


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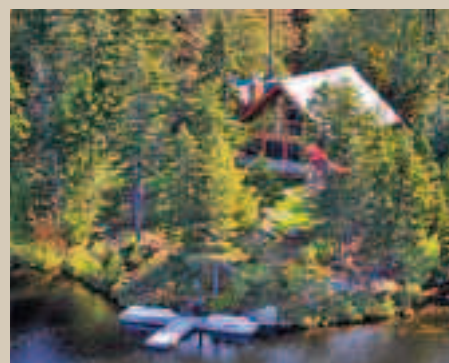
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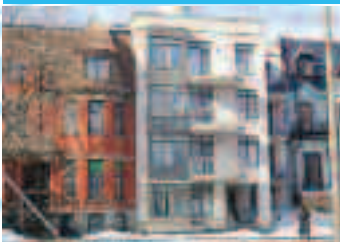
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