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5 Saisons, city battle traffic, work on solution

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Now that the long-awaited 5 Saisons store has opened in the new condo building at Greene and de Maisonneuve, city traffic personnel are grappling with numerous complaints generated by the need for delivery trucks to back across the bike path into the loading dock off de Maisonneuve.

Given the design of the new building, this is the only entry and exit point for trucks, which, before the site was redeveloped, used the small parking lot off Greene on the south side of the property that has since been built on.

Among the problems reported are cyclist safety, *continued on p. 10*

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All photos taken August 29 by the Independent.

Pregnant woman suffers 2 hours before evacuation

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A pregnant Westmount woman who fell in Summit Woods August 20 lay on a path in “intolerable pain” in the shoulder for close to two hours until an ambulance transported her to hospital, Public Security officials said.

She was tended to by public safety officers who also tried to calm her very concerned husband and who positioned themselves along the forest path to direct medical personnel to her location.

“It was good to have someone with her to monitor her condition,” said Public Security director David Sedgwick. As well, he added, “It’s sometimes not easy for responders to pinpoint a location in the park. Anything we can do to help save a few minutes.”

The woman, who was reported to be in the final *continued on p. 22*

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A tale of two Metcalves Right street, wrong city

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When bus detour signs went up on Metcalfe just north of Hillside August 19, it was all a big surprise to regulars at Copoli's restaurant at the corner of Metcalfe and St. Catherine.

"First, the STM (Société de Transport de Montréal) put up two posts and a bus stop sign," said Lloyd Gross, who frequents the eatery. "We wondered how the

buses would ever make the turn off Hillside onto Metcalfe."

Then, a couple of days later, the poles were cut off and the holes in the sidewalk were filled, explained restaurant workers.

It turns out, they said, the signs went up on the wrong street. The bus rerouting onto Metcalfe from St. Catherine was intended for Metcalfe in downtown Montreal.

Public Security director David Sedg-

wick told the *Independent* it wasn't the first time the two streets had been confused. He recalled at least one previous occasion when 911 had been called for an emergency on Metcalfe in Westmount, and responders had turned up in Montreal.

But just to set the record straight, in the event of any proposed future rerouting of buses onto Hillside, a previous STM proposal to do precisely that over construction work at 215 Redfern was refused by the city, Sedgwick said.

The idea had been to loop westbound buses south off St. Catherine using Hillside Lane, Hillside Ave. and Metcalfe.



Photo courtesy of passer-by.

Scouts kick off new season with a BBQ



Westmount Scout members and their families launched the beginning of the new Scouting season during the evening of August 23 with a barbecue in Westmount Park. The meal was followed by a movie hosted by Westmount Public Library in another area of the park. Seen here, from left, are Scouting leaders Marc Lagacé and Douglas Leahey, Scout Christopher Beasley and volunteer Alexanne Chénard.

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**Public Security
nab graffiti suspect
in action**

Two public safety officers patrolling at 12:55 am August 28 spotted a cyclist wearing a backpack going down Selby and stopping briefly at a cement column under the Ville Marie Expressway. Seeing him put a spray can in his back pack and finding paint still dripping from three graffitis, they intercepted him and called police who took him into custody.

The man told officers he had served six months in jail for assault, according to Public Security director David Sedgwick. He was identified as a 31-year-resident of the St. Henri area.

**Noisy kids, beer,
found on public steps**

Two complaints 10 minutes apart were made August 20 about “noisy kids” on public steps leading from Delavigne to St. Sulpice and from Rosemount Cresc. to Mount Pleasant, according to Public Security reports. The first group at 10:30 pm left on request while the second one at 10:49 pm was more reluctant. One person was found with a bottle of beer that turned out to be non-alcoholic.

Lunge in the Park



Lauren Rudick (right) led “Yoga in the Park”, August 15 at 6 pm in Westmount Park. Rudick opened the session with warm-up exercises, stretching and a few lunges. Participants David Sanmiguel and Aviva Shiller quickly advanced through various poses to the forearm stand (Pincha Mayurasana) achieving good balance with a little help from Rudick.

Photo: Ralph Thompson.

Live band unplugged on Braeside

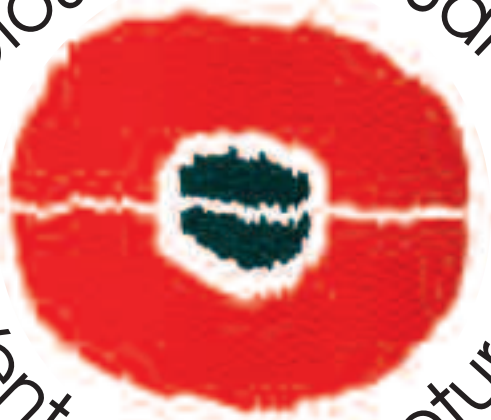
A number of noise complaints were received starting at 11:12 pm August 21 about loud music from a live band at a house on Braeside Place, Public Security officials said. Officers could hear it from

Clarke and Montrose. The homeowner, described as co-operative, had the amplification unplugged.

No further complaints were logged.

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ARENA HOLE LED TO NEGLECTED FIELDS

Such is the hubris of Westmount's elite over its extravagant underground arena project that it seems to have blinded it to the shabby state of the city's other playgrounds and facilities.

In Murray Park, it's been a year since they closed the comfort station "for maintenance."

Instead, they've thrown up a couple of "johnny on the spots" nearby.

Alongside the locked-up chalet, the football field, once one of the best in all of Montreal, now gurgles with each passing month.

At this rate, it might have to be fenced off with barbed wire, lest someone running for a forward pass disappear into one of the bogs.

Meanwhile, Murray's marshes have spread to the field in Westmount Park, adding to the bumps, bald spots and uneven terrain that for decades have remained, immune to feckless "renewal projects."

Year after year, the first sign of summer for Westmounters is their busiest playing field closed off by snow fences.

Not this year, though. With all the city's leisure resources plunged into the arena hole, the field has remained open, warts notwithstanding.

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WHERE ARE THE BIRDS? PART 2

For years I put out dishes of water for birds on my back balcony, and rejoiced in watching and listening to sparrows and starlings noisily lining up to take baths and drinks. But two years ago, at about the same time that the legions of pigeons roosting on the seniors' residence behind my house suddenly disappeared, so did the sparrows and starlings. I've seen none at all for the last two summers.

Like Honor Barrett of Kensington Ave., who wrote to the *Independent* about the absence of birds in her neighborhood, I too am saddened by the ensuing silence. They may not have been exotic song-birds, but they were a joyful presence and are very much missed.

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THANKS, CLLR. IKEMAN

Councillor Gary Ikeman made a difference these past four years, and it is District 5's loss that he will not be on the ballot this fall.

Whether the concern was MUHC construction noise, bike path safety or a flooded basement, those of us who turned to Councillor Ikeman for help appreciated his prompt response and empathetic concern to resolve individual problems.

Because at the end of the day, what really matters to many residents is not the

'public' Westmount with its pretty parks and state-of-the-art arena, but what happens on your street and in your neighborhood that affects quality of life and enjoyment of your home.

Whoever seeks to represent District 5 come November would do well to remember that.

Thank you, Councillor Ikeman.
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Lambert: Montreal ignoring cyclists' needs during construction period



Speaking during the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting on August 28, Dan Lambert, representing the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), asks Montreal officials to do more for cyclists around the hospital construction zone in NDG.

BY ISAAC OLSON

During an August 28 public meeting, Dan Lambert, representing the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA), told Montreal city officials that nothing is being done for cyclists in the de Maisonneuve Blvd. construction zone between NDG's Decarie Blvd. and Grey Ave.

The lack of concern for this two-wheeled mode of transportation, said Lambert, could potentially increase vehicle traffic in Westmount as commuting cyclists return to their cars to get to downtown Montreal. As it is, the busy bicycle path is heavily used both day and night by cyclists using the arterial path to access much of the island.

At present, he said, cyclists are expected to get off their bicycles and walk them on the sidewalk through the construction zone, causing a four-block break in the de Maisonneuve bike path. This requirement, city officials said, should last at least four months as crews replace sewers, finish the train bridge (and other projects) in the area surrounding the incoming McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Pascal Trottier, speaking on behalf of the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough, said there just isn't enough space to accommodate buses, local traffic and cyclists. City officials, he said, are trying to keep the

buses moving to and from the Vendôme Metro station during the construction. Lambert told Trottier that pushing a bicycle is difficult not just for single commuters, but also for cyclists with cargo bikes, children and trailers, but Trottier insisted there is no other option.

One NDG resident told Lambert to take Sherbrooke St. instead, but, Lambert replied, it's not a safe option.

After the meeting, NDG district councillor Peter McQueen, known for being a fierce advocate for cyclists, said the city is being reasonable by asking cyclists to walk their bikes for a few city blocks during this time of much-needed renovations and, in the end, sacrifices have to be made to let this work happen.

Lambert, however, argues that cyclists are all too often the first to make sacrifices while city works to keep gasoline-powered traffic flowing as smoothly as possible.

"The fundamental problem is Montreal and the borough say they want to promote active transportation to reduce traffic," Lambert told the *Independent*. "Practically every time there's construction, the needs of cyclists are ignored. That's basically our frustration. During this construction period, we find it really shocking that cyclists are being told to get off and walk their bikes."

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Pool may not open in September Fundraising plans final appeal, campaign nears \$6M target

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Nearing its \$6-million target, the fundraising campaign for the Westmount recreation centre will launch a general solicitation to help put it over the top “before the opening,” Councillor Tim Price said last week. An official open house has been set for September 22.

He said the general appeal to members of the community would provide new opportunities for many people to contribute who have not yet done so.

Price was expected to announce the fundraising total so far “just shy of \$5.6 million” in a report to city council September 3.

To date, a number of large donations have been received along with proceeds from community events such as the street-hockey tournament at Family Day, a tennis tournament and a social evening.

The new below-ground arena with its NHL-size rinks, along with multi-purpose rooms, teen centre and offices, is to be shown off to the public for the first time at the open house with ice programs being scheduled to start “in October.”

Meanwhile, the pouring of concrete for the pool's sides took place August 26. The concrete requires a lengthy curing and filling process, likely meaning the pool won't open this month as thought after the initial delay from May 31.

Construction continues past 6 pm deadline

Construction workers have been cautioned at several work projects recently about the city's new 6 pm work limits, Public Security officials said. Nearby residents called August 21 at 6:15 about sidewalk work still ongoing on Oakland but the work had stopped when officers arrived and crews were in the throes of covering the fresh concrete with burlap. On Murray Hill Ave., workers were allowed to complete work on steps at 6:32 pm when it was found their concrete had already been mixed. At 8:49 pm, however, work on Belmont near The Boulevard was stopped

without incident. Under previous by-laws, construction had been allowed to continue until 9 pm on weekdays (see May 14, p. 1).

Garbage truck knocks over street light

A garbage truck backed into a street lamp August 21 breaking it at the base, public safety officers said. The accident outside 140 Abbott, just south of the lane, also brought out police and Hydro Westmount.

Andrew Ross running for NDG mayor

The city of Westmount's former communications agent is running to be borough mayor of Côte des Neiges-NDG as part of Montreal mayoral candidate Melanie Joly's slate. The NDG resident worked for Westmount from 1999 to 2010.

“During this campaign,” wrote Andrew Ross to the *Independent*, “I will be proposing concrete and realistic solutions to existing problems in Côte des Neiges-Notre Dame de Grâce, in the hope of rebuilding the shattered confidence of our residents. ... I will also be running a campaign free of negative personal attacks and rhetoric, making a formal pledge to voters to keep my campaign clean and positive.”

If victorious, Ross' Westmount connection may benefit both municipalities: “Many local issues face both [Westmount and CDN-NDG], like the our common struggles with the MUHC hospital site, ongoing public transit and traffic challenges, noise and vibrations from the AMT train lines and many more. I look forward to working with Westmount so that we can resolve these issues to the benefit of both communities.”

Nashen breaks out of prison

Westmount resident Barry Nashen was #1 in the over-50 age category at the Prison Break event held at Bromont's equestrian park on August 17.

The event is a 5-km adventure footrace over obstacles as “prison guards” try to remove flags from participants' waistbands. “We use real barbed wire,” boasts the event's website. There were 1,564 racers in total and 30 in Nashen's age bracket. His time was 35:47 and the average runner finished in 57 minutes.

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TRENDSETTERS

ELIZABETH GLIMENAKI

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

PHOTO RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount is full of chic professional women. Elizabeth Glimenaki is one of them. Vice president of sales and marketing at the uber-stylish St. James Hotel, she is often noted at galas and evening events. She hosts many red carpet moments at the hotel, which is rumoured to house international stars from time to time. She is also an active athlete, skiing hard in our cold months.

I tracked Elizabeth down, and sat enjoying an ice-cream cone on a wonderful Westmount day.

How would you describe your personal style?

I have been playing dress-up since I was a little girl. I especially loved going inside my mother's closet and trying on her dresses and shoes. I would describe my style as mostly classy chic. I love tailored, edgy clothes. I prefer keeping outfits simple and timeless, but adding a splash of colour.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Over the years, I have had to attend many events, *soirées*, galas and cocktails. It has given me a chance to wear long, elegant gowns. It is perfect because I simply love getting all dolled up like when I was a young girl going through my mother's closet.

On weekend, what do you like to wear?

My weekend style really goes according to where I am. If I am in the city, I like wearing casual chic, such as a blazer and jeans. If I am up north, I like to dress more casual sporty. Always with a lot of colour! Even on the ski hills, I wear very colourful outfits. My helmet is pink!

What is your favourite kind of shoes? Flowers?

Being in the hotel business also means I am constantly on the move, which is why I love wearing any kind of flats. For an evening look, I will wear high boots to give my style an edgier look.

My favourite flowers are white orchids.

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world (money no object!)

I would definitely live in Montreal... minus the snow, the slush, the freezing weather and politics.

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

I am someone who loves to have fun and laugh. I would definitely love to have dinner with a group of funny dudes; Steve Martin, Chris Rock, Robin Williams and Richard Pryor. Non-stop laughing all night!

Do you have favourite designers?

My favourite designer is a wonderful native Montréal, Marie St-Pierre. I love the fact that her clothes have clean, sleek, sophisticated and yet very edgy lines. I love clothes that fit well and make me feel fabulous... labels and logos are not mandatory for me.

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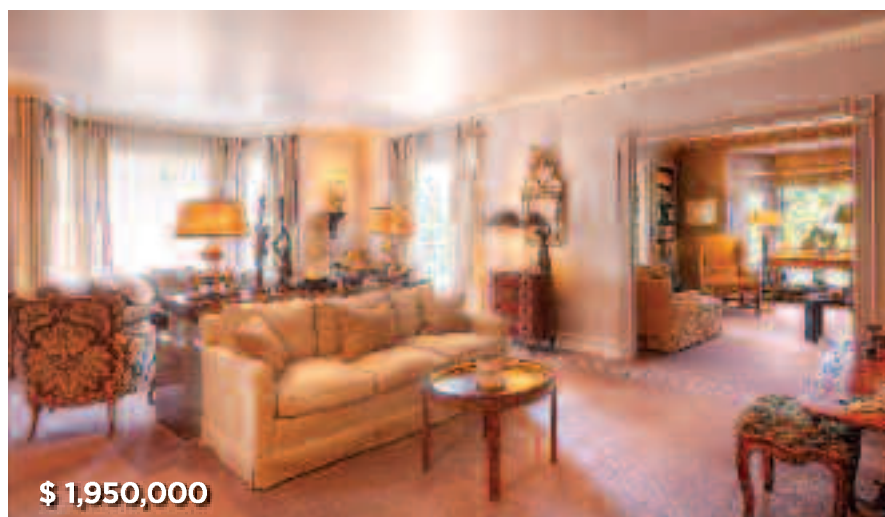
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Montreal, aggro councils asked to adopt new guidelines

Updates on safer railway ‘living’ prepared by Lulham

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

While Westmount was not subject to a direct hit from a freight train accident as was Megantic, steps to prevent or lessen such disasters have a first-hand link to this community.

Updated guidelines presented to the Montreal and agglomeration councils last week have been two years in development by Councillor Cynthia Lulham in her professional capacity as project manager for

New measures slated for bike path safety

Several measures to improve the safety of cyclists at the truck entrance to Les 5 Saisons resulted from a meeting August 27 between city traffic officials and the store, it was reported the next day.

Bollards are expected to be installed by this week, special signs also are to prepared warning cyclists that trucks will be crossing the bike path, said Public Security director David Sedgwick, who heads the city’s Administrative Traffic Committee. This area is also to be marked on the street by cross hatches.

As well, store parking attendants will be specially trained as flagmen, he said. This is to be arranged by police constable Steven Goldberg, who sits on the traffic committee.

the Proximity Initiative, a joint undertaking of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Railway Association of Canada (RAC).

“It’s very timely,” she said last week. “We’re hoping the guidelines will be incorporated by municipalities into land-use planning so people living in proximity to railway tracks will be safer.”

These *Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations* were adopted by Montreal city council August 27 and presented to the island-wide aggro meeting August 29 by Côte St. Luc mayor

5 Saisons, cont’d. from p. 1

noise from backup beepers and the congestion and idling engines from parked trucks waiting to enter the loading dock, according to Public Security director David Sedgwick who heads the city’s Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC).

“It’s now in our hands to sort out. It’s been kind of a chaotic situation,” he explained last week when a meeting on the issue was set to take place along with representatives from the store. (See “New measures, at left).

The director of operations for Metro Inc., which owns the store, has been on hand and “has been very helpful,” Sedgwick said.

Because de Maisonneuve is one-way west, trucks must drive past the driveway and then back around into the loading dock at a sharp angle that requires the entire width of the road.

An arrangement with the store prior to its opening was that parking attendants would act as flagmen to assist cyclists and drivers when the trucks are backing across the bike path, he explained.” But a big part of the problem is that the bikes just go where they want,” he added. “It’s going to

Anthony Housefather on behalf of the Association of Suburban Municipalities.

Address noise, vibration, safety

Announced in May at the annual FCM conference, the recommendations address issues concerning noise, vibration and safety. They focus on the increasing challenges associated with new residential development.

They essentially recommend that no new construction take place closer than 30 meters from a railway track or 300 meters from a railway yard, Lulham explained.

be an area where cyclists will have to use caution.”

Trucks waiting their turn to unload have nowhere to park except on de Maisonneuve east of Greene. While this stretch remained closed pending its reconstruction, the trucks were initially parking on Olivier, which complicated the problem.

As a result, “multiple” complaints were received by Public Security when the waiting trucks were parking around the corner on Olivier and backing east against the traffic flow along de Maisonneuve to the loading dock entrance.

Public safety officers set up a temporary truck waiting zone on Greene in front of the Old Post Office and construction cones demarcating the bike path were rearranged. The permanent bollards have not yet been installed.

As a result of the unfolding issue, “from now on, we’ll have a representative of Urban Planning on our Traffic committee,” Sedgwick said. This committee previously included personnel from Public Security, Public Works and police who, as with the project at 215 Redfern, had little input at the design stage.

In conversion projects (industrial to residential) the guidelines call for “a host” of various mitigating measures such as berms and other safety barriers to absorb impact from a train derailment, she said. There are many such conversions under way, especially in Griffintown, she noted.

But within the guidelines are also criteria for reducing vibration and noise in already built housing such as in Westmount. These are contained in a section devoted to windows and doors.

“When people choose windows for thermal ratings and looks, they should also consider the acoustical ratings to reduce sound transmission,” she explained.

Further information is available at www.proximityissues.ca.

Man found asleep

A 20-year-old intoxicated man was found lying on the sidewalk August 23 on Victoria near Westmount Ave., Public Security officials report. He was spotted at 5:27 am by a patroller who offered to call Urgences Santé to examine him but the man refused. The officer followed him safely home nearby.

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On Westmount's Streets



Eldon Painter enjoying a Pepsi on Greene Ave., early on August 29. Painter was born in New Brunswick and moved to Montreal 10 years ago. He sleeps outside most nights, even in winter, and stays warm with the aid of three sleeping bags. He receives a small old age pension, but says that this income is insufficient for his rent and food.



Brent Reid sitting outside the SAQ on Sherbrooke St, August 28. One of four adopted children, Reid has been living on the street for 10 years. "I feel there's a lot of hope, [and I] think positive things," said Reid.



This woman said she just goes by the name "Easter." She was sitting, where she is often seen, outside the SAQ August 24 in the scorching afternoon heat. Easter was born in Ontario and has worked in Montreal doing picture framing. She is staying with someone in the area.



Ron Neil parked in his wheelchair near the Second Cup on Greene Ave. early morning on August 29. Neil has been living on the street for five years. He lives in St. Henri.

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Late May, an international star quietly slipped into town. No, not the Rolling Stones – although they, indeed, were here, but renowned songstress **Nana Mouskouri**, who was awarded an honorary doctorate by McGill University on May 30.

She was also awarded L'Ordre du Québec by Pauline Marois. A private dinner held in her honour at the Mount Royal Club was attended by many luminaries, including Westmounters **Heather Munroe Blum**, principal and vice chancellor of McGill; **Céline** and **Jacques Lamarre**, and **Blema** and **Arnold Steinberg**, chancellor of McGill. Then on May 31 at the Nelligan Hotel, an invitation-only soirée was held celebrating the contributors to the Phrixos B. Papachristidis chair of Greek studies at McGill.

That eve was hosted by McGill's dean of the faculty of arts **Christopher Manfredi** attending with his wife **Paula**. Nana Mouskouri was striking in an elegant red pantsuit. Westmounters present included Greek consul general **Thanos Kafopoulos**,



Gwen and Tom Nacos.

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The Greek ambassador in Canada Eleftherios Angelopoulos arrived from Ottawa with Evangelos Meimarakis, president and speaker of the Greek parliament, who was in Canada on official business.

Other guests at the sit-down dinner included Canadian ambassador to Greece,

Robert Peck, who came in from Athens with his wife Maria, chicly cool in turquoise patterned frock; consul general of France, Bruno Clerc; and Margaret Trudeau, in a fuchsia dress highlighted by a gold and diamond brooch with the initials ER II. It was presented to her by Queen Elizabeth.

Also seen were Andrew Christopoulos from the Greek Board of Trade, as well as Mouskouri's husband André Chapelle, and son Nicolas Petsilas with his wife Nine.

Costa and Tony Antonopoulos, owners of the Nelligan, sponsored the event with an amazing meal graced with exceptional Greek wines from the private import of George Spiliadis, who also attended the evening.



Robert and Maria Peck, Niky Papachristidis, Nana Mouskouri and Margaret Trudeau



Nicholas Synnott and George Tsoukas.



Eleftherios Angelopoulos & Thanos Kafopoulos.

Beware, neighbours are watching!

A resident of Olivier called Public Security August 22 to report a man in the process of stealing a bicycle in the lane between Clarke and Olivier just south of Sherbrooke.

When Public Security's bike patrollers responded to the 1 pm call, they reported the caller had confronted the thief who

sped off on the bike leaving his own behind. Public Security officials said police subsequently took it to Station 12 on Stanton. The suspect had cut the cable that was intended to secure the grey Schwinn. He was described as an "elderly" man with long grey wavy hair. The Schwinn's owner lives on Olivier.



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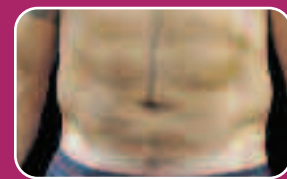
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Ezra Soiferman at the Victoria Park building

Soiferman’s exhibition of mid-sized prints entitled *These Streets Magnetic* are snapshots of urban life. Taken over a period of five years in Amsterdam, Brooklyn, Halifax, Manhattan, Toronto and Woodstock, the exhibition also includes local

scenes. One photo shows colourful triangular flags next to a large orange shape that is distinctively Montreal’s “Orange Julep” on Decarie.

Others like the series *Backs of Heads* reflect this mix of settings. One passer-by features frizzy grey hair, while another is bald. Another of a man wearing a furry Russian-style hat, exhibited next to a similarly furry cat elicits laughter. A silhouette of a leather shoe shot against a full moon entitled *Kick the Moon* is both dramatic and fun.

An appreciation of pattern is evident in a series of keys set at regular intervals, a drawer of silver shears or rock salt on a city street. Images of a spray-painted “i love you” on a brick background, or the “BE” of a wooden sign capture the rich textures. *Phone Book* captures the unexpected beauty of furled yellow pages of a discarded telephone book on a city street.

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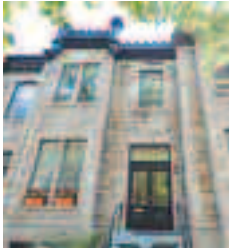
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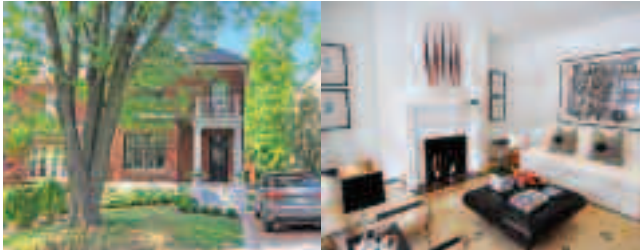
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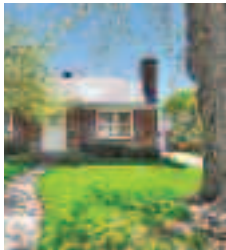
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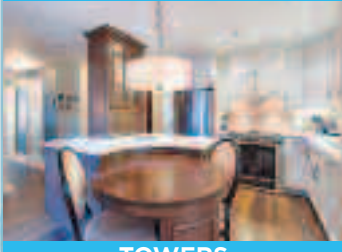


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Dans le cadre de la réouverture des écoles, l'équipe de la Sécurité publique de Westmount rappelle à tous que la vigilance est de mise particulièrement aux traverses piétonnières et dans les zones de débarquement des écoles. Les officiers de l'USP et du SPVM porteront une attention spéciale à la circulation et au stationnement à proximité des écoles afin d'assurer la sécurité des écoliers. Info : 514 989-5222.

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CITY HALL

Regular hours resume September 9

The City's offices will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as of Monday, September 9.

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Your connection to City information. Receive municipal bulletins and emergency notices by email. Sign up at www.westmount.org or ewestmount@westmount.org.

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Follow the construction of the WRC

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration for fall and winter activities

Ongoing at Victoria Hall. It's not too late to register for certain activities. If you did not receive your fall/winter guide in the mail, pick one up at a City building or consult it online at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5353.

LIBRARY

Closing party for the TD Summer Reading Club with *Bollywood Blast*!

Saturday, September 7 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Free tickets are available at the Children's Desk for all Club members. Info: 514 989-5229.

English Book Club

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Join us to discuss *1Q84* by Haruki Murakami. Info: 514 989-5299.

2 O'clock Series: *Rethinking Food: How to be Slow, Thoughtful and Delicious*

Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. How can city dwellers find a way to make time for their meals and remember that what and how we eat has an impact on our bodies, our communities, and our planet? David Szanto will discuss slowing down, thinking locally, and adding a large serving of "mindfulness" to our daily menu. Info: 514 989-5299.

Author Event: Marie-Louise Gay

Saturday, September 21 at 2 p.m. Award-winning author and illustrator Marie-Louise Gay will present her new book *Read Me a Story, Stella*. Copies will be available for sale and signing. Info: 514 989-5299.

Readers to Readers Book Club

Tuesday, September 24 at 10:15 a.m. Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, September 25 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these monthly, light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.

Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 1st

Author Event: Catherine McKenzie

Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Meet Catherine McKenzie, author of *Hidden*. Info: 514 989-5299.

After Hours at the Library

Saturday, September 28 at 7 p.m. Enjoy the sweet sounds of jazz music with Félix Stüssi and *Les Malcommodes*. Free tickets are available at the main circulation desk. Info: 514 989-5299.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Film: *Gaudi: The Last Master-Builder*

Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. This documentary film by Lizette Lemoine and Aubin Hellot looks at the work of Antoni Gaudi, one of the most undeniable geniuses of mystical art. Presented by the *Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée* and the City of the Westmount as part of *Journées de la culture 2013*. Screening in French. Info: 514-989-5226.

Stargazing at the Lookout

Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at Summit Lookout. Join members of the Royal Astronomical Society to observe the night skies through their telescopes. Learn about the planets and stars from knowledgeable astronomers. In the event of rain or poor viewing conditions, the event will be postponed to Sunday, September 15 at the same time and place. Info: 514 989-5226.

PUBLIC SECURITY

A safe back-to-school for everyone

As we begin a new school year, the Westmount Public Safety team reminds everyone to be extra vigilant around crosswalks and school drop-off zones. PSU and SPVM officers will be paying particular attention to traffic and parking near schools to ensure the safety of students. Info: 514 989-5222.



PUBLIC WORKS

Ragweed reminder

It is important to ensure that all ragweed is removed from your property, particularly during its flowering season in August and September. Find out more at www.westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5213.



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Dumais, team raise \$24k for MS research



From left: Brian Abbott, Patricia Dumais, team leader Linda Lessard, Marlene Busko, Anne Harper and David Hawrysh.

Photo courtesy of the MS Society of Quebec.

Westmounter Patricia Dumais and her six-member "Spirit Riders" team raised \$24,294.18 in an MS Bike Tour that took place on the weekend of August 24 to 25 in the Chaudière-Appalaches region. The group garnered the "Top Fundraiser Team

MS Prorata Award for teams of 4 to 19 members" for the second year in a row. In total, the two Quebec MS Bike Tour events earned over \$1,255,000 for MS research, and services to those afflicted by the disease and their families.

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Bought & sold July 2013, cont'd. from p. 19

Bike path cyclists targeted again with safety message



Some 125 cyclists on the de Maison-neuve bike path were reported to have been stopped to receive a safety message August 27 at the corner of Clarke. About two dozen pedestrians were also alerted to the importance of respecting traffic lights at intersections.

The operation was conducted from 12:30 to 2:30 pm as part of a police program called 100% Vigilant. Public Security and the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association (WWCA) also participated.

Four days earlier, Public Security bike patrollers held a separate bike path awareness campaign at Melville just inside Westmount Park. On this occasion, they handed out 30 “courtesy” tickets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm: 22 to cyclists failing to adhere to the stop sign and eight for wearing ear phones.

Both events took place in the wake of a joint operation August 15 on the bike path in which 200 cyclists were stopped (see August 20, p. 20).


Ambulance, cont'd. from p. 1

stages of pregnancy (39 weeks), was walking her dog when she fell.

While Public Security received the call for assistance at 6:25 pm and made subsequent calls to 911, as did police, it wasn't until 7:03 pm that fire department first responders arrived, Sedgwick said. They

were followed four minutes later by Urgences Santé personnel who then had to return to the ambulance to bring in a stretcher.

The woman was reported to have been transported by Urgences Santé to the Royal Victoria Hospital when Public Security also left the scene at 8:10 pm. Her husband was driven to the hospital by police.



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July transfers: Volume rebounds

Post office, first \$1-million duplex condo sold

Real estate

ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in July 2013, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.)

Sales volume rebounded in July this year but prices remained sluggish, as 21 single-family homes brought their sellers an average \$1,401,476, way above the \$1,105,283 average in June but lower than the figures for April or May. The average markup was 22.2 percent, again higher than June but lower than the average for the year (including July) of 25.3 percent.

Three of the sales topped the \$2-million mark with the highest price of \$2,687,500 involving 41 Rosemount Ave., a totally-renovated, semi-detached house stretching between Rosemount and Mount Pleasant avenues. The house was purchased by Pen-Jan Holdings Inc., which has purchased three other properties (and sold one of them) in Westmount over the past year. With that as the highest price, there still have been no sales over \$3 million registered since early April, and in fact there have only been two such sales this year.

Lowest price in July was \$650,000 for the small row-house at 327 Victoria Ave., the second-lowest house price this year,

after 69 Prospect St. sold in May for only \$570,000. The highest mark-up involved 4481 de Maisonneuve Blvd., which sold for \$1,200,000 compared to a tax value of only \$746,700; one house at 699 Victoria Ave. was sold for \$965,000, some \$2,600 less than its municipal valuation, the only mark-down in the month.

Buyers have started moving into the new 1250 Greene Ave. condominium complex and the 5 Saisons grocery store has reopened as well. Money changed hands for four of the units in July after two had sold in June; the July prices ranged from \$1,117,852 to \$2,692,621, higher than any other condo selling in the month.

First \$1-million duplex condo

One notable condo sale involved 134 Arlington Ave. which brought \$1,085,000, the first duplex-type condominium to sell over \$1 million in Westmount's history. It was one of two duplex-type condos to sell in July, along with apartments at 4410 Côte des Neiges Rd. and 4410 St. Catherine. Also sold were co-op flats on Somerville Ave. and Prince Albert Ave.

The biggest surprise of the month involved the sale of 4895 Sherbrooke St., the former Victoria Station post office, which closed in late April for a stunning \$2,350,000, almost five times its municipal valuation of \$474,800. It was purchased by a numbered company with no warranty as to quality or condition. The one-storey building is set on 325 square metres of land.



41 Rosemount Ave. Highest price, \$2,687,500

Christmas is coming!



This bike and fake Christmas tree were seen the evening of August 29 behind a Victoria Ave. office building.

Photo: Independent

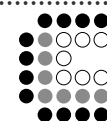
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RECRUTEMENT DU PERSONNEL ÉLECTORAL

Le 3 novembre 2013, les électeurs de la Ville de Westmount seront appelés à élire un nouveau conseil pour un mandat de quatre ans. Nous recherchons à recruter des personnes afin de combler les différents postes qui constituent le personnel électoral. Conformément au mandat qui m’est confié par la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités* (chapitre E-2.2), il est de ma responsabilité, en ma qualité de présidente d’élection, d’embaucher des personnes afin de combler les différents postes qui constituent le personnel électoral.

Ainsi toute personne intéressée à travailler à l’occasion de cet événement est invitée à remplir le formulaire d’embauche à cet effet qui peut être obtenu, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 à mon bureau situé au **4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest** à Westmount. Il peut également être téléchargé en ligne, www.westmount.org/vote2013 où il peut être complété et transmis électroniquement en cliquant sur le bouton «soumettre» au bas du formulaire.

La rémunération offerte est la suivante (en vertu de la résolution No. 2013-07-152) :

Le jour du scrutin (3 novembre 2013)

préposé à l’information et au maintien de l’ordre (PRIMO)	370 \$
adjoint au préposé à l’information et au maintien de l’ordre	240 \$
préposé à l’accueil	220 \$
scrutateur	220 \$
secrétaire	180 \$
membre de la table de vérification de l’identité des électeurs	140 \$
commis au soutien matériel	80 \$
substitut	70 \$

Le jour du vote par anticipation (27 octobre 2013)

préposé à l’information et au maintien de l’ordre (PRIMO)	295 \$
adjoint au préposé à l’information et au maintien de l’ordre	210 \$
préposé à l’accueil	185 \$
scrutateur	185 \$
scrutateur pour le dépouillement des votes	50 \$
secrétaire	160 \$
secrétaire pour le dépouillement des votes	40 \$
membre de la table de vérification de l’identité des électeurs	120 \$
commis au soutien matériel	70 \$
substitut	70 \$

Le vote itinérant

scrutateur	17 \$/ h (minimum 90 \$ / jour)
secrétaire	14 \$/ h (minimum 80 \$ / jour)

L’ensemble du personnel des élections sera tenu d’assister à une séance de formation obligatoire rémunérée (30 \$) au mois d’octobre 2013 ; la date sera déterminée ultérieurement.

Les formulaires doivent être reçus avant le 16 septembre. Seules les personnes sélectionnées seront contactées par la soussignée.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 3 septembre 2013.

Viviana ITURRIAGA ESPINOZA, avocate
Présidente d’élection
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NOTICE

RECRUITMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

On November 3, 2013, the City of Westmount’s electors will be asked to elect a new City Council for a four-year term. We are recruiting people to work as election officers. Pursuant to the mandate conferred on me by the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (chapter E-2.2), it is my responsibility, as Returning Officer, to hire people to work as election officers.

Thus, any person interested in working for the coming municipal election must complete the job application form to that effect which can be obtained Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in my offices located at **4333 Sherbrooke Street West** in Westmount. It can also be downloaded from our website, www.westmount.org/vote2013 where It can be completed digitally and returned by clicking on the ‘submit’ button at the bottom of the form.

The remuneration for these positions is as follows (as per Council Resolution No. 2013-07-152):

On the day of the poll (November 3, 2013)

Officer in charge of information and order (PRIMO)	\$370
Aide to Officer in charge of information and order	\$240
Alpha clerk	\$220
Deputy returning officer	\$220
Poll clerk	\$180
Member of an identity verification panel	\$140
Clerk	\$80
Substitute	\$70

On the day of the advance poll (October 27, 2013)

Officer in charge of information and order (PRIMO)	\$295
Aide to Officer in charge of information and order	\$210
Alpha clerk	\$185
Deputy returning officer	\$185
Deputy returning officer at the time of the counting of the votes	\$50
Poll clerk	\$160
Poll clerk at the time of the counting of the votes	\$40
Member of an identity verification panel	\$120
Clerk	\$80
Substitute	\$70

Mobile polling station

Deputy returning officer	\$17 / h (minimum \$90 / day)
Poll clerk	\$14 / h (minimum \$80 / day)

All election staff will be required to attend a mandatory paid (\$30) training session in October 2013. The date will be determined.

All applications must be received before September 16, 2013. Only the persons selected will be contacted by the undersigned.

ISSUED in Westmount, September 3, 2013.

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11am-2pm, Best Western Premier Hotel Aristocrate, 3100, chemin Saint-Louis. BROSSARD: Sept 11, 2013, 11am-2pm, Quality Inn & Suites, 6680 boul. Taschereau.

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Comin' Up

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Open house (wellness consultations) at Shri Yoga (4846 Sherbrooke, 2nd floor), 1 to 2 pm and 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Also: Thai Yoga Massage with Mira Rozenberg (September 8, same times). Free.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Montreal Camera Club opens its 120th season with a presentation by nature photographer Christopher Dodds. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will take place at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church (4695 de Maisonneuve, rear entrance).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Westmount Horticultural Society presents "Holland and spring bulbs" with speaker Reggie Millette at the Westmount Public Library, Westmount Room.7 to 9 pm. Doors open 6.30 pm for tea, coffee and cookies. Guests \$5, members free.

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.

The Montreal Storytellers' Guild welcomes all listeners every second Thursday of the month at the Westmount Public Library. Our first event of the season is September 12 at 7 p.m. Free. For more information, contact Paula at 514.593.9947 or e-mail us at mtlstorytellersguild@gmail.com.

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. Reservation required (contact Beth at 514.935.7344 x 206 or beth@atwaterlibrary.ca). Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 1 to 4 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Will Aitken speaks on the theme "An-

other County: Fiction Writing and the Other Place." He will talk about Japan and read from his latest novel, *My Life Burning in the Moonlight*. Atwater Library (1200 Atwater), 12:30 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Tours of the new Westmount recreation facility.

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

McGill Council of Palliative Care's Men and Grief workshop with Dr. David Kuhl at the Temple Emmanu-El-Beth (4100 Sherbrooke, at Elm). 6 to 8 pm.

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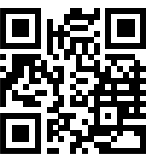
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BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the July 2 meeting of city council.

24 Holton: to renovate the rear balcony, replace the garage door and some windows;

570 Victoria: to renovate rear balconies and replace a fence;

33 Rosemount: to install a front gate in advance of the 30-foot building line.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the July 19 meeting of city council.

723 Upper Belmont: to cut down a tree;

33A Chesterfield: at a Category I building, to replace a back door;

79 Bruce: to install A/C units at the rear screened by balconies;

317 Roslyn: to replace some windows;

315 Grosvenor: to build a rear deck;

53 Forden: at a Category I house, to build a two-storey rear addition;

480 Roslyn: to replace some windows and storms;

1 Springfield: to build a rear deck;

1118 Greene: at a Category I house, to landscape the back yard including a new terrace and permeable parking place;

330 Olivier: to modify and renovate the rear balcony;

50 Aberdeen: at a Category I house, to landscape the back yard including installation of a swimming pool and fence;

3200 Trafalgar: to install an A/C unit at the side with wood screen to conceal compressor;

44 Somerville: at a Category I house, to replace rear windows;

2 Prospect: at a Category I house, to replace second floor windows at the front;

437 Argyle: to build an oriel window at the rear of the second storey; at the ground floor, add a new French door with stairs leading to driveway and an oriel window at the side;

430 Wood: at a Category I house, landscaping at rear to include stone steps and resurfacing of parking area;

200 Lansdowne: at a condo building, to install a sign "200 Lansdowne";

433 Prince Albert: to replace some windows and doors;

75 Hallowell: at a Category I house, to build a ground-floor porch, repair fire escape stairs and change direction of the last ladder;

810 Upper Belmont: at a Category I house, to landscape including a terrace at ground level, small retaining walls with planting beds, and a fence along the south-east side yard;

54 Forden Cresc.: at a Category I house, renovations to include new rear window opening, replacement of windows and garage doors as well as the stucco wall on dormers with slate;

486 Lansdowne: to erect a new back fence;

371 Prince Albert: to replace windows and some doors;

609 Belmont: to enclose a ground floor rear balcony;

9 Burton: to replace some windows;

111 Lewis: at a Category I house, landscaping in rear yard to include a new deck with privacy screen, spa, fence and gate as well as pavers for parking area;

375 Grosvenor: to demolish a shed and stair in order to convert a single door and window into a double door; to build a new rear deck;

458 Wood: to replace brick covering at the back;

4449 Montrose: to demolish a solarium at the side and install new heat pumps hidden by vegetation and enlarge the terrace;

729 Upper Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to install a back fence;

Westmount Athletic Grounds: to build an accessory building and erect a fence and gates on condition the gates are in black metal according to Westmount standards.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the August 5 meeting of city council.

4039 Tupper: at the Y residence, to proceed with reroofing work, phase 1;

53 Forden Ave.: at a Category I house, to build a two-storey rear addition;

4375 Montrose: at a Category I house, to modify a rear door opening to introduce a transom and replace a rear window;

685 Grosvenor: to replace all windows and a back door, modify some side and rear openings; open two new openings at attic level, one at the front and other on the side;

330 Olivier: to replace some windows;

45-47 Bruce: to rebuild masonry and clad the fire escape with stucco;

332 Redfern: to do some landscaping in the front yard to include a stone slab walkway and planting beds;

380 Roslyn: to make a new opening on the rear façade and replace a door;

2 Forden Ave., to resurface the terrace and parking area, and plant a hedge in the front yard;

4890 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to erect a sign for "DQ";

12 Burton: to erect a fence in the rear yard;

3467 St. Antoine: to install an air conditioner;

810 Upper Belmont: to install a front fence along the southeast side property line.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the August 19 meeting of city council.

361 Melville: to cut down a tree with a replacement to planted to the front yard;

70 Church Hill: to cut down a tree, with a replacement to be planted in the front yard;

95 Côte St. Antoine: at Selwyn House, a Category I building, to apply a synthetic covering on asphalt surfaces of the playground facing Argyle;

4675 St. Catherine: at the new arena site, to erect two signs for "Centre des loisirs de Westmount – Westmount Recreation Centre" provided the text is on two lines;

28 Sunnyside: to carry out work in the back yard including reconstruction of the back porch and steps as well as restoring the retaining wall and planting new trees and shrubs;

788 Lansdowne: to landscape the back yard including recovering of the driveway, reconstruction of the retaining wall and construction of small retaining walls as well as a stairway; to add planting beds and grassed surfaces;

450 Lansdowne: landscaping to include reconstruction of front retaining walls, introduction of new pavement and greenery in the side yard; to erect a back fence;

820 Upper Belmont: at a Category I house, to rebuild a side retaining wall and part of the front as long as they are covered by plantings thick enough in front to camouflage the structure;

601 Victoria: to rebuild and modify the deck and to do some landscaping in the back yard;

4334 Westmount Ave.: at a Category I house, to landscape the property;

3055 Sherbrooke: at a Category I apartment building, to replace roofing material;

220 Prince Albert: at a Category I house, to rebuild the back deck and privacy screen;

36 Somerville: at a Category I house, to landscape the back yard and build a small deck;

818 Upper Belmont: at a Category I house, to relandscape the side yard;

4892 Westmount Ave.: to replace paving materials of the driveway and walkway;

483 Elm: at a Category I house, to redo rear landscaping including replacing the

fence and rebuilding the staircase and railing;

621 Belmont: to install a new garage door after increasing its width;

581 Lansdowne: to replace all windows.

Photography, cont'd. from p. 14

With an eye for design, Soiferman's gift is catching the moment, and finding beauty and humour in everyday environments. The exhibit continues until September 16 in the foyer of the Victoria Park building at 376 Victoria Ave.

David Burdeny at Galerie de Bellefeuille

Burdeny's large-scale images of buildings, grand avenues and ocean scenes are carefully composed and elegantly crafted. The soft illumination of each scene creates a calm that is distinctive to Burdeny. Shot primarily in colour, the almost monochromatic beauty of *Palazzo R, Torino, Italy* exudes a dreamlike quality.

Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris, France is a magnificent scene overlooking the tree-lined street. Controlled time exposures reveal retreating red lines of an automobile's taillights, while walkers vaporize, leaving only a few sedentary individuals. The effect is a surprisingly empty and peaceful scene. Artfully composed, the symmetrical balance of red taillights with red awnings intensifies the scene's grandeur.

In *San Giorgio Maggiore with Gondola Station Venice, Italy*, a cathedral shrouded in mist is barely visible behind dark mooring posts and allusive blue hulls. The linear design of the posts is found again in the breakwater of *Carnon-Plage, France*. Set against soft shades of blue-grey of the sky and sea, this scene recalls Burdeny's earlier black-and-white prints, *Vanish, Port Townsend* and *Tokoname, Japan*.

Equally at home in capturing the beauty of nature as well as the man-made, Burdeny's frequent juxtaposition of the two creates thoughtful and riveting images. The exhibition runs September 21 to October 1, although many of the images are currently on display at the gallery on 1367 Greene Ave.

The elusive photographic moment

Although very different in theme and execution, both photographers seize the moment to communicate an unexpected image or scene of beauty. To quote photographer Marc Riboud: "Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second."

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Go with Flo



Flo is a five-year-old doberman/sharpei mix that has been living at the shelter for almost two years now. The problem is, this 60-lb darling is about as physically unattractive as they come! With most of her

beauty existing on the inside, Flo has an unfortunate combination of qualities: a large, thick body; a tiny head; and ears heavily damaged by frostbite. Poor Flo gets almost no attention or enquiries, yet all this lovely girl needs is for someone to look past her less-than-attractive exterior in order to see into the soul of a sweet girl who wants nothing more than a home and family to call her own.

Sometimes Flo can take a little while to warm up to humans; but once she knows she can trust someone, they will have won her heart forever. It can take about thirty minutes upon meeting Flo for her to bond with you, but your patience will be rewarded tenfold with her love and affection. She cannot get enough attention, and she loves to lean her body against you for a snuggle.

Flo would love a quiet home with kids over the age of 12 where she can feel safe, and she could do well with another calm, male dog. While she doesn't get along with every other dog and wouldn't be the best dog-park dog, she has paired very well with other dogs one on one at the shelter over the past two years, and seems quite content to spend time with them.

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Local libraries offer an array of adult programs

BY MARLENE EISNER

If you think the local library is going the way of the dodo bird, think again. Aside from its traditional role as a place for books, reference material, newspapers, audio tapes and DVDs, the four public li-

braries in the West End also offer a number of programs and courses for adults. Below is a quick summary of what's available this fall.

The Westmount Public Library
4574 Sherbrooke West, 514.989.5300

Membership is free for Westmount residents and for people who go to school in Westmount.

For non-resident adults, an annual membership is \$130 or six months for \$70. Non-resident seniors over the age of 55 pay \$55 annually, and students who do not live in Westmount pay \$50 a year. However, all events and programs are open to the public and participants do not have to be a library member to attend. Pre-registration at the front desk is required.

Starting in September, the library begins its three book clubs: an informal morning group held once a month, led by the librarian or library clerk, where participants discuss the books they are reading or have

read; an English book club that meets once a month on Tuesday evening, which follows a traditional format where everyone reads the same book and there is a moderator; and a French book club held once a month on Monday evening.

A film club meets once a month on Friday afternoon at 2 pm, and a poetry workshop meets Wednesday mornings twice a month.

Once a month the library hosts a guest speaker at its 2 o'clock series. The first one is Sept. 18 with David Szanto, who teaches food studies at Concordia University and is the acting director of the master program in media representation and meaning at the University of Gastronomic studies in Italy. The title of his talk is Rethinking Food: How to be slow, thoughtful and delicious.

The author series starts Sept. 25 with local author and Westmounter Catherine McKenzie.

On Sept. 28 there will be an after-hours

event with the jazz trio of Felix Stüssi and Les Malcommodes. Tickets, which are free of charge, are needed for the event, and will be available at the beginning of September.

The Notre Dame de Grâce Library
3755 Botrel St. 514.872.2398

Membership is free for residents of the city of Montreal and lasts for two years. Non-residents pay \$88 a year and seniors who are non-residents of Montreal pay \$56 a year.

There are two activities for adults this fall. The first is a conference called Discovering Tai Chi, November 2 at 2 pm. Capacity is limited to 35 participants and registration by phone is required starting October 12.

The second conference is on November 16 and will be given by the Maison de transition de vie. The focus is for seniors coping with life's transitions. continued on p. 29



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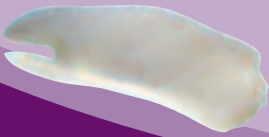
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quired, starting October 26. Both conferences are in French.

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A basic introduction to the internet begins in September on Tuesdays at 1 pm. Given in English or French, participants must register ahead for the free, one-on-one workshop.

The Mot Partager program, which begins October 15, has only three spaces left. The course, given in French, is for immigrants or anyone who wants to read and speak about books in French.

Finally, the library offers a French-only workshop on how to download e-books now available on the city of Montreal website. The workshops accept 10 participants and will be held October 23, November 14 and December 18.

The Eleanor London Côte St. Luc Public Library – 5851 Cavendish Blvd. 514.485.6900

Annual memberships are free for residents, \$175 for non-resident adults, \$100 for adults aged 65 and older, \$300 for a non-resident family of up to five people living at the same address and \$5 for residents of Montreal West.

There is a fee for courses, with a preferred rate for residents and library members.

An eight-week beginner English language course for starts in September, geared toward newly arrived Russian immigrants.

There is a basic computer course for absolute beginners, and a level 2 could be added if there is a demand.

Complementing this are a number of “tech talks” given on Tuesdays on how to use ebooks, Ipads and Facebook.

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The Study's class of 1988 held its 25th reunion at the Il Cortile restaurant downtown on August 16.

The following day, the women attended a yoga class taught by class member Claude Saleh at the school's gym, followed by a tour of the facility.

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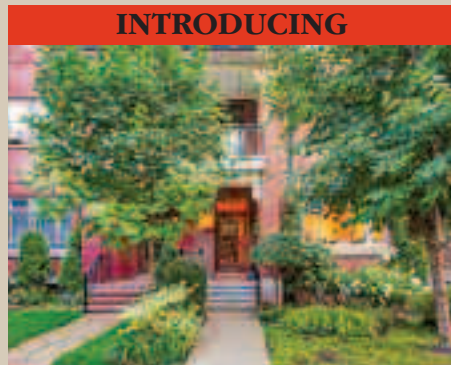
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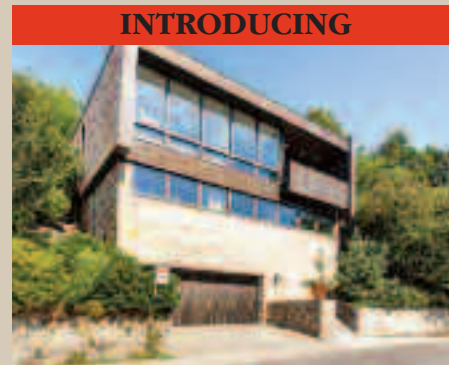
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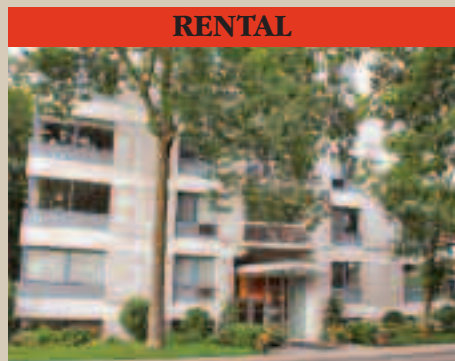
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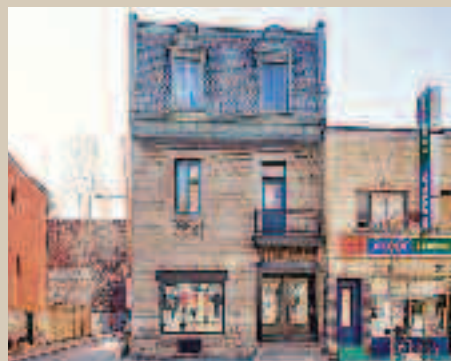


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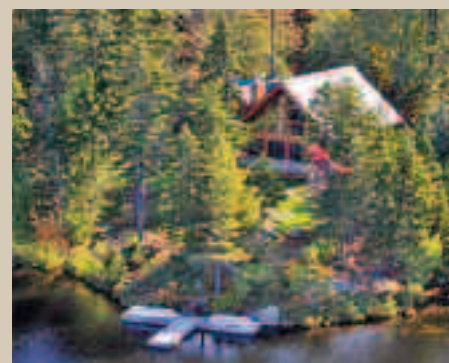


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Comfortably spacious, 1910 built 5 bedroom, 2½ bathroom home. Freshly repainted + new stainless steel appliances (\$30,000 in total). Very attractively priced for its size and beauty!



Westmount Adj., 4736 Victoria Ave.
\$3,450/month

Ideal 2 year rental, conveniently located and affordably priced! Detached 3 + 1 bdr home featuring an updated kitchen and bathrooms, central A/C, 2 car garage/parking + garden.



Montreal, 333 Sherbrooke E., 607 M1
\$485,000

Best location! Super sleek + elegant, this 900 sq. ft. 1 bedroom executive condo offers peaceful courtyard/mountain views. Garage. Central A/C.



SOLD IN 12 DAY!

Westmount, 382 Roslyn Ave.
\$2,395,000

The ULTIMATE in sophisticated design and refinement. TOTALLY renovated and restored to a standard rarely seen. 4 +1 bdrms, 3½ baths, central A/C, garage + parking for 5 cars.

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