

'Save CSA' petition signed by 95% of homes

Trial bike routes set to go into effect despite opposition

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two new proposed bike routes – eastbound on Westmount Ave. and westbound on Côte St. Antoine – are now set to go into effect on a trial basis this fall, Councillor Philip Cutler told the city council meeting October 5.

Lane painting and other arrangements are expected to enable the routes to be in place by the end of October with the trial concluded by winter.

In the face of ongoing opposition from a contingent of Côte Rd. residents, Cutler

remained firm on the city's need to collect "concrete data" this fall before making a decision on the issue, which dominated question period and kept him on the hot seat throughout.

"The residents of Côte St. Antoine have spoken," said one woman. "Please listen to our voices."

Residents stated they should have been consulted before the trial is implemented. They claimed the bike route would be unsafe for cyclists, pedestrians and schools. It would attract more cyclists going the wrong way *continued on p. 20*



Photo: Matt Faigan

New dog run opens in Westmount Park

Dogs and people can be seen in the new dog run, opened October 5. It is situated in Westmount Park just north of the Westmount recreation centre between the bike path and a pedestrian walkway. Westmounters Mary Pat Hébert can be seen in the fenced-in area with her dog Romy, along with Sarah Sedcole with Sashi and Sara McGibbon with Hamish. See story, p. 4.

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Should council members support candidates?

Trent weighs in on federal vote by endorsing individuals

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

On the approach of the federal election October 19, Mayor Peter Trent said last week he has publicly endorsed Liberal candidates Marc Garneau in NDG-Westmount, and Anthony Housefather in Mount Royal, because he has worked with them and respects them.

"I back people," he said. "I'm a people person, not a party person." In fact, he added, he doesn't support any political party and believes that members of city council "should be free to share their views with anyone."

He said he has already met at city hall

with James Hughes, the NDP's candidate in the local riding. "We had a very nice meeting, and I told him it was shame two real gentlemen were running against each other."

The neutrality of city council members was raised at the August 17 meeting of the general committee of council, according to minutes released by the city October 5.

In the minutes, Councillor Patrick Martin was recorded as having referred to a photo in a newspaper a week earlier taken at the opening of Garneau's campaign office, showing five members of Westmount's council supporting incumbent Garneau. *continued on p. 23*

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‘Legal’ spot zoning by-law tabled for non-conforming projects

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council gave notice of motion October 5 of its intention to adopt a by-law that would allow for the rezoning of a single site when a major non-conforming development is proposed and meets a number of conditions. The site would still, however, be subject to a referendum register.

A public consultation meeting has been set for October 22 at 7 pm at city hall.

Called the “By-law concerning specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposals for an immovable” (SCAOPI), it is widely known by its French acronym of PPCMOI (pronounced PPCmoi).

Many other municipalities, including Montreal, have already adopted such a by-law that enables the city to split a single property away from its larger zone as a PPCMOI site if the city does not want to rezone other properties within the zone.

“It’s a legal spot-zoning tool the [provincial] government gave to municipalities to facilitate the development of a site that provides benefits to the community,” explained city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

It does not apply to a single-family dwelling but only to a residential, multi-family development of six storeys or more, a commercial or institutional building or a combination of at least two of the uses.

It could be very useful in the timely discussion on repurposing of houses of worship that exist by vested rights, Poirier acknowledged (see September 8, p. 10). The work to prepare the by-law, however, was started two years ago.

After any changes that might follow the public consultation meeting, she said, the

new by-law would then proceed for adoption by city council. It must then be reviewed by the agglomeration council for conformity to Westmount’s planning program.

She described the previous notion of “spot zoning” as “*dépassé*.” “It was seen as making exceptions for a certain developer.”

The object of the by-law as outlined at the beginning is “to enable the council to authorize upon application and subject to certain conditions, a specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal in respect to an immovable if the proposal is at variance with the urban planning by-laws of the city of Westmount.”

These conditions could involve height, setbacks, density or change of a building’s use, for example. In a proposal to alter or transform a building of heritage value, the by-law states that “care and effort must be demonstrated in the conservation and enhancement of the original architectural elements.”

Other criteria include consideration of the proposed project’s impact on the environment, such as sunlight, wind, noise, emanations, lighting, water run-off, the reduction of heat islands and traffic.

Another condition states that “All concerned parties [owner, neighbour, city] must be able to benefit from an improvement upon the current situation or at the very least not experience any additional inconvenience.”

One example of a PPCMOI site, Poirier said, is the vacant property at the intersection of de Maisonneuve, Claremont and St. Catherine in NDG, where a 10-storey complex is currently making its way through the CDN-NDG borough council approval process.

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Five join city's Quarter Century Club at 72nd annual banquet

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Stressing the importance of the Westmount “family,” Mayor Peter Trent, on behalf of city council, welcomed long-serving city employees and retirees to the city's 72nd Quarter Century Banquet held October 7 at Victoria Hall.

“The image of family works,” he explained because the size of the workforce being “not too many, not too few,” allows for people working for the city to feel a sense of accomplishment, “and we appreciate it.”

This year, five employees were celebrated for 25 years of service and inducted into the group. They were Leonardo Cauzo, Hydro Westmount; Harald Eggert and Domenic Iorio, Public Works; Helen Jay, the library; and H       Mitko, Community Events.

Two others already-honoured quarter-century employees marked 30 years of service. They were Stephen Payne and Denis Proulx of Public Security.

A total of 11 other employees were thanked for 20- and 15- year milestones with the *continued on p. 10*



Three of the five 25-year-honourees are welcomed into the Quarter Century Club October 7 by city director general Mike Deegan, left, and Mayor Peter Trent, right. The three, at centre from left, are Helen Jay, Domenic Iorio and Leonardo Cauzo.

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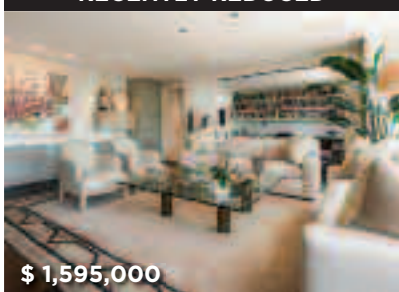


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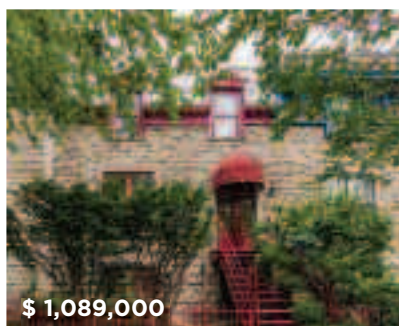
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Smaller run needs hours for smaller dogs

Dog run opens in Westmount Park, adjustments follow

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The new dog run in Westmount Park opened October 5, in time to be announced at the city council meeting. It was one year less a day that the general location had been announced and approved (see October 14, p. 1).

Council also approved some \$52,500 after-tax rebates for the immediate refurbishment of the dog run at the Westmount Athletic Grounds and announced the upgrading of the run at King George (Murray) Park for next spring.

While more work remained for the Westmount Park run despite its official opening (see photo, p. 1), Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the *Independent* the next day that benches and garbage cans had already been moved into the fenced area

that morning. Light heads had been installed on the new lampposts so that these could be illuminated along with bollards on cross walks over the bike path.

As well, she said nine new trees are to be planted in the spring around the edge of the run, not 15 as she had mistakenly mentioned at the meeting. A dog bag dispenser and dog waste composter are also to be added.

A surrounding hedge will also wait until spring for planting as will the installation of the dog water fountain, which would have had to be drained for the winter soon. “We also looked at the latches on the gates and decided to replace them with ones of better quality.”

“Obviously there are a few last details to be finished,” Brian Baxter, president of the Westmount Dog Owners’ Association, said at the council meeting. He noted however that the dog run seemed to have been “beautifully done” and that “good things come to those who wait.”

Some of the outstanding items were brought to the meeting’s attention by Paul Marriott, Westmount Municipal Association co-president including missing benches and the difficulties opening gate latches.

“We’ll sort this out,” replied Mayor Peter Trent. “We realize nothing’s perfect.”

“I’m happy we have a run,” dog owner Joanne continued on p. 17



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Brian Baxter, president of the Westmount Dog Owners’ Association, speaks at the city council meeting October 5 about the opening of the new dog run the same day.

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DOG WALKER WAS ABUSIVE

On October 8 as I was walking beside the Murray Park dog run, a young man in charge of six dogs (tangled leashes, overexcited) was screaming at a lovely white Labradoodle, telling it to behave. He then kicked him, hard, in the belly.

I told him to stop, and he said it was the only way the dog would behave and claimed the owners had instructed him to do so. I said that the owners were wrong and that a dog would never respond well to being kicked. He again claimed that the owners told him to.

This man obviously has no skill with or love of dogs, and the owners have no business owning one. I wonder how they treat their children.

SHARON SPARLING, ROSLYN AVE.

PUT BIKE PATHS ON FLATS

With no public consultation, city council has approved trial bike paths on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. despite petitions and pleas from an overwhelming majority of residents on Côte St. Antoine who are against it.

Cyclists going east on Westmount Ave. are to get downtown how? By coming

down steep Clarke or Atwater? Cyclists going west on Côte St. Antoine are asked to stop and start at Côte St. Antoine and Lansdowne on the second steepest grade in Westmount. With no north-south bike paths on the hills, does any of this make sense?

If city council were truly looking for transportation solutions, why is there not a concerted effort between municipalities to put a proper bike path on Sherbrooke, running its entire length and similar to that on de Maisonneuve in the downtown area – one that would keep cyclists and pedestrians safe and encourage more people to leave their cars at home.

Meanwhile, here in Westmount, could we not put a bike path on St. Catherine St. between Lansdowne and Atwater? Coming up Lansdowne from the Glen, cyclists could then have the option of heading east on St. Catherine, thus reducing traffic through the park and de Maisonneuve. A north-south path on Melville would allow families with children in lower Westmount easier access to the park.

Unfortunately for families living north of Sherbrooke St., the topography is such that it is dangerous coming down the hills and difficult going up.

So let's concentrate on what can really make a difference for Westmounters: proper bike paths on the flats!

OLGA SKICA, CÔTE ST. ANTOINE.

MAKE ARGYLE ONE WAY

I am writing regarding the chaotic traffic situation that takes place on Argyle Ave. each weekday between 7:30 and 8:30 am, and again in the afternoon between 3 and 4 pm.

Countless parents of children who attend Selwyn House must contend with solid gridlock that extends from just below the Boulevard to Sherbrooke. The reason is because Argyle is a two-way street with parking permitted on both sides. Parents, stuck in gridlock, must let their kids out in the middle of the street, between cars, to ensure they get to school on time.

This situation is not only frustrating but dangerous. It is just a matter of time before a child gets hit by a car in the mayhem.

It only makes sense that during the key hours outlined above, Argyle should be one-way in a southbound direction. I urge the city to implement such a rule imminently in order to prevent a tragedy.

JESSICA MORRISON, SUMMIT CRESCENT

BRING BACK THE CANNON

It seems Westmount still owns two bronze cannon.

I rode them as a child of 10 when they stood in Westmount Park menacing the apartment buildings across Sherbrooke St. You have no idea the number of childhood battles they won.

Now they are in some anonymous workshop being refurbished at leisure whilst the city worries about returning them to the park because a couple of tons of historic antique bronze (on wheels, gasp!) even at scrap value would be a strong temptation for anyone with larceny in their heart and a trailer hitch.

Westmount has a couple of regiments of troops with the freedom of the city.

Would it not be a grand sight to see those real actual trained troops trundling our antique bronze cannon to the park annually for the firing of a salute on Remembrance Day, Canada Day and other occasions of note.

Remember the noon gun at Expo 67? Something like that. We the people of Westmount could witness our Canadian heritage while we remember our past and rededicate our future.

Armories are pretty good at housing cannon where they cannot be stolen. The small amounts of powder they would need

for firing salutes would not be a problem either.

Just don't let the feds actually own them. I can see some Ottawa bureaucrat selling them off for scrap or assigning them to some other location without so much as a by your leave.

MARK LATOUR, MELVILLE AVE.

CITY SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT PAC

Thank you Jeffrey Katz for initiating a conversation regarding the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) in your letter to the editor in the October 6 issue.

My experience relates to a request to change my windows. I had the benefit of a preliminary meeting with Mme. Poirier who reviewed what I had in mind and advised what I would need to support my request. Despite her initial support and providing all the suggested back-up documentation, it became a more than six-month process with the PAC.

The delay was due to ever-changing issues raised by the PAC at subsequent review meetings. More than three months into the process, after addressing several issues, I was only then informed that the committee would not review the file further until I submitted drawings prepared by an architect or architectural technician. It was stated clearly to me that, even after going to the expense of having drawings prepared, this would not guarantee that my proposal would be accepted.

More months into the process, my original proposal was accepted, but with a "cosmetic" revision to the design of one window, which I considered inappropriate and unnecessary since that particular window could not be seen by the public.

My neighbour, the only party besides myself who could see this window, wrote a letter indicating that this change would detract from, rather than improve upon, the look of the building and requesting that the condition placed on my permit be removed. Despite support from my neighbour, the PAC did not remove the condition but modified it to something that was totally impractical and which could have created a potential safety issue for my family.

I came away with an overwhelming feeling that, after spending so much time on my file, the PAC could simply no longer accept my proposal as submitted and had to somehow assert their authority by making some revision to it. In the end, following yet another meeting with Mme. Poirier, it was agreed that

the condition placed on *continued on p. 26*

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Arctic photographer addresses camera club

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Members of the Montreal Camera Club were presented with an evening of travel and adventure photography on October 5

by Michelle Valberg, a professional photographer from Ottawa who is renowned for her images of Canada's Arctic – especially polar bears. Between 60 and 75 attended.

Valberg has been active for 30 years as a professional photographer. Having learned the basics when film was the standard, long before the advent of digital imaging, she made the transition to the new technology around 15 years ago and “embraced it right away,” she said.

Today Valberg owns a studio and gallery in Ottawa. While she does mostly portraits and commercial work, three associates go out on assignments for weddings. She is also the author of several books featuring photographs taken by her in Canada's high north.

Valberg is the only female Nikon “ambassador” in Canada and is paid by the company to deliver lectures. Two representatives of Nikon Canada were on hand at the meeting, held at Westmount Park Church, to offer demonstrations of cameras, lenses and accessories.

The arsenal of equipment that Valberg routinely uses on her Arctic treks includes Nikon's flagship professional D4S model, as well as the D810 and D800E models, and more than a half-dozen lenses. Valberg referred to her 14- 24mm lens as the “go to” *continued on p. 24*



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Montreal Camera Club's guest speaker Michelle Valberg, left, is seen here October 5 with one of the club's board members Ann Pearson, and copies of her latest book.



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Russo confirms closing
of Cavallaro, and why

By MARTIN C. BARRY

It's official: the Westmount franchise of Cavallaro deli has closed.

As reported in the October 6 issue of the *Independent*, the Italian specialty food store, which had been a mainstay on Sherbrooke St. for more than 18 years, shut suddenly recently and without notice.

In an interview, store operator Tony Russo said his decision was the result of "a combination of everything," including rising rent, high municipal taxes and franchise fees he paid to be part of a chain that has four other outlets in Montreal.

"In the end, it wasn't worth it for me to work seven days a week, twelve hours a day," he said. "I'm not 20 years old anymore. It was a family decision made along with my wife. In the end, it was costing me money just to stay open. Winter's coming and what the business went through last year with the brutal December, January and February – this was just not for me anymore."

Russo said he tried to sell two years ago,

"but unfortunately nobody's looking for a business these days – especially when it's a franchise. It's hard to sell a business right now, especially in Montreal with the economy the way it's been going. There are so many places closing down."

Chris Ochiai, manager of the Running Room footwear outlet on Sherbrooke St. just a few steps from where Cavallaro was, said he was sorry to see it fold. "We depend on walk-in traffic," he noted, while pointing out that customer traffic from one business tends to gravitate towards others close by.

On a more positive note, Russo said that a good number of his customers who had been faithfully keeping up with him on Cavallaro's Facebook page continued following him after the store closed. They put in requests for some of their favourite fare, including lasagna platters and meatballs.

As a result, he's decided to remain active as a private chef preparing homemade meals from his house. "If anybody wants anything," continued on p. 9

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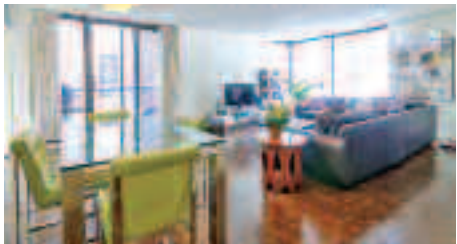


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Provigo/seniors' residence project passes second reading at NDG council

By ISAAC OLSON

The Provigo/seniors' residence proposed for the corner of St. Catherine St., de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Claremont Ave. has made another step forward as the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough council approved the second draft resolution on October 7.

The borough's councillors are voting to essentially allow the grocery store, which otherwise wouldn't be permissible under the current zoning. The lone dissenting councillor councillor Jeremy Searle argued the zoning is in place to protect the property investment made by homeowners.

It was explained at the meeting that the building is designed to have a 184-car parking garage, a 4,000 square-metre supermarket, nearly 300 residential units for seniors and some 20 units for parents of

children staying at Montreal Children's Hospital. Offices for the children's hospital's foundation has also long been slated as part of the complex.

Searle said he is against the project because of the traffic it will bring to the area, but borough mayor Russell Copeman said the traffic studies say there will be minimal impact. Now residents in the immediate area who are opposed to the project must organize a petition and collect more than 21 signatures to open a register and, from there, if the register garners enough signatures, a referendum poll will be held. If there is no resident-led opposition, the proposal will go through a final reading for approval. Before the vote, NDG resident Jo-Anne Wemmers presented councillors with a petition containing nearly 300 signatures collected in the immediate area from residents that are against the project.

they can just follow me on Facebook, private message me, and we can work something out," he said.

In the meantime, he said he hopes to maintain a presence in Westmount. "Hopefully by next spring, once the winter

is gone, I'll be looking for a small shop like a basement walk-in maybe on Victoria," he added. "All I want is maybe six or seven-hundred square feet. And I want to have just a kitchen. From there, I'll be cooking for customers."

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Dog owner upsets his own apple cart, gets tickets for \$372

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A man who left his dog tied up outside a restaurant on St. Catherine St. October 3 ended up receiving three tickets totalling \$372, Public Security officials said. The man had refused to identify himself, became arrogant toward a public safety officer and actually called police to the scene himself – to his own detriment, it turned out.

The somewhat bizarre incident began at 12:32 pm when someone called Public Security to say a dog had been left unat-

tended and was barking in front of 4000 St. Catherine at Atwater. The young black-and-white dog was found still unattended when an officer arrived. It was wearing a veterinarian tag.

The public safety officer waited 20 minutes for the owner to return and informed him it was against the by-law to leave a dog unattended and that a complaint had been received, said Public Security director Greg McBain in relating the event.

The dog owner refused to identify himself so a ticket could be issued and challenged the officer's right to do so, saying he did not know him. Despite being shown the officer's identification, the man was described as acting in "an arrogant manner," when told police would be called.

Instead he called police himself, who identified him as a 28-year-old resident of St. Henri. He was issued a \$76 ticket for leaving the dog unattended, one for \$220 for obstructing the work of a municipal officer in the line of duty and another for \$76 for having an unlicensed dog on a street in Westmount.

Woman falls on face, taken to hospital

A woman who fell near 46 Summit Cresc. October 4 injured her face and damaged teeth, Public Security officials said. She was treated by a doctor who witnessed the accident just before 5 pm as well as public safety officers. The 71-year-old resident of Grosvenor was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé.



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Long-serving retirees, employees share recollections



Four past and present Public Works directors at the banquet October 7 are, from left: Ed Cavour (who held the position from 1970 to 1986), Fred Caluori (1986 to 2006), Marianne Zalzal (2008 to 2015) and Patrick Raggo, who assumed the role in March.

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city.

The event brings together retirees having already marked 25 years of service with long-serving current workers and departments heads, providing an occasion for the exchange of many shared experiences and friendships.

Interestingly, four past and present Public Works heads were among attendees: Ed McCavour, Fred Caluori, Marianne Zalzal and current director Patrick Raggo, representing recollections dating back to 1959 when McCavour joined the department.

Two former city directors general also attended: Bruce St. Louis and Duncan Campbell; as well as former mayor Karin Marks.

In concluding the event, Lucille Angers, of the City Clerk's Office, delivered an impassioned and arousing thank-you to the city and council on behalf of those at the event. In her 15 years with the city, she said she has experienced "something different from where I ever worked before."

Marking 15, 20 years

15 years: Lucille Angers, City Clerk's Office; Kimberley Colquhoun and Kaushi Patel, Public Security; Colette Connors, the library; Benoit Dufresne and Shawn Mooney, fire department; Daniel Giroux

and Antonio Masucci, Public Works; and Farid Yaddaden, IT.

20 years: Wendell Bailey, fire department; and Ron Harris, Community Events.

Firefighters who joined the Westmount Fire Brigade before its merger into the Montreal fire department in 2002 are eligible to be invited to the banquet to mark their milestone years of service, which keep accumulating while they remain based at the Westmount station.

The event was emceed by director general Mike Deegan and organized by Anne Renaud, executive assistant to the mayor.



Lucille Angers, executive assistant in the City Clerk's Office, expresses her thanks on behalf of all attending.

Thieves flee, escape after stealing bag from car on Prince Albert

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two teenagers broke into a car October 3 and managed to make good their escape, taking a black sports bag containing clothing, Public Security officials said. The car was parked in front of 538 Prince Albert.

The pair was first noticed on Chesterfield by undercover public safety officers who began watching them around 10:10 pm, explained Public Security director Greg McBain.

The two aroused suspicions by looking into the windows of parked cars until they

were seen opening the door of a BMW X3 and snatching a black bag. They then fled upon spotting Public Security. "The officers were unable to catch up with them," McBain said.

The two were last seen jumping a fence behind a house on Parkman Place and were not found despite a search of the area by both public safety officers and police. They were described as two males – one black and the other white, aged about 15 or 16.

The car belonged to a resident of Prince Albert.

Ticketed for littering

A 17-year-old student from Brossard was issued a littering ticket for \$119 October 5 when he was seen tossing what appeared to be a joint on the ground at Westmount Ave. and Claremont, Public Security officials said. He was identified from a Mari-anopolis student card. The young man had been sitting on a bench at 2 pm when he was spotted.

Cyclist falls off bike

A 25-year-old resident of St. Eustache fell off his bicycle at Roslyn and The Boulevard October 4, according Public Security reports. The accident at 5:50 pm sent the man to hospital in an Urgences Santé ambulance. He was reported to have suffered minor pain and scratches to the hands and face. It not known whether he was wearing a helmet.



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Police Report

Purse stolen from summit-area home

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

A break-in involving the theft of a purse at an unlocked home near Westmount's summit shows the importance of keeping doors securely locked as a safeguard against intrusion by opportunistic thieves, according to Station 12.

According to its community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, the crime took place at a house near the corner of Oakland and Shorncliffe avenues sometime between 11 pm on October 5 and 5 am the next day.

"The plaintiffs went to sleep, and in the morning they noticed that a handbag wasn't in the same area where it had been left previously," he said. "They also noticed that a back patio door was slightly ajar. They know that they had closed the door the previous night, but they were unsure if it was locked." He said the occupants were able to conclude that the door must have

been left unlocked since there were signs of intrusion but none of forced entry, which would have caused damage.

The handbag, which had been in an area inside near the back patio door in plain sight to someone standing outside, was eventually found beside the house with its contents emptied. Although the home had an alarm system, Pimentel said it wasn't activated at the time, and there were no video cameras to capture images of the suspects.

Although credit cards were stolen from the handbag, the financial institutions that issued them were immediately notified by the victims. "This was an easy crime of opportunity," added the police officer. "The door not being locked, they could simply grab and leave."

Pimentel's advice: "The obvious basics are to always keep your doors and windows locked when you go to sleep – especially doors, which, generally speaking, should always be locked." He also recommends having a motion detector-activated lighting system installed in the rear. "That's very dissuasive and very effective."

Identity theft reported

A Grosvenor Ave. resident filed a complaint with police at Station 12 recently regarding an attempt to steal his identity for the purpose of committing fraud.

According to Pimentel, an as yet unidentified suspect succeeded in opening a Rogers account in the victim's name and then tried to obtain a credit card using the account as a reference.

"Identity theft is becoming more and more common," said Pimentel. "Still, we're getting a lot of reports of fraud more than identity theft, meaning it's more after the fact. People often don't realize their identity has been stolen and find out after that they are being billed for accounts they never opened or transactions they never made. Then that's at the level of fraud."

He said one of the most common ways people become victims of identity theft is through personal documents. "With Visa, hydro or many other types of bills, anyone can get all the information to commit identity theft. This is why it's important not just to put these types of documents in the garbage. Always shred them."

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Peretz launches ‘ghost’ novel



Westmount resident Nicole Peretz, left, launched her new book, *La petite fille de l'appartement 10*, at the Westmount Public Library on October 7, with a small gathering attended by close friends. The French-language novel published by Les Éditions GID of Quebec City revolves around the ghost of a young girl who inhabits an old apartment in Westmount. According to Peretz, the story takes place on streets within the bounds of Victoria Ave., Greene Ave., Sherbrooke St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. At least one of the characters in the book is based on a living Westmounter, June Colby, who was present at the launch.

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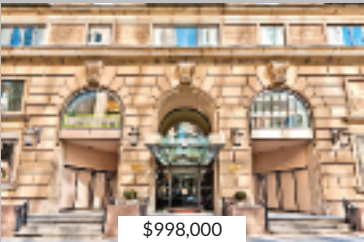


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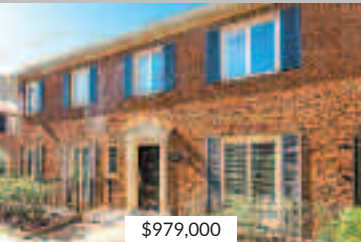


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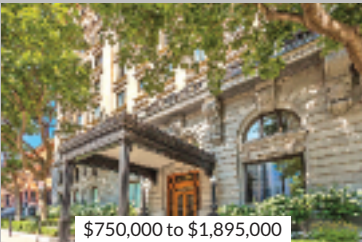


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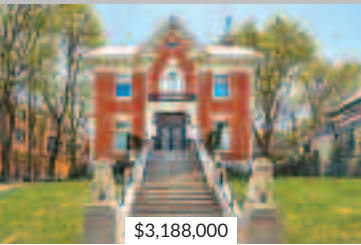


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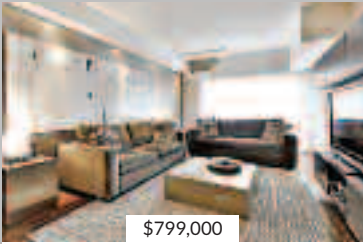


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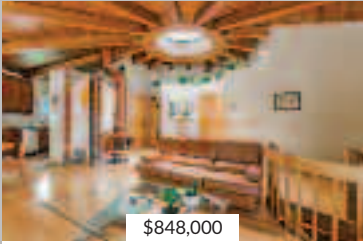


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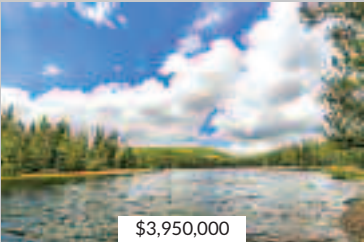
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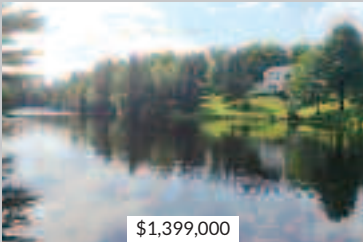
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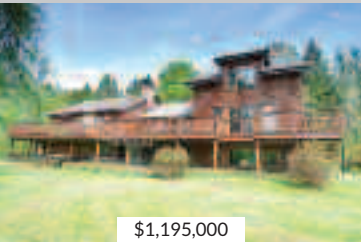
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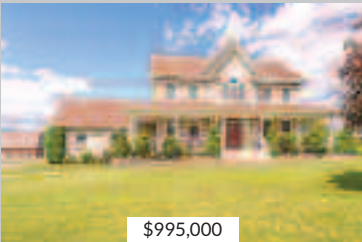
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Your neighbour, Lysanne

Dog run cont'd. from p. 4

Gibbs of Kensington said the next day.

"Now I hope we can get some hours for small dogs," she added.

"A group of us with small dogs couldn't get into the run this morning because it was full of big dogs running all around. This run is smaller than the Lansdowne one was and has no hill, which tended to keep the big dogs on one side."

Replaces Lansdowne run

The new run was built to replace the southwest run that had been closed some three years ago at the Lansdowne and St. Catherine site. Efforts to find a suitable

site included several configurations at the new location until an exact spot was chosen, where, planners contended, large trees would not have to be removed and where the run could be incorporated into a plan to realign the bike path and pedestrian pathways.

Lulham, whose small dog called Kiki got to try out the new run when she went to check out its progress, said the bichon frisé immediately made good use of the new specialized sand mix.

Excavation work on the new run began August 7 after some medium-sized trees outside the dog run perimeter were taken down two days earlier. The run was built at an estimated cost to the city of some \$124,000 (see story August 4, p. 1).

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Atwater Library Lunchtime Series presents a talk by Shanly Dixon on the Atwater Library's current Status of Women Canada-funded project aimed at eliminating cyberviolence against girls and women, 12:30 pm at 1200 Atwater Ave. Free.

Westmount Historical Association (WHA) presents "From Carriage House to My House: The Story of a Conversion," featuring the one at 543 Roslyn Ave. At the Westmount Public Library, 7 pm. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

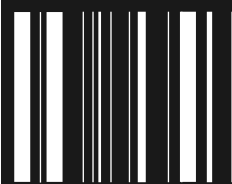
The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents the Bill Brownstein and Peter Pearson on "Past, Present and Future of the National Film Board of Canada," at 12:30 pm at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

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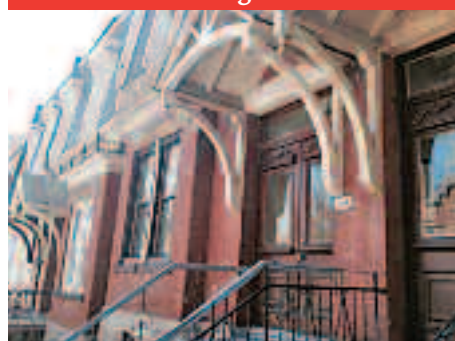
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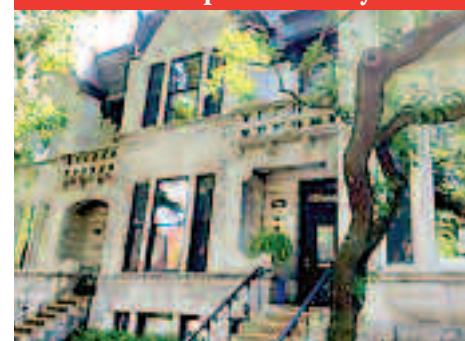
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Burgers’ large canvases

Bobbie Burgers’ large canvases of roses, sunflowers and lilacs celebrate floral beauty. Painted with fluid acrylic brushstrokes, her increasingly abstract blossoms toss in the wind and rain. In “When She is Away #2,” golden sunflowers recall Van Gogh, yet juxtaposed against a cross-



Burgers “A New Solitude #2”

hatched purple vase, the image is new and contemporary.

For “A New Solitude #2,” a close-cropped image of red and white roses is bold and dramatic. Painted in raised brushstrokes against a flat background, roses appear to blossom right in front of the viewer. For the large square composition “Glamourized Decay #3,” white blossoms, new buds and dying leaves coexist. Elegant and airy against a black background, paint drips and splashes recall rain against a window pane. Creating an unfinished and unpredictable element, the viewer is reminded of life itself.



Burgers “Glamourized Decay #3”

In “Flock,” orange petals detailed against a yellow background create an energetic, semi-abstract image. Although controlled, motion dominates.

Movement also prevails in the bronze sculpture of suspended long-stem roses “Free Fall #2.” Delicately balanced, the tension between permanence and the moment is conveyed. Although the exposition has ended, Burgers’ elegant work can be found throughout the gallery.

Layers of paint mark Hornyak’s work

Colour and form dominate Hornyak’s new floral

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Hornyak “Red Vase with Beige Pot”

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Bike route to provide a community service: Cutler

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down the hill, increase speeding and decrease real estate values. They also cautioned that once the bike path had been put in, even temporarily, it would be difficult to remove.

Announced at the meeting but forgotten in the heat of the moment, a “Save CSA” petition representing 95 percent of homes (74 of 78 homes reached) was reported to have been dropped off the next day at city hall by resident Carolyn Farha. She said there were 92 dwellings in total.

Trent, who lives on the street, noted no one called at his door, but was told “no one was home.”

Despite residents’ “valid points,” Cutler asked them to be “open-minded” and told them the idea of the bike routes was being considered as a service to the wider community.

The meeting “was a travesty and a ridicule of citizen participation in decision making,” Côte Rd. resident Bruce Anderson told the *Independent* the next day. Anderson led off the opposition for the second consecutive council meeting.

The introduction of the two bike routes had been announced August 3 (see story August 11, p. 1). Their implementation was held up awaiting water main work on Westmount Ave., which was completed last week.

Others weigh in
Other citizens also weighed in on the is-



Councillor Philip Cutler answers concerns raise by residents.

sue, along with cycling safety and enforcement.

“I feel you are not listening to these people,” said Elfride Kippen of Mount Pleasant. They had come, she said, with strong, well thought-out reasons for opposing a bicycle route but had found it had to a *fait accompli*.

Malcolm McRae, a cyclist living on Upper Belmont who uses the Côte Rd., said simply painting a white line on the street increases cyclist safety and called for more bike routes.

Cycling is a “fairly new concept in Mont-

real,” noted Kirk Polymenakos of Claremont. If the city is going to start implementing more bike routes, he said, it was important to do so with accompanying enforcement of regulations and in liaison with other communities.

“Is NDG on board with this [new route]?” he asked. Westmount is in a unique position near downtown and had to start cracking down on “people who cycle recklessly.”

“We agree we have to improve the way cyclists behave,” Mayor Peter Trent said. He also added that “cars on Côte St. An-

toine don’t obey the rules either.”

He later asked a representative from local police Station 12 attending the meeting if he had statistics on the number of tickets issued to cyclists. The officer replied he would obtain them.

Cutler said that if and when Westmount decided to install the bike route permanently, “Our intention is to work with NDG ... and ask them to extend their route” to link up with Westmount’s.”

Asked what type of data the city was looking for in the trial, Trent replied that the city would be doing overall traffic counts of cars and bicycles on Côte Rd and Westmount Ave., and wanted to determine if narrowing the street using a bike path reduced the volume of cars.

No one from Westmount Ave. made input into the issue except Cutler himself. “I love the idea of a bike path going past my home, but I don’t expect everyone to feel that way.”

Jan Fergus of Grosvenor Ave., asked if the city might follow the example of Montreal, which is recommending that cyclists ride on sidewalks in dangerous traffic areas. Trent said he was “really not in favour of that.”

Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard said all bicycles should be licensed so the “scofflaws” can be caught. “We in Westmount want to bring back licensing,” Trent said, adding that if someone would draft a letter to that effect, “I would be very happy to present that to the agglomeration council.”



Prior to the council meeting October 5, a petition of Côte St. Antoine residents is counted by, from left: Carolyn Farha, Andrew Lindsay and Bruce Anderson. Two more residents are seated behind.



Malcolm McRae of Upper Belmont said even a painted line on the road increases the safety of cyclists.

and figurative compositions. Defined by sophisticated colour harmony and texture, her paintings are built up through layers of oil paint on canvas or linen. In some images, defined petal shapes or pasted pattern create new areas of interest, while in others, expressive semi-abstract form trumps realism.

For “Trois fleurs lilas,” large lilac petals together with small flowers create a dynamic rhythm throughout the composition. The addition of filigree patterns pasted within the painting “Pink Flowers with Patterns” adds a new and graphic element to her work. In the paprika and viridian image “Red Vase with Beige Pot,” a square teapot on a patterned tablecloth creates an eye-catching counterpoint to

the round forms within the floral bouquet.

Strong shapes also define Hornyak’s figurative paintings or portraits. The central white globe of “Boy with Ball” or the wine glass within “Girl with Flowered Frock” create focal points as well as a narrative element to the work. Ever evolving, Hornyak’s work challenges viewer perception of colour, form and floral painting. This interesting exhibition continues until Tuesday, October 20 at 1367 Greene Ave.

Evolution and revolution

The beauty of these two exhibitions – and the paintings are beautiful – is that the work of both artists continues to surprise and enchant. Constantly evolving with the addition of new subjects or techniques,



Hornyak “Trois fleurs lilas”

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AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1489 LE JEUDI 22 OCTOBRE 2015 – 19 h

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1. Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 5 octobre 2015, le conseil a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1489 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR LES PROJETS PARTICULIERS DE CONSTRUCTION, DE MODIFICATION OU D'OCCUPATION D'UN IMMEUBLE (P.P.C.M.O.I.) DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT** ».
2. Conformément à la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (RLRQ, chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu **le jeudi 22 octobre à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville de Westmount située au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

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DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 13 octobre 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1489

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 1489 ENTITLED “BY-LAW CONCERNING SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR OCCUPANCY PROPOSALS FOR AN IMMOVABLE (S.C.A.O.P.I.) OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT”

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, October 5, 2015, Council adopted by resolution, the draft By-law no. 1489 entitled “**BY-LAW CONCERNING SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR OCCUPANCY PROPOSALS FOR AN IMMOVABLE (S.C.A.O.P.I.) OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**”.
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 **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain By-law 1489, the object of which is to enable the Council to authorize, upon application and subject to certain conditions, a specific construction, alteration or occupancy proposal in respect of an immovable if the proposal is at variance with an Urban Planning By-law. To be authorized, a specific proposal must be consistent with the aims of the municipality's Planning Programme.

3. During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.
4. The draft by-law does not contain any provision making it a by-law subject to approval by way of referendum.
5. Any interested person may consult the draft By-law no. 1489 and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, October 13, 2015.

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Classroom furniture, lack of books and overcrowding concerns St. Léon parent

By JOANNE PENHALE

Laying eyes on her son's grade 2 classroom at St. Léon elementary school, Mary Sayegh says she thought, "Oh my god, not again."

His kindergarten classroom, she said, was a converted first-grade classroom without the daycare-like environment of other kindergarten classes in the school.

Now his second-grade classroom, she said, is a converted music room with tables that kids share instead of desks, and the classroom has no books.

"I'm a single mom, and the reason I moved to Westmount is because St. Léon's is ranked the best school in the CSDM [Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM)]," Sayegh said. "I pay a premium on my rent but it makes sense for me to do that in order to send my kid to the best public school."

Sayegh said her son's teacher has arranged four rows of tables all facing her and a smart board. Three students sit at each table with about 26 students in the class, she said.

Without desks to store materials, Sayegh said, "All their binders and activity books are stored in shelves along the wall."

"I would love for kids to have their own desks because then they wouldn't have to go back and forth between the shelf," Sayegh said.

She said her son, and some other kids, would be less likely to get distracted by other kids if they had their own desks.

At a September 3 teacher-and-parent meeting, Sayegh said, she learned there were no books in the classroom. She said the teacher asked the parents at the meeting to send five new books to the classroom with their child every second week.

"[That's] hard for a parent who's not French-speaking," Sayegh said, adding many parents in the class are not. "They're all going to be books from different sources; it's not going to be ideal for second graders."

Sayegh said the school has no library, as that room was converted to a classroom.

Some teachers chose tables

Responding to an interview request,

school director Lili Beaumont, wrote in French, "In this second grade class, students sit behind tables that we already had rather than incurring less necessary expenses. In some classes, teachers choose tables instead of desks for educational reasons."

"Regarding the books, it is a new class," Beaumont wrote. "So it is normal that the classroom has fewer books earlier in the year."

Beaumont said teachers would get a budget from the school board and the school's foundation to buy books. She added, "Teachers regularly ask parents if they have books at home to lend or give for the benefit of the students."

Sayegh said the school is overpopulated. "St. Leon has 100 more students than they did last year," she said. "In retrospect, I wouldn't have moved to Westmount."

Sayegh said next year her son will go to a school in Lasalle. "It was a tough decision," she said.

Neither Beaumont nor the communications director for the CSDM responded to questions from the *Independent* regarding the school's population changes, book budgets or loss of the school's library and music room for classroom space.

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In the minutes, Martin "argued that it is extra-jurisdictional and inappropriate for a city council to support one federal party over another."

"Council members," the minutes continue, "discussed the manner in which they should express their support in the upcoming federal election, particularly in relation to allowing the impression to be made that the council supports a particular candidate, and whether, if such is the case, this should be avoided. The mayor affirmed that he wholeheartedly supports Mr. Garneau without reservation."

Martin further explained his reasons last week saying that "as elected officials we are representing all the citizens of Westmount of all political stripes. So I feel it's inappropriate for an elected municipal official to visibly support a federal or provincial party candidate."

"Let's remember our municipality has to deal with whatever party and candidate is eventually elected."

The photo to which Martin had referred showed Westmount councillors Victor Drury, Christina Smith, Theodora Samiotis, Cynthia Lulham and Trent with Garneau at his campaign event.

Other councillors back candidates

Some members of other municipal councils, however, do not seem to be shying away from endorsing federal candidates in this campaign.

At an open house September 24 at Housefather's campaign office, Trent is pictured on a Liberal Party blog with Housefather and supporters Marvin Rotrand of the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough council and Montreal West mayor Beny Masella.

The blog states in part: "When I was working towards demerger, I was working with Anthony," said Mayor Trent. "He is one of the most principled and trustworthy people that I know who will also stand up for his residents and not his own interests... In this election, I must strongly recommend voting for the Liberals and Anthony Housefather."

Westmounter Stephen Bronfman, Côte des Neiges-NDG borough mayor Russell Copeman and a number of councillors in other municipalities were also among those mentioned as endorsing the candidate.

One of Housefather's opponents is Conservative candidate Robert Libman with whom Trent has also worked when the former was mayor of Côte St. Luc.

Branch from city tree falls on two cars

Two cars were damaged by a branch falling from a city tree outside 417 Mount Pleasant September 30, Public Security officials said. One had the front windshield broken as well as damage to the front fender and hood. The other sustained scratches at the rear. The incident was reported at 11:36 am.

Transformer 'explodes' in shower of sparks

A transformer was reported to have exploded in Weredale Park September 30, sending a shower of sparks raining down and causing a power outage in the area around 11:20 am. Public Security officials said portions of the Batshaw Youth and Family Services building were among those affected. Firefighters and Hydro Westmount attended along with public safety officers.

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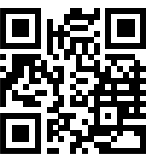
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Street parties mark end of summer



Strathcona Ave. held its annual street party on September 20. According to resident Alicia Hamilton, more than 80 residents, ranging in age from nine days to 75 years, attended. There were races, face-painting, a scavenger hunt, a barbeque and a bartender. The block welcomed two new families, one from Connecticut and the other from the west island. The Metro grocery store in Westmount donated some of the food for the occasion.

Photo courtesy of Rachelle Sochaczewski



Windsor's annual street party took place on October 2. It was a chilly evening, but "many people showed up and it was a great time," according to resident Jean-François Emmanuel. Neighbours brought food platters, and "kids played hockey to stay warm." Several police officers from Station 12 attended by invitation.

Photo courtesy of Jean-François Emmanuel

Camera club cont'd. from p. 7

she tends to use most often, since a certain amount of her work involves wide angles and shooting landscapes.

Valberg's love affair with the Canadian Arctic began eight years ago, and she's been there 35 times in all. She said she first went "in search of polar bears and to photograph the Arctic and to show Canadians what we have up there, and my whole world changed."

The Montreal Camera Club is now in its 122nd year and welcomes all photogra-

phers. Meetings are held Monday evenings from September to May at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church. Annual membership is \$70 for individuals, \$80 for couples and \$45 for full-time students.

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*Social Notes
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Black was the new black at Delmar’s gilded gala on September 19. Ladies wore, well, black. However, sensational shoes made a statement with sexy straps, flap-

ping fringes and red soles, matched with perfectly pretty pearls and plenty of sparkly stones.

With a seeming nod to the Bond film *Goldfinger* (1964), models were clad from head to toe in gold or silver stretchy fabric. Huge gold-painted urns sported tall white gladioli. Held in the cavernous Windsor Station, the event celebrated the family-owned firm’s 50th anniversary. Black (again!) curtains were the ideal room dividers and *continued on p. 26*



From left: Robert and Paul Cutler, and Mathieu Darche.

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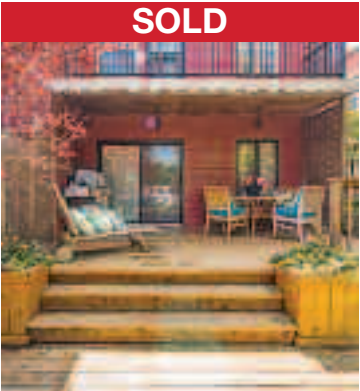


Gail and Mike Wagen.



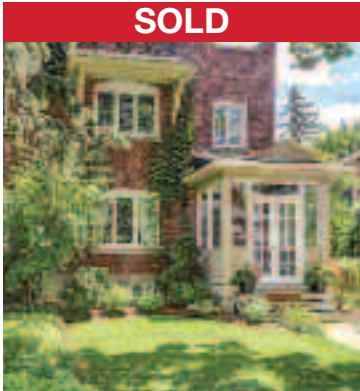
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brought the room down to size, the better to appreciate the table settings all in gold or silver.

At the pre-dinner cocktail, sushi bites sat on gold spoons. Antonio Park of Westmount's Vic Park was chef of the day.

The evening featured the always amusing Sugar Sammy (great hair!) and the Boogie Wonder Band.

Westmounter **Mitch Garber**, chair of Cirque du Soleil, was noted with his wife **Anne-Marie Boucher**. Garber, whose white shirt had a Damien Hirst-style dot-deco-



Morden ("Cookie") Lazarus

rated collar, introduced laudatory video, noting he had been a family friend of the Cutlers, Delmar's founders, for 45 years. The video also carried messages from the multitude of charities that Delmar has supported.

The company was started by **Harrison 'Hy' Cutler**, there with his wife **Eleanor**. Although retired, the family patriarch remains as chair and mentor. His sons carry on. **Robert** is president and CEO, and **Paul** is vice president. Senior VP and COO is **Michael Wagen**, there with his wife **Gail**.

The Cutlers were out in force, with Robert's wife **Deborah** and their children **Oliver**, **Rachel** and **Daniel**; Paul's wife **Suzanne** and **Joanne Cutler** (their sister), with her husband **Merv Middling**.

Paparazzi milled around former hockey defense player **Chris Nilan** (*Off the Cuff*, TSN Radio), who politely posed for selfies.

Former Canadiens player **Mathieu Darche**, one of Delmar's executive team there with his wife **Stephanie**, also attracted attention, as did radio host, the hip-hatted **Mitch Melnick**.

As Cordoniu flowed, amidst the 500 guests, Westmounters **Michael** and **Corey Anne Bloom** were noted as were *Suburban* columnist and Côte St. Luc city councillor **Mike Cohen**, **Janice Arnold**, editor of the *Canadian Jewish News* and **Jodi** and **Morden** ("Cookie") **Lazarus**.



Mitch Melnick, left, and Mitch Garber.



From left: Chris Nilan, and Brian and Corey Anne Bloom.





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the permit would not be removed, but that the board of inspections would not enforce it. How's that for bureaucracy!

Like Mr. Katz, I encourage other residents to come forward with their stories as I believe that city administration should be more aware of how the PAC treats its customers, the taxpayers.

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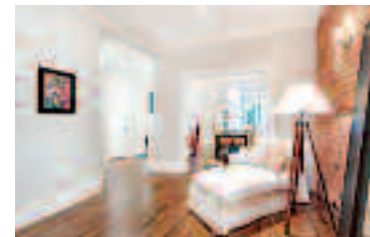
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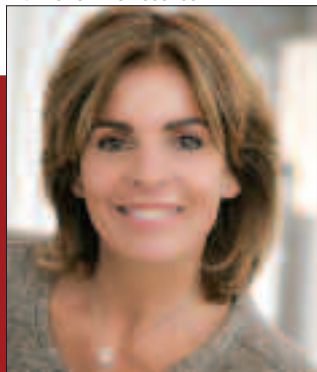
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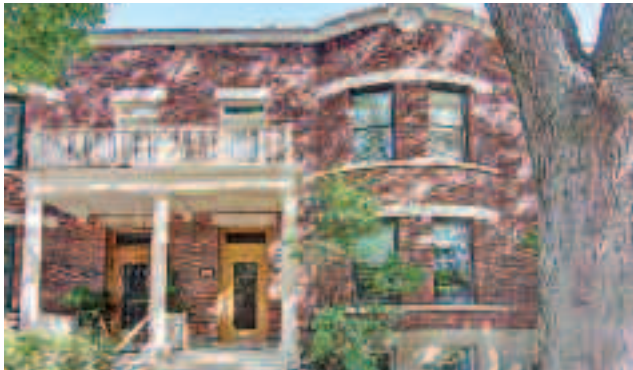
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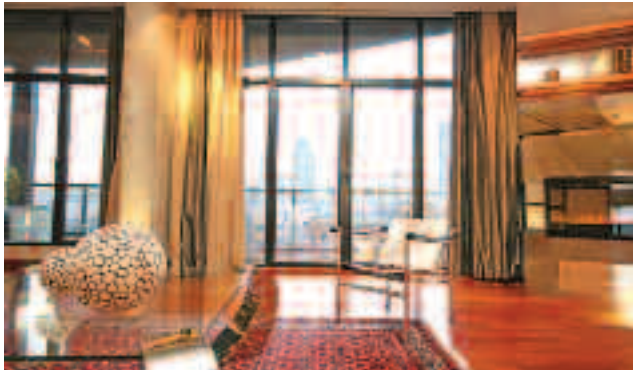
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