

## Door-to-door inspections by Public Security cadets

# 99 smoke detector 'anomalies' found north of Sherbrooke

LAUREEN SWEENEY

A total of 99 smoke detector irregularities were found during 598 inspections of dwellings over the summer by the city's fire prevention cadets, Public Security officials said last week. No response was received at more than 900 other homes in the target area north from Sherbrooke.

After the cadets replaced missing and dead batteries or defective and missing smoke detector units, the number of anomalies was reduced to 28.

Under the city's by-laws, generally a

minimum of one detector is required per floor of a dwelling and within at least 15 feet of bedrooms. While it is the responsibility of the property owner to install detectors, the onus is on the resident, whether an owner or a tenant, to maintain the device in working order.

The cadets also checked for clear access to electrical panels and exit doors, and proposed 15 new names of persons they encountered while going door to door, who might benefit from being enrolled in the department's "Security in Aging" program.

In a new initiative this year, the cadets also undertook an awareness program at 11 West- .....

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## 'Technical people' to study Greene on-ramp issue, Trent says

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount and Côte des Neiges-NDG technical staff will get together to discuss a request from the CDN-NDG borough regarding re-opening the Greene Ave. on-ramp to the Ville Marie expressway eastbound, Mayor Peter Trent said last week.

The matter was raised September 17 at the Montreal city council meeting by NDG district councillor Peter McQueen, after which Trent said he had spoken to Montreal mayor Denis Coderre and the two had agreed to "de-politicize" the matter and

have it studied by their "technical people."

The on-ramp has been closed by Westmount for some three decades to reduce through traffic using Westmount's residential streets to access the highway. Westmount has remained firm in its intention to ensure through traffic does not increase during the Turcot project and with the opening of the MUHC super-hospital next year.

Trent said last week he had received a letter about a week earlier from borough mayor Russell Copeman on the matter as a way of relieving traffic congestion in NDG and .....

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## A,R,T loose on the streets



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Anna Gedalof, left, and Bruce Roberts on Greene Ave. September 13. See story, p. 21.

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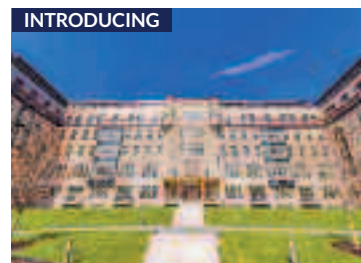


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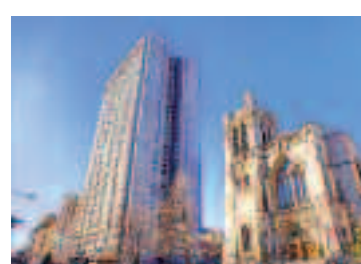
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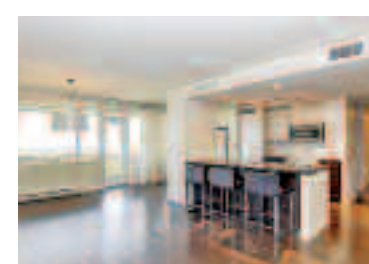
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Why raised intersection not created at Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve

# Council questioned on ‘processes’ for citizen input to studies, projects

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Noting the recent reconfiguration of de Maisonneuve outside Westmount Park Church did not include construction of a raised intersection at Lansdowne, Paul Marriott, a Grosvenor Ave. resident, asked city council September 2 why this had not been included.

He said he had been told at the time the raised intersection was built at Greene and de Maisonneuve last year that this would be city policy moving forward for intersections. Raised intersections are designed to be pedestrian-friendly.

City director general Duncan Campbell pointed out that the city had not reconstructed the actual Lansdowne intersection but simply rebuilt part of de Maisonneuve to the east as far as the entrance to Westmount Park.

Raising an intersection, he explained, required replacing infrastructure and providing for the proper drainage to prevent the damming-up of water.

Marriott raised the issue as part of a question on the city process for involving input by citizens to studies such as the CIMA+ one on bike paths, for which the Westmount Walking and Cycling Associa-

tion (WWCA) had made repeated requests. Campbell replied that the report was now in the hands of council members, who were reviewing it.

It was also under review by the city’s Transportation Advisory Committee (the former Administrative Traffic Committee), according to assistant director general

Mike Deegan.

Marriott later told the *Independent* it was “frustrating” to be told repeatedly “yes” but not to have any concrete actions taken based on that. It is more effective to meet with the consultants at the input stage rather than at the output, he maintained.

## Vic Ave. jam



A line-up of cars on Victoria stretched back to The Boulevard around 4 pm September 12.

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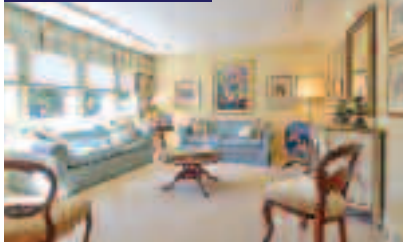
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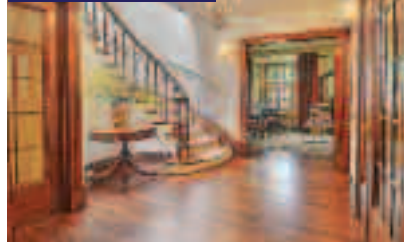
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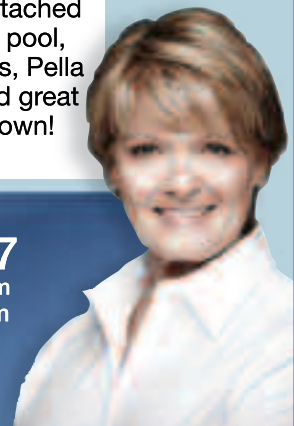


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## Commemorative envelope one of many highlights

# RMR centennial gets nation-wide launch from Canada Post

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Centennial celebrations for Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) kicked off September 16 with the national unveiling of a commemorative envelope from Canada Post to be available through post offices and retail outlets across the country, as well as online.

The bilingual envelope, a collector's item, was revealed by Canada Post at the St. Catherine St. armoury to kick off a year of activities that mark the 100th anniversary of the regiment's formation for front-line battle in World War I.

"It's significant because it gives us a great national presence," said RMR honorary lieutenant colonel Colin Robinson, a former commanding officer. "It's official

recognition by our country of our bilingual heritage."

The regiment was the first officially bilingual one in Canada, created from the integration of soldiers from companies of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, Victoria Rifles and the Carabiniers Mont-Royal.

The commemorative envelope is "an honour and a privilege," said Lieut. Col. Paul Langlais, the regiment's current commanding officer.

It is the latest in a series of ways the post office has been honouring military units and "recognizing those who served the country," explained Guy Morissette, Canada Post retail business manager, who unveiled the design.

Among the current and former officers attending the Canada Post unveiling was

Jacques Girardin, its first francophone commander in 1976.

### World War I action portrayed

The front of the envelope comes from a photo of the regiment in training on Salisbury Plains in England in late 1914 before heading to France, explained Warrant Officer Kevin Langlois, who researched and provided the illustrations. Its stamp shows a monument to the fallen.

On the back are photos of the troops

marching in Europe and Westmount, and the presentation of the regiment's first colours on the field in Germany. It was the first time in the British Commonwealth a regiment had received them "on conquered soil."

Also shown is a large photo of the regiment on parade in Westmount Park. This is the one "that connects us to our roots and is important to us as a Westmount regiment," Langlois said.

In fact, when the reg- *continued on p. 14*



At the unveiling of the RMR commemorative envelope September 16 at the armoury are, from left: Guy Morissette, Canada Post retail business manager; Chief Warrant Officer William Crawford, regimental sergeant major; Lieut. Col. Paul Langlais, commanding officer; Colin Robinson, honorary lieutenant colonel and former commanding officer; and Jacques Girardin, first francophone commanding officer.



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Plan requires demolition hearing October 22

# Bungalow's owner seeks second storey for 26 Shorncliffe

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Another bungalow at the summit appears headed for a second storey. This one is a large house at 26 Shorncliffe that dominates the southwest corner of Roxborough.

Notices were posted outside last week announcing the proposal, which calls for demolishing at least 50 percent, thereby requiring a public hearing before the city's Demolition committee at city hall.

This date has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 5 pm. Anyone planning to intervene, however, has until 4:30 pm Friday, September 25 to submit written comments to the city.

The plan, which has already received favourable recommendation from the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), proposes building a recessed second floor over the portion of the house fronting on Shorncliffe.

The second floor will allow for the relocation of the bedrooms upstairs and provide extended living space on the main floor, according to the proposed architectural plans contained in the demolition

file. This is open to the public at the city's Urban Planning department.

Owned by Bryan Kaplan, the property and existing house are valued on the 2012 tax roll at \$3.4 million. The replacement project has been estimated at \$800,000.

The re-design by Architem introduces a large amount of cedar on the second storey and was described by the PAC as "harmonizing" with the character of the street and existing houses.

**Latest in trend**

This project is the latest in a trend to transform "modern era" bungalows or split-levels, especially at the summit, where many had been built post-World War II.

Among them were houses at 28 Devon, 91 Summit Crescent, and the outright demolition of a bungalow at 4 Surrey Gardens in order to build a more traditional two-storey stone residence with a habitable attic.

A second floor has also been added at 15 Forden Ave. lower down the hill.

The Shorncliffe house was built in 1954. It is described as designed by Stan-



Notice of a proposed remake was posted September 16 in front of 26 Shorncliffe as shown the same day.

ley R. Shenkman in the spirit of "Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie Houses" and integrates "a modernist aesthetic," popular at the time. An extension by architect Max Roth was added in 1984.

Rated Category II "of significant" heritage value, the PAC judged it not to be an outstanding example of the modern period.

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# Coderre praises Montreal-Westmount partnership during public talk at Vic Hall

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Montreal mayor Denis Coderre charmed a crowd of some 125 people as he laid out his plans for Montreal during a nearly two-hour speaking engagement at Victoria Hall on September 17.

“[Montreal] is probably one of the greatest metropolises in the world. This is Europe in North America. This is diversity. This is friendship. This is *joie de vivre*,” he said

Now 10 months into his first term, Coderre discussed his efforts in office to revitalize Montreal and answered questions on issues ranging from postal service to bike access.

“You don’t define the world by coun-

tries or continents anymore. You define the world by cities because in the next 20 or 30 years, 70 percent of the overall population, at least, will live in cities,” he said.

Despite the presence of a half-dozen police officers acting as security, the evening maintained a light-hearted tone, with Coderre drawing laughs with frequent barbs at the Toronto Maple Leafs and his own physique.

The event was co-sponsored by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) and the *Westmount Independent*, which Coderre remarked was the first time a sitting Montreal mayor had agreed to speak in front of the organization.

“It is the first time that the mayor of Montreal has had the guts,” he joked.

Playing to the hometown crowd, Coderre was effusive in his praise for Westmount mayor Peter Trent, frequently applauding the latter for his leadership and vision.

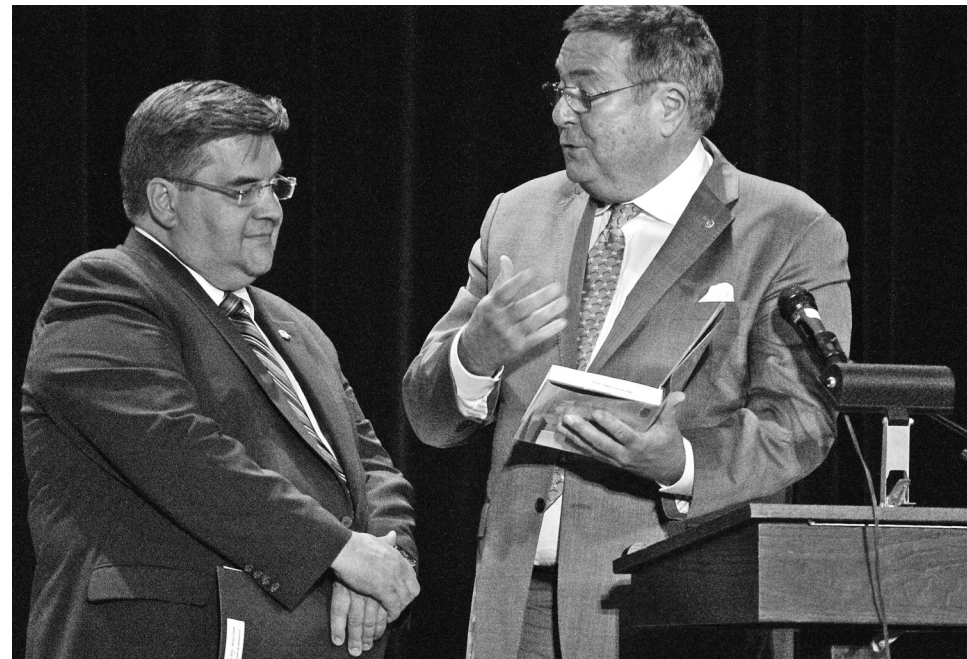
“Peter and I have known each other for many years. I see him as a true ally and friend because we share a lot. It’s not about Westmount versus Montreal; it’s about how we can make this metropolis

shine again,” said Coderre.

Prior to arriving at Victoria Hall, Coderre took a guided tour of the Westmount Recreation Centre alongside Trent, WMA president Peter Starr and other representatives from the city.

“I just visited that amazing place with the arena underground. There’s ways when we have the political will and the strength

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Montreal mayor Denis Coderre receives a copy of *If Mayors Ruled the World* from Westmount Municipal Association president Peter Starr, which is to be donated in Coderre’s name to the Westmount Public Library.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARE RATS AND DRUGS  
A PROBLEM?

Fortunately for real estate values, the Wikipedia entry for Westmount does not (yet) read “Westmount is an affluent, rat- and drug-infested on-island suburb on the island of Montreal.”

Nonetheless, one of our own city councillors has essentially described lower Westmount as a slum, having been taken over by rodent squatters. The remarks were made (“Residents urged to report dumping of peanuts, seeds,” September 9, p. 3) as part of an effort to promote the idea of a dog run in the shuffleboard area of Westmount Park. There are also rumours of drug dealers lurking in that spot.

Perhaps the obsession with creating a dog run really is a noble effort designed to drive out rodents and other undesirables from the centre of the park. Noble but naïve. Unless Fido looks like the Pied Piper and can play a musical instrument, it’s unlikely any rats will pack up and move to Dollard des Ormeaux – they can just scurry over to the slopes surrounding the lagoon, where, on warm summer evenings they can swim and listen to Shakespeare for free.

Being a firm believer in evidence-based decision-making, I surveyed the shuffleboard area several times recently. I did not see any rats but ... I did spot a number of individuals who might be drug dealers, cunningly disguised as elderly people in wheelchairs.

If there really are drugs and rats in the shuffleboard area, why has the population not been alerted and measures taken? The site is a scant 20 paces from a children’s play area and hundreds of young children and toddlers frequent the area every day. Rats not only bite but they are infested with fleas and mites and their droppings carry disease. Poison also poses risks to children, pets and wildlife so residents, especially parents, deserve to know.

MAVIS YOUNG, MELVILLE AVE.

LANSDOWNE RESIDENT SAYS  
NO DOG RUN ON STREET

Over 350 residents in two large condo buildings, several apartment buildings and townhouses are within a few hundred feet of the already very busy corner of St. Catherine and Lansdowne. The noise and smell from a dog run will certainly affect more citizens by far than any other location in all of Westmount.

Surely Ms. Mawhood (in her letter “Lansdowne site the best,” September 9, p. 10) and others must realize this and should also be aware of the deleterious effect that it would have being next to the new recreation centre and outdoor swimming pool.

Despite Ms. Mawood’s proclamation that “it is the only suitable location,” recent costly studies commissioned by the city plus the above facts, indeed confirm it is certainly the worst possible location for a dog run.

DAVID ASCH, LANSDOWNE AVE.

## WE CAN SHARE A SMALL AREA

Face the facts: Westmount Park is used by countless dog walkers multiple times daily for 365 days a year, including by some who oppose a dog run, because it’s a pleasant and central place to go and socialize with others. No amount of whining will change this fact.

There are obviously some with little consideration for owners’ well-being, and would banish them to unpleasant, noisy and dangerous locations surrounded by traffic and trains. Some even encourage driving there. How green is that?

I do believe this is the attitude of only a few, but the fact remains that a bad location won’t be used.

There are no noise issues I’ve seen reported from the dog run in King George (Murray) Park because excessive barking is simply not permitted by law, shunned by owners and enforced by Public Security. In fact, most noise comes from children or events, not dogs playing.

Virtually every area and trash can in the park is now being used by dogs except where prohibited, like fields and playgrounds, and the fact that it’s clean shows that Westmount owners respect the park.

A centralized location benefits everyone by containing dogs that may otherwise run free while reducing their footprint throughout the park. As a matter of fact, anti-social dogs would also be welcomed to develop social skills.

My preference is to remove the ugly, worn, cracked concrete in the little-used shuffleboard area, claim the government benefits for doing so and make a nice dog run there.

We must not let a handful of devil’s advocates delay the dog run any longer. Let there be a poll. There are really no excuses not to share a small area.

RICK ANEMAET, ST. CATHERINE ST.

POT HOLES A PROBLEM ON  
PARK PLACE

Le mauvais état de la chaussée sur la rue Ste. Catherine à l’hauteur du 4600 a été la cause d’un accident arrivé à une résidente de Westmount vendredi le 31 août.

Une personne qui sortait de chez des amis sur Park Place vers 10:30 h, s’approche de sa voiture, coté du conducteur, met le pied dans un nid-de-poule et se retrouve peu après à l’hôpital ou on lui diagnostique une fracture de métatarse.

Il faut signaler qu’un autre nid-de-poule de dimensions encore plus importantes se trouve à la même hauteur sur la voie opposée. Les innombrables véhicules lourds qui sillonnent sans cesse la rue Ste. Catherine à grande vitesse produisent un bruit d’enfer au passage.

Peut-on espérer que ce problème soit résolu?

Combien d’autres accidents faut-il attendre avant que la chaussée soit réparée?

ANA MARIA PAVELA, PARK PLACE

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am puzzled by the addition of several square brackets to my Open Letter to Mayor Trent in last week’s issue of the *Independent*. Could you please clarify and explain your addition of the brackets?

In paragraph two, the bracket has changed my meaning: Frederick Law Olmsted may have inspired the layout of Westmount Park. But he was the architect of New York’s Central Park, Montreal’s Mount Royal Park, numerous parks in Ontario, New Jersey and other American states.

In the last two paragraphs, the brackets have made my meaning seem that: it is the cut down willow tree springing to life again, that would leave a legacy by which the mayor would be remembered. But it is the removal of the concrete encasing the heart of Westmount Park and making it pulse with life again that would be Mayor Trent’s long and fondly remembered legacy.

Thank you.

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# MUHC: Sound studies to be conducted towards end of construction

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Denis Crevier of Groupe Immobilier Santé McGill (GISM), the MUHC partner mandated to build and manage the health centre, says the organization is taking



Westmounter Maureen Kiely addresses the MUHC's Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting on September 16.

complaints about noise from the complex's ventilation system "very seriously," and it will be conducting sound studies as construction winds down and regular hospital operations begin.

"Certainly we are aware of it and we have been working on it for several months," Crevier told Westmount resident Maureen Kiely during a meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee on September 16 at the hospital's planning headquarters on de Maisonneuve Blvd. in NDG.

The committee was formed by the MUHC as a liaison with residents living near the construction site. The construction phase is scheduled to draw to a formal close on September 30.

"We have our experts that are very much on the case," said Crevier, while adding that the task of solving the ventilation noise problem won't be simple. "We need to be pretty much through the construction period to have a good reading of what is going on," he said.

"As the systems are put under pressure, checked and tested and balanced, of

course the noise may be varying and different. It depends on temperature, it depends on other conditions in the environment. So obviously we need to know as much and as precisely as possible what are the ongoing long-term conditions. That's what we're working on."

According to Crevier, the physical configuration of the site will need to be addressed after the end of the construction period. "The sound is bouncing, the [continuing on-site] work is something that obviously has an impact," he said. "For instance, we are currently living in bunkers. Our offices are temporary compounds. We know that when they are removed that sound will travel differently."

Crevier said GISM is working closely with the city of Westmount, which has conducted its own sound tests. "We were with them yesterday, and they were kind enough to provide us with what their experts came up with," he said. He said it would be several weeks before GISM's and the city's findings are combined and "a long-term solution is developed."

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## Westmount Park plays Selwyn House in new league



Grade schoolers from Westmount Park School played for the first time in an inter-school league on September 17. The game was against Selwyn House.

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Grade six students from Westmount Park School and Selwyn House played their first game of soccer as members of a new inter-school league on September 17.

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Westmount Park was able to play thanks partly to a donation of equipment from Selwyn House.

According to Pam Price, a grade 3 teacher at Westmount Park School, its team had only a week and a half to find equipment for its 22 players after learning they'd been invited to join the league, which includes Selwyn House and other west-end Montreal schools.

Students at Westmount Park School come from all over Montreal, including Côte des Neiges, Little Burgundy and St. Henri. Families from Selwyn House, with the assistance of the Westmount Sports and Recreation department, donated shorts, socks, cleats and shinguards.

Play It Again Sports donated 10 soccer balls.

"Selwyn House is very giving," said Christine Vidal, a Westmount Park School grade 3 teacher, who helps coach their soccer team.

"They look better than we do," Peter

## Library program closes with 'explosive' party

# Children's summer reading club sets new records

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A record participation of 391 children was reached this summer by the summer reading club of the Westmount Public Library, children's librarian Wendy Wayling announced last week.

Collectively, the children aged 3 to 14 read a total of 4,903 hours, an increase of

23 percent.

"We had more than 50 activities this summer based on our theme of "Eureka!" Wayling said. It focused on innovation and creation. "We do it to encourage summer reading for children and their families in an exciting way," she added.

"We're really happy more people discovered the summer reading club this



Children and their parents from the Westmount Public Library's summer reading club were treated to a closing party at Victoria Hall September 6 based on a science theme.

Photo courtesy of Westmount Public Library

Govan, a Selwyn House physical education teacher, who coaches their soccer team, joked while admiring the new uniforms on the opponents.

"This is what sports should be," he added. "Two schools almost right across from each other playing one another. Why shouldn't we be playing?"

The final score in the game was 6-1 for Selwyn House.

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year, and we gave out a lot of weekly book prizes when children reached various goals. It's always nice to have a goal and they each set their own."

Some 250 participants and parents attended a closing party at Victoria Hall September 6 that also was based on the scientific theme and generated excitement with "volcanic explosions," using dry ice, Wayling said.

The library staff also presented a skit which can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvO9bnhrBzY&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvO9bnhrBzY&feature=youtu.be).

The club's new records come in the wake of last year's award of \$5,000 that the club won in an annual competition held by Library and Archives Canada and the TD Bank. The Westmount program was judged as being the top one in the English category for summer 2013 (see June 17, p. 5).

A total of 1,435 libraries across Canada participated in this year's TD Summer Reading Club, all under the same theme.

See photo, p. 1.



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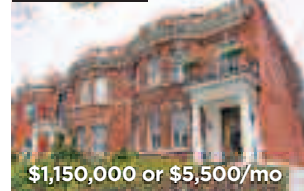
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## Prince Albert square to rise from rubble



Prince Albert Ave. below Sherbrooke was a sea of broken-up concrete and asphalt September 23. The project to start the new Prince Albert public square started a week later than announced.

Photos: Ralph Thompson



Prince Albert Ave. looking south the afternoon of September 25, two days after this part of the street was seen as a sea of broken-up concrete.

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## Metcalfé ‘bump-outs,’ pedestrian lights added for school safety

Sidewalk “bump-outs” at Metcalfe and Springfield are one of two measures undertaken recently by the city to improve the safety of pedestrians – children in particular – attending Akiva School at the Shaar Hashomayim.

The other is the installation of pedestrian lights at Metcalfe and Sherbrooke, explained Public Security director Greg McBain.

The bump-outs, in fact, have been used for some time in Westmount to narrow crossings such as those found at Sherbrooke and Victoria and, more recently, at Greene and de Maisonneuve. They are also a traffic-calming measure designed to slow down cars.

In this case, they also serve to prevent

illegal parking at corners, which decreases visibility, he said. This is an ongoing concern around schools especially during

drop-off and pick-up times.

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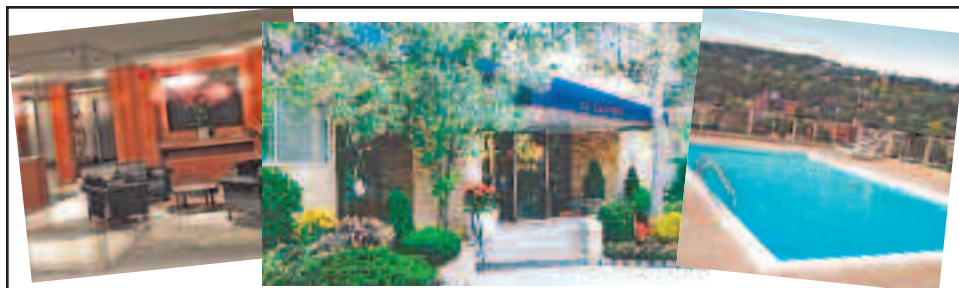
Photographed September 19, the newly reconstructed sidewalk on Metcalfe has “bump-outs” at its intersection with Springfield.

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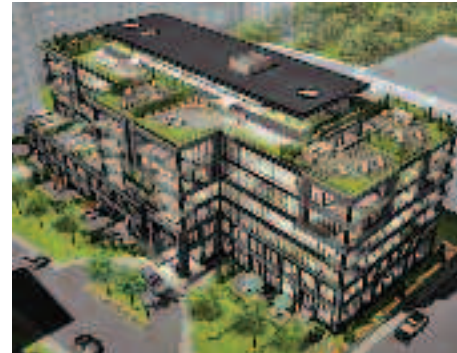
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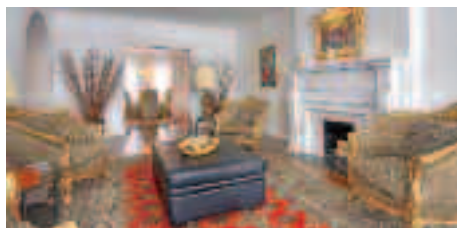
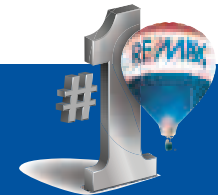
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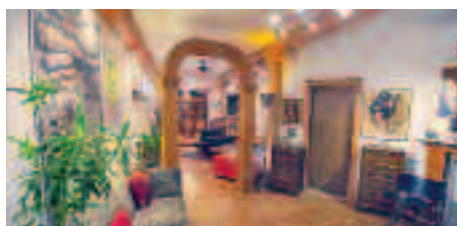
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## Police Report

# Back-to-back arrests for impaired driving

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

Two motorists in Westmount were arrested within 24 hours of each other for driving under the influence, according to Station 12 constable Stephan Laperrière.

At 9:30 the morning of September 13, officers were called to the scene of an accident after a 58-year-old woman hit a parked car on Victoria just north of The Boulevard. The collision damaged the front bumper, wheel and wing of the driver's car, as well as the bumper of the parked vehicle.

After surveying the accident, the officers who arrived on scene suspected that the woman had been driving under the influence. They took her to Station 12 to administer a breathalyzer test, which registered a value above Quebec's legal limit of .08, or 80 milligrams of alcohol per

100 millilitres of blood, said Laperrière.

Just after 2:30 am the following day, an officer patrolling near the corner of Forden and Westmount reportedly grew suspicious of an occupied car that had stopped at the intersection. According to Laperrière, the driver remained in the middle of the road for 10 minutes, forcing other drivers to go around him.

Eventually the officer approached the car and determined that the 23-year-old male driver was "under the influence of an illegal substance other than alcohol," said Laperrière. A search of the car revealed more narcotics, and the man was brought into Station 12, confirming the officer's suspicions.

Laperrière couldn't specify the type or amount of drugs since the suspect has yet to appear in court, but stated that the test administered at the station confirmed that the man was under the influence of narcotics.

The two drivers, neither of whom lives in Westmount, have both received a summons to appear in court later this year.

## RMR centennial features high-profile activities

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Following the unveiling of the Canada Post commemorative envelope, the RMR's 100th anniversary will be launched locally Saturday, November 1 by a gala ball at the armoury along with a program of events.

Among them is a series of parades that will take place through cities with which the regiment is affiliated. In addition to Westmount, these are Pointe Claire, Montreal and Hampstead.

The regiment will reassert its "Freedom of the City" rights, which allow it to march through the city "with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed." This will take place as part of Westmount's cenotaph service November 9. The newly expanded museum, along with the armoury, will also be open to the public.

### Commemoration trees

A sale of commemoration trees is under way to be planted in parks in cities with which the regiment is affiliated. These can be ordered with a deadline date

*RMR cont'd. from p. 5*

iment returned home without a base in Westmount, it was a grassroots campaign by Westmount citizens that raised the funds to build the armoury on city-owned land leased to the regiment for \$1 a year.

Also, the 58th Regiment, Westmount Rifles, gave up its place in the order of battle so the RMR could continue to exist. "Thus began a long and treasured relationship between the regiment and the city of Westmount," according to the RMR's website.

An infantry militia (army reserve) unit, the regiment has also served overseas in World II, in Korea and in a number of peacekeeping missions. Many of its members have recently served in Afghanistan.


of November 1 through the regiment's centennial website at [www.royalmontréal-regiment.com/centennial/maple-tree-project/](http://www.royalmontréal-regiment.com/centennial/maple-tree-project/).

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## Westmount High grads celebrate food and friendship with Le Cheese



Le Cheese's Pascal Salzman and Jared Dunawa in front of their Monkland Ave. restaurant July 2.

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

A sign on the door of the Le Cheese *casse croute* restaurant on Monkland Ave.

says it's the "New Cheese on the Block."

Its offerings, made with Quebec cheeses and local ingredients, include mac and .....  
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## Wine-tasting to fund art at St. Margaret's, other homes



Westmounters Richard Conrad, left, and Judy Mowat, photographed on the balcony of Conrad's home September 11, are members of a committee that is organizing "Tastes of Iberia," a wine-tasting fundraiser on Thursday, October 2. Proceeds from the event are to help finance the installation of art works through the Art for Healing Foundation at several Montreal-area senior citizens' residences, including St. Margaret's Residential Centre on Hillside Ave. Gazette wine critic Bill Zacharkiw is scheduled to be the featured guest at the \$125-ticket event taking place in the officers' mess at the Black Watch armoury on Bleury St.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



## Mango & Tomato Salad with Basil Vinaigrette

Mango and tomatoes in this recipe combine to make a vibrant and refreshing combination.

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Vinaigrette

1 small shallot, coarsely chopped, or  
4 green onions (white parts only), sliced  
¼ cup (60 mL) chopped basil  
3 tbsp (45 mL) sherry wine vinegar  
½ cup (125 mL) extra virgin olive oil  
1 tsp (5 mL) honey  
1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard  
Salt and Pepper to taste

#### Salad

2 lbs (1kg) assorted tomatoes,  
diced into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces  
3 medium mangoes, diced into  
1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces

#### Garnish

¼ cup (60 mL) basil chiffonade  
(thinly sliced)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

To make the vinaigrette, put the shallots or green onions, basil, vinegar, olive oil,

honey, mustard, and salt and pepper in a food processor. Blend until smooth.

To make the salad, combine the



tomatoes and mangoes in a bowl and toss with the vinaigrette.

Garnish with the basil and serve.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Best served with Crusted Salmon with Orange Vinaigrette (page 110)

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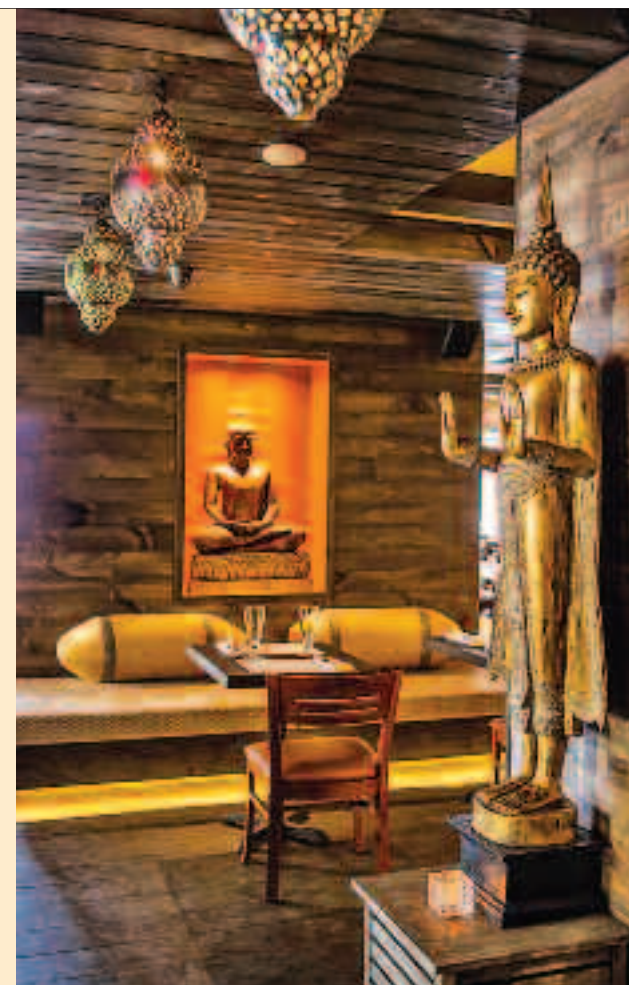
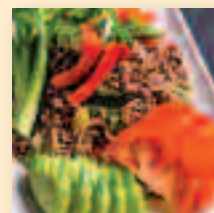
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## Car seat check continued at St. Andrew's



When public safety officers Sabrina Tremblay and Zachary Sobkowiak visited St. Andrew's daycare September 9 to check out the installation of child car seats, they found a welcome from two former daycare kids who attended specially outfitted for the occasion as police officers: Jackson Broome, front centre, with Alec Dumont, right, and Alec's sister Amelia, left. The three, all Westmount residents, were picking up Jackson's sister Kate at the daycare.

Photo courtesy of Alison Jarvis

## Batshaw Children Needing Homes Siblings need a home together

A long-term foster home is being sought for 3-year-old Matthew and his 1-year-old sister Anne. The siblings are presently in an emergency foster home and are in need of a permanent home where they can be together.

Matthew, coming from an unstructured home life where he was lacking stimulation, is functioning below his age level but has made some gains with stimulation, nurturing and is learning to follow a basic routine. He is adorable with lots of energy, and eats and sleeps well.

His younger sister Anne is charming and bubbly. She has a history of under stimulation, is struggling with developmental delays, is not walking but has made some gains since being placed. She

is sitting up much better on her own, spins around on her tummy and tries to move her legs to crawl. Anne is able to say a few words but babbles a lot, thus, a referral has been made for speech therapy at the Montreal Children's Hospital. She eats and sleeps well. Annie will require more stimulation to continue her gains.

The siblings' parents are unable to take care of them. The ideal family would be a two-parent black family or a two-parent family that speaks Spanish.

For more information about the siblings, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, ext. 1139.

## Final daycare tally: Only 8 of 82 child seats properly installed

In a total of eight daycares where child car seats were checked out for safety, only eight – or 10 percent – were found to have been properly installed, Public Security of

Officials report. Fully 42, or almost half of them, had to be reinstalled. Another 32 required tightening. As reported last week, the main problem in most was that unacceptable movement was detected.

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### Analyse de sites potentiels pour un parc canin : étude préliminaire disponible

La Ville de Westmount a mandaté la firme Hodgins & Associés pour évaluer le parc Westmount et le voisinage afin d'identifier des emplacements potentiels pour un nouveau parc canin, tout en respectant les recommandations du Plan directeur des parcs et espaces verts (2009). Consultez le rapport au [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

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Le samedi 27 septembre de midi à 18 h et le dimanche 28 septembre de 10 h à 18 h.

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### Concert : *Replay The Beatles*

Le jeudi 16 octobre à 19 h. **Victoria Hall.** Si vous n'étiez pas là en 1964 quand les Beatles ont joué au Forum, vous pouvez être là cette fois-ci pour le 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'invasion britannique à Montréal. Billets : 20 \$ disponibles au Victoria Hall (argent comptant ou chèque); 25 \$ à l'entrée. Bar payant. Info : 514 989-5226.

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### Rencontre d'auteure : Shelagh Plunkett

Le mercredi 8 octobre à 19 h. Venez rencontrer l'auteure du roman *The Water Here is Never Blue*.

## Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 6 octobre

Une soirée offerte en collaboration avec le *Quebec Writers Federation* dans le cadre de la série *Writers Out Loud*. Info : 514 989-5299.

*The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life* Le vendredi 10 octobre à 19 h. **Victoria Hall.** Ce film



étonnant a gagné l'Oscar du meilleur court métrage documentaire en 2014. Édifiant et inspirant, il raconte l'histoire de la pianiste et survivante de la Shoah la plus âgée au monde, Alice Herz Sommer, 109 ans. Après la projection, le réalisateur Malcolm Clark parlera du film et répondra aux questions. Billets disponibles au comptoir du prêt. Info: 514 989-5299.

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Le mercredi 15 octobre à 19 h. Rencontrez Claire Holden Rothman, auteure de *My October*. Info: 514 989-5299.

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## CITY HALL

### Westmount Dog Run Site Analysis: preliminary study available

The City of Westmount hired Hodgins & Associés to study Westmount Park and its surrounding neighbourhood to identify potential locations for a new dog run while respecting the recommendations of the Parks and Green Space Master Plan (2009). Consult the report at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Art Westmount 2014



Saturday, September 27 from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This month, the City of Westmount will stage the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of **Art Westmount**, a major exhibition showcasing works by more than 75 of our community's artists. **Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W.**

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### Concert: *Replay The Beatles*

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### Panadream Theatre: *Bizarre Bazaar*

Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m. **Victoria Hall.** A show featuring 14 string puppets, music and audience participation. Ages 3 to 9. \$5; adults free. Info: 514 989-5226.

## LIBRARY

### Chess and Scrabble Club

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### Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesdays, October 1 & 15 at 10:15 a.m. Get creative in these light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.

### Author event: Shelagh Plunkett



Wednesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. Meet the author of *The Water Here is Never Blue*. presented in collaboration with the Quebec Writers Federation's Writers Out Loud series. Info: 514 989-5299. *The Lady in Number 6: Music*

## Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 6

### *Saved My Life*

Friday, October 10 at 7 p.m. **Victoria Hall.** This amazing film won the 2014 Oscar for Best Documentary (Short Subject). Inspirational and uplifting, it tells the story of the world's oldest pianist and Holocaust survivor, 109-year-old Alice Herz Sommer. Director Malcolm Clarke will introduce the film and answer questions following the screening. Tickets are available at the main circulation desk. Info: 514 989-5299.



### Author event:

Claire Holden Rothman

Wednesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Meet Claire Holden Rothman, author of *My October*. Info: 514 989-5299.

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# Goddard on Art Westmount '14



*In conversation*

HEATHER BLACK

Although Westmounter Jennifer Goddard is known as an artist, few are aware of her involvement with Art Westmount. With the artist showcase on September 27 and 28 quickly approaching, I spoke to the volunteer marketing coordinator at a Sherbrooke St. coffee house.

## Art Westmount

In 2006, Goddard was invited by city organizers to join Art Westmount's planning committee. There, she found "a shared philosophy of making art accessible and integrating art within the fabric of the community." Modeled on the Eastern Townships Art Tour, where artists open their homes or studios to the public, it was both an opportunity for artists to showcase their work as well as promote local art.

Goddard, who also participates in the biennial event, noted that Art Westmount has become increasingly popular. In 2008, the event was held at several public buildings to showcase local architecture. But by

2010, Victoria Hall and the neighbouring greenhouse and senior homes became the prime venues.

This year, over 70 community artists will participate in the two-day event. Goddard is particularly pleased to see more seniors involved. Satellite exhibitions will also take place at Manoir Westmount, Westmount One and Place Kensington to allow the public to view their work and "fall in love with a painting," she said.

During this period Goddard has played key roles, most notably as a writer and marketing director. Currently a freelance advertising copy writer, she is a former creative director at several Montreal advertising agencies. Within the Art Westmount committee, she began as a copywriter for press releases and the event brochure.

In 2010 and 2012, Goddard became an Art Westmount co-chair with city councillor Nicole Forbes. In this capacity she oversaw all aspects of the event and served as the artists' contact. She noted "the democratic nature of the event" as artists' location are drawn from a hat.

This year as marketing coordinator she is responsible for contacting radio, television and print agencies. She is particularly proud of Art Westmount: "It's very inclusive. It is unjuried, so everyone can participate."

As an exhibitor, Goddard will display her portraits and landscapes in the Westmount greenhouse.

Although she exhibits frequently at the Gallery at Victoria Hall – most recently in April – she enjoys the one-on-one conversation with those attending the event. She explained that: "For many artists, Art Westmount is the only opportunity they have to interact with the public."

She also enjoys meeting the children who attend, noting that: "They always have great things to say!" Art Westmount is for everyone in the community and for children. "It's an opportunity for them to see that making art is a legitimate endeavour."

Goddard is pleased to be part of the Art Westmount community and to promote the event. "Our artists have interesting things to say, and their work needs to be seen."

Art Westmount 2014 begins on Saturday, September 27, from noon to 6 pm, and again on Sunday, September 28 from 10 am to 6 pm.

For another story, see September 16, p. 10.

## Car vandalized on Sherbrooke

The back window of a parked car was smashed September 13 on Sherbrooke near Mountain, Public Security officials said. The owner, a woman living nearby,

## YouTube video showcases locals promoting art

Westmount artists Anna Gedalof and Bruce Roberts took the letters A, R, T to the streets of Westmount to create a promotional video for the upcoming Art Westmount artist exhibition at Victoria Hall September 27 to 28. The video, conceived by Roberts, who believes that "art must be inclusive and accessible to everyone," depicts a cross-section of Westmounters posing with the letters. Gedalof, who photographed most of the 900 images taken for the video, was pleased by "the spontaneous goodwill of the participants." The couple was assisted by Westmount video-editor Mike Lewis and his son Victor, who made the final selection of images. To view the video visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=48NMf0ph2T0&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48NMf0ph2T0&feature=youtu.be).

See photo, p. 1.

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Jennifer Goddard on Sherbrooke St., September 13.

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## JoshuaDavid and L'Autre Choix celebrate 5 years



David Archer, left, and Joshua Fagan, founders of the JoshuaDAVID women's fashion boutique on Sherbrooke St., celebrated their fifth year in business with a September 10 soirée. In addition to hors d'oeuvres from Monsieur Restaurant + Bar, customized Botanist gin cocktails and Piper-Heidsieck champagne, there was a raffle of fashion items, which included a Malene Birger pochette and scarf combo, a Magaschoni cashmere/mink trim infinity scarf and a Diane Von Furstenberg notebook worth \$1,000.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



Clara Kwan, right, and her mother Vickie Kwan, left, were joined by friends and customers September 16 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Victoria Ave.'s L'Autre Choix. For Clara Kwan, a proprietor, the store's name says it all. "We wanted to offer local and organic fruit and vegetables as an alternative to imported produce," she said. A graduate of The Study, Clara Kwan said she enjoys being part of the community and takes great pride in the store's rich assortment of Quebec products. She said farm-fresh produce is a delicious, healthy, and environmental choice, and by supporting local farmers, it's a "win-win situation for us all."

Photo: Heather Black

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**Coderre cont'd. from p. 7**

of our vision to apply them. Look at what's going on. [Westmount] is a model to the rest of the world," said Coderre.

**No to post boxes, maybe to Bixi**

After a brief speech, Coderre opened the floor for a question period moderated by journalist Anne Lagacé Dowson.

Unsurprisingly, many of the questions from residents focused on the issues making waves in Westmount, including Canada Post's controversial plan to remove door-to-door mail delivery.

"When you say that for old people it's going to be good for them to have a walk, I'm sorry but it [frustrates] me," said Coderre, shaking his head.

"It's not [going to happen] where they will come here, build a Great Wall of China in those boxes and say, 'que sera, sera.' No. I support Peter Trent. I'm working with Peter Trent, I applaud Peter Trent, and we will do everything together to make sure Canada Post respects the people," he added, sparking a round of applause.

Coderre was less clear on the future of the Bixi, saying that users of the bike-sharing program had to prove that it could be a financially viable service.

"I have a principle: be generous but not naïve," he said. "[Bixi] has cost us over \$11 million. I believe it is a great concept so we have to reshape the whole thing.

"I have to respect the taxpayers. Are we willing to put millions again [to support Bixi] if we are in a deficit again? It's a fair question, but sometimes we need to make a differentiation between expense and investment."

At the end of the talk, Starr presented Coderre with a copy of *If Mayors Rules the World* by Benjamin R. Barber, which would be donated to the Westmount Library in Coderre's name.

### Two party boys sleep it off

On September 13, a patroller driving along Côte St. Antoine at 5:26 am came across two men "passed out" in a car. One was slumped over the wheel while the other was in the passenger seat. Police were called, arrived 20 minutes later and sent the pair home in a taxi. They had apparently been at a party and had pulled over to the side of the road. It was not known how long they had been stopped there.

## Signs of squatters found in abandoned Selby building

Squatters are believed to have been using a building on Selby awaiting demolition to make way for the Turcot project, according to Public Security officials.

The “greystone” at 188 Selby was home to former city councillor John de Castell, its owner, for many years. The building was expropriated by the Quebec Transport ministry and boarded up after de Castell

moved out earlier this year.

Public safety officers found the doorway had been kicked in September 10 after receiving a complaint at 4:10 pm. They could see that people had been inside but after searching it with police, found no one. The ministry was contacted and a service person apparently arrived to seal off the building.

### Le Cheese cont'd. from p. 16

cheese, grilled cheese on challah bread, cheesy tater tots, Philly steak, soups with parmesan and deep-fried cheese cake. Variations on regular grilled cheese include poutine grilled cheese and a grilled cheese version of a cheeseburger.

“When I describe the menu, I say it’s the menu I would have designed at 10 years old but slightly elevated,” said Pascal Salzman, who with his friends, fellow Westmount High 2006 grads Jared Dunawa and Ketan Patel, opened the restaurant on June 14, the one-year anniversary of the launch of their popular Le Cheese food truck. “You replace Kraft singles with real cheese, real bread and instead of frozen tater tots, a homemade version with cheese.”

The three entrepreneurs met at Westmount High School, where Salzman, now 25, said they spent their lunch hours playing a kind of game. “We would joke about our restaurant and what it would be like,” he said, adding they would debate whether burgers at their imaginary restaurant would have mayonnaise or not. Salzman said for five years he held Iron Chef battles at New Year’s. “My team would be Jared and Ketan. We would battle it out for the secret ingredient and everything.”

While Le Cheese’s *casse croûte* and food truck are separate businesses, “it’s the same brand, the same identity,” Salzman said. “The idea is to create as many parallels as possible between the truck and the *casse croûte*.”

The trio’s bright yellow food truck was such a hit at the 2013 Monkland street festival, they began thinking about doing something more permanent, Salzman said.

Last fall and winter, during the off-season for the food truck, Le Cheese ran a pop-up restaurant at Cosmo’s on Sherbrooke St. Pop-up restaurants are temporary restaurants that operate for a limited period of time – in Le Cheese’s case, it was weekends from 9 pm to 3 am.

“Jared and I were local regulars at Cosmo’s for breakfast,” Salzman said. “We were having breakfast one day, and we were looking at the set-up, and we were like ‘wait a minute. We take out that burner and put in a small deep fryer, this-that, we could make it work.’ It was our food truck with 10 seats around it.”

### Late-night crowd at Cosmo’s venue

At Cosmo’s, Le Cheese attracted a late-night crowd – often people who’d just finished work or were coming off night buses, Salzman said.

While at Westmount High, Salzman said they had a group of teachers who acted as chaperones on trips. “They took us to Italy and Greece and to all these cool places,” he said, adding they’ve kept in touch.

One night when their former teachers dropped by the pop-up restaurant, Salzman said they told them, “This is crazy, we can’t believe it, we couldn’t have seen this when you guys were 14’,” he said. “It was pretty cool.”

Being great friends helps their business, Salzman said. “We were a really tight group in high school,” he said. “I think it paid off.” Pointing out that even with the addition of new employees, “we have a great team dynamic because we are such good friends. That’s the core of our business – a friendship.”

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## Ocularis dropped some ‘drop fees’ in early September

By STEPHANIE O’HANLEY

At the beginning of September, St. Catherine St.’s Ocularis Eye Clinic stopped charging fees to dilate eyes (“drop fees”) for its general ophthalmology consultations, which involve a comprehensive eye exam.

“It used to be \$40,” said Ralph Younan, director of operations at the clinic and the Montreal Retina Institute. “Right now for general ophthalmology it’s free,” Younan said. He said there’s no set price for drop fees. “Depending on the clinic, some clinics charge \$30, some clinics charge \$120 for those fees.”

As a semi-private clinic, Younan said Ocularis charges no fees for general ophthalmology. After phoning for an appointment, “you just have to come in. Bring a Medicare card,” he said.

“We are affiliated with the Montreal Retina Institute and we want to be a one-stop clinic for all ophthalmology needs,” said Younan. “If they come in for a general ophthalmology consultation and if they need a cataract specialist or a glaucoma specialist, or a retina specialist, we have someone on staff.”

The clinic’s doctors work for different hospitals, including the Jewish General, St. Mary’s, the Royal Victoria and Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont, Younan said.

If a general ophthalmology consultation reveals a need for further tests, “we give them [patients] the option to either do it at the hospital or they can do it on-site,” Younan said. Fees can range from \$50 to \$200 depending on the test, he said. “They’re very reasonable, and they can be done right away, instead of waiting another six months to get an appointment at the hospital.

“What you need to know is in order to get an appointment at a hospital right now

– at Hôpital Notre Dame the next available appointment is January 2015 – it’s fully booked everywhere,” Younan said.

“We have more staff, and we’re bigger, so we decided to lower the load on the hospitals and take that load and be able to offer a better service,” Younan said.

“So that’s the advantage. You’re able to meet an ophthalmologist quickly and affordably,” he said. “Nobody does that.”

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## Westmounters love their dogs!

Thanks to all our contributors for submitting their dog photos and stories. One message is clear: lots of Westmounters have dogs and they are an important part of their lives. Readers: Enjoy the pack!

– THE WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT TEAM



### Tiger

Tiger is a 7-year-old Tibetan terrier who always has a smile for all and makes all who see him smile.



### Max

Max is a 10-year old dachshund who is loved and spoiled by his humans. He is sweet, stubborn, and comical.



### Joey

Joey is a 9-year-old good looking cockapoo who loves cuddling & spending time with his family & friends.

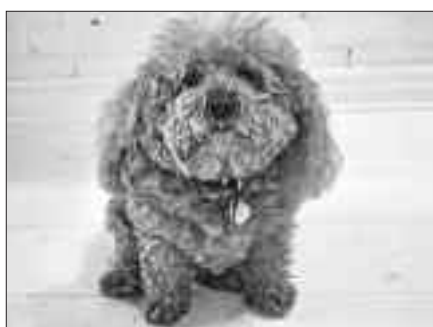


Maggie desperately needs a saviour. A true underdog, this 30-pound, 7-year-old westie/terrier cross was abandoned by her owners and was found in horrible condition. Nobody knows exactly what Maggie experienced under her last owners, but her matted hair, infected ears and fear of people are telltale signs of abuse and neglect.

Although Maggie is a sweet girl who loves to be petted and will certainly bond with her owner over time, her previous circumstances have left her uncertain around people.

No one has been interested in adopting Maggie as she seems withdrawn and often retreats into her cage. Maggie really wants to let everyone know that she is working on trust issues and wants a second chance with another family – a loving one this time.

Maggie would be a great fit with a fam-



### Islay

Islay is an 11-year-old poodle who enjoys naps, watermelon, and long walks on the beach.



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# Maggie has lost trust



ily or person who is experienced with dogs. She can live with cats and could do well in a home with a calm, confident dog as a companion, and with dog-savvy kids over the age of 12. If you think that you might be able to provide a quiet, stable home and the patience and love required

for Maggie to regain her confidence again, please contact Marilyn at the SPCA Annex at [adoptions.spca@gmail.com](mailto:adoptions.spca@gmail.com).

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## Dog moves out of Westmount after biting woman

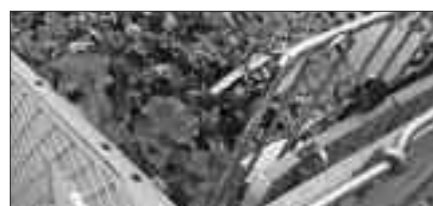
A 45-year-old Westmount woman was bitten on the buttocks September 15 by a dog as it was being walked along Sydenham, Public Security officials report. Public safety officers cleaned the wound and drove the woman to the Queen Elizabeth clinic for a tetanus shot.

The incident occurred around 6:36 pm at the same time as the woman was stepping down off the sidewalk to go around two boys, each of whom was walking a dog. At that point, a large Bouvier was reported to have bitten her. In a follow-up report, the woman was described as “in good condition.”

The dog did not have an up-to-date Westmount licence and was reported to have been taken away by a member of the family to live elsewhere.

## Barking dog generates another ticket

A dog owner on Somerville was sent a ticket for \$76 after public safety officers answered a complaint for a barking dog September 10, Public Security officials said. They found the dog barking on the balcony around 12:08 pm but left a business card when no one could be reached at home. A woman called back later sounding upset to be receiving a ticket. Several tickets have been issued previously for the same problem.



### Rindy

Rindy is a grumpy 10-year-old escape artist, who shops at Home Depot and Metro grocery store. Rindy was thankfully rescued by a PSO on one of his recent shopping excursions for BBQ chicken. Rindy is anything but disoriented.



### Dexter

Dexter is a 6-year-old Maltese who loves to play with his red ball!



### Katie

Katie, an 8-year-old Westie (photo as a puppy) loves hiking, bird watching, piano, tennis watching & walking.



# Buddies Roberto and André at vet clinic



*9 Lives*

LYSANNE FOWLER

In visiting the Westmount Animal Hospital recently, I found out that these wonderful one-year-old buddies, Roberto and André, are in need of homes. They were rescued by one of vet's clients when he dis-

covered that their previous owner was going to abandon them at a Metro station.

Roberto is the tigerly young fellow, handsome in gold and black stripes. Roberto is the pink-nosed sweetie with ever-so-soft white fur with a grey cap and cape.

They have always been together, and it would be best if they could be placed in a home as a pair.

At this one year of age, they are quite playful and most affectionate, so curious and interested in all around them. They are the picture of health, having had all

their inoculations and having been neutered.

Please call Lison Côté at the Westmount Animal Hospital to find out more at 514.487.5300 or email [info@chatonnel.com](mailto:info@chatonnel.com). You are always welcome to drop by for a visit. The clinic is located at 349 Victoria Ave.

*Your neighbour,  
Lysanne*



*Roberto, left, and André.*

## Three cautioned to leave park after midnight

Three people found in King George (Murray) Park at 1:22 am September 2 were advised of the midnight parks curfew and asked to leave, Public Security officials said. Spotted during a routine patrol, the trio were described as co-operative and had no prior warnings so were allowed to depart without receiving curfew tickets. They lived in Westmount, NDG and Whitby.

## Flood at St. Leon's generates noise complaint

The use of heavy machinery to pump out water from a "major" flood at St. Leon school was allowed to continue after permitted hours September 10, Public Security officials said. Following a noise complaint at 9:27 pm from a resident of Clarke, officers found out from workers that it would probably take until midnight to complete the work.



**Chester**

Chester is 12 & loves people & food. His hobbies include tv, sun bathing & staring at our fridge. He's the best!



**Moushka**

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**Nyla**

Nyla is a 4-year-old Siberian husky who loves people and enjoys long walks to the summit forest.



**Coco**

Coco is a 5-year-old Coton de Tulear. She loves to give kisses, play "chase", take walks & eat!!



**Mr. Bailey**

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**Mochi**

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1. Lise Beauchemin with 14,460 points
2. Gerald Ratzer with 10,490 points
3. Viviane Agia with 10,300 points

The three best sessions in August were:

1. Sheila Notkin with 11,780 points
2. Dael Perry with 11,550 points
3. Viviane Agia with 11,090 points
4. Lise Beauchemin with 9,290 points.

## Screaming stops work

When public safety officers answered a call at 6:33 am on Church Hill for construction taking place before 7 am, September 4, they found no work in progress. Public Security officials said a worker claimed he had stopped when a resident claimed he had "screaming" at him.

## In the news: No site yet for replacement to Lansdowne dog run

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## Greene on-ramp cont'd. from p. 1

the southwest borough.

Trent recalled how the issue of the on-ramp dates back to the 1980s when he was first elected as a councillor. At that time, the use of Montrose and other residential streets as a short-cut to the highway had been a major issue.

Trent said Copeman's letter was the first he had received from NDG on the issue.

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# August sales: Summer slowdown



## Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in August 2014. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

August is generally among the slowest months of the year for negotiating sales in Westmount (along with December), and this year was no exception. Only five new sales have been reported so far, up from two in August last year but otherwise below average for the month. Prices were in a very small range between \$900,000 and \$1,250,000, all for houses listed within the year, so the average days-on-market moved down to 115 from 240 in July.

Only one of the five sales went for less

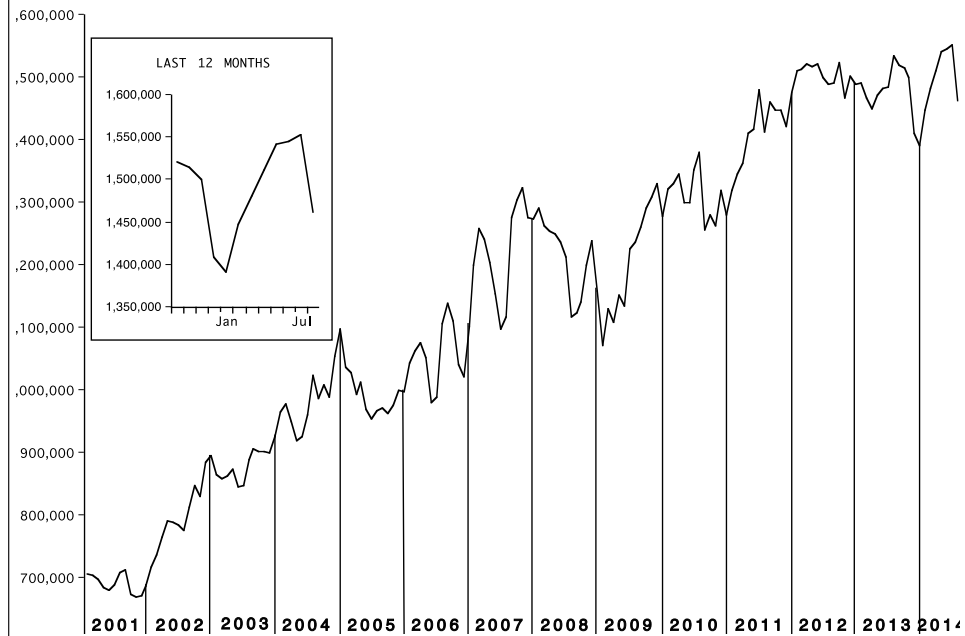
than municipal valuation, but the top of the range was just 16 percent over valuation, and the average was a five-percent mark-up. For the year to date, among 103 sales, prices are running at 99.9 percent of valuation, so it is fair to say that overall prices are just about exactly the same as they were in 2012, the base year for the current valuation roll.

Condominium and co-op sales reached a complete stall in August, after agents reported six condos and one co-op apartment in July.

Adjacent-Westmount was a bit more active, however, with one sale reported on Marlowe Ave. and two just to the east of Westmount, including the only \$2 million-plus sale in the month on Jean Girard Ave. Adjacent-Westmount mark-ups are generally up over last year, especially in areas east of the city, including the Square Mile.

As we move into September and the fall real estate market, it appears most sellers are holding onto their asking prices. In the past month, the number of listings has increased from 135 to 145 Westmount single-family homes, some 45 percent of which are asking over \$2 million.

## Average adjusted price of 'typical' Westmount home, by month, Jan. 2001 to Aug. 2014, based on accepted offer dates.



## Smoke detectors cont'd. from p. 1

mount daycares to encourage the use of carbon monoxide detectors where gas- or oil-fired appliances are used.

This was suggested by Councillor Philip Cutler, the city's Public Security commissioner, said Public Security director Greg McBain. It arose from an incident June 11 when 73 children and workers at a daycare in St. Eustache were hospitalized for exposure to carbon monoxide.

With the conclusion of this year's inspection program, the cadets reported they had covered the entire Westmount territory in two summers, a goal set at five years by the Montreal fire department.

"For next year, we're looking at the possibility of concentrating on the addresses we could not get into or where anomalies continued to exist," McBain said.

Some of the uncorrected anomalies involved addresses where smoke detectors were connected to alarm systems and it was suggested that relocation or other changes be handled by the company.

Interestingly, it was also reported that "specific to Westmount" was a response from some residents that a smoke detector did not look aesthetically good in a location where one should be installed.

In all, the cadets replaced 91 batteries and 30 smoke detectors supplied free of

charge by Westmount or the Montreal fire department. They also reported finding 112 carbon monoxide detectors that residents had installed on their own volition.

In checking electrical panels, the cadets found a number of houses where furniture, cartons or other combustible items were placed closer than the required three-foot distance away or that a passageway to the panel also was blocked.

The findings did not include summer inspections by Montreal firefighters but were a separate initiative launched after Westmount's demerger from the megacity in 2006.



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# Commemorative evening for Kussner



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On September 4, a special celebration was held at the Wellness Centre (Lou's House) to commemorate **Sheila Kussner's** lifelong dedication to compassionate care. The health care activist and consummate volunteer was honoured by the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) with the unveiling of a special plaque to be displayed at the hospital.

In 1981, Kussner founded Hope & Cope, establishing a model for cancer centres in Canada and around the world.

To congratulate Kussner on her achievements were **Justin Trudeau**, and,

though not attending in person, **David Johnston**, governor general of Canada, who sent a special video, which was played during the event. "I accept with pride and humility the wonderful honour that the hospital has bestowed upon me. It belongs not to me alone, but to the many who walked beside me on this extraordinary journey," said Kussner, lovely in a lace couture jacket.

Proudly present at the poignant moment were Kussner's daughters **Janice**, in from Toronto, and **Joanne**, with husband **John Leopold**.

Noted admiring the fall florals by **Kevin Camara** were Westmounters **Joey Berdugo Adler** (Lou's House is named in honour of her deceased husband); **Sylvia** and **Lou Vogel**, **Helen Antoniou** and **Andrew Molson**, **Hyman Polansky**, **Stephen Jarislowsky**, **Rita** and **Charles Bronfman**, many **Reitmans** – **Dorothy**, **Jeremy** (with **Penny Rudnikoff**) and his brother **Stephen**, attending with his wife **Julia's** mother **Ilse Hatam**; **Jessica Miller**, **Heleena** and **Edward Wiltzer**, **Jeannette** and **René Valmont**, **Nan** and **Bill Lassner**, **Barry Pascal**, **Joseph** and **Natalie Ribkoff**, **A.J. Freiman**, **Barbara Bronfman**, **Merle** and **Bernard**



From left: Joanne and John Leopold (standing) Sheila and Janice Kussner

Photo courtesy of Howard Kay

**Stotland**, **Susan** and **Steven Cummings**, **Sandra** and **Phil Gutherz**, **Sheila Schouela**, **Alan Victor**, **Valeria** and **Mike Rosenbloom**, and **Marlene** and **Joel King**, new co-chairs of Hope & Cope.

Noted applauding the moving ceremony were **Costas Spiliadis**, **Emmelle** and **Alvin Segal**, **Sondra** and **Martin Schwartz**, **Ruth Cohen**, **George** ..... **Lau**, **Renata** and **Michal** *continued on p. 29*

It is soon time for the *Independent's* fall social calendar. Please send event information (date, title, contact, ticket price, etc) to: [redgrave@videotron.ca](mailto:redgrave@videotron.ca)

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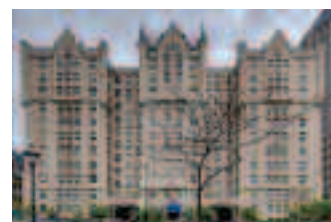


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**Social Notes** *cont'd. from p. 28*

Hornstein, Lou Goldberg, Cookie and Larry Rossy, Diane and Sal Guerrero, Morris Goodman, Blema and Arnold Steinberg, Lillian Vineberg, immediate past chair of Hope & Cope; and Christine Victor, who gifted the lush Hope & Cope garden with her late husband Herschel.

Attending were doctors Gerald Batist, Sheldon Elman, Phil Gordon (with Ros-

alie); David Zukor (Barbara); Max Palayew (Eunice); Phil Gold, André Lisbona and Mostafa Elhilali.

Present from the JGH were Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg, CEO; Myer Bick, CEO Foundation; Allen Rubin, president (with his wife Sarah Reitman Rubin), as well as Hope & Cope executive director Suzanne O'Brien.

As guests waited for valet parking, they discussed Kussner's amazing commit-

ment and extraordinary energy. One wag was overheard to comment that she was the most "elegant Energizer bunny" he has ever seen. David Johnston noted in his message, "For 30 years, she has made caring for others a priority. Sheila Kussner is very deserving of our thanks and appreciation." Without exception, everyone agreed.



Larry and Cookie Rossy

Photo courtesy of Howard Kay



Andrew Molson and Helen Antoniou.



Justin Trudeau



Arnold and Blema Steinberg.



Marlene and Joel King.



From left: A.J. Freiman, Rita Bronfman and Stephen Jarislawsky.



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Photo: Laureen Sweeney

## Tennis anyone? Almost...



Viewed from Academy Rd. looking northwest, work to rebuild the junior tennis courts was progressing September 12. They are located just east of the underground arena.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney



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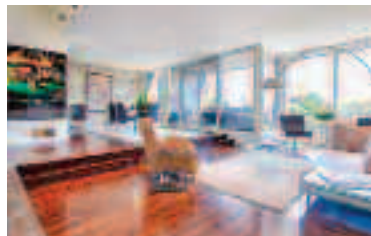


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### WESTMOUNT

**76 Summit Crescent \$3,800,000**  
Contemporary masterpiece with a pool on a beautiful street. Amazing layout and design!!  
MLS 21226838



### WESTMOUNT

**627 Clarke Avenue \$3,395,000**  
Beautiful contemporary home with open concept, panoramic views on a beautiful street.  
MLS 26285951



### WESTMOUNT ADJ

**3066 Trafalgar \$2,975,000**  
Exquisite relaxed Georgian style, fabulous city views, expansive verandas, great outdoor space, salt water pool in a private country setting. MLS 10545075



### OFFER ACCEPTED

### WESTMOUNT

**559 Argyle \$1,695,000**  
Very bright charming 3 bedroom detached, extensive renovations, move in ready!



### WESTMOUNT

**103 Sunnyside \$1,595,000**  
Where luxury and attention to details knows no boundaries! 3+1 semi with garage and lovely garden MLS 18961389



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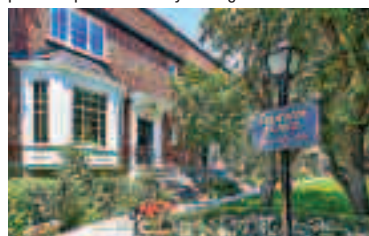
### WESTMOUNT ADJ

**3024 De Breslay \$1,590,000**  
Magnificent renovated semi in the priest farm with large kitchen +den, lovely garden, garage and tons of charm. MLS 9273744



### WESTMOUNT

**490 Argyle \$1,195,000**  
Charming 5 Bdr semi offering views from third floor den with beautiful garden and garage.  
MLS 24526789



### DOWNTOWN

**23 Redpath Place \$1,185,000**  
Spectacular fully renovated bright 3+1 townhouse located in the heart of the Golden Square mile.  
MLS 20033668



### BEAVER LAKE AREA

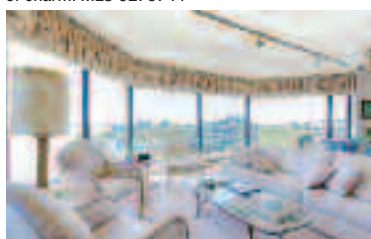
**2721 Hill Park Circle \$995,000**  
Lovely Townhouse 3 bedroom walking distance to Beaver Lake with garage. MLS 10035953



### NEW

### ATWATER MARKET AREA

**70 Rose de Lima \$998,000**  
Magnificent Contemporary detached residence with garage and roof top terrace straight out of architectural digest MLS 15293655



### NUNS ISLAND

**Verrières V 19th floor \$675,000**  
Magnificent large 2 Bdr + Den with astonishing river views, salt water pools, tennis, 24 hour security MLS 22935690



### NUNS ISLAND

**Verrières V Garden Level \$469,000**  
Experience a lifestyle in a country setting in this 2 Bedroom condo with a very large terrace.  
MLS 17462767



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### WESTMOUNT

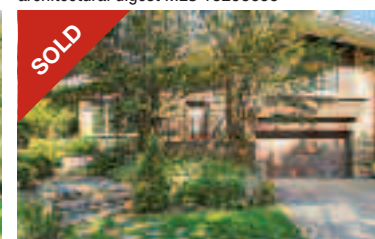
**472 Argyle \$785,000**  
Magnificent, unique UPPER FLOOR CONDO in prime location, 2 Bdr, fabulous sunny family room, garage, possibility of rooftop terrace. MLS 21100078



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### TMR

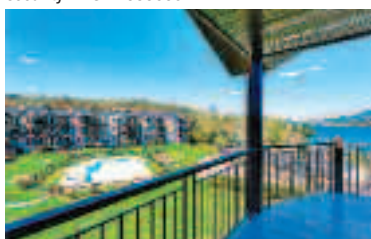
**1190 Kenilworth \$2,395,000**  
Magnificent contemporary residence on 12,000 SF lot with pool in prime TMR location. MLS 23906134



### SOLD

### WESTMOUNT

**3225 Cedar Ave. \$1,350,000**  
Detached split with lovely garden.



**TREMBLANT Pinoteau Village \$319,000**  
Great 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo, private beach on Lac Tremblant Tennis, bike path included! MLS15218636



**TREMBLANT AREA \$395,000**  
Magnificent very unique 70 acre lot with views of Mountain and small private lake MLS 10542808



**TREMBLANT AREA \$395,000**  
Waterfront lots on pristine Lac Xavier (approx. 1.2 acres/lot or more) motorboats permitted, 20 min from Tremblant. MLS 17494440



**TREMBLANT AREA \$495,000**  
Magnificent 135 lot with 5,000 ft on Rouge River, 20 minutes from Tremblant. MLS 11954458



**TREMBLANT AREA \$399,000**  
Private Domain opportunity, 186 acre lot of maple trees w/panoramic views MLS 13272324



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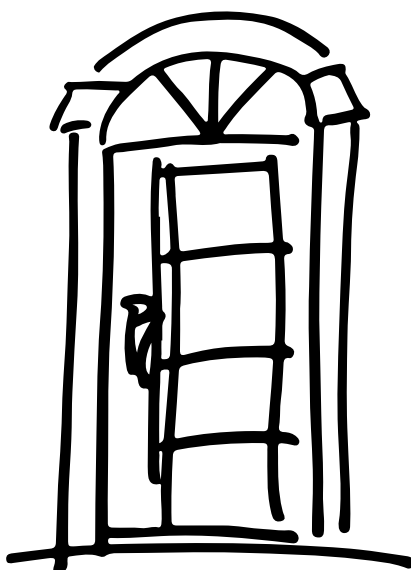
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