

Samiotis reiterated concerns to council

Petition of 250 asks for greater parking leniency on Greene

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A petition seeking greater parking leniency on Greene Ave. was presented by a concerned merchant October 14 to councillors Theodora Samiotis and Nicole Forbes. It also asked for a new parking meter system allowing for remote payment.

The petition signed by 250 people was collected by Lily Venezia Kutsos, owner of Brioché Dorée at 1236 Greene, who said the signatories came only from her own customers.

"I'm just doing this for the people who come into my store," she said. "They feel violated and abused by the rigid enforce-

ment. From the reaction I received, I'm quite certain I could take it a step further.

"You pay \$10 for a sandwich at lunch and get a \$53 ticket," she added. "You might as well go to the Ritz Carleton. People don't want to shop here anymore."

Samiotis told the *Independent* she had tabled the petition at the mid-month general committee meeting of council members October 20, adding she had reiterated a previous request for leniency in enforcement.

Public Security director Greg McBain said last week he was unaware of the petition and said parking complaints come from all over the city.

As far as Greene is concerned, however, he *continued on p. 26*

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Feldman wins English school board's Ward 3 seat

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Julien Feldman survived a turbulent campaign season to capture the English Montreal School Board (EMSB)'s Ward 3 commissioner position in the November 2 election.

"I went door to door, and I talked to voters to explain to them the issues and why they should be voting in a school board

election. That's what voters respond to," said Feldman.

Feldman received 893 votes, beating out Ginette Sauv -Frankel's 663 and Fergus Keyes' 190 to win the ward, which includes Westmount High, Westmount Park and Roslyn.

The victory comes after Feldman found himself in a political war-of-words between incumb- *continued on p. 27*

Esso crash closes Sherbrooke



The Esso station at 5:40 pm on October 27. To the west, Sherbrooke was closed at Victoria and, soon after, Claremont. One woman, who seemed to be a bank courier, needed to be restrained – almost physically – from going to the Bank of Montreal. "This is not a good time to go to the bank!" said the intervening police officer. One young man was heard to say into his cell, "I'm going to stick around for a while and see what happens." See story, p. 14.

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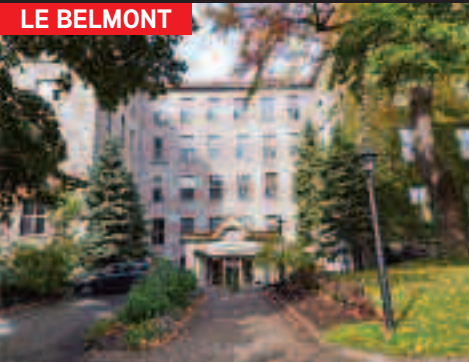
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No concrete plans to mitigate hospital noise

Update meeting set for December 8

By ISAAC OLSON

One York St. resident compared the noise emanating from the MUHC super-hospital to the “aural equivalent of a toxic spill” and claimed “the hospital is making us sick” during an October 27 public meeting with top officials from the city, Groupe immobilier santé McGill (GISM) and McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

At this point, there are no permanent solutions on the table, but GISM’s president, Denis Crevier, said they are looking for one. Crevier promised to attend a follow-up meeting in December to update the public on what solutions will be im-

plemented to mitigate the noise. Temporary measures are in place, he said, as GISM works to find a permanent solution by February.

“We have suffered in our area for 10 years because it started with the clearing of the land and the decontamination,” said Wanda Potrykus, who was one of many residents to complain about noise that she says permeates her York St. home even with the windows closed. “This is almost like the straw that broke the camel’s back.”

Potrykus, like other residents, said Westmounters have, for the most part, put up with the noise up until this point because it was thought that once the construction is complete, the neighbourhood would eventually return to its normal ambience of city sounds. However, she said, unlike the intermittent sounds of the neighbourhood, this noise is constant and there is no end in sight as it is the hospital’s ventilation system.

“My mental health and the mental health of my neighbours is suffering,” she said. “We can’t live with it. We really can’t.”

Held at Westmount city hall, the meeting, which included the mayor and several city councillors, drew at least 50 people. Residents from as far away as Côte St. Antoine Rd. came to lament the low- and high-frequency noises that they say have been pouring from the hospi-

tal for months on end. Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said the noise coming from the hospital site does exceed Westmount’s by-laws as she discussed the extensive studies done by the city – studies that have found the hospital’s chimneys to

be the source of the problem.

One resident noted and Mayor Peter Trent confirmed that the city’s nuisance-noise by-laws are directed at barking dogs and leaf blowers, not super-sized industrial complexes. In fact, said the mayor, Westmount’s city by-laws are likely not applicable on Montreal land and taking the matter to the courts would be a long, costly battle that *continued on p. 19*

For coverage of latest super-hospital public meeting, see p. 18.



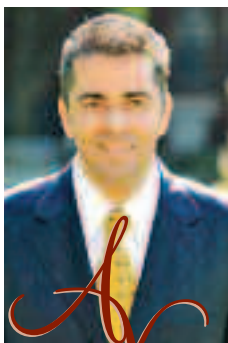
Wanda Potrykus says something must be done about the hospital noise during an October 27 meeting with city, GISM and MUHC officials at Westmount city hall.

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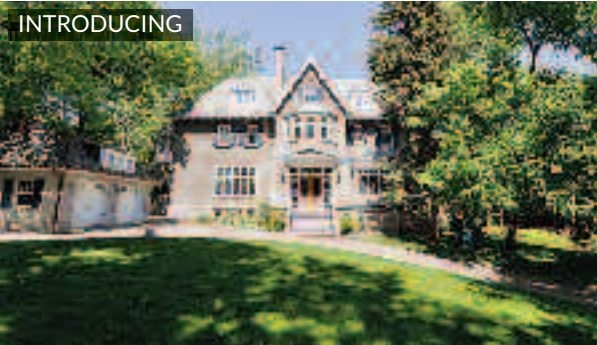
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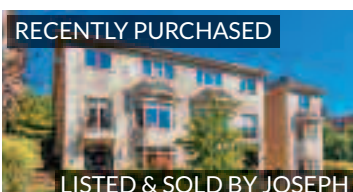
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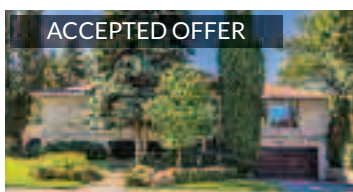
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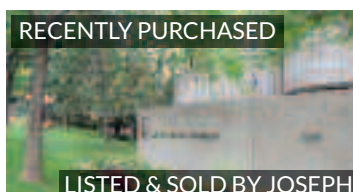
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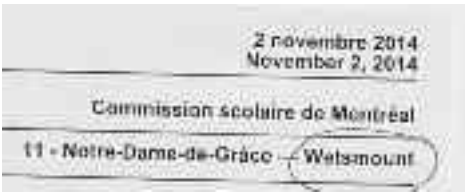
I just received a reminder for the November 2 school board elections. Two of the three pages contain spelling mistakes. [See photos below]

How do we select the candidate that can spell? These are *school* board elections, after all.

The future of young minds is in the hands of people we pay taxes to, and they can’t even proofread their work, use SpellCheck or are familiar with simple geography?

How insulting.

PASCALE DELHAYE, GROVE PARK



CANADA POST MUST PAY

If Mayor Peter Trent cannot win the fight to keep home delivery of mail, he should at least ensure that Canada Post obtains city approval for the location of each community mail box and pays the city an annual occupancy fee for all community mail boxes that take up space on city property, including the city-owned setback on the front lawns of many Westmount houses.

Canada Post should be required to pay a similar occupancy fee to the owner of any private property occupied by community mail boxes.

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WESTMOUNT’S “LADY OF THE WOODS”

As children, most of us learned how to identify white birch trees by their snow-white bark that peels horizontally in paper-thin layers. We also learned that native Americans used the waterproof qualities of the bark in constructing their canoes. The other stories about these trees are much more varied and interesting.

To begin with, the white birch (*betula papyrifera*) is one of the most beautiful trees in Westmount Park. Its beauty is re-



Photo courtesy of Michael Walsh

flected by its other name “Lady of the Woods.”

The name birch probably came from the Sanskrit “bhurg,” which translates to “a tree whose bark is used to write on.” In fact, the tree’s bark was a freely available source of writing material for many centuries.

For example, the discovery of the 12th century Bakhshali Manuscripts (unearthed in 1881 near the village of Bakhshali, currently Pakistan) were written on birch bark. Their text is a unique example of medieval Indian mathematics that illustrated, amongst other things, the use of zero and the negative sign.

Tar made from the tree’s bark mixed with beeswax was used as a prehistoric “superglue.” In 1991, a mummified ice-man (dated 3300 BC) named Oetzi was found at the edge of the Italian Alps. Amongst his possessions were containers made of birch bark and weapons, which attached using birch tar.

Archeologists have also found small pieces of birch tar with human tooth marks suggesting its use as an ancient

chewing gum.

The tree can be tapped and sap used as a sweet beverage. Native Americans and early settlers used to reduce the sap by boiling it and then using it as a basis for teas and sweeteners.

The tree is used a maypole in folk festivals throughout England, France and Germany.

In Herefordshire, England, birch twigs were placed outside houses to protect inhabitants from witches.

A Scottish folk story tells how a man is saved from a spirit horseman named “Headless Hugh” by hanging onto a birch sapling until the first cockcrow.

A fitting end as Halloween [has come and gone].

MICHAEL WALSH, MELVILLE AVE.

GREENHOUSE GROWS ALL SORTS OF THINGS

Is this a dandelion I saw in the Westmount conservatory today? Hard to believe!

SARAH STEVENSON, St. Catherine St.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Stevenson

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Greenhouse courtyard to be a 'demonstrator garden'

Milkweed to be offered to sustain monarch butterfly

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Milkweed is to be distributed next spring to Westmount residents to help sustain the dwindling numbers of monarch butterfly, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced last week. The monarch feeds almost exclusively on milkweed, a disappearing food source.

The initiative of the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC) is the latest in its efforts to help potentially endangered species and will be introduced along with a beekeeping course and the installation of a model water retention garden outside the conservatory.

A sharp decline in monarch butterflies has been attributed in part to a decrease of large fields of milkweed due to the large-scale use of pesticides by farms, Lulham explained.



Honey bee numbers have also been drastically affected. As a result, some have advocated encouraging bees in cities, where the use of pesticides is less prevalent, and there has been a surge in urban beekeeping.

Requests for beekeeping

As a result, a course in apiculture has been recommended by the HAC to be included in the spring offerings by the Sports and Recreation department, Lulham said. Residents in at least two private houses in Westmount are known to have recently installed hives on their roofs and others have expressed an interest in learning about beekeeping.

Demonstrator garden

HAC will also be involved in the creation of a demonstrator garden next summer when the courtyard in front of the conservatory is to be redone by Public

Works to improve drainage and prevent storm water draining into the conservatory.

"We'll be incorporating a 'swaile' into the project," Lulham said. A swaile of this type is a small retention basin and water garden that will be designed by landscape architect Myke Hodgins. "The idea is to create a model residents can use in their yards for storm water management."

Volunteers, new residents honoured at fall flower show

Younger newcomers moving in?

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A marked difference at this year's reception October 29 to open the city's fall flower show and recognize newcomers and volunteers was the noticeable presence of young children.

The issue of Westmount needing to attract younger families has often been raised at city council meetings and the rep-

resentation at the Victoria Hall event did not go without comment from Mayor Peter Trent.

"One of the great advantages of having a receiving line is getting to meet people individually, and I noticed the number of number of young children and young couples," said Mayor Peter Trent. "We seem to be seeing more young people, which is really nice."

The city is now inviting all newcomers to the city in the last two years to the reception, he explained. This even includes long-time Westmount residents who moved within the city because the city obtains their names from the Hydro Westmount customer addresses.

Probably the youngest new resident was one-month-old Colin Rigaud attending with his parents Amélie Castaing and Arthur Rigaud, who moved to Bruce Ave. in June. The couple comes originally from Paris.

Verbal warning tones down party

It took a verbal warning to silence loud voices at an apartment at 222 Redfern October 25, Public Security said. The complaint was received from another tenant at 1:44 am.

False alarm reported at condo site

Public safety officers and firefighters managed to turn off an alarm ringing at the condo site at 215 Redfern October 23, Public Security officials said. The department had received five calls to the work site for the alarm shortly after 9 pm. A worker on the scene led them to the alarm panel where it was determined a sudden drop in water pressure had generated the sprinkler alarm. All was reported in order.



Among newcomers welcomed October 29 are Emmanuelle Duquette, left, and Sébastien Perrault with their young son Edouard. The family is moving into their new home on Prince Albert this week after renovations. With them is Councillor Cynthia Lulham, at right, who was describing the city's first honey harvest. Some 80 jars were sold at the event.

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WRC wins half-million dollar energy ‘reward’ from Hydro Quebec

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre (WRC) will be receiving a \$500,000 award from Hydro Quebec under the utility’s energy efficiency incentive program, the *Independent* learned October 30.

In announcing the award confirmed to the city by Hydro Quebec that day, Councillor Patrick Martin said the amount after tax adjustments nets out to \$435,255. This “reduces the cost of the project and is a reward to taxpayers,” he said.

The “prize” or grant, for which the city had applied, followed an in-depth evaluation by Hydro Quebec analysts, who visited the WRC site a few weeks ago and met with staff including assistant director general Mike Deegan, who had served as the city’s site coordinator.

Energy savings assessed

The assessment of energy savings was based on many factors that had been built into the project. These included the facility’s computerized control and monitoring of all heating, ventilation, air conditioning

and lighting systems.

While it was not yet known how the money would be accounted for, Martin said that “since it’s a reward for a capital expenditure,” he expected it would be used to offset the cost of the project. This included a council decision to spend an additional \$1.5 million to build to the gold level of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

“Because of the advanced technology, I had thought we would be eligible for about \$300,000 under the Hydro Quebec incentive program,” said Martin, who played a major role in the project. “The size of the amount was pleasantly surprising.”

He added the city had received “a lot of assistance” in obtaining the Hydro Quebec award from data and calculations provided by electrical and mechanical engineers from the firm of Beaudoin Hurens.

“I expect to be able to report fully on the operational energy costs of the WRC at the end of 2014 after we have had a full 12 months of operation.”

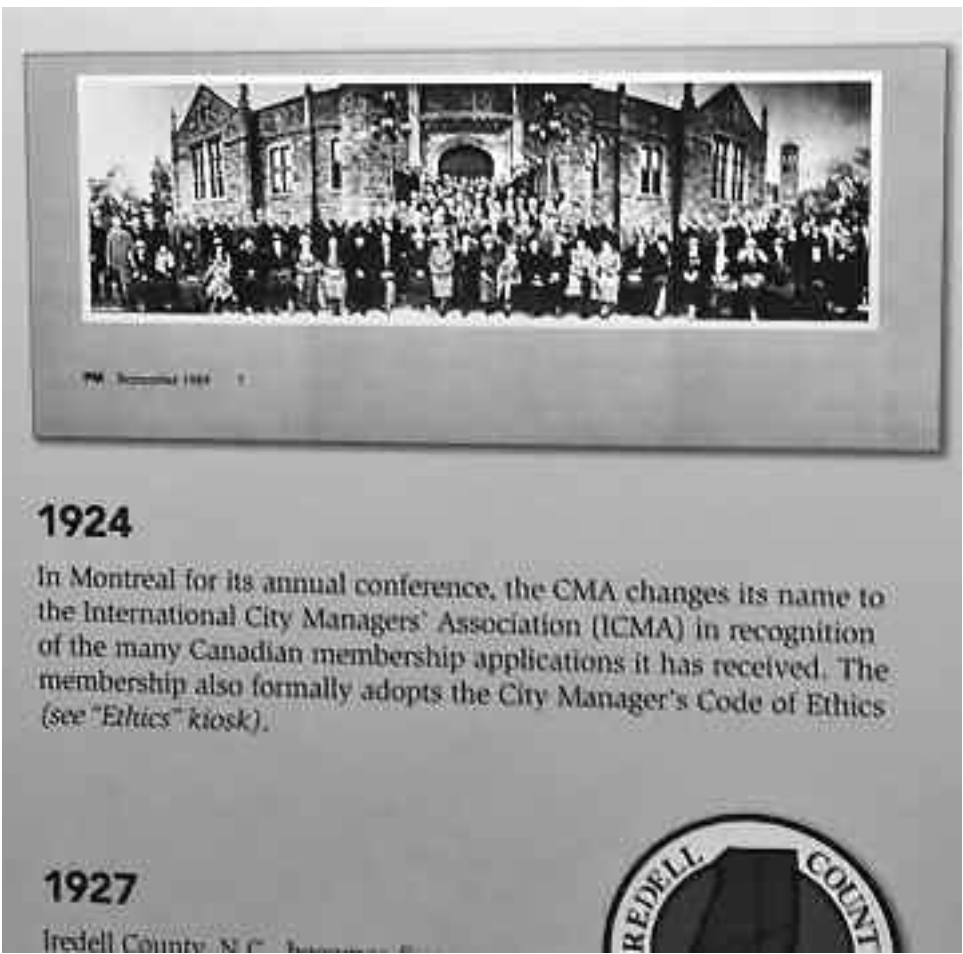
Westmount recognized historically at international conference

The city of Westmount was recognized at the 100th anniversary conference of the International City/County Management Association held September 14-17 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The milestone meeting featured Westmount in a historical timeline as the first city in Canada to introduce a general manager form of government in 1913. “I was very pleased to be part of the city of Westmount’s history in the field of city management,” said director general Duncan Campbell.

The second meaningful event highlighting the city was an annual meeting of the organization held in Montreal in 1924 at which the group officially adopted the prefix “International” in recognition of Canadian members. This was characterized by a photo of the conference attendees in front of Westmount city hall.

This year’s conference set a record attendance mark of 2,476, said Campbell who chaired its planning committee. He was also the conference host chair when it was held in Montreal in 2009. – LS



Photographed by city director general Duncan Campbell during the ICMA conference September 14-17 in Charlotte, NC, this part of the organization’s timeline display featured a photo of conference delegates in 1924 outside Westmount city hall.

Troubled man finally understood

Efforts to help a troubled man by a citizen, public safety officers and police came together October 26, Public Security officials report. The man was walking west along St. Catherine from Greene at 9:08 pm when he was spotted by a public safety officer yelling and “conversing with himself” in a foreign language.

Appearing to scare others passing by, he was followed and police called. Meanwhile, someone who understood the language, called Public Security to say the man wanted to kill himself. This information was relayed to police and the matter was left in their hands.

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“He said, she said” by Amy Taubin in *Film Comment*, September/October 2014, p. 25-29. Director David Fincher discusses the adaptation of Gillian Flynn’s best-selling novel *Gone Girl* to the screen.

“Grand reportage: le rideau de fer de l’Inde” par Kai Fiese dans *GEO*, September 2014 p. 102-117. Sur la frontière avec le Bangladesh, héritage colonial tracé à la vavite, le pays achève le plus long mur de séparation de la planète.

E-Books – Award worthy

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein – Balancing meticulous documentation and passionate argument, anti-globalization activist and author Klein argues that surviving the climate emergency will require radical changes in how we live. (Hilary Weston Writers’ Trust Prize for Nonfiction).

The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan – Haunted by the death of his wife while attending brutally sick and injured soldiers at a World War II Japanese POW camp, surgeon Dorrigio Evans receives a letter that irrevocably shapes the subsequent decades of his life in Australia. (Man Booker Prize For Fiction).

Livres numériques – Foreign lands

La promesse by Michèle Ouimet – Louise is a journalist who covers the conflicts in Afghanistan. On one of her assignments, she meets Soraya who was forced into marriage with an abusive man and now lives in a shelter. As Soraya is

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The resident of a Dorchester apartment was given a ticket for \$148 October 25 at 1:42 am on a second noise complaint within two hours, Public Security officials said. Officers initially warned him two hours earlier when they could hear music coming from the apartment and noticed several people talking loudly outside. Responding a second time, they found police had also been called.

making plans to immigrate to Montreal, Louise makes the promise to help her build a new life.

Voyageur by Pierre Graveline – In 1971, the author, then 19, left Montreal with little money and travelled for eight months. He crossed Europe and visited Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, countries that have since been engulfed by religious extremism.

Adult English- All in the family

My Grandfather’s Gallery: A Family Memoir of Art and War by Anne Sinclair – Drawing on her grandfather’s intimate correspondence with Picasso, Matisse, Braque and others, the author takes readers on a personal journey through the life of Paul Rosenberg, a legendary Parisian art dealer who was forced to flee Vichy, France, leaving several famous artworks behind to be captured by the Nazis.

Not my Father’s Son by Alan Cumming – The acclaimed actor profiles his turbulent relationship with his father, tracing his 2010 appearance in a celebrity genealogy show to solve the disappearance of a WWII hero grandparent and his discovery of astounding family secrets.

Adult French – Long listed for the Goncourt Prize

Ce sont des choses qui arrivent by Pauline Dreyfus – In this novel, Dreyfus paints a portrait of Duchess Nathalie de Lusignan and recounts the destiny of her clan during World War II.

Le roi disait que j’étais diable by Clara Dupont-Monod – Aliénor d’Aquitaine, as a young woman, lived in the shadows of her husband King Louis VII. Later in her life, she asked for the dissolution of her marriage, played a key role in a crusade and confronted the pope and the church, making her mark as the most powerful woman of her times.

DVDs

The Ivory Tower – Is college worth the cost? Groundbreaking filmmaker Andrew Rossi asks the critical question about the value of higher education, revealing how colleges have come to embrace a business model that often promotes expansion over quality learning. With student-loan debt now over the \$1-trillion mark, the once-great American institution is at a breaking point. The film explores the current education crisis from the halls of Harvard to community colleges to online learning.

Bee People – For 100 million years, bees have provided sustainability on earth, yet these glorious pollinators are facing

challenges and fading from our planet. This film provides an in-depth look at the people who are facing the challenge on behalf of the bees, making a difference and urging everyone to join them on a planet-saving mission.

Books for children

Lettres et des courriels: mets tes idées en pages! by Celia Warren – This guide teaches children how to write official letters using good-old paper and pencils or by typing an email.

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White praised at Y benefit



Former Westmount YMCA director Gary White, centre, received high praise from Westmount Y CEO Stéphane Vaillancourt, right, prior to a benefit concert for the "Strong Kids" campaign at Victoria Hall on October 22. According to Vaillancourt, enrolment for the Y's Camp Kanawana grew from 800 campers to nearly 2,000 during White's 11 years as the Westmount branch's director. White, who stepped down in June, is a leading member of the Choirboys band, which performed that evening. Band member John Landon is seen on the left.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

From classes of 1951 to 2026, Study students say happy birthday



The Study students, staff and guests gathered in the gymnasium on October 24 to celebrate the 99th birthday of the girls' school, located on The Boulevard. The guest speaker was child psychiatrist Dr. Margaret DeJong from the class of 1970, who was also the winner of the 2014 alumna award. Seen here cutting a cake, from left, are Sophie Wang, Sophie Bergevin and Eva-Rose Varin from kindergarten; Deirdre Stevenson of the class of 1951, the oldest alumna in attendance; Ashley Guan, the youngest student at the school; and kindergarten teacher Line Benoit. At the podium is Nancy Sweer, head of school.

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Investor purchases 84 Westmount Square residential units valued at \$70 million

By MICHAEL MOORE

An investor who purchased 84 Westmount Square residential rental units with a reported market value of \$70 million has resold 48 of the apartments since finalizing the acquisition in August.

"There's a big, big hype around Westmount Square. A natural hype," said Olivier Leclerc, who purchased the units two months ago after a year of negotiations with the previous owner, Elad Canada, part of a real estate conglomerate owned by Israeli businessman Yitzhak Tshuva.

Leclerc wouldn't specify how much he paid for the units in Westmount Square's dual 21-storey residential towers designed by German-born architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in the 1960s.

"Real estate is all about location, and this has the best. Westmount Square has security, proximity and accommodations for residents. I think it's the best residential complex in Montreal," he said.

Leclerc says he had investors lined up for the 48 units he's resold before he com-

pleted the deal to help reduce his own investment. Almost all of the 84 total units, which range in value from \$400,000 to \$2 million, are already occupied and ready to generate income, according to Leclerc.

"The people who bought are investors who want a return. But they are also long-term investors, like me, so they are looking to keep the property and let time [increase the value]," he said.

Leclerc plans to retain a foothold in the building for the long term, as well. He wants to hang onto approximately 20 units for himself as part of his real estate investment strategy in Montreal.

Leclerc expects to close the sale of "a few more" units in the near future and plans to give the tenants of the units he's willing to part with the first opportunity to purchase their own apartments.

"I think they should have the right to buy their own unit. They are good potential buyers and they already live in the building," he said.

Leclerc says he considering investing in more residential properties, including one in Outremont and another downtown, but

doesn't have any other immediate plans in Westmount.

That could change if city council allows the third Westmount Square tower, currently used as office space, to be re-zoned for residential use. A \$120-million plan to renovate the building is currently being stymied by the city's freeze on converting buildings to residential use in the sector as it weighs a new planning vision (see June 10, p. 12).

Leclerc says he hasn't been following the details of the proposed plan, but would consider investing in the converted property if the "price is right."

"Obviously I think it's a great location," he said.

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Lanyi presents new book at Babar en Ville



Susan Lanyi, who recently moved to Westmount, launched her first illustrated children's book *Pants No Chance* at Babar en Ville on October 18. The story is about a little girl who refuses to wear pants and only wants to wear dresses. Lanyi is seen here signing a copy of the book for Fallyn Grant of Hampstead.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

China-Canada artistic event takes place on Greene



From left: Hongpei Liu, vice president of Nanjing Painting and Calligraphy Academy; artists Yuan Yao and Dao Jing Zhuang; Sarah Wang, president of the Arts and Cultures Exchange Association Sino-Canada; and Zhen Zhao, vice president of the academy.

BY HEATHER BLACK

The opening of the exhibition “Inks of Jinling” took place at 1329 Greene Ave. on October 27. The three-day exhibition featured 41 works by 20 Chinese artists, 10 of whom were in attendance for the event.

The exhibition was organized by Westmounter Sarah Wang, president of the Arts and Cultures Exchange Association Sino-Canada, with the assistance of Claude Gosselin from the Centre international d'art contemporain de Montréal and Andrew Lui of Han Art Gallery.

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Truck slams into cars, sending 2 to hospital from Esso lot

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A truck that plowed into the Esso service station at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor October 27 around 5:20 pm was driven by a man who probably suffered some sort of seizure, police said. No serious injuries were reported.

Three other cars on the lot were smashed, one gas pump was destroyed and a city traffic light knocked over.

A woman living nearby managed to jump out of one of the cars and rush her two daughters to safety, said local Station 12 traffic officer Steven Goldberg.

Despite the tangle of metal, smoke from the deployment of airbags and the precautionary spreading of foam by firefighters to prevent a possible ignition of gas, “It was probably a lot worse looking than it was,” Goldberg said.

Two people were taken to hospital. They were the 26-year-old truck driver who was pulled, reportedly unconscious, from the cab of the truck by passers-by and a 31-year-old mechanic at the station, who had been moving the first vehicle hit by the truck.

Neither bore visible signs of injury, Goldberg said. The mechanic was “fine now,” station owner David Estephan reported October 29.

“We’re ready for business tomorrow. The past is history. It could have been way worse,” he added.

Witnesses and emergency workers agreed. Given the time of day at rush hour and the location, it was a miracle no one was hit on the sidewalk or that the truck hadn’t continued out of control along Sherbrooke, said Public Security director

Greg McBain.

“To do that amount of damage to three cars and push the traffic lights 100 feet, the truck must have been barrelling,” he said.

Nigel Goddard of Irvine Ave. was one of several witnesses who was in the middle of Grosvenor when the eastbound truck went through the intersection.

“The horn was sounding in a much more intense manner than someone simply blowing through the light. The truck veered suddenly to the right straight into the station and I saw glass breaking and a lot of smoke and heard the terrible bang. It’s all I remember,” he said from the scene. “I’m starting to shake.”

‘Happened so quickly:’ Witness

“It was a very violent thing to witness

because it happened so quickly,” Goddard said later.

Councillor Patrick Martin, who also witnessed the accident as he drove west with his wife, Jane, got out to see if he could help.

“There was a smell of gas and a lot of yelling and screaming. The truck could have plowed into the stream of cars but went the other way. Jane saw the woman get out of the car with the two little girls.”

Sherbrooke was blocked from Claremont to Lansdowne at the height of the rush hour by public safety officers who remained at the scene from 5:27 pm to 7:58 pm. It was later blocked between Victoria and Roslyn while Grosvenor was blocked at de Maisonneuve. Police remained until 10:30 pm.

See other photo, p. 1.



The scene of the accident at Grosvenor and Sherbrooke October 27 around 6 pm.

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The site of the accident appeared cleaned up the next day at around 8 am.

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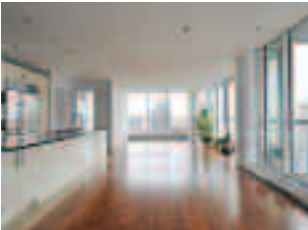
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MUHC’s surrounding infrastructure won’t be ready for hospital’s opening

By ISAAC OLSON

The incoming McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) super-hospital is set to open its adult care facilities on April 26 and its pediatric units on May 24, but the surrounding infrastructure projects are far from finished despite the fact that thousands will be pouring into the facility on a daily basis come spring.

However, officials from the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) on up through to the province’s ministry of Transport (MTQ) insist they are looking for both temporary and long-term solutions. This last-minute style of planning on behalf of city and transportation authorities has many residents from around the region disgusted as the hospital has been in the making for well over 20 years –

leaving plenty of time to get ready, they say.

“We are perfectly aware that there is a problem with accessibility and mobility in the area,” said MTQ spokesperson Sarah Bensadoun during the October 28 public information session on construction and infrastructure renovations in the area surrounding the hospital, held at 5100 de Maisonneuve. “We want to make sure that everything will be accessible for all users.”

She offered no concrete dates for the completion of, for example, a second entrance and tunnel to the Vendôme Metro station and hospital. Until then, she said there will be temporary measures.

During the meeting, NDG, St. Henri and Westmount residents expressed concerns over the lack of renovations to the bike path, Vendôme Metro station and the road infrastructure before the hospital opens.

Until a second entrance is added to the Vendôme station, STM project director Guillaume Leroux said there are renovations planned to help mitigate overcrowding. There will be four new flights of stairs, including a new set leading from the de Maisonneuve Blvd. entrance down to the turnstiles, he said. Those turnstiles, he added, will be repositioned to improve circulation.

Along with connecting the current tunnel under the train tracks to the hospital’s property, Laurent Gignat, with the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT), noted the above-ground train station will now have ground-level access. This, he explained, will mean AMT riders won’t have to go into the tunnel

to access the platforms.

Bridget Blackader, a Westmounter, asked if there will be a shuttle service to the hospital for people with reduced mobility. Leroux said a feasibility study is under way to see if it is possible to have a bus stop on the MUHC’s property or Decarie Blvd. Until that study is complete, he said it is impossible to say if there would be a shuttle of any kind.


“Safety in this area is a big concern,” said Daniel Lambert from the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association as he asked for more information about the plans for the de Maisonneuve bike path running

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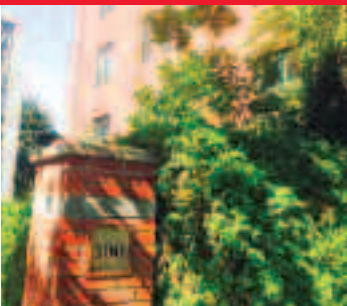
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Police Report

Three similar break-ins attempted on same day

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

By MICHAEL MOORE

A trio of break-ins with a similar MO were attempted within hours of each other in Westmount on the afternoon of October 24, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The three events, two of which were successful, all reportedly involved a suspect cutting through a residential building's screen door to attempt to enter the dwelling. With that common link, police suspect that the three incidents were perpetrated by one person and potentially an accomplice, though an ongoing investigation is attempting to prove that theory, said Pimentel.

Sometime during the day, an individual removed the basement screen door of a house on Olivier while the owners were out. The suspect reportedly stole a Fender electric guitar and another bass guitar, valued at approximately \$500 each, as well as

a credit card and a small amount of money before leaving the building.

A handprint found on the scene was deemed to be of insufficient quality to be of help, but a camera that may have caught the suspect on tape is being used by police, said Pimentel.

In the early afternoon, a person removed the rear patio screen door of a house on Holton but was unable to break through the main door to enter the house. Undeterred, the suspect reportedly broke through a window and looked through the house, eventually taking two laptops, a router, video games, passports and some jewellery.

The third reported incident occurred just after 1 pm at a condo building on Clarke. A resident living on the second floor heard a loud bang coming from the rear of the building and upon investigating found a man trying to enter the adjoining unit after climbing the emergency stairs.

The suspect, described as a 30-year-old English-speaking white man with reddish hair and a medium build, allegedly told

the neighbour that he was a computer repair man. He quickly left the condo via the stairs and got into a grey car driven by another individual, who may have been an accomplice, suggested Pimentel.

A later investigation of the scene discovered that the rear screen window had

been cut open but metal bars had thwarted the attempted break-in.

With the intervention of the neighbour, police now have a physical description of a suspect that may prove key to potentially linking the three incidents to the same individual, said Pimentel.

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may or may not end in Westmount's favour.

"We have all assessed that there is a problem and it's not just a matter of 'by how many decibels are we above the maximum?'" said Poirier. "It's just that a solution has to be found. The city is very concerned about the effect this noise has on our residents and what we want from GISM and the [MUHC] is that there will be remedial measures put in place."

Meanwhile, the hospital's top brass made it clear that, up until recently, the hospital's ventilation was set to maximum as a test and that won't be the case once it opens in April. Until then, the system has been turned down, more so at night, as GISM looks to find a solution.

Crevier insisted the hospital was designed to meet municipal regulations and "to be told we are not meeting the regulations is a debatable question." However, he added, "we are taking this seriously" as analysis and studies are made.

"I want to thank the residents of the area who have shown a lot of patience during this," said Councillor Christina Smith. "I know it has been incredibly frustrating. For a lot of them, it's disturbing their sleep. It's disturbing their kids' sleep. It's disrupting their daily lives and they have shown me a lot of patience and respect in sharing their concerns. We hope to find a solution to this. I promise to keep working on this until we get to that point."

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Remembrance Day guest column

Garson – resistance member, linguist, musician – turns 90

BY IRENE DON, WIFE OF ALFRED GARSON

Westmount resident Alfred Garson, a Suzuki violin teacher at the McGill University Conservatory of Music, celebrated his 90th birthday this October. He studied with Suzuki for several years and introduced his method in Canada through McGill University in 1967 and then in 1970 in England.

In 1940, he was living in Kristiansand, Norway, where he was conscripted into the Norwegian underground on account of his fluency in several European languages learned from his Norwegian father and his Spanish mother.

His first assignment was to make friends with two individuals, Real Tobler and Heinrich Burgich, newly arrived from Denmark and posing as Swiss engineers.

Garson found out that after Norway, they were going to Holland, Belgium and France. Since they had first been to Poland and Poland had then been invaded by the Germans, he concluded that Denmark and Norway were next on the list, to be followed by the next countries they had planned to visit.

Garson warned the Dutch underground about them, where they were caught, tried and sentenced to death. Tobler was shot, but somehow Burgich managed to escape. He concluded, quite rightly, that only Garson could have given them away and swore to pursue him until he was caught alive and then sent to Dachau, where Burgich was an SS guard.

Shortly after Garson arrived in Berlin, he was arrested by the Gestapo for trespassing into a forbidden area of the main station where he was investigating troop movements on behalf of the German underground. After six hours of interrogation, he lied his way out of trouble. A few days later, Burgich managed to locate him

and then, for the next year, chased Garson all over Germany and Austria and finally caught up with him in Munich, where Garson was tried and sentenced to Dachau.

The night before being taken there, Garson managed to escape and made his way to Genoa in Italy. From there, he got a fishing boat to Marseilles and eventually ended up in Andorra.

In Andorra, he met five Jewish refugees with nowhere to go except Spain or France, where in either country they would have been caught and sent back to a concentration camp in Germany.

Garson promised to help them and bribed an official into giving him six three-day passes to Spain in order to celebrate a saint's day. Once in Spain, he got them to Madrid and put them on a train headed for Lisbon, where they would get ships bound for New York, where they wanted to go.

The following day he was arrested, because his three-day pass had expired. He was not worried because an uncle of his was a general in the Spanish army and would get him released. A day later, he was led to the interrogation room where he thought his uncle would be waiting for him.

Burgich resurfaces

To his horror, he was confronted by Burgich, who only spoke German. After exchanging greetings, Garson translated for the Spanish interrogator, who was told a pack of lies by Burgich. Garson told the Spaniard that he had been fed a pack of lies, whereupon Garson was thanked for his help. Shortly thereafter his uncle arrived and got him released. Burgich was sentenced to six months in prison and then was to be deported back to Germany.

After a couple of weeks in Spain visiting family, Garson made his way to Lisbon, where he got a passage to Cape Town on board a cargo ship, but had to sleep on deck.

A few hours out of Lisbon, the cargo ship, *Joao Belo*, was stopped by a German U-boat.

Everybody was ordered to line up on deck with a life jacket and a passport. After inspecting Garson's passport, he was ordered out of earshot and asked what he had been doing in Germany for so long. Garson told the U-boat captain that he had been entertaining German troops.

The German captain then told Garson to jump ship before reaching Cape Town, since they planned to torpedo the ship outside of Cape Town.

After the U-boat had left, the Portuguese captain sent for Garson and asked him what the German captain had told him. Garson told the Portuguese captain the truth, whereupon he burst out laughing and told Garson not to believe it. He further told Garson not to dream of jumping ship.

Garson was inclined to believe the German captain and jumped ship in Lobito

read in the newspaper that the *Joao Belo* had been torpedoed outside of Cape Town, and there were no survivors.

After completing high school and learning English, Garson went to Cape Town University, where he obtained bachelors degrees in English, psychology, anthropology, a B.Mus and an M.Mus.

He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and a Beit Scholarship, which took him to



Alfred Garson at his home on Grosvenor October 30.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Bay, Angola. From Lobito Bay, it would take one week to get to Kitwe in Northern Rhodesia, where his parents were residing.

The only trouble was that the train only left once a week, with only one compartment reserved for men and one for women, with no water, no toilet and no dining room. In place of water, there were crates of beer in each compartment. Garson did not know if he relished the thought of being plastered for a whole week.

The train would stop every two hours for toilet purposes and for two hours every evening, in order to allow the loco driver and his assistant to go out and hunt for a deer and some guinea fowl for supper.

A month after reaching home, Garson

Oxford University and London University, where he obtained a BA (hons) degree in medieval Spanish.

Finally, he got a D.Mus degree from the University of Montreal.

Over the years, he has made friends with Jehudi Menuhin, Shinichi Suzuki, Joseph Szigeti, Carl Orff, Benjamin Britten, Sir Adrian Bolt, Hans Rosbaud, Sigi Weissenberg and Lily Kraus, with whom he recorded some Beethoven violin sonatas.

Garson is an honorary life member of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, but is not proud of having saved only five Jews from the gas chambers after seeing dozens abused, tortured and even shot, whilst in Germany from 1940 until the end of 1943.

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June/July transfers: High prices abound

By ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in June and July 2014, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 21.

Seven sales at the end of June and 15 more registered in July are indications of a temporary optimism in the Westmount real estate market following the provincial election in April, as the three highest prices of the year were documented.

One of the top prices ever recorded for a Westmount residence involved 4299 Montrose Ave., which sold for \$6,700,000 in July, a sale negotiated in late April. Also in July came the sale of 332 Metcalfe Ave. for \$4,495,000, one of the most expensive houses below Sherbrooke St. on more than 20,000 square feet of land.

In June, the three-storey house at 49 Rosemount Ave., backing onto Mount Pleasant Ave., sold for \$3,250,000, way below its 2014 municipal evaluation of \$3,995,000, at 19 percent the biggest mark-down of the month.

The new sales for June, coupled with those reported in the *Independent* last month (October 7, p. 19), brought the month's volume to 18, of which eight sold

below municipal evaluation, bringing the monthly average mark-up to only 2.5 percent. Already we had reported the sale of 9 Summit Circle for \$3,100,000 and two sales under \$1 million, the lowest at 33 Stayner St. for \$680,000. Another house at 67 Columbia sold for \$660,000 in June, becoming the lowest of the month, though one of the new townhouses at 4858 St. Catherine sold in May for \$585,000, the lowest price this year.

Overall in June, the 18 sales averaged \$1,426,367. In July, another 15 sales brought an average \$1,987,000, showing how much the two over-\$4-million prices can push up the average. As it turns out, the month had only two sales under \$1 million with the lowest price for 7 Ingle-side Ave., \$730,000. Only three houses sold under valuation, with the biggest mark-down of 12 percent for 444 Prince Albert Ave., while the highest mark-up was almost 49 percent for 4363 Montrose. The average mark-up jumped to 9 percent, well above the year's average of only 1 percent.

Three condominium sales in July started off the third quarter well below average, hurt badly by the sale of Apt. 401 at 285 Clarke Ave. for only \$900,000 while the city gave it a tax value (including two



4299 Montrose

garage spaces) of \$1,108,100. Almost the same mark-down was recorded in the first sale from the developer of Apt. 106 at 11 Hillside Ave., though the price paid does not include GST and QST.

The enthusiasm of some of the prices

does not appear to have spilled into the fall season, with only one more reported sale over \$3 million so far this year, and in fact only two more since mid-June with prices over \$2 million. Even with the additional June sales, continued on p. 24

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Westmount organizing committee prepares for SPCA event



Westmounters Jayne Allister, left, and Julie Brochocka were part of the local organizing committee working on a fundraiser for the Montreal SPCA October 30 at Allister's home. The new concept "Beasts of Fashion," to be hosted by Elle Quebec and the animal shelter, will feature fashion models, rescue dogs, an auction and music. The sold-out event is to take place Thursday, November 6 at the Corona Theatre. Visit betesdemode.com for more information.

Photo courtesy of Reggie Robbins

Rudy's resurrection



Rudy is a large, 6-year-old purebred German shepherd who had a rough start in life. He was abandoned by his previous owners and found in a terrible condition, wandering through the world as a stray. At the time of his rescue, Rudy was extremely skinny, dehydrated and had gastroenteritis. Once healed, he remained unclaimed at the SPCA for several months before being adopted out to a new family.

This new home, however, did not pro-

vide him with the proper care he needed, and Rudy was returned to the SPCA a mere three months later requiring serious eye reconstructive surgery due to corneal damage. After these multiple abandonments, Rudy is now more than ready to finally become a part of a safe and loving home.

This 73-pound ball of love knows a large array of commands, is extremely intelligent, loves to play ball, is very responsive to people and enjoys company. His previous lack of training in unstable environments, however, has created some leash-walking issues, including pulling and cat chasing.

Rudy is also reactive to other dogs while on leash, but has not yet been tested off leash. Due to his strength, rescue workers suggest a household with older children, but are also confident that Rudy's remnant behaviours from his hard beginnings may be corrected with the right leader. Proper exercise and consistent rules from assertive masters will help nurture Rudy's best characteristics and help stop his unwanted behaviours.

Regardless of his size, this purebred shepherd loves to cuddle and will gladly offer up his belly to anyone willing to scratch it. Repetitive abandonments and their resulting physical ailments have not managed to crush Rudy's great spirit, and he now waits in a closed room at the SPCA for a strong leader to arrive and show him what a healthy home environment is really like.

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After city officials said the plan to construct a permanent bike path on that stretch between Addington St. and Decarie Blvd. is delayed until the St. Jacques overpass is rebuilt, Lambert asked if the cycling community will be included in the plans for the permanent bike path. Byrns confirmed that, yes, cyclists would be included in the planning process.

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the volume of 18 signed deeds is sharply lower than we would expect for June, which averages about 28 – though last year there were only 12.

For July, the volume is still below the average of about 22, and last year there were 21 registrations. So far this year there have been 84 one- and two-family homes sold, compared to an average of 112.2.

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Lindsay tells of the historical association’s beginnings

By MARTIN C. BARRY

In a presentation to the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) on October 16, its president Doreen Lindsay told members about the roles Hélène Saly and Sally Hooff played in writing and publishing several notable works on the history of Westmount.

As 2014 is the WHA’s 70th anniversary,

the fall lecture series has been devoted to the history of the association. Last month’s presentation was about its beginnings and the groundwork done by its founder Alice Lighthall.

Hélène Saly, a French specialist who taught at Westmount High during the 1960s and 1970s, gave her students an assignment to write about the history of Westmount.



WHA president Doreen Lindsay speaks during the October 16 talk, with photos of Hélène Saly, left, and Sally Hooff.

Their continuing research led to the publication in 1967 of an 88-page work, *Old Westmount*. The book, which contained a foreword by Lighthall, led not only to a renewed interest in the city’s history but has also come to be regarded as the authoritative text on the history of Westmount.

“We get quite a bit of local history just in her foreword,” Lindsay said about Lighthall’s contribution. “The two women were such good writers that they were able to encapsulate aspects of the city where they lived.”

According to Lindsay, Saly’s friendship with Alice Lighthall led to the revival of the WHA in 1971, following a period when interest in the association’s activities had declined.

“Miss Lighthall said in an interview that interest in the WHA followed an in-and-out pattern, often dormant for years then bouncing back with renewed vigour when the occasion demanded it,” said Lindsay. In 1994, the WHA’s archives were named the Saly Heritage Collection in her honour.

Sally Hooff joined the WHA in 1974 after attending an association lecture where she met Saly and Aline Gubbay, an-

other longtime WHA member. Hooff would go on to serve as the association’s president and vice president. In 1984, she published *In a Green Shade*, a book about the trees to be found in Westmount. “The trees in Westmount Park inspired her to do this small publication,” Lindsay said.

Then in 1985, with Gubbay, Hooff co-authored *Montreal’s Little Mountain: A Portrait of Westmount*. The introduction was written by Montreal architect Mark London, who was presi-

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Woman ticketed after being locked out of dépanneur

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A woman was ticketed for being drunk and disorderly October 23 after being locked out of a dépanneur at 4014 St. Catherine St., Public Security officials said.

The incident attracted the attention of a public safety officer walking the beat at 7:14 pm when he witnessed an altercation between the woman and the shopkeeper.

The store clerk had escorted the woman outside after noticing she was intoxicated and refused to sell her more alcohol.

At that point, the officer separated the two, the store clerk returned inside and locked the door.

The “customer” tried repeatedly to get in, calling for “justice,” and knocking her head against the door until she began to bleed profusely. Police and Urgences

Santé attended, the woman was treated, ticketed and detained.

In at least eight other documented incidents the same week involving public drinking along the same strip of St. Catherine just west of Atwater and the Tupper lane behind, public safety officers poured out beer and told the consumers to “circulate.” Most were described as known to Public Security.

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Adamo

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Leona

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New metering advocated, cont'd. from p. 1

checked back and counted on average 25 tickets a day given between St. Antoine and Sherbrooke for meters, double parking and all types of parking violations. Meters, he said, are calibrated to include a three-minute grace period after expiry.

The city has two parking inspectors on duty 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the "east sector" to cover on foot the territory from Clarke to Atwater and St. Antoine to Delavigne, he said. Another one works from 11 am to 9 pm focusing on complaints and problem areas as well as doing evening parking on Thursdays and Fridays.

The petition is headed: "Stop parking enforcement from playing 'gotcha' on Greene Ave."

What concerns Kutsos most is that customers who feed the meter feel they have little time to get back to it to add more coins before getting a ticket. She cited numerous examples where she claims parking inspectors were "just waiting" for the meter to expire.

She said that the end of the day October 27, she had received a ticket on her own car at 5:55 pm that had been parked all day at the meter near her store after she had been feeding it regularly. "I pay for indoor parking at Westmount Square but I needed it near the store for loading."

Solutions suggested in the petition include finding new ways to provide people with the ability to extend their time using

an app or in some other manner without having to return to the meter. She said not only is it frustrating to shoppers, but merchants can lose a sale when customers leave quickly when the meter is about to expire.

On another occasion, she said, a customer came into her store to get 25 cents to feed the meter that had just run out and returned to find the car had already been ticketed. "That's abusive."

In response to the petition's request for new metering, Samiotis said the city was looking into "a couple of different systems." One is to retrofit the existing meters with a remote pay system.

In the meantime, she said, she is pleased the city put on hold a planned hike in meter rates for Greene Ave. after she objected to it. Until a new meter system could be installed, she said, people couldn't be expected to walk around with enough coins to pay for a proposed \$3-an-hour rate from the existing \$2.

The intended increase had been announced during the 2014 budget presentation because of "significant investments" the city had made in refurbishing Greene over the last three years (see story February 4, p. 6).



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EMSb vote, cont'd. from p. 1

bent chairperson Angela Mancini and challenger Anne Lagacé Dowson, on whose slate Feldman ran. In October, Mancini was harsh in her criticism of Feldman, saying he had been found guilty of six ethics violations during the last EMSB mandate and criticizing Lagacé Dowson for including him on her team (October 21, p. 8).

Mancini and Feldman will now have to

co-exist for another mandate after Mancini also won her race for chairperson, defeating Lagacé Dowson by 11,069 votes to 7,086.

Mancini slate

Her own victory capped off an overall dominant evening for Team Mancini. In addition to the chairperson position, Mancini's slate captured 8 of the 10 com-

missioner positions, with Feldman and independent Joseph Lalla in Ward 2 the only two candidates to break up the clean sweep.

Despite the clear result, Feldman remains critical of Mancini's leadership, and though heavily outnumbered on council, says he will continue to vocalize his position on issues plaguing the school board.

"Every commissioner has a right to

speak out at council and I know I will certainly will be doing so," he said. "If we're not allowed to speak at council, what would be the point of even having one? That's what we are there for."

Of the school board's eligible voters 21.2 percent turned out to cast their ballots, according to the EMSB, up from 17.79 per cent in 2007.



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City of Westmount



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PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT DE CONCORDANCE 1474
MARDI, 18 NOVEMBRE 2014 – 19 h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1474 INTITULÉ « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – RÈGLEMENT DE CONCORDANCE »

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

1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 3 novembre 2014, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1474, intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – RÈGLEMENT DE CONCORDANCE** »;
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (RLRQ, chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu **le mardi 18 novembre à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, à Westmount;
3. Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1474 dont l'objet est la mise en œuvre des modifications apportées au plan d'urbanisme lors de l'adoption du règlement no. 1466, de manière à assurer la conformité du règlement 1303 concernant le zonage au plan d'urbanisme. Plus précisément, l'objet du règlement vise à modifier les grilles des usages et types de bâtiments permis dans les zones C5-21-07, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C10-24-06, C15-24-07, C7-24-09, C11-24-10, C5-24-11, C5-24-12, C5-24-13, C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C8-31-02, C9-31-03, C16-31-04 et R9-24-03, ainsi que les grilles des spécifications physico-spatiales des zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 et R9-24-03 de façon à renforcer l'usage commercial dominant dans le secteur sud-est. Lors de ces modifications, la zone résidentielle R9-24-03 deviendra la zone commerciale C1-24-03;
4. Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer;
5. Le projet de règlement étant un règlement de concordance n'est pas susceptible d'approbation référendaire;
6. Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le projet de règlement n° 1474 et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 4 novembre 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
Greffière de la Ville

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
DRAFT CONCORDANCE BY-LAW 1474
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW 1474 ENTITLED "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CONCORDANCE BY-LAW"

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

1. At its regular meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2014, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted by resolution the draft by-law No. 1474, entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CONCORDANCE BY-LAW**";
2. In accordance with *An Act respecting land use planning and development* (CQLR, chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount;
3. The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft by-law No. 1474, the object of which is to implement the amendments made to the Planning Programme when By-law 1466 was adopted so as to ensure the conformity of Zoning By-law 1303 with the Planning Programme. More specifically, the object of the by-law is to modify the Tables of permitted building types and uses in zones C5-21-07, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C10-24-06, C15-24-07, C7-24-09, C11-24-10, C5-24-11, C5-24-12, C5-24-13, C5-24-14, C14-31-01, C8-31-02, C9-31-03, C16-31-04 and R9-24-03, as well as the Tables of physical and spatial provisions for zones C7-24-09, C1-24-01, C1-24-02, C5-21-07 and R9-24-03 so as to reinforce the prevailing commercial use in the South East Sector. Through these modifications, the residential zone R9-24-03 will become the commercial zone C1-24-03;
4. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion;
5. The draft by-law, being a concordance by-law, is not subject to approval by way of referendum;
6. Any interested person may consult the draft by-law No.1474 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this November 4, 2014.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza
City Clerk

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AURELIEN GUILLORY
& GRETA VON SCHMEDLAPP

Hello my dear Design Friends & Fiends! I do hope that you are having a delicious fall.

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Greta shops in Griffintown

about the burgeoning area at the foot of Peel and Wellington remarked that this area was becoming a new shopping and living area. Now, seven years later, we have Griffintown. Memories of the early settlements are the reason for that good ol' English name. I am now certain of its success. I only wish I had bought a warehouse in the area then. Now, wow!

So, follow me with your comfy shoes on: First to Notre Dame at de la Montagne to Ludovik, where Benoit Locas has a very inventive selection of both local designers, like Kenneth Cobonpue, who has created an amazing chaise-anemone and sculptural light fixtures that are somehow suitable for both modern and more classic rooms. Don't forget the Papier Mâché trophy heads of deer, bison and antelopes from Africa. Totally new carpet area rugs from Couper Croiser. Laser shapes and borders with wit – worth the hike to see!

Now slide over a few blocks to Peel and go into the best plant shop, Acme. See Tommy Zen's gorgeous planters made here and internationally respected.

Next, closer to Wellington, the remarkable Celadon home furnishings, unforgettable Fortuny ceiling lighting that he designed in Venice. They joined Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams with an expanded showroom – their 23rd and first in Canada. Aurel and I were invited to its formal opening, celebrating its 25th year in the furniture biz. Their company in association with Scott Yetman and Roy Cohen of Celadon are sponsoring the group GRIS Montréal for helping LGBT people to become more at ease.

Now, around the corner eastward on Wellington find the Montreal branch of West Elm. They offer an inventive shopping experience, including very good bed linens and a surprising coffee shop with totally addictive croissants.

Across the street explore the new ALT

Hotel, another addition to the Quebec Germain family. The one out at the DIX/30 in Brossard is doing remarkably well.

The most surprising shop I am leaving to the last: Fraser's classic furniture shop is reinventing itself. It will be there with a glossy new logo meshing side by side with the hotel: ITEM. Aurel and I bumped into the owner himself Mr. Ross Fraser and his *branché* manager Carol Alfieri. They were feverishly unpacking their new store concept. It will be very e-friendly. (We can't say more about how it will be different from their past). Rest assured by Aurel and me that there will be extensive reportage as soon as we were able to glimpse the evolution of Fraser.

Well dear readers, what does this all mean? Quite simply, the area hosts a new generation of multi-cultural 30+ urbanites – perfect demographics for e-shopping. Their store is full of ITEMS that can be shipped directly from their special sources to the new Griffinites' condos.

Aurélien and I will continue to discuss with our future letters how profoundly e-shopping and e-information has turned every e-shopper into a designer, decorator, and handyman/person...often with scary results!

Your comments *por favor* – Only after you have toured the Griffintown intersection. Well – Peeled indeed!

Colourfully, your Greta vonSchmedlapp, Design-Sleuth.

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Cedars CanSupport's 25th



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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On September 18, Cedars CanSupport's 25th anniversary event honoured Westmounter Gwen Nacos, chic chin-chilla. "We had to move to a larger venue because we had so much support!" said local res **Sandy Chamandy**, co-chair, along with her daughter **Andrea** and **Dr. Roger Tabah**. Even so, the Arsenal – the city's go-to destination for corporate events – was packed. The concept was fabulous.

Westmount res **Jeff Shamie**, director general of the Cedars Cancer Foundation, approached **Olivier Perret**, one of Montreal's premiere chefs and a cancer survivor. Perret not only agreed to help Cedars

but enlisted his culinary colleagues – chefs from other leading restaurants. In all, 11 top chefs prepared a once-in-a-lifetime gastronomic feast for almost 500 guests, including Montreal mayor **Denis Coderre**.

Westmounters noted included emcee **Andrew Carter**, **Tom Nacos** and children **Christina**, **Christopher** and **Melina**; **Evi** and **Ralph Schachter**, **Julia** and **Stephen Reitman**, **Rita** and **Charles Bronfman**, **Samantha Gumenick** and **Andrew Lufty**, **Sylvia** and **Lou Vogel**, and **Diane** and **Claudio Bussandri**, MUHC board chair.

Also noted were Quebec cabinet minister **Kathleen Weil** and **Michael Novak**, **Fadi Ziadeh**, consul general of Lebanon, **Mutsumi Takahashi** and **Michel Cayer**, **Alexia** and **Anthony Calvillo**, **Cookie** and **Larry Rossy**, **France Denis** and **Raymond Royer**, **Phyllis** and **John Rae**, **Marissa** and **Joe Nuss**, **Georges Remus** and **Louis Villeneuve**, **Phyllis** and **John Rae** and **Suzanne** and *continued on p. 30*



Gwen and Tom Nacos.



From left: Montreal mayor Denis Coderre, Alexia and Anthony Cavillo.



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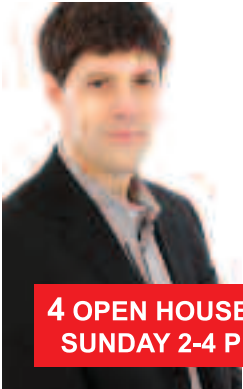
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Dr. David Fleiszer and Dr. Ruth Russell.



Phyllis and John Rae.



France Denis and Raymond Royer.

Bruce Shadeed, board chair of Cedars. Among the many doctors present were **Ruth Russell** and **David Fleiszer**, **Sarah Pritchard** and **Allan Sniderman** and **David Mulder**, attending with his wife **Norma**. The gala raised more than \$950,000

much due to the drive of **Frank Rana**, a former Cedars board member, who led a capital campaign along with support from the Rossy Family Foundation, the Howick and Batrie families, Power Corporation of Canada and many others.

WHA, cont'd. from p. 25

real. He also worked closely with the WHA at the time.

Hooff, who was originally from Scotland, taught at several Montreal-area schools including Trafalgar and St. George's. She was a founding member of the Westmount Action Committee, which was concerned about the construction of the Ville Marie expressway.

Her interest in trees is evident in a letter Lindsay read aloud, in which Hooff pleads to former Westmount Mayor Donald McCallum to intervene and protect trees from being cut at the historic Braemar House on The Boulevard.

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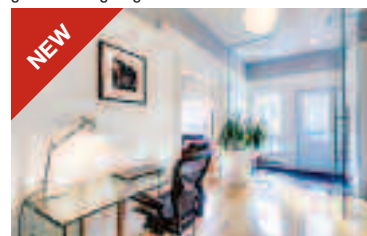
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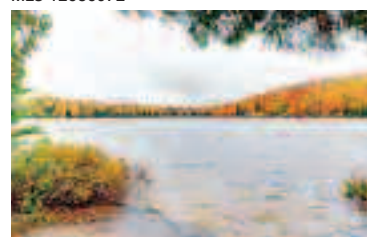
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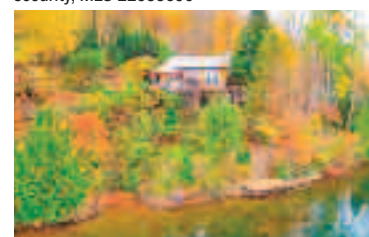
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Westmount, 547 Lansdowne Ave.
Exquisite Victorian jewel! This delightful
1900 townhouse features EXCEPTIONAL
architectural details. 3 spacious bdrms,
2½ baths. IMPECCABLE condition. **\$985,000**



SOLD by Brian @ 100%!

Westmount, 200 Lansdowne, #407
1,900 sq.ft. impeccable 3 bedroom,
2½ bathroom corner unit condo in a well
managed, tranquil building. 2 garages!
\$739,000



SOLD @ 94%!

Westmount, 77 Chesterfield Ave.
The perfect Westmount family home exists!
Delightful 1910 home. Updated kitchen
+ baths. Beautiful stained glass windows,
wdwrk, + details that will impress! **\$1,295,000**



Listed and SOLD in 19 days @ 97%!

Westmount, 345 Grosvenor Ave.
Elegant S/D 1905 home 5 bdr **\$939,000**



SOLD in 34 days @ 99%!

Westmount, 465 Clarke Ave.
Mid century modern townhouse. **\$1,250,000**



SOLD @ 97%!

Westmount Adj., 5042 Ponsard Ave.
Circle road area. **\$1,100,000**



Listed & SOLD over asking in 7 days!

Westmount, 25 Renfrew Ave.
Renovated to the HIGHEST standards. Virtually
nothing was overlooked! Exquisite woodwork,
stained glass, + details! Desirable, ultra
PEACEFUL location. **\$1,498,000**

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