



Westmount houses in full Halloween décor as seen October 27. See p. 21. Photos: Ralph Thompson

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Input needed earlier for zoning non-conforming sites, residents say

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

“More” public consultation “sooner” became a common request from residents at a public consultation meeting October 22



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on a draft zoning by-law that would enable the city to establish separate criteria for a non-conforming development deemed to benefit the community.

“If a project is going to benefit all, the neighbours have to be involved at an earlier stage” in the consultation process, said architect John Surridge, a resident of Grosvenor, who sits on the city’s Planning

Advisory Committee (PAC) as a substitute member.

The by-law would provide the city with a new tool for approving on an exceptional basis a building project without having to change the entire zone, explained Tom Flies, assistant director, Urban Planning.

But an audience that overflowed the council chamber also questioned how a

project’s height, massing and other conditions might be determined or influenced. Residents raised concerns over the independence of city review committees and wondered what chance a small group of impacted residents might have of winning in a referendum process.

Some even called for a mediation or compensatory process for neighbours negatively affected in the long term from such

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Newcomers welcomed into ‘the family’ at city party

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

At the city’s fall reception for newcomers and community volunteers held October 28 at Victoria Hall, Mayor Peter Trent welcomed new residents “to Westmount and the family.”

While some of those attending had recently moved into Westmount from other parts of Montreal, one family had come all the way from Brazil with their two young sons. The reason? So Jacqueline Soares, their mother, could take up a research po-

sition in the ocular pathology laboratory at the new MUHC research centre at the Glen site.

“It’s wonderful,” she said of the new facility as the two boys – Gabriel, 6, and Lucas, 3, spent the reception quietly drawing at a table set up within sight of the mother and father, Rafael Soares.

The youngest newcomer, a babe in arms, and her parents – Lindsay Lewis and Christian Major – attracted much attention and made many new “friends” who came over

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Contentious issue attracts 8 of 100 invited

Redfern parking plan to be re-evaluated next spring

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A small group of Redfern residents heard details at a parking meeting October 26 of the city's plan to reserve half the 23 parking spots south of de Maisonneuve for Westmount residents holding 24-hour on-street permits. The other half would be open to anyone for 2-hour parking.

"We're starting with this," said District 7 Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who chaired the meeting. "We'll re-evaluate the situation in the spring" and would be open to changes if required.

While 19 residents of the street currently hold these red "G" permits, a small group

of them has been advocating for the city to set up a zone for the exclusive use of Redfern-only permit holders. This would prevent parking by other Westmount residents holding the same permits.

Though 100 invitations had been delivered to residents of the block outlining the city's parking plan, only eight people representing seven dwellings attended the meeting at city hall.

The eight included three of a group of original advocates for improved parking and who had been requesting the special meeting (see story October 27, p. 3).

The other five included two residents who have a 24-hour permit but told the *In-*

dependent they had no problem finding parking on the street, a newcomer confused about city parking regulations and a resident of the new 215 Redfern condos wanting two-way traffic on the street. A caregiver with her own mobility issues spoke about complications she encounters finding parking as a non-resident who can't obtain a permit.

"By the fact that [only] eight showed up,

it seemed people were generally happy with the city's plan," Lulham told the *In-dependent* the next day.

The meeting, attended by Mayor Peter Trent, heard how parking counts conducted May to August showed an average parking rate of between 55 and 60 percent use of available spaces.

The counts would be re-
done in the spring – a bet- continued on p. 20



A plan is shown on the screen at the meeting October 26 showing (in yellow) a new reserved zone on Redfern just north of St. Catherine for holders of 24-hour parking permits (space for 11 cars) and 12 spaces (in green) for 2-hour parking open to anyone. From left are: traffic committee chair and Public Works director Patrick Rago, Councillor Cynthia Lulham and Public Security director Greg McBain.

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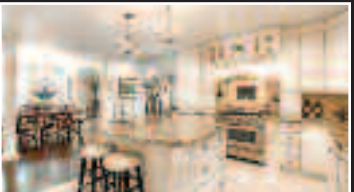
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘SHOOTING THE MESSENGER’ ON STATE OF CITY BUILDINGS

Regarding “Trent, Martin disagree over lack of greenhouse action,” (October 27, p. 8), Councillor Patrick Martin is the lone council member who, for years, has consistently pointed out the poor condition of the city’s buildings and infrastructure, and the need to increase spending on maintenance and renewal.

How shameful of Mayor Trent now to point the finger at Councillor Martin for the poor condition of the greenhouses, when in fact their deterioration resulted from a lack of maintenance due to neglectful indifference and underfunding by the mayor and council. For what purpose has the mayor chosen to “shoot the messenger,” an exceptional councillor who has been steadfast in his advocacy for proper management of the city’s assets on behalf of residents.

The fact that underspending on infrastructure occurred in a time of a huge \$12-million budget surplus is particularly galling. We are overtaxed, and under served.

CHRISTOPHE CHAMBONNET,
UPPER BELMONT AVE.

OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR: BETTER ACCESS TO ÉCOLE INTERNATIONALE NEEDED

Je vous écris pour vous proposer un projet pour résoudre un problème à l’école que je fréquente qui s’appelle L’École Internationale de Montréal.

Celle-ci se situe au 11 chemin de la Côte St. Antoine. En fait, elle se trouve tout près de l’hôtel de ville de Westmount. Cet établissement accueille majoritairement des élèves qui prennent l’autobus pour se rendre à l’école. Entre l’arrêt d’autobus et l’établissement se trouve le parc Garden Point. Le terrain de gazon se couvre de neige et de glace. Il devient dangereux pour les élèves qui arrivent en courant pour s’asseoir en classe avant que la cloche ne sonne.

Je voudrai vous proposer une solution à ce problème dangereux pour les 600 étudiants de mon école. Il sera avantageux pour les élèves d’avoir un accès sécuritaire vers l’école. Donc, je propose que vous construisiez trois trottoirs: un reliant le trottoir de la rue Sherbrooke et le chemin de la Côte St. Antoine; un deuxième longeant le côté qui est dépourvu de trottoir du parc du Cénotaphe; et un troisième allant en diag-



Image of three proposed sidewalks leading to École Internationale de Montréal.

Image courtesy of Victor Cruz

onale du coin Argyle et Sherbrooke jusqu’à environ l’entrée des élèves de l’école.

Ce projet aurait le coût d’environ 40 500\$ pour 150\$ le mètre carré (longueur de 270 mètres approximatives). Si le projet est accepté, il pourrait être complété pendant l’été 2016 (J’ai pu vous fournir ces données par l’entrevue de Michel Gagné, un de vos ingénieurs).

Tous les parents des élèves sont certains que vous accepterez ce projet pour assurer la sécurité de ces enfants comme vous l’aurez fait pour vos propres enfants. Je suis convaincu que ce projet se réalisera d’après les nouvelles d’un surplus budgétaire ont frappé la ville (“City posts \$12M surplus,” June 23, p. 1).

J’aimerais vous remercier pour votre temps et votre compréhension au sujet de ma proposition.

VICTOR CRUZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

CHAOS ON ARGYLE

I live on Argyle near the two schools. Argyle Ave. should not become one way. The “chaotic traffic situation between 7:30 and 8:30 am and again in the afternoon between 3 and 4 pm,” described so accurately by Jessica Morrison (October 13, p. 6), forces us, the Argyle residents, to go uphill if we want to go somewhere by car in order to avoid what is, in her words, the “solid gridlock” on Argyle and Côte St. Antoine every morning and every afternoon of the school week.

Parking on the east side of Argyle will be forbidden during the winter but then there is less parking spaces available and with the snow banks on the street, the situation does not improve much.

It might get better though when the teachers from the École internationale regain their parking behind their school. The teachers of École internationale have benefited from a G temporary permit since the beginning of the school year and, presently, it is due to expire on October 28.

PAULINE GAGNON, ARGYLE AVE.

BIKE PATHS ARE HEALTHY

Westmount is a great place to raise children and having more accessible bike paths will help kids to safely use their bikes to get around. Building bike paths on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. will also likely have traffic calming effects on these two busy streets, where rush-hour traffic often means it is not safe for kids to travel on them.

As the father of four young cyclists and because Canadian children increasingly face a host of obesity-related diseases, partly due to inactivity, I fully support improving bicycling infrastructure in Westmount.

BRENT RICHARDS, ARLINGTON AVE.

NO LOGIC IN ADDING BIKE PATH TO WESTMOUNT AVE.

We read with incredulity in the October 13 issue of the *Independent* (p. 1) that our elected councillors are ignoring citizens regarding proposed bike paths on Côte St. Antoine and Westmount Ave. With 95 percent of homes contacted having signed a petition against a bike path, representing 80 percent of all homes on Côte St. Antoine, and opposition growing on Westmount Ave., council should be all ears.

According to Westmount’s March 2011 “Plan de la circulation et du transport actif,” the city wants to reduce traffic volume and speed. Great, but bike paths on Côte road and Westmount Ave. will not help achieve these goals and would create serious safety issues with residents backing out of over 100 driveways. Even painting a single line will inevitably lead to an eyesore of posts and mushrooming Bixi stands serviced by noisy trucks in the night reducing quality of life.

According to the consultant Genivar’s December 2011 report, Westmount does not have a traffic problem (yes, construction causes temporary congestion, but there is no permanent issue). It also concludes that the current cycling network on de Maisonneuve adequately serves the major destinations inside Westmount (Atwater/Greene area and Victoria village) and outside (downtown). It also concludes that around 50 percent of trips within Westmount involve walking/biking, which is considered a high level.

The report shows that 60 percent of car traffic is through-traffic and 18 percent is made up of commuters to Westmount. Bike paths will not change this. Cars from Côte St. Luc and NDG will continue to drive through

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Examining the role of PAC



Councillor's Column

THEODORA SAMIOTIS

Since being re-elected for a second term in 2013 and named commissioner of Urban Planning, I have had the opportunity to speak to many residents and their architects about urban planning issues, the permit approval process and the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

In this column, I wish to respond to some of the issues raised in letters to the editor regarding PAC that appeared in this newspaper on October 6, 13 and 20.

First off, some context. Since 1916, Westmount has had a committee in place with a mandate of ensuring the preservation of our architectural heritage. The cumulative long-term effect of this committee's work has resulted in the exceptional authenticity and integrity of our built environment.

While we would all agree that the large projects do make the biggest impact on our streetscape and require the most detailed review, I would say that it is the sum of all the smaller decisions of PAC that have contributed to preserving our overall architectural heritage and ultimately the value of our homes. Every window design maintained, every wooden porch rebuilt and every slate roof preserved or replaced really are what combine to reinforce our city's unique status.

I do not think it is appropriate to discuss the specifics of resident cases but I would like to say the following about the metal shingles that have been the subject of the letters to the editor (see Letters, October 6, p. 8). They were not true metal shingles as endorsed by Mr. Anderson (see Letters, October 20, p. 6) but rather a stamped metal sheet which, in the view of PAC,

would have been out of scale with the house.

PAC's goal is to apply the guidelines in a fair, equitable and consistent manner, and the administration is there to support those efforts and help residents prepare their files to ensure they go through the review process as efficiently as possible.

Yes, there have been cases where we could have managed residents' files in a more efficient manner, but we continue to work on improving our processes, while ensuring that our guidelines are respected and that residents are treated equitably.

Complete review

This fall, the Urban Planning department and PAC have embarked on a complete review of the guidelines for the first time in several years. One of my goals as commissioner is to see the process improved and, along with the new software to help the department manage permit applications, I believe this review will go a long way in meeting that goal.

The objective of the review is to update the guidelines and clarify their intent for residents. Equally important, the submittal requirements will also be simplified so that residents will have a clear idea of the documents required up front in order to have their file processed.

We have organized three roundtable discussions with professionals and will be asking the public for their opinion early in 2016 once the new draft of the guidelines has been tabled at council.

I look forward to this exchange.

Councillor Theodora Samiotis is commissioner of Urban Planning.

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Westmount. Cycling is not a practical mode of transportation for most working people, shoppers or school children, and even less so with our topography and weather.

Obvious solutions include: more frequent public transit (ie #66 bus on The Boulevard only comes every 30 minutes), easier access to the Ville Marie expressway, car pooling/sharing, extra bike racks in commercial areas, more speed bumps, lower speed limits, improved pedestrian crossings and optimized signal synchronization.

STEPHEN TAKACSY AND KATE BRAZEAU,
WESTMOUNT AVE.

CELEBRATING THE BATTLE OF AGINCOURT

October 25 marked the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt. Many probably know the story through the Shakespeare play Henry Vth, which may not be very accurate but it tells a good yarn, and some of the speeches are memorable – whichever "side" you may be on. Not surprisingly there are many events in both countries, and you can find them on the website www.agincourt600.com.

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WMA hears about ‘chaotic’ parking, St. Léon, cannon

By MARTIN C. BARRY

During a meeting of the board of directors of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) on October 22, a Redfern Ave. resident pleaded with the WMA to listen to complaints from some of the street’s residents over parking on Redfern. About nine attended the meeting, which took place in the Westmount Room at the Westmount Public Library. Richard Dumont, a representative of the

residents, said they had numerous issues concerning parking and safety problems on the street, which he said are partly the result of the ongoing 215 Redfern condominium project. “It’s been a very long and complicated and annoying situation that residents on Redfern Ave. – and especially those south of de Maisonneuve Blvd. – have had to face over the course of the last eight years,” he said. Although the 215 Redfern project began

in 2011, Dumont said problems on the street over the previous four years included the excavation and reconstruction of the 4300 de Maisonneuve apartment block’s underground parking lot, as well as extensive repairs to the building’s façade and windows. No sooner had that project been completed, he said, than work crews began arriving to gut the former Reader’s Digest building at 215 Redfern for the luxury condo project and “the parking on Redfern became, in a word, horrendous.” “What was happening was that the Redfern residents were finding that they were unable to park on their own street.” Dumont said Redfern residents signed a petition to have their portion of the street between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine turned into a 24-hour permit-only zone. He said that even though the city agreed and implemented the zone, it was rescinded with the start of construction on the condos and a no-parking zone was created on the east side of Redfern to accommodate cranes, trucks and other construction vehicles. Part of Redfern near St. Catherine St. also became a two-way street

to meet the project’s needs. Dumont said the city promised the residents that once construction on the 215 Redfern ended, Redfern south of de Maisonneuve would return to its previous 24-hour permit-only status. However, he said the status was not changed back, and that instead a two-hour zone was implemented where anyone could park. As a result, he said tradespeople who continue completing work at 215 Redfern have been abusing the parking because “their co-workers jockey the cars so that they won’t get a ticket.” Although Dumont maintained that city councillor Cynthia Lulham and Mayor Peter Trent paid little or no attention to the residents’ complaints, he said Lulham eventually contacted him to say the city would reinstate 24-hour permit parking for residents holding red “G” permits. (See story, p. 3.) WMA officials at the meeting didn’t take a specific position, although co-president Maureen Kiely said: “I will tell you this whole parking thing is chaos all over Westmount, I mean the way you describe this jockeying thing. I live just across from The Study, and I can tell you hit a raw nerve with me. *continued on p. 25*

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Newcomers Lindsay Lewis and Christian Major with their new baby Joss Lewis attracted much attention October 28, including newcomers Dominique Amar, left, and Annie Oliel, far right.

Tree rot not seen

A large tree overhanging the street at 534 Mount Pleasant was referred to Public Works for inspection Sunday, October 25, Public Security officials said. A caller at 10:51 am stated the tree appeared to pose a

possible danger but officers said they were unable to split open a large branch or see any rot and could not contact the resident on whose property the tree was located. Danger tape was strung around the area.

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Gabriel Soares, 6, at right, and his brother Lucas, 3, enjoyed drawing during the reception.

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to admire their two-month-old daughter, Joss. The couple had moved into a house on Clarke in July just ahead of her birth in September.

Among other newcomers were real estate agent Dominique Amar and her mother, Annie Oliel, who hope to move soon into a house on Willow Ave. currently undergoing renovation.

Vira Zaharkevich told the *Independent*

since moving onto Park Place she has been struck by how “people here always have a smile on their face.”

Although the city greenhouses have been closed to the public pending their repair (see story October 20, p. 1), a small display of the chrysanthemums originally planned for the annual fall flower show were arranged in the Gallery.

“We were keeping the plants outside, but the buds of some were frozen,” said Jayme Gerbrandt, city horticulture and arboriculture inspector.

2015 Bee-bliothèque honey on sale at library

This year’s supply of honey from the two beehives on the roof of Westmount Public Library has yielded 500 jars, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced October 28 at the reception for newcomers and volunteers. The honey was offered for sale at the event and can still be obtained at the library for \$5 a jar.

Last year’s harvest from one hive was 160 jars, which was considered good for a first-year hive (see story October 28, 2014, p. 1). With the two hives, the proceeds will cover the costs of the hive supply and maintenance. Both have now been winterized and are basically inactive.

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Police Report

Police to meet Westmounters for ‘action plan’ on Nov. 23

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.

The community relations staff at the Montreal police department’s Station 12 will be holding a consultation meeting with Westmount residents on Monday, November 23 at 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library to discuss an action plan of police priorities for 2016.

“Anybody who wants to come and have a say on what they believe is important should come and speak with us that night,” said community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière. “They can voice their concerns, which can be taken into account in the action plan if they haven’t already been.”

According to Laperrière, last year’s priorities placed emphasis on the protection of senior citizens with issues like traffic safety, as well as fraud against seniors and other forms of elder abuse being put in

sharp focus. While this year’s meeting could also be of interest to senior citizens, he said store owners in Westmount might find it useful to attend as well.

“If they have something that is preoccupying them, they might want to tell us about things happening in their area they think we should know about to see if there’s something that can be done,” said Laperrière. “Maybe their area’s too dark, so it could be something as simple as lighting in the evening. As long as they bring their concerns forward, we might be able to address them and ask that the city intervene if it is the city’s responsibility.”

According to Laperrière, the past week was a relatively quiet one for criminal activity in Westmount, with just one incident reported. On October 25 at around 11:30 pm, a boutique on Sherbrooke St. selling second-hand women’s clothing on consignment was broken into and an unspecified amount of stock was stolen.

“At first sight, it appears that the person who broke continued on p. 13

Selwyn loses playoff match on home turf



Although their performance improved in the last quarter following a slow start, it wasn’t enough to keep the Selwyn House Juvenile football Gryphons from losing a play-off game on October 23 against Dorval-Jean-XXIII at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG). It was their first home semi-final play-off at the WAG since 2002. The final score was 39 - 23. Despite the setback, an enthusiastic crowd of Selwyn House supporters, including parents and students, cheered the senior level team from the sidelines.

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Westmount Park United welcomes pets and plants



Some 20 human parishioners, six dogs, and several houseplants were at an October 18 service at Westmount Park United Church, which marked the first Fur and Frond Worship.

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Members of the animal and plant kingdoms are now welcome at Westmount Park United Church services.

“A living systems view of life will help us as human beings to live all the more,” preached minister Neil Whitehouse after mentioning debates over climate change and the living planet.

“Our church is trying to reconnect with the neighbourhood,” Whitehouse said during the first one-hour service called “Fur and Frond Worship,” where all types of housepets and plants are welcomed and, Whitehouse said, even blessed.

Whitehouse invited the six dogs present – two shih tzus, a Parson Russell terrier, a street dog from Mexico and two

other mixed breed dogs – and their owners to the front of the church and performed a brief ritual with each dog.

Asked by the *Independent* what it means to bless a dog, Whitehouse said, “It’s an intentional invitation for the goodness of God to be experienced.”

Whitehouse also raised an aloe plant from the altar and explained he’d grown it from leaves from a neglected plant.

“I see this aloe, and it reminds me of what we’re trying to do today,” he said.

Fur and Frond services will continue each third Sunday of every month, at 4:30 pm, said Whitehouse, new to the church since May. This is the regular service time, he said, which an average of 15 people attend.

Emergency call generates noise complaint

Public safety officers reported answering a noise complaint at the condo building at 399 Clarke October 17 to find Urgences Santé forcing open an apartment door. The action had been prompted by an alarm from someone who had fallen inside. It turned out the victim did not need transport to hospital. Another resident of the building, however, complained about the loud noise the incident had generated at 2:34 am.

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in forced the lock on the front door and that’s how they gained access,” he said, while adding that officers investigating the incident didn’t have a description of the suspect.

“[At] the time the officers took the report, the exact amount involved in the theft or what was stolen or the description of the suspect weren’t known. An investigation will continue to find out more of what happened.”



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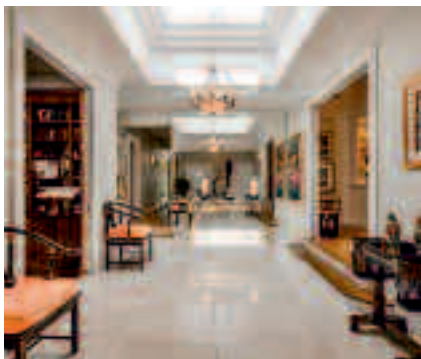
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For Andy Dodge's analysis, see p. 19.



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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Comité consultatif des événements communautaires : appel aux bénévoles

La Ville est à la recherche de résidents désirant devenir membre du Comité consultatif des événements communautaires. Les personnes intéressées sont priées de soumettre leur candidature au plus tard **le vendredi 6 novembre** auprès de la conseillère Nicole Forbes (nforbes@westmount.org ou 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest H3Z 1E2). Info : 514 989-5386 / 514 989-5429.

Jour du souvenir

Le dimanche 8 novembre, 14 h, cénotaphe. Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux devant le cénotaphe de Westmount pour commémorer les Westmountais décédés sur les champs de bataille.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Conférences de 14 heures : Monique Polak
Le mercredi 4 novembre, 14 h. Présentation : *Rediscovering Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventure in Wonderland on its 150th Anniversary*. Info : 514 989-5300.

Rencontres d’auteures : Elizabeth Abbott
Le mercredi 4 novembre, 19 h. Rencontrez l’auteure de *Dogs & Underdogs: Finding Happiness at Both Ends of the Leash*. Billets gratuits disponibles à la Bibliothèque et au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5300.

Jardin tulipes de l’amitié : plantation
Le vendredi 6 novembre, 16 h., Jardin du conte de la Bibliothèque Assistez à la plantation du jardin de tulipes de l’amitié canado-néerlandaise, un parmi 140 jardins à travers le Canada pour marquer le 70^e anniversaire de la libération des Pays-Bas et le rôle du Canada dans ces événements historiques. Info : 989-5300.

Devinez qui remportera le prix Giller
Le samedi 7 novembre, 10 h. Joignez-vous à Shelley Pomerance et au personnel de la Bibliothèque pour le petit-déjeuner et une discussion à propos de la liste des finalistes pour le prix Giller Scotiabank, le prix littéraire le plus prestigieux au Canada! Obtenez vos billets gratuits à la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5300.

Cat & Katz - Atelier d’écriture (9 à 13 ans)
Les samedis 7, 14 et 21 novembre, 14 h à 15 h 30. Avec Andrew Katz et Catherine McGuire. Info : 514 989-5229 ou www.westlib.org/JeunesKids.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd
Le mercredi 11 novembre, 10 h 15. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir des thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5300.

Cercle de lecture : Reflections on Food, Fabulous Food avec Abby Lippman
Le mercredi 11 novembre à 14 h. Explorez un éventail original de récits gourmands, sous toutes ses formes : fiction, documentaire, article, poésie. Info : 514 989-5300.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 7 décembre

Le temps des fleurs, le temps de la neige
Le mercredi 11 novembre, 19 h, Victoria Hall. 6 ans et plus. Une activité spéciale pour célébrer la parution de la version française du livre jeunesse *Time for Flowers, Time for Snow*, avec la participation d’une chorale de plus de 150 élèves de Westmount et de Montréal. Info : 514 989-5229 ou www.westlib.org/JeunesKids.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES
Exposition: Sam Kasirer-Smibert
Jusqu’au 13 novembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter une exposition des œuvres de Sam Kasirer-Smibert. Info : 514 989-5521.

Cinémagika ! Les origines en images et musique
Le samedi 14 novembre, 15 h, Victoria Hall. *Silent Films*, en collaboration avec le Conseil des Arts de Montréal, présente une sélection de courts-métrages muets accompagnés d’une trame sonore au piano. Info : 514 989-5226.

Salon des métiers d’art de Westmount
Le samedi et dimanche 14 et 15 novembre de 10 h à 17 h, Victoria Hall. Trouvez le cadeau parfait parmi une sélection impressionnante d’objets confectionnés à la main. Entrée : denrées non périssables ou 2 \$ pour la collecte des fêtes de la Sécurité publique.

Soirée Film du PVSW : Ma Moulton et moi
Le mardi 17 novembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Projection du court-métrage d’animation de 2014 de Torill Kove, qui a mérité une nomination aux Oscars. Présenté par le Projet ville en santé.

Vaccin contre l’influenza : clinique
Le mercredi 25 novembre, Victoria Hall, 9 h 30 à 19 h. Le CLSC Métro offre le vaccin à certaines populations dans son territoire. Info : 514 731-8531.

La gestion des eaux de pluie à Westmount
Le jeudi 26 novembre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Tyson Munday, Service d’aménagement urbain, discutera des méthodes d’aménagement pour prévenir les inondations.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Rappel : stationnement sécuritaire en pente
L’équipe de la Sécurité publique rappelle aux conducteurs de braquer les roues avant vers le trottoir et d’engager le frein à main en stationnant sur les pentes. Info : 514 989-5222.

Êtes-vous prêt pour une situation d’urgence ?
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Community Events Advisory Committee: call for volunteers

The City is looking for volunteer residents to join its Community Events Advisory Committee. Please submit your letter of interest to the attention of Clr Nicole Forbes, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W., H3Z 1E2 (nforbes@westmount.org) by **Friday, November 6th**. Info: 514-989-5386 / 514-989-5429.

Remembrance Day ceremony
Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m., Cenotaph. Join Council members at the Westmount Cenotaph to commemorate Westmounters who fell in battle.

LIBRARY

2 O’Clock Lecture Series: Monique Polak
Wednesday, November 4, 2 p.m. *Rediscovering Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland on its 150th Anniversary*. Info: 514 989-5300.

Author Lecture Series: Elizabeth Abbott
Wednesday, November 4, 7 p.m. Meet the author of *Dogs & Underdogs: Finding Happiness at Both Ends of the Leash*. Free tickets available at the Library and at Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5300.

Friendship Tulip Garden planting
Friday, November 6 at 4 p.m., Library Storytelling Garden. Join us at the for the planting of the Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden, one of 140 gardens across Canada that will mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands and Canada’s role in those historic events. Info: 514 989-5300.

Guess the Giller
Saturday, November 7 at 10 a.m. Join Shelley Pomerance and the Library staff for breakfast and a discussion about the books that were shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller prize, Canada’s largest literary prize. Free tickets available at the Library. Info: 514 989-5300.

Cat & Katz - Writing Workshop (ages 9-13)
Saturdays, November 7, 14 & 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m. With Andrew Katz and Catherine McGuire. Info: 514 989-5229 or www.westlib.org/JeunesKids.

Poetry Workshop with Ann Lloyd
Wednesday, November 11, 10:15 a.m. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together, working with themes proposed by members. Welcome to all. Info: 514 989-5300.

Reflections on Food, Fabulous Food: Reading Circle with Abby Lippman
Wednesday, November 11 at 2 p.m. Explore a cornucopia of readings on the delectable subject of food as presented in a variety of writings (non-fiction, poetry, articles and fiction). Info: 514 989-5300.

Next Council Meeting Monday, December 7

Time for Flowers, Time for Snow
Wednesday, November 11, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Ages 6 and up. A special musical event to celebrate the publication of the French version of the children’s book, *Time for Flowers, Time for Snow*, with a choral performance by more than 150 school children from Westmount and Montreal. Info : 514 989-5229.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: Sam Kasirer-Smibert
Until November 13, Gallery at Victoria Hall. The Gallery is pleased to feature an exhibition of works by Sam Kasirer-Smibert. Info: 514 989-5521.

Cinémagika ! Les origines en images et musique
Saturday, November 14, 3 p.m., Victoria Hall. Silent Films, in collaboration with the *Conseil des Arts de Montréal*, presents a collection of short silent films with piano soundtrack. Info: 514 989-5226.

Westmount Artisans’ Festival
Saturday & Sunday, November 14 & 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria Hall. Find the perfect gift; choose from a wide range of quality handcrafted items made by local artisans. Admission: \$2 or non-perishable food items for Public Security’s holiday food drive.

WHCP Film Evening : Me and My Moulton
Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Library. A screening of the 2014 Oscar-nominated short animated film by Torill Kove. Presented by the Healthy City Project.

Influenza vaccination clinic
Wednesday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. The CLSC Métro offers the flu vaccine to certain groups within its territory. Info : 514 731-8531.

Stormwater Management in Westmount
Thursday, November 26, 7 p.m., Library. Tyson Munday, Urban Planning Department, will speak about hard and soft landscaping to prevent flooding.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Reminder: parking safely on slopes
The Westmount Public Safety team reminds drivers to turn the front wheels to the sidewalk and use the hand brake when parking on Westmount’s slopes. Info: 514 989-5222.

Are you ready for an emergency?
The Public Safety and Healthy City Project teams invite you to visit the 72-hour preparation display at the Library. You could win a wind-up radio!



July transfers: Market holding its own

Real estate

ANDY DODGE, CRA

Highest price in July was \$3,680,000 for the luxury stone mansion at 2 Ramezay at the corner of St. Sulpice Rd., built in 1990 with vaulted ceilings, stained glass and many other features, measuring some 5,300 square feet above ground on a lot containing almost 8,600 square feet. The house sold very slightly below its evaluation. Two other sales were recorded for more than \$2 million.

Three lower Westmount homes sold for less than \$1 million, the lowest being 130 Irvine Ave., which went for \$789,000, only slightly lower than 14 Springfield Ave. or 33 Prospect St. While both the Springfield and Ramezay houses went for just under the municipal evaluation, two other mark-downs were recorded, the biggest at 200 Côte St. Antoine Rd., which was 3.8 percent. The highest mark-up involved 488

Elm Ave., 25.1 percent, a house whose price was just under \$2 million.

Condominium sales included a former duplex and triplex along with three apartments, prices ranging from \$373,000 to \$1,425,000 – the latter slightly below evaluation, while the flat at 5044 NDG Ave. was actually double its city tax value. The 15.9 percent average mark-up in the month is a strong improvement over averages for the first and second quarters of 2015, when there were actually average mark-downs of 3 and 1 percent, respectively.

For one- and two-family dwellings, the volume of 81 sales in the first seven months is the lowest year-to-date volume in Westmount since 1976, but only four less than last year. This year, prices are just 4.2 percent above valuation, not much better than last year when the average mark-up was 2.6 percent. But in 2015, three of the first four months registered actual mark-downs and the next three months have had mark-ups ranging from 9 to 11 percent, so certainly the overall market is showing signs of improvement.

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Gas leak closes Carleton, Westmount Ave. blocks

A gas leak outside 631 Carleton Ave. October 22 forced the closure of the street plus the block on Westmount Ave. between Murray Hill and Carleton, Public Security officials said. The cause of the leak was not documented. Officers called to close off the streets at 11:30 am found the fire department and Gaz Metro on the scene.

Skateboarding leads to vandalism complaint

A 13-year-old skateboarder was reported to have knocked over a metal garden fence October 26 at a house on Lewis Ave., according to Public Security officials. Garbage cans in the lane had also been toppled by the activity. The teen and another boarder had been spotted by the homeowner but one fled before officers arrived. The remaining teen was ordered to put the fence back up, reprimanded and ordered to reposition the garbage cans. He was identified as a resident of Point St. Charles.



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Redfern parking meeting hears from citizens

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ter timeframe – after the city had developed a new parking policy and set a maximum “threshold” for the block, Lulham said. Then the situation would be re-evaluated.

“It’s important to keep the dialogue open,” she said.

Enlarge reserved zone?

“Is the city open to making our parking zone a little bit bigger?” asked Redfern resident Richard Dumont, who attended with neighbours Kaleem Siddiqi and Grant Currie. If it is found the problem has not been reduced, Lulham replied, “then yes.”

Despite the average parking counts, residents often encountered “a different situation” when needing to find a parking spot, they explained.

Dumont and Siddiqi described at length a history of the long drawn-out parking problems during construction work at the 4300 de Maisonneuve complex and the 215 condos.

Public Works director Patrick Raggo, who chairs the city’s Traffic committee, described recent visits to administrators



Redfern residents Kaleem Siddiqi, left, and Richard Dumont.

of these two large apartment blocks to develop procedures with them for more use of parking on their own properties and to develop procedures for their service providers involved in deliveries, snow removal, garbage, moving vans and contractors.

Public Security director Greg McBain explained how parking counts had been carried out during four-hour intervals per day on weekdays and weekends. These took place during and after condo construction at 215 Redfern.

These had then been analysed and averaged by the city’s traffic technician Jonathan Auger.

Lulham noted that parking was a problem throughout southern Westmount where there were more permit holders than parking spaces. “People may have to park on the next street because there’s no other solution,” she explained.

The city would not, however, turn over an entire city block to the exclusive use by residents, she stated. Other people, including visitors also need space to park. “We have to respect others.”

One of these was Anna-Maria Korwin,

who related how she drives in from Pointe Claire to care for her 97-year-old mother on Redfern. As a non-resident, however, she can’t get a permit. She urged the city to keep open some spaces for visiting persons such as herself who have limited mobility.



Caregiver Anna-Maria Korwin appeals for non-resident parking on Redfern.

To those permit holders at the meeting wanting more reserved spots, she said: “You’re making elderly people who can’t get a permit second-class citizens.”

The two-hour meeting was also attended by two representatives of the Westmount Municipal Association.

Pictograms show the correct way

‘Wheels-to-curb’ campaign under way once again

A Public Security campaign was launched November 1 to drive home the importance of parking safely on Westmount’s hills.

Called “Wheels-to-curb,” the annual month-long campaign is focused on the proper way to turn a car’s wheels against the curb to stop it rolling forward or backward, said department director Greg McBain. Tickets for the infraction are \$53.

When parking uphill, the back of a front wheel should be turned towards the curb, he explained. Facing downhill, it is the front of the wheel that should rest against

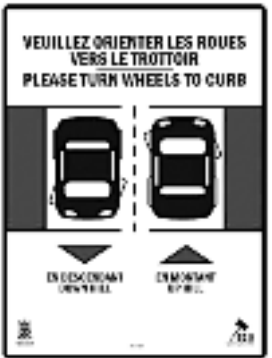
the curb. Pictograms on some of the city’s steepest hills illustrate the correct procedure.

Despite such a traffic by-law requirement, the city has had a history of accidents resulting from a failure to comply. But it was an accident on Church Hill in 2010 that sparked special attention to the issue.

The accident caused a runaway car to roll back over the sidewalk crushing a stroller on the sidewalk against the wall of St. Matthias’ Church. Two pre-schoolers in the stroller escaped “miraculously” without injury (see story October 3, 2011, p. 3).

The safety issue was one that propelled their mother, Christina Smith to run for a seat on city council, where she now represents District 5.

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Trick-or-treaters spooked



By RALPH THOMPSON

Westmount was a pretty scary place as the sun fell below the horizon October 31, the eve of All Hallows' Day, a time dedicated to remembering the dead. Westmount's Halloween had loud shrieks, which echoed through the night. Some scenes were so chilling people were seen visibly quivering with fright outside 76 Arlington (see photo top right).

At 66 Arlington, a huge black spider lurked high on a limb of a Gingko tree (see photo top left), pouncing on unsuspecting tricksters.

An overflowing washing machine, complete with soapsuds and a bottle of Tide, wandered the streets presumably searching out dirty cloths.

Also seen shaking in the graveyard were a bag of popcorn and a vending machine.

Meanwhile, a family of witches prowled the graveyard, casting evil spells on naughty boys. It was all very spooky.

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3 tickets for alcohol

Tickets for \$76 were issued to three young Montreal men October 23 for possessing alcoholic beverages in a city park, Public Security officials said. The three were seen by a passer-by at 4:55 pm in a corner of the Summit lookout and then confirmed by one of the city's security cameras. They ranged in age from 18 to 25.

Concerns send zoning by-law back for review

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a “discretionary” project.

Feedback for council

“We heard loud and clear that people want more consultation sooner,” Councillor Theodora Samiotis told the *Independent* October 26. “I want to bring back to council all the points raised at the meeting.”

As a result, she said, she planned to do this at the council’s general committee meeting in mid-November, thereby delaying second reading and adoption of the by-law until the December 7 public council meeting.

The by-law, called “Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (SCAOP),” is often referred to under its French acronym PPCMOI. While in effect a form of spot-zoning, the process is governed by Quebec’s land-use planning and development legislation (see story October 13, p. 2). The site would not become a separate zone.

Allows for more info

Samiotis said it was important for people to understand that the proposed by-law re-

quires a developer to provide the city with much more specific information than does a regular request for rezoning. This information would be posted publicly before a public consultation meeting.

“I also want to reassure people that the by-law gives a clear understanding that there must be a social return to the community” from a PPCMOI (SCAOP) project. The height, massing and other conditions that would be set by the city’s PAC would still require that the building “has to fit within the context of the neighbourhood. It doesn’t mean ‘anything goes.’”

The process laid out calls for the project’s approval to pass through many stages including the council’s adoption of a first draft before it reaches public consultation.

The by-law could also be a tool used for the repurposing of some buildings with vested rights, such as houses of worship and schools, the meeting was told.

Grosvenor concerns

Among those attending the meeting were at least three architects along with developers, contractors and a group of Grosvenor Ave. residents living south of Sherbrooke. Councillor Christina Smith, one such resident, sat at the back of the

council chamber with councillors Rosalind Davis and Victor Drury but did not speak.

Some of the Grosvenor residents worried the new by-law might be used to allow re-development of the Metro grocery store into a mixed condo project that would cover the current parking lot. Plans call for it to back on to their homes with underground parking levels.

Neil Mackinnon, one such resident and contractor, raised the long-term negative impact on the structure of the houses from vibration and changes in terrain caused by the largely clay soil.

In this regard, one applause-generating comment came from John Fretz of Sherbrooke St. stating “This is a new type of social contract with the community that should demand monetary compensation. There has to be some sort of mediation process.”

This could cover risks involved and even a harder time neighbours might have selling their property – all resulting from the impact of a discretionary PPCMOI project.

Referendum issue

Marina Brzeski, who also lives on Grosvenor, questioned the difficulty that a few neigh- *continued on p. 23*



Contractor and Grosvenor resident Neil Mackinnon.





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Tom Flies, assistant director, Urban Planning, presents the draft by-law on Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immoveable at the public meeting October 22.

bours impacted by such a project might have gathering enough numbers to lead to a referendum from the wider community.

Lawrence Kryzanowski of Prince Albert was also bothered about the mechanics of the referendum process, whereby a project does not necessarily go to a referendum if enough signatures are not obtained. His comment generated a round of applause from the audience.

A Concordia professor of finance who specializes in risk management, Kryzanowski said that because other municipalities had such a by-law "is not a very

good reason" for Westmount to have one.

"I know how construction companies work," he said, "and I worry about the independence of the review committees. A lot of the same people are sitting on the same committees."

Too far along

Among those weighing in to the call for earlier public consultation before a project was too far advanced was Denis Biro of Burton Ave., who cited the example of a public meeting on Prince Albert Square. Its design, parking and other issues had

been challenged by citizens but, he suggested, appeared to have already been decided.

Because the by-law deals with non-conforming projects, "it seems the public should know of such a request at the earliest stage," said architect and Prince Albert resident Ken London.

"Doing this at the conceptual stage will save the city and developer, time and money, and will give citizens the earliest point to present their comments." Modifications at such an initial stage, he added, "are usually easy to accommodate."

House designer Adam Borowczyk, another Grosvenor resident, said the amount of information called for upfront under this by-law should be required even for smaller home projects. The draft by-law would apply only to residential (6 units or more), commercial, institutional or combinations thereof.

"I think this is the proper way to address problems," he explained. Westmount and its architecture were "different," he noted. He believed the process should be more "open-minded" and recommendations of the PAC "more flexible."

Sunday work complaint unfounded

A complaint of construction taking place at a worksite Sunday, October 25 at 3:11 pm turned out to be unfounded, Public Security officials said. On checking the condo development at 175 Metcalfe, officers found a vehicle had gone into the garage to drop off some equipment but no work was in progress.

Blocked sewer pools water

A water leak at The Boulevard and Murray Hill October 14 threatened the possible entry of water into a nearby garage, Public Security officials said. City workers were called to clean out a blocked sewer after the resident reported the pooling of water at 5:35 pm. The source of the leak was reported to have been repaired the next morning.

Wind blows down fence at condo worksite

Despite heavy blocks used to secure worksite fencing at 175 Metcalfe, heavy winds October 16 were reported to have blown it onto the street, Public Security officials said. Patrollers moved it out of the traffic lane after coming across it at 4 am outside the condo project.

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Grosvenor resident Marina Brzeski.



Architect John Surridge asks for earlier public consultation.

TRENDSSETTERS

ANETTE HELLMEISTER

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Wandering around Westmount streets and lanes, I see a lot of great styles. Many women sport designer-name bags, but one I see a lot of is the Longchamp tote – usually in black. However, when I noted one in electric cobalt blue, I had to go to meet its owner. Small world. It turned out I take a class at the Y with Anette Hellmeister (but who notices others when trying to balance?). Her bag was matched with a fabulous Hermès scarf, whose blue pattern echoed the bag. A perfect trendsetter.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

I would call it “casual chic” to “*bon chic, bon genre*” depending on the time of the day and occasion. I love a combination of European sophistication and North American spirit. I also like simplicity and beauty with a kick. My personal style should reflect my personality, my personal background and my current lifestyle: I am German but really feel European, and since I have lived in different European countries, now in Canada for a long time, and travel frequently. I consider myself rather cosmopolitan.

mopolitan.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

My way of dressing has to work with my lifestyle. When I am moving around for work or travel – whether by car, subway or plane – my outfits should of course be pleasant to the eye but also comfortable. So, I like pieces that I can mix and match in different ways; from day to night and from work to weekend. I love to wear jeans, for example, and dress them up with beautiful tops. I like to add some nice jewelry, preferably original accessories. I like to dress up more when going out. For an event, I usually wear a chic dress with simple but elegant accessories. I also like to accent my outfit by adding some outstanding colours like fuchsia, coral and different shades of blue, my absolute favourite colour, maybe because I love the water, especially the beautiful blue of the ocean. I also adore turquoise. I first fell in love with this colour while visiting Santa Fe, where it predominates in some of the most attractive jewelry I’ve ever seen. Turquoise represents the essence of life and good fortune in many cultures – another reason it attracts me.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

If I’m at home, going to the gym or for a walk, I like to wear my Lululemon outfits. They are comfortable and stylish at the

same time. Otherwise I like to dress in a “casual chic” way but if we have a special event to attend then it’s more “casual elegant.”

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

That is a difficult question to answer since I like a lot of different places in the world and could imagine living there. I really like to live – and I feel at home – in Montreal since it’s a city that has both a European and North American flavour and therefore unites my two backgrounds. I love that combination and the fact that it’s a very diverse, culturally rich, trendy, fashionable and vibrant city and has this special “*joie de vivre*.” Montreal is a beautiful, peaceful and relatively safe place to bring up children, and the friendliness, kindness and openness of its population makes it a very welcoming and happy place.

The other Canadian city I immediately fell in love with when I visited is Vancouver, a very modern city with a special west coast feel. It’s surrounded by so much natural beauty and is so close to a myriad of fantastic ski resorts.

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?

My favourite flower is the rose. I like it for its beauty but also for what it can symbolize. The rose is beautiful in a classic way, fragile but strong at the same time. I also love its scent. I associate the rose with some of my favourite readings – books like *Le Petit Prince*, the classic tale by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

I tend not have that many flowers at home because we travel so frequently. I have some beautiful orchids that don’t need much care, and occasionally I buy some cut flowers. In Germany, people buy fresh flowers all the time, especially at the markets.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could invite any one from any era?

I would invite the artists Pablo Picasso, Leonardo da Vinci, Marc Chagall, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Charles Pachter, Carol Appel as my art connoisseur. From the world of film, Martin Scorsese and Wim Wenders. I would include actors Audrey Hepburn, Romy Schneider, Audrey Tautou, Cary Grant, Tom Hanks, Leonardo di Caprio and Johnny Depp; and maybe the writers Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Richard David Precht and my late sister-in-law Carole Epstein. It would definitely be an interesting mix!

Who are your favourite designers?

I like to wear Max Azria (BCBG). I love how Azria interprets major trends into his signature-style, gorgeous, seductive couture and ready to wear. I truly admire the creativity and lifelong achievements of Karl Lagerfeld and the late Yves Saint Laurent, who became icons in the fashion industry and created not just clothes but works of art.

TRAVEL

I know you travel to go skiing. How do you pack?

It’s not easy to pack for skiing since we usually fly to get to our ski destination, and we can’t take much luggage. Last winter, I got a special ski travel bag that can hold my skis plus my skiwear, bathing suit, yoga outfit and regular clothes. The ski boots get stuffed with socks and toiletries and go into a boot bag, and I put my helmet and ski goggles in my hand luggage. I also bring an iPad, an e-reader and head sets. Somehow I also manage to bring some nice tops and accessories to wear with my jeans and for our dinners. What doesn’t fit in my bag I have to wear on the plane.



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The teachers are out there all the time. It's gotten better lately, but it's still not the greatest situation for parking."

St. Léon could be expanding

Another issue that Kiely raised concerned an expansion plan she said could shortly be under way at St. Léon school on Clarke Ave. "Apparently St. Léon de Westmount is looking to expand their school by five classrooms with a capacity of 115 students," she said.

"They'll probably build new classrooms, and they need to get permission from the city before they go to the government to try and get the money. It's probably not going to happen tomorrow because school boards are pretty poor, too. But the thing is that apparently this school year there is an increase of roughly 200 students already. That's going to put even more pressure on this whole area."

Fate of Westmount Park's cannon

Also during the meeting, there was discussion on the fate of Westmount's two ceremonial cannon, which once stood facing out towards Sherbrooke St. from Westmount Park. They have been in storage at the Public Works yard a good number of years.

One suggestion that came up during a free-for-all discussion was that the cannon should be stored at the old CP train station at the south end of Victoria Ave., where they could be viewed by visitors now and again.

The building, which is owned by Westmount, is currently boarded up and vacant, and the city has no immediate plans for its future use. Although the building's exterior has been refurbished, Kiely said the interior "is in really bad shape and needs to be totally refurbished."

For previous coverage, see September 29, p. 1.



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Anette Hellmeister photographed the afternoon of October 8 at the summit lookout.

FASHION

What do you think of today's fashions?

Well, I looked at the top fall trends coming from Paris, London, Milan, New York and LA, and I must admit that while I don't like all of them, I find a lot of the new fashion trends interesting. I could imagine integrating them into my wardrobe – like The Slip Dress, some pieces from Rodarte's "Eighties Redux" or a classic

wardrobe staple like The Pantsuit. I find it fascinating how fashion trends keep coming back, get reinvented and interpreted in a contemporary and very creative way by today's designers. I personally don't follow all the trends. I only buy what I think suits me, makes me feel good and updates my wardrobe a little bit. Fashion trends change so fast that it can be hard to keep up, but I enjoy seeing how different individuals express themselves in different and very unique ways.



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Everyone knows that a perfect white night is hard to find. But “Notte in Bianco,” held on September 10 was just that. Again. Hosted by the Guzzos at their massive mansion in Terrebonne, the 8th annual fundraiser featured president of honour **Jacques Ménard**, president BMO board and BMO Financial Group, there with his wife **Marie-José Ratelle**. Dressed in a short, strapless creation by Westmount designer **Astri Prugger**, **Maria Guzzo** welcomed guests with hubby **Vince**, president and COO Cinemas Guzzo (“wearing Tom Browne,” he told me.)

Co-founder of the event, Maria Guzzo recently wrote a children’s mental health book.

Lovely little ballerinas in perfect chignons and fluttering tutus posed near a gigantic rearing horse statue near the estate’s founding plaque. Bars were set up

amidst hundreds of Adirondack chairs – white of course – where guests enjoyed champagne by sponsor Moët et Chandon.

The evening raised funds for the Guzzo/McGill University Mental Health Research Project, the Jewish General Hospital (JGH) psychiatry department, the imaging units of Pavilion K’s new critical care wing at the JGH and of the Shriners Hospital for Children.

The Guzzo family was out in force including **Angelo Guzzo**, president and founder of Cinemas Guzzo, and his wife, **Rosetta**.

Westmounters noted included **Linda** and **Terry Smith**, **Andrew Hops**, **Tal Fisher** and impresario **Barry Garber** just back from Ecuador, where he is bringing in Cirque de Soleil.

Amidst the eleganza were **Micheala** and **Michael Penner**, board chair, Hydro Québec; **Eva Friede**, fashion editor, the *Gazette*, attending with **Franco Rocchi**, executive VP Le Château; Louis Vuitton execs **Sanjay Hathiramani** (director) and **Reshma Patel** (store director); **Orla** and **Chris Konstantopoulos**, **Sonia Benezra**, **Nadia Saputo**, **Paolo Lanna**; and Quebec media *continued on p. 27*



Vince, left, and Maria Guzzo.



Barry Garber, left, and Geneviève Borne.

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Social Notes *cont'd. from p. 26*

personalities **Sophie Durocher** and **Richard Martineau**.

Super stylish TV star **Geneviève Borne** in white “tails” was emcee, and introduced famed singer **Sheena Easton**.

For once, ladies in LBD (Little Black Dresses) and pearls were not the guests. They were the waitresses from Buonanotte Catering, ably directed by **Marie Pier Therrien**.

Sold out as always, the elegant evening raised \$300,000.



Terry, left, and Linda Smith.



Sanjay Hathiramani, left, and Reshma Patel.

Woman seeks medical help from patroller

A woman was reported to have flagged down a Public Security patroller October 22 near 5 Summit Crescent for medical assistance. She felt confused and lost at 10:09 pm while looking for a bus stop, Public Se-

curity officials said. She was described as diabetic and was given glucose, as requested. She refused treatment by Urgences Santé but accepted a drive from officers to the Atwater Metro station.



Paolo Lanna, left, and Nadia Saputo.

Correction

Some days of the week in *Indie's* fall/winter social calendar, Part 2 (October 27, p. 20) were incorrect, though the dates were correct. The following are events have been corrected:

- Wednesday, December 2: Cystic Fibrosis Quebec's Benefit Gala.
- Wednesday, December 2: Annual Toy Tea. .
- Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6: Rufus and Martha Wainwright's 2015 Holiday Concerts.
- Sunday, December 6: Annual ORT Gala.
- Sunday, December 20: Team RockStar presents Carol for a Cure.

Officers turn off defective sprinkler

Public safety officers received a call October 25 at 10:30 pm for a defective irrigation system on Rosemount Cresc., officials said. When no answer was obtained to the doorbell, officers tried turning the sprinkler away from the house to prevent water pooling in the yard. While they were adjusting it, however, two residents appeared and it was suggested they turn off the water for the season. When they were unable to do so, officers did it for them.

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419 Victoria Ave.
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ANOTHER JUST Listed & SOLD in 4 days @ 97.7%!

Westmount, 22 Renfrew Ave.
Exquisite, QUALITY home with exceptional curb appeal. Prestigious location. AMAZING value! Beautiful leaded windows, oak floors + woodwork. Possible 2 car garage. **\$1,325,000**



ANOTHER JUST SOLD!

Westmount, 234 Metcalfe Ave.
STUNNING, architectural marvel blending 21st c. cutting edge design with Victorian elegance. Renov. from top to bottom. 5 bdrm, 4½ baths. 2 car garage + pkg. **\$1,399,000**



New price!

Westmount, 709 Grosvenor Ave.
EXCEPTIONALLY handsome, renovated DETACHED 3 (or 4) bdr home loaded w/desirable features. Lovely private garden, woodwork, stained glass. Parking + garage. **\$1,398,000**



Westmount, 646 Lansdowne Ave.
Perfectionist owned home, FULLY renovated, done in top quality and sparing no expense! 4 bdr, 3½ bathrooms, garage + 3 car parking. **\$1,789,000**



Westmount, 557 Lansdowne Ave.
RARELY available. PRIME mid-level location! Remarkably spacious, extensively renovated 4 + 1 bdr. Large garden. 2 car garage. Close to King George Park + the best schools. **\$1,595,000**



Westmount, 11 Parkman Place
SPACIOUS 4 bdrm upper duplex. Oak floors, leaded windows. New roof, plumbing, furnace. A LARGE unfinished basement. Competitively priced! **\$2,500/month**



Westmount, 4444 Sherbrooke W. #106
Rarely available + desirable! Spacious, fully reno'd 3 bdrm, 2 bath co-op. Well run door-man bldg, roof pool, views. Impeccable! Garage, locker. Washer/dryer. **\$550,000**



NDG, 5310 O'Bryan Ave.
Exceptional find! Sun filled, FULLY renovated, enlarged with a 3 storey extension. Stunning bathrooms, kitchen, new windows, halogen lighting, newly built garage... **\$659,000**



Downtown, Le Chateau
SPECTACULAR! The ULTIMATE in high end luxury living at Downtown's premier address. TOTALLY renovated 1,550 sq ft 1 bdr co-op apt. Truly breathtaking. **\$1,095,000**



Listed & SOLD by Brian in 5 days @ 90%!

NDG, 5568 Notre Dame de Grace Ave.
PRIME Monkland Village! Opportunity for value. Requires renovations. Garage + parking. Loads of original character. Priced to sell, and it WILL at this price! **\$649,000**



SOLD @ 98%!

Westmount, 20 Thornhill Ave.
Impeccable 3+1 bdrm 1923 home. City views, + sunny SW exposure, large garden. Reno'd kitchen + bathrooms. Oak woodwork, leaded windows. 2 car prkg. **\$1,198,000**



SOLD @ 95%!

Westmount, 707 Victoria Ave.
Delightful property offering EXQUISITE architectural details, beautifully spacious rooms, numerous upgrades. 3+1 bdrms, 3½ bathrooms, garage + parking. **\$1,098,000**



SOLD @ 100%!

Westmount, 7 Douglas Ave.
Fully renovated, "John Hand" built home. Exceptional woodwork/stained glass. Peaceful, family friendly location. 4 bdrms, 3½ bathrooms. Garage and garden. **\$1,259,000**



SOLD by Brian in 8 days @ 96%!

Westmount adj., 4855 Roslyn Ave.
BREATHTAKING spacious 4 bdr, 3½ bath S/D. French doors to a STUNNING garden w/ intimate patio + spa. A/C, Pella windows, new kitchen. Garage + 2 car pkg. **\$1,300,000**



SOLD @ 97%!

NDG, 4196 Beaconsfield Ave.
One of the prettiest homes in NDG. MOVE-IN condition. 4+1 bdrs. Beautifully renov. kitchen + bathrms. Ideal Monkland Village location. Original wdvrk + charm. **\$818,000**



SOLD @ 100%!

Westmount, 25 Burton Ave.
Spacious, well loved 1905 townhouse. **\$798,000**



SOLD by Brian in 2 days @ 98%!

Westmount, 611 Roslyn Ave.
Elegantly spacious home! **\$1,395,000**



SOLD!

Westmount, 765 Upper-Belmont Ave.
IMPECCABLY maintained. 5 bdrs. **\$1,498,000**



LISTED & SOLD by Brian in 19 days!

Ville Marie, 28 Place de Richelieu
Downtown living combining the luxury of strolling to the finest stores + restaurants, inner court location. TOTALLY + EXQUISITELY redone, sparing NO expense! **\$1,695,000**

#5 in Quebec for Re/Max 2014*

#7 in Quebec for Re/Max 2013**