

Pool's summer schedule under review

Survey responders prefer more general swim at night

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Respondents to a pool-use survey on weekday evening scheduling favoured two general swim periods along with a lap swim for anyone, it was revealed last week. The lap swim would essentially replace a period for exclusive use by adults.

The survey was available on the pool deck for any user to sign between August 14 and September 7.

This "Option B" was one of three that had been proposed and whose results are to be discussed "in depth" and decided over the coming months, Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe said last

week.

"We may take into consideration a compromise or hybrid of the options," he said. This might be different schedules every other day, for example, he suggested.

At the time of the survey, the general swim lasted from 1 pm to 7:15 pm, after which adults had exclusive use of the pool until its closure at 8:45 pm. This had been instituted on a trial basis.

The Option B, chosen by 50 of 144 respondents, proposed a general swim from 1 pm to 6:45 pm and a lap swim from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm, followed by general swim from 7:45 until pool closure.

During a lap swim, a number of specific lanes are typically roped off for this purpose de- continued on p. 15

Centre Greene craft sale well attended



Centre Greene hosted its annual Treats & Treasures Craft Sale and Bazaar on November 21. Partnering with the Empty Bowls project, it featured over 30 artists selling handmade clothing, jewelry and baked goods. Proceeds were to go towards the centre's community programs. According to a member of Centre Greene's board of directors, Erica Bloom, this year saw a "steady flow of people visiting the centre throughout the day." Both Bloom and Beth Symansky, executive director of Centre Greene, agreed that the goal of "bringing people in and supporting the centre and the vendors" had been met.

Photo: Matt Faigan

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Council denies super-hospital's request to use Glen Rd. access for work

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council in general committee turned down a request by the super-hospital's building and operating consortium to open the emergency access off Glen Rd. for one month, the *Independent* learned last week.

Mayor Peter Trent said the decision was based mainly on the zoning by-law that limits use of the gated roadway for emer-

gency situations only. It was also concerned over the length of time.

The request had been made in a letter from the Groupe Immobilier Santé McGill (GISM) consortium to use the road for removal of excavation material from the creation of a retention basin (see story September 8, p. 3).

In minutes released recently from the council's general committee September 8, it was re- continued on p. 3

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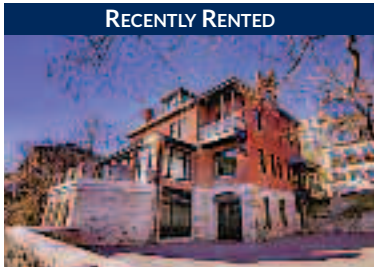
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Glen Rd. closing till mid-January for work by Turcot project

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Glen Rd. was slated to close November 23, except for local traffic, as part of work on the Turcot project involving the decontamination of hydrocarbons at the southern portion. Southbound traffic is to be rerouted at St. Catherine for the duration

of the work.

In announcing the closure dates, Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise said last week the road is expected to remain closed to general traffic until January 15.

The work is to take place just south of Hydro Westmount offices and the Home Depot, blocking it to through traffic north-

bound. Hydro Westmount offices will remain accessible from St. Catherine, however, as will the bike route on Glen Rd.

A deviation at the worksite is being created so cyclists and pedestrians may proceed on to St. Antoine, St. Jacques and south on de Courcelle (see story October 20, p. 3).

The closure of Glen Rd. is required for construction of an underwater retaining wall or dam to hold back seepage of the hy-

drocarbons. These have continuously been pumped out over some two decades in a joint project funded by the city of Westmount and the Montreal transit commission.

This work is now being assumed by Transport Quebec as part of the Turcot project (see story (February 25, 2014, p. 1).

The Glen closure comes after the reopening of Greene where Turcot drainage work was involved.

A fiery glow



With the sun now quite low on the horizon for most of the day, a combination of sunset and storm clouds created an interesting spectacle over Westmount Public Library November 20. A momentary glance gave the impression the library had a fiery glow.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

City denies access cont'd. from p. 1

ported that "given the manner in which the MUHC addressed the noise issue, the city is uncertain that such temporary access would in fact only be needed for one-month."

The decision was relayed the next day by Trent in a letter to the consortium noting the lack of cooperation with the city in resolving noise emanating from the super-hospital's ventilation system.

The city had agreed to the use of the emergency road by ambulances for the move May 24 of the Montreal Children's Hospital into its new quarters at the Glen site.

The city has been seeking a seat at the table in discussions on the emissions, an issue ongoing for more than a year (see story September 22, p. 1).

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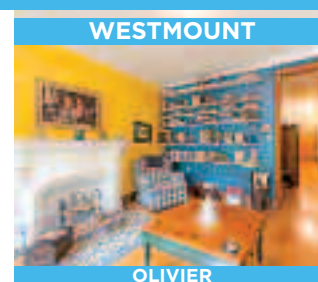


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Idle named to new Public Works position



Allen Idle, who holds two engineering degrees, enjoys being out in the field November 20 in the new Public Works position of assistant superintendent, roads and parks.

In a move to beef up the city's Public Works resources, city council appointed engineer Allen Idle November 2 to the newly created position of assistant superintendent, roads and parks.

Idle, a civil engineer, joined the department as junior engineer in 2009, advancing

to engineer two years later. His new role takes him "out in the field" in a more hands-on position with the city's blue-collar workers than his previous position on "more of the contract side" of the operation, he explains. He'll still be managing the snow removal contracts, however.



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Other local issues discussed at Turcot Good Neighbour meeting

West-end cyclists want NDG's de Maisonneuve bike path snow clearing a priority in winter

By ISAAC OLSON

Speaking during the November 16 Turcot Good Neighbour Committee meeting, Westmounter Dan Lambert, representing pedestrian and cyclist groups from NDG and Westmount, told Montreal and Quebec officials that it is time to support west-end cyclists all year round.

He said the de Maisonneuve Blvd. bike path needs to be cleaned throughout NDG this winter just as fast as any priority arterial road in the city. In response, officials simply told him that they would look into the matter and get back to him. This is a typical response to citizens' requests or complaints at these meetings, which are designed to update the public about ongoing work in the area surrounding the Turcot interchange reconstruction project.

In a post-meeting interview, Lambert said cyclists who commute to work are forced to look for other modes of transportation after big storms because the bike paths are not cleared.

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From left, Benoit Hurtubise, Hydro Westmount director, sits with Westmounter Dan Lambert, who is on the Turcot Good Neighbour Committee. During the November 16 meeting, he said Montreal needs to make clearing the de Maisonneuve Blvd. bike path in NDG a priority.

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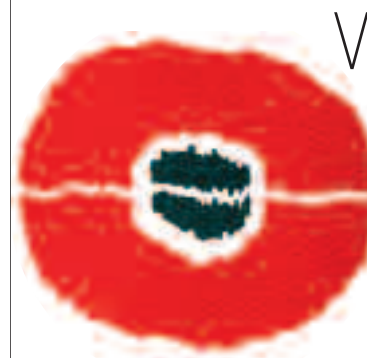


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PSU food drive raises \$1.5K at Artisans' fair



Public Safety Officer Sabrina Tremblay oversees the food drop-off and donation table just outside the main room in Victoria Hall November 14.
Photo: Staff

The Public Security's annual holiday food drive kicked off at the Westmount Artisans' Festival at Victoria Hall November 14 and 15. A total of \$1,523 was raised in cash along with two large recycling bins filled with non-perishable food.

The donations are requested as the price of admission to the event, which is spearheaded by Westmounter Flora Lee Wagner. "We appreciate her leadership in enabling us to launch our food drive at the event every year and helping to make it a success," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

Last year's event collected \$2,200 and four bins of food.

Containers are now available at city hall and other municipal buildings for non-perishable food.

Food donations are distributed in holiday baskets to local families in need selected by the CLSC. Gifts of cash are used to purchase turkeys, hams and food vouchers included with the deliveries. – LS

Barking dogs bring PSOs, police to check out house

Answering a complaint for barking dogs November 8 at 8:55 pm, public safety officers reported finding two dogs on the front porch of a house on Prospect. Public Security officials said the vestibule and outer doors were both open, but the resident

could not be reached. Police were called to search the interior but no signs of a break-and-enter were found. The resident later stated her son probably left the doors unlatched when going out.

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Remembrance Day at Place K includes music, readings, silence

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Place Kensington coordinator Doreen Friedman organized a rich gathering of memories for the residence's Remembrance Day afternoon gathering November 11.

Some 60 people packed into the lobby area to listen to guest speaker Mayor Peter Trent and others who read prayers and poems.

Friedman opened the ceremony by underscoring the importance of remembering, followed by Reverend Patrick Wheeler of St. Matthias' Church with a prayer of invocation.

John Morgan read "In Flanders Fields" by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, and Canadian Women's Army Corps Corporal (retired) Jeannette Wiseman read the moving poem "Just a Common Soldier" (or "A Soldier Died Today") by A. Lawrence Vaincourt.

Lloyd Macintyre lit a candle symbolizing peace, followed by "The Last Post" played by a Royal West Academy student Joshua Rampersad, who also later played "Reveille."

After a two-minute silence, lieutenant of

the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (retired) Tuppy Harris read the "Ode of Remembrance."

Lawrence MacEachen, pastor of the Ascension of Our Lord Church, read a final blessing. Cadets, including sergeant Tal Kaplan, Flight Sergeant Ryan James Erskine and Warrant Officer Greg Carlesimo from the West Montreal Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron carried the Canadian and squadron flags.

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'First' in Quebec to mark 'Giving Tuesday' Dec. 1: Trent

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount is believed to be the first municipality in Quebec to proclaim December 1 "Giving Tuesday," said Mayor Peter Trent last week.

Issuing a proclamation last week on behalf of the city council after its general committee meeting November 16, he invited "all citizens to join together to give back to their community in any way that is personally meaningful."

The proclamation adds that the city "wishes to encourage its citizens to support charities within its border."

The "Giving Tuesday" movement was established in New York City in 2012 by the United Nations Foundation in partnership with local communities and organizations to celebrate philanthropy and volun-

teerism, according to the city's proclamation.

As the day immediately following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it was chosen as a global day that encourages activities in support of charities and non-profit organizations.

"Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to encourage citizens to serve others throughout this holiday season and throughout the year," the proclamation states.

It is to be formally presented for adoption at the public council meeting Monday, December 7, but this comes after the fact, Trent explained.

The GIV3 Foundation, founded and chaired by Westmounter John Hallward, created and directs GivingTuesdayCanada, which has some 3,700 members.

Wires spark against tree behind Oakland

Electrical wires could be seen sparking whenever they were blown against a tree behind 12 Oakland November 12, Public Security officials said. Officers received the call at 9:23 pm and left the matter in the hands of firefighters, who waited for the arrival of Hydro Westmount.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

2016 PROPERTY TAX UP – SHOULD BE DOWN

Regarding the mayor's state of the union address and tax hikes (see "State of the Union address pegs tax hike at inflation+", November 10, p. 2), let's see if I understand this correctly:

- Westmount has an accumulated surplus of \$40.2 million;
- That surplus includes the stunning budget surplus of \$12.3 million from 2014. (Remember? That's the surplus that took the mayor and council completely by surprise.);
- But the \$40.2 million doesn't include another expected budget surplus for 2015 because we don't yet know how much that'll be;
- A forecast for 2015 shows \$3.3 million in "additional revenues";
- Westmount has lots of nice big grants coming in from the province;
- In June (that's not so long ago), the mayor admitted he was very "angry" to learn that he and council are taxing too much to run the city (see "City posts \$12M surplus," June 23, p. 1) – around 27 percent too much (that's right, 27 percent);
- The citizens of Westmount can expect a property tax increase in 2016.

Uh... wait. What was the last point again?

Hey! With all that loot filling the city's coffers, shouldn't our property taxes start going down?

I say yes. What about you?

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MORE SIGNS NEEDED FOR TURNING WHEELS

While making my daily visit to the YMCA and navigating the parking signs to find a legal parking spot, I got lucky and found one half way up Arlington.

Much to my surprise, when I came out of the Y, I found a parking ticket on my windshield. I do not dispute the infraction; I was parked without my wheels turned into the curb. I was, however, surprised that there were no signs indicating this requirement.



Photo courtesy of R. Cukier

I went to the offices of Westmount Public Security and met a very pleasant officer who explained that the law

currently being enforced is that there were a couple of mechanical failures and people got injured when cars rolled down the hill.

He also showed me a photo on the wall outside of his office of a sign indicating the requirement.

When I asked why that sign was not all on all of the hills if our objective is to try and prevent injury from mechanical failure, he explained that those signs were limited to the steepest roads in Westmount and that unfortunately the rest of the hills currently did not have them.

My bone of contention is that if we are really trying to prevent accidents from happening, investing a couple of dollars in a few signs might be part of a better solution than just ticketing cars that do not adhere to the law. Putting a ticket on a car will not prevent it from rolling downhill if it has a mechanical failure. However, installing a sign next to the parking sign might make the driver aware of the requirement and be a better preventive tool than a ticket. Food for thought.

RONY CUKIER, ROSEMOUNT AVE.

WILDLIFE IN WESTMOUNT, PART 2

On November 18 at around 8:30 pm, our children had the joy and surprise to see a beautiful animal in our backyard right from our kitchen window (see photo below).

Was it a wild hare? Or an early Easter bunny?

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When should Westmount lower its flags to half-mast?



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Flags at Westmount city hall were seen lowered to half-mast November 16. They had been lowered on November 14.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Recent lowering of flags to half-mast outside Westmount city hall after the terrorist attacks November 13 in Paris is prompting a review of the city's flag policy – if, in fact, there is one.

After using his mayoral prerogative to lower the flags in sympathy with the citizens of France based largely on Montreal's example, Trent told the *Independent* it was time to review any policy the city might have.

"I've asked the city clerk to look into whether we have a written policy," he explained.

In a walkabout November 16, the third day that flags would typically still be low-

ered, Trent found them at half-staff at Westmount High School, a provincial building, but not at the armoury of the Royal Montreal Regiment on St. Catherine or at RCMP headquarters on Dorchester. Both are federal properties.

"Clearly, the governments have different policies. It just shows the need for us to have a clear one."

To "the best of my knowledge," he said, "Westmount had always followed a policy – a rule I have followed – of lowering flags for Canadian state officials, royalty, and local and provincial elected officials but not for natural disasters and mass killings outside Canada."

He added that he felt municipal flags were "not instruments of foreign policy."

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

"Holiday madness" tree lighting at Prince Albert square, 6 pm, stores are supposed to be staying open.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

"Come rediscover your library," 7 pm to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Family event including jazz, wine and cheese, scavenger hunt for kids, unveiling of the library's new website.

The Institut Suzuki Montréal violin school gives a free concert from 9 am to 4 pm at Marianopolis on November 28 and Sunday, November 29. Musicians are aged 12 to 18. They are to join Performance Ensemble of Canada on a 10-day concert tour in China in March.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Westmount Toastmasters is having an inspirational speech contest and guest night, 6:45 pm to 9 pm at Victoria Hall. Free. Info: 514.475.2594.

Atwater Library's AWE II presents the film "Ladies and Gentlemen...Mr. Leonard Cohen" with discussion led by Mark Abley. Participants can bring a copy of a favourite Cohen poem, 7 pm at the Atwater Library.

STARTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Dramatis Personae will be giving five performances of *Quick Exits* in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall: Friday, December 4 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 pm; Sunday December 6 at 3 pm and 7:30 pm and Monday December 7 at 8 pm. Reserve: www.theatrewestmount.com, 514.484.2016 or 514.486.7423. Suggested donation \$10.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Westmount city council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

Christmas tree lighting at city hall, 6:30 pm, to be followed by hot chocolate, cookies at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. Free; non-perishables for food drive requested.

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Taury the cat found by librarians



Two librarians at the Westmount Public Library were instrumental in helping a cat reunite with its owner November 6. As Lora Baiocco and Daniel Miguez de Luca were eating lunch in the staffroom, they noticed a cat sitting outside the window.

"She sat there for a while and watched us eat lunch," recounted Baiocco. "It started to rain, and she didn't move. I suspected that she was lost and not just a neighbourhood cat having an adventure. Many staff members became concerned for her."

Baiocco said she checked the website Petluck.ca and noticed a photo of a similar looking cat that had been lost near Westmount Park. With Miguez de Luca agreeing it was a match, they called Westmounter Holly Simpson, the name associated with the Petluck cat, who confirmed it was her cat when she arrived.

"The rest is in the picture," said Baiocco, referring to the one at left.

Holly Simpson, left, is reunited with her cat Taury November 6. The cat was spotted by librarians Lora Baiocco, middle, and Daniel Miguez de Luca, who took the group's photo.



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Garneau looks ahead to his future as minister of Transport

By ISAAC OLSON

In a November 12 phone interview, MP Marc Garneau said he is “very happy” with the outcome of the federal election. It was an election, he said, that he took very seriously in the NDG-Westmount riding and, with his Liberal party’s majority win, he is now looking forward to serving in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s cabinet as the minister of Transport.

“It was a good campaign for us,” said Garneau, admitting his party wasn’t in the lead at the beginning of the race but, over

time, the Liberals were able to connect to voters across the country. “It worked out wonderfully with us. We’re certainly pleased that we not only won but won the majority. Since that time, the prime minister has chosen the cabinet, and I am very honoured to be on the Transport portfolio.”

Citing his time in the navy, the former astronaut and former head of the Canadian Space Agency said the Transport portfolio covers a range of topics in which he has both experience and knowledge. Be it land, air or sea, he said there are a lot of things to think about when it comes to

transport. He said he is keeping four words in mind as he moves forward: clean, efficient, safe and secure.

“I am beginning to phone my transport counterparts, the transport ministers in the provinces and territories, and I have also called my transport opposite in the United States, Secretary [Anthony] Fox,” said Garneau. “We do ship not only east-west, but we do a great deal of transportation with our main trading partner, the US. Our access to and from the US is very important.”

The Canada Transportation Act, established nearly 20 years ago, is under review, he said. He is looking forward to looking again at that act and pushing forward needed updates, but, he added, he is going to take a particular interest in rail safety. He said he, like all Canadians, was “profoundly shaken” by the tragic Lake Megantic rail disaster.

The incident, he said, highlighted the fact that rail is used for “a great many goods” and fully loaded trains go through Canadian communities every day. While there are plenty of inert products being transported, there are also dangerous goods, he said, and it is very important

that Canadians feel the rail system is safe.

“Some measures have been taken since Lac Mégantic, but I think it’s important for us to be vigilant,” said Garneau.

Canada Post update

As for the status of Canada Post and the fate of home delivery systems, a dossier that was previously under the care of the Transport minister, Garneau replied in an email “One of the changes Prime Minister Trudeau made to the mechanics of government was to transfer responsibility for Canada Post from Transport Canada to Public Services and Procurement Canada – so I am not overseeing it.

“However, I can say that during the election we promised to impose an immediate moratorium on the replacement of home delivery with community mailboxes and to undertake a new review of Canada Post to make sure that it provides high-quality service at a reasonable price to Canadians, no matter where they live. I can confirm this moratorium was put in place right after the election, and we will honour our commitment to a review.

– with files from the Independent’s staff



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**AVIS D'ADOPTION
RÈGLEMENT 1490**

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1490 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1318 SUR LES TARIFS** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance extraordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 16 novembre 2015.

Ce règlement a pour objet de mettre à jour les tarifs prélevés pour les activités offertes par le Service des sports et loisirs et sa carte d'accès aux installations, ainsi que d'ajouter des dispositions relativement à la délivrance de lettres de tolérance et à l'approbation d'opérations cadastrales.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : www.westmount.org et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi, de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 24 novembre 2015.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1490**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1490 entitled “**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1318 CONCERNING TARIFFS**” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a special sitting held at City Hall on November 16, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to update the tariffs relating to the activities offered by Sports & Recreation and its membership card, as well as to add provisions relating to the issuance of letters of tolerance and the approval of cadastral operations.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult said by-law on the City’s website: www.westmount.org and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this November 24, 2015.

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Velazquez family a winner in pumpkin decorating contest



Photo courtesy
of the
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Public Library

The Velazquez family won first place in the adult and family category of the Westmount Public Library's pumpkin decorating contest that was held during the library's 18th annual Halloween Gala October 24. According to Wendy Wayling, children's librarian, over 500 people attended and 129 pumpkins were entered into the contest. Other first-place winners were Artabaz Matlabi in the 5- to 7-year-old group and Max Parra in the 8- to 12-year-old group. Judging was done anonymously.

Batshaw Children Needing Homes

Colin active, needs supervision

A long-term foster home is being sought for 11-year-old Colin, a black Canadian child. Colin loves music and will listen to any and all bands on the radio. He has recently started guitar lessons and really enjoys this, listening attentively to his teacher.

Colin is a very active child, almost constantly in motion, and especially enjoys basketball, swimming and riding his bicycle. Movement helps Colin to manage his emotions.

Having experienced trauma and neglect in the past, he struggles with expressing anger in acceptable ways and has needed help with self control. Recently, however, he has made progress in managing his impulses and communicating his feelings calmly. Although it is difficult for Colin to trust, he has been able to attach to his adult caregivers. Colin is a sensitive, polite and kind boy.

Colin functions best with routines and clear guidelines and lots of preparation for

dealing with any new or challenging experiences. He needs the most help in situations, like taking the school bus, having a tendency to join in with any disruptive activities. He enjoys and is able to manage group activities, like the Scouts, but requires much adult supervision.

A two-parent, active black family, able to provide stable routines and patient attention, will best suit Colin's needs. Ideally, he will be the only child in the family, but he could also function well with older children.

For more information about Colin, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, extension 1139.

Gas leak on Sunnyside

A gas leak outside 2 Sunnyside November 17 at 11:26 am was reported "all clear" at 12:33 pm when firefighters left the scene, Public Security officials said. No homes were reported to have been evacuated.

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Westmount's plan

Westmount, he said, is making a special effort to clear its portion of the de Maison-neuve bike path this winter (see "City hires dedicated snow contractor to plow bike path," September 1, p. 16). So will downtown. It is time, he said, that the bike path all the way to the Montreal West border is at the top of the priority list. This, he said, will help mitigate the amount of car traffic and pressure on the public transportation infrastructure after a big storm as cyclists can simply hop on their bikes rather than in cars and buses.

"It's an ideal commute," said Lambert. "It's a reasonable distance. It's flat. It's a separated bicycle path. You're not sharing the road with vehicles. It's perfect."

The problem, he said, is it is unusable

after a major storm unless the city clears the snow before the morning commute. Lambert represents the NDG Association of Pedestrian and Cyclists as well as the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount.

Glen Rd. to close

From November 23 to mid-January, the bike path will remain open on the west side of Glen Rd., but that section of roadway will be closed to vehicles between St. Catherine St. and St. Antoine St., transportation officials explained during the meeting. This will be for excavation work, the installation of a sheet-pile cut-off wall, filling and paving. See story, p. 3.

Pollution study around Villa Maria Metro

NDG resident Dominique Barsalou said

there are a lot of cars and trucks being redirected to the Côte St. Luc Rd. exit from the Decarie expressway northbound because the St. Jacques St. exit from the 720 westbound is closed. This is causing back-up down the ramp and onto the highway as cars wait, lined up in pairs in a single lane, for the light to change. That back-up, in turn, is creating traffic on Decarie Blvd., she said.

With the Villa Maria Metro station right there, several schools in the area, senior residences and much more, she asked if the province and city is monitoring the amount of air pollution in the area. Officials said they would look into the matter and get back to her, but the cost of rebuilding the intersection or installing effective traffic-mitigating measures would be too expensive to implement. The St.

Jacques St. exit from the 720 westbound is scheduled to reopen at the end of November.

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CDN-NDG council now must pull project or call for vote

Residents get enough signatures for referendum on Provigo/seniors' residence

By ISAAC OLSON

Enough signatures were collected on November 19 to force a referendum on a CDN-NDG council-approved zoning change at the corner of St. Catherine, de Maisonneuve and Claremont. A zoning change would have allowed for a full-sized supermarket on the ground floor of a 10-storey residential building, which would be located on Westmount's western border.

Since the project was first proposed, opponents in the area have voiced strong concerns about a supermarket, claiming it would bring more traffic and pollution to the neighbourhood. The plan includes a

Provigo grocery store, a seniors' residence and space for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. The NDG zoning change was approved on November 2 by the borough council with Loyola district councillor Jeremy Searle dissenting.

As per the rules, a one-day registry was opened at the borough's head offices and, according to borough spokesperson Sophie Landreville, 18 signatures were collected. Sixteen signatures were required to force a referendum.

Now CDN-NDG councillors have to decide whether to pull the project or push forward with the referendum. If a referendum is called, a majority of nay votes must be collected from citizens in the affected zones surrounding the project to cancel the plan but, said Searle in a November 20 phone interview, borough councils often pull projects rather than foot the bill of a referendum.

"Goliath, composed of numerous lobbyists, five members of the CDN-NDG council and sold-out proponents of the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, have fallen in the face of less than two

dozen determined NDG residents," said Searle. "The referendum is called. Goliath will fall, and a message of hope will be sent to all the rest of us, including the brave folks on Hingston Ave. and the neighbourhood surrounding the St. Columba situation."

However, NDG district councillor Peter McQueen, who represents the neighbourhood surrounding the proposed housing and supermarket complex, sees things differently. In an email statement, he wrote, "It would be a shame if 18 people, three of whom don't even live in the area, could block this project that the Children's Hospital Foundation has been working for so hard, and that the wider community supports."

Loose metal spotted on Selwyn House roof

A loose metal plate or chimney flashing appeared to be in danger of blowing off October 29 at Selwyn House School, Public Security officials said. The school was notified and reported that arrangements had already been made to have it tended to the next day. The condition had been spotted by firefighters from one of their station windows that overlooked the school. The officer in charge informed Public Security at 2:01 pm.

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Montreal General Auxiliary staying at the hospital, looking for more volunteers

BY ISAAC OLSON

The Montreal General Hospital (MGH) Auxiliary is staying put. Just like its near-namesake hospital, it will continue to operate primarily at its longtime Cedar Ave. location, two long blocks east of Westmount, even as most of the McGill University Health Centre has moved to buildings just west of Westmount on its Glen campus. As they have for decades, Westmounters, too, continue to be active members, including Yvonne Mass, its current board president.

The MGH Auxiliary raises funds for the care and comfort of patients, medical research and for the purchase of medical equipment for use at the General.

It is a not-for-profit organization with six retail operations at the MGH that include a restaurant, a gift shop, two cafés, a catering service and The Book Nook, which sells used books near the Cedar Ave. entrance.

Over \$5 million has been donated to the General in the last 20 years and that money is the result of employees and volunteer workers who run the retail outlets.

The workers even donate their tips to the cause.

That money, in turn, goes to emergency room equipment, renovations and medical research. Recent examples include the purchase of portable sonographic machines, ECG monitors and the renovation of two solariums for patients.

Former Westmounter Andrea Ritchie, communications director for the board, said a lot of people don't realize the Auxiliary is there to stay. The Royal Vic's and the Montreal Children's auxiliaries are closing at the end of this year because no free



From left: Robert Gaudreau, Marian Lenon, Yvonne Mass, Martha Barrinton and Andrea Ritchie stand in front of the Montreal General Hospital's gift shop which is run by the Auxiliary. This photo was taken on October 19.

space is being made available for them at the Glen campus. But the MGH Auxiliary will not suffer the same fate.

Treasurer Robert Gaudreau said the catering service is going over to the new super-hospital in NDG to work events there, but permanent operations remain at

Garbage, recyclings bins stolen from building

On November 4, five recycling and garbage bins were stolen from the apartment building at 250 Lansdowne, according to a tenant. The bins had been placed in the same spot since "at least 1992, and it is the first time that this happened," according to the building's owner.

Concrete mixer already on scene at Roslyn School

Construction workers at Roslyn School were found using heavy equipment on November 14, a Saturday, according to Public Security officials. Following a complaint at 8:29 am, the person responsible was told his company would receive a ticket for \$270 by mail for the infraction. A concrete mixer was already on the site.

stronger than ever, he noted.

Mass got her start as a nurse at the General and never left. She moved onto teaching nursing and, when she retired, she returned to the General as a volunteer with the auxiliary – continuing to be part of a medical institution that she loves. Now she serves as president of the MGH Auxiliary's board.

"I've always had a very warm affiliation with Montreal General Hospital," said Mass, noting she came in from the Prairies in the 1960s and was supported by the hospital as she moved to the city. "When retired, I decided to really get involved."

The Auxiliary can be reached by phoning 514.934.1934 ext. 43009 or through email: mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca.

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pending on the demand at the time, while the rest of the pool remains open for general swim.

A total of 61 respondents chose a combined total of the other two options concerning different times and adult swims, he said. Another 29 chose no option; 15 of them, however, asked for an adult-only swim while 14 wanted no adult swim. Four other users registered comments only.

"In my opinion people who fill out a survey usually have a specific agenda," Lapointe said.

Once a decision is made, it will be final, he said. "It won't be a flip-flop" like last year," he added (see story June 23, p. 1).

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Spurrell's earliest films project to screen next in NDG

By JOANNE PENHALE

Film lovers had the chance to glimpse cinematic history in Westmount on November 14.

Short films made between 1895 and the early 1920s were screened at a free event called Cinémagika, which was attended by some 40 people at Victoria Hall.

"It's about authenticity," said event organizer and Westmounter Philippe Spurrell, the Cinéclub Film Society president. Motion picture films were played using an old projector that were seen and heard during the event, he said. "It emulates the experience of early film."

A pianist accompanied the shorts.

The line-up included films featuring Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and

Harold Lloyd, the three main comics of the silent era, Spurrell said, as well as an early film by Thomas Edison, and work from French filmmakers the Lumière brothers and George Méliès.

A lesser known film included Max Linder, Spurrell said. "He actually influenced Chaplin."

Old film projectors were displayed, and guests were given a strip of film to keep, Spurrell said, adding, "They'll have a physical sense of one second of film."

The afternoon event was to include a lecture component, with Spurrell providing context for each film.

Locally, Cinémagika's next screening is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 pm at the Maison de la Culture in NDG. For more information: 514.872.2157.



Philippe Spurrell founded the Cinéclub Film Society in 1992. The non-profit society, based at Concordia University, held 35 screenings around Montreal this past year, he said. He was photographed November 3 in his home on Hallowell Ave.

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ON THE SHELVES

Among new arrivals at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

Magazines

"Cattle Calls: The Vanishing Breed of the Country Vet" by Ted Conover in *Harper's*, October 2015, p. 37-50. Folio on the increasingly precarious business of being a country veterinarian.

"Painting" in *Border Crossings*, September 2015. A whole issue devoted to painting, including interviews with Chantal Joffe, Chris Cran and Steve Martin on Lawren Harris plus a special feature on the state of painting today.

"Le Pape dans les pas du Che" dans *Paris Match*, September 24-30, p. 42-47. Retrouvez le grand dossier sur le Pape François à Cuba; le voyage historique.

E-Books – New York City in the gilded age

The Gilded Hour by Sara Donati – Haunted by childhood losses in spite of successful medical careers in 1883 New York City, surgeon Anna Savard and her obstetrician cousin Sophie consider taking in a child and helping a desperate young mother, while avoiding dangerous anti-vice crusader Anthony Comstock.

House of Thieves by Charles Belfoure – Set in gilded age New York City, John Cross, head of the family, finds an unexpected talent for planning robberies, while his wife and children also discover their inner criminals.

Livres numériques

Au péril de la mer by Dominique Fortier – The Mont-Saint-Michel abbey was once populated by copyist monks. A painter finds refuge there, haunted by the memory of a woman he loved. Five hundred years later, a Montreal writer connects with the artist through his forgotten notebook.

Un amour impossible by Christine Angot – In the 50s, Pierre fathers a child but refuses to wed the mother, who raises Christine alone. When Christine becomes a teenager, her father recognizes her officially. They become close but the relationship turns incestuous.

Adult English – Award Winners

A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James – A masterful novel framed as a fictional oral history that explores the events and characters surrounding the attempted assassination of Bob Marley during the political turmoil in Jamaica in the

late 1970s. (Man Booker Prize winner.)

Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva by Rosemary Sullivan – A painstakingly researched, revelatory portrait of the Soviet dictator's daughter traces her formative years in the Kremlin, the losses of numerous loved ones and her controversial defection to the US. (Hilary Weston Prize for Non-Fiction winner.)

Adult French – On the Goncourt prize long list

Boussole by Mathias Énard – Franz, a musicologist, and Sarah, an internationally known lecturer, both passionate about the Orient, are the protagonists of this novel set in 19th-century Vienna. Through the story of their quest for knowledge, Énard tells how the Orient revolutionized arts, letters and music.

Petit piment by Alain Mabanckou – This book is about an orphan being schooled in a Catholic institution in Congo. Taking advantage of the turmoil created by the socialist revolution, he escapes. He will become a petty thief and find refuge with Maman Fiat 500 and her 10 daughters, but new hardships will drive him over the edge.

Audiobooks

Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights by Salman Rushdie – A modern fairy tale by the award-winning author of *Midnight's Children* is set in a world of religious dominance, where mystical acts and supernatural abilities shape a war over control of Fairyland.

The Girl in the Spider's Web: a Lisbeth Salander novel, continuing Stieg Larsson's Millennium series by David Lagercrantz – After receiving a call from a trusted source claiming to have vital information on the United States, journalist Mikael Blomkvist turns to hacker Lisbeth for help.

Spooky tales for kids, even if it's post-Halloween

Fright Club by Ethan – As the monsters of the Fright Club prepare to scare children on Halloween, an adorable little bunny tries to join the club.

Trick ARRR Treat: A Pirate Halloween by Leslie Kimmelman – Charlotte Blue-Tongue, Peg-Leg Pete, Glass-Eyed Gabby and their friends swashbuckle through the streets demanding loot and treasure from their neighbours in this Halloween pirate tale.

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Shriners Hospitals for Children holds inaugural ball



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Former Westmounters **Carmie** and **Joey Saputo** co-chaired “The One and Only” inaugural ball, a fundraiser for the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada (SHCC). Held at Uniprix Stadium on October 3, the gala – themed Hollywood glam – surpassed goals, raising \$1.2 million. “All of the money will go towards the hospital’s capital campaign and will fund [the hospital] at the Glen site,” said Joey Saputo, president and co-founder of the Montreal Impact.

The new hospital, whose construction is financed entirely by donations, opened just

two days after the ball.

Gala MC was **Michel Lacroix**, “voice” of the Montreal Canadiens. Chair of the board of governors of SHCC, **Gino Beretta** – attending with his wife **Sally** – saluted the evening’s outstanding success and congratulated the Saputos and the committee members **Sue Dabrowski**, **Céline Doray**, **Robert Dupuis** and **Emmanuelle Rondeau**.

Diamond sponsors were Placements Borsa/The Elena and Giuseppe Borsellino Family, Letko Brosseau, the Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation, the Roasters Foundation, the Rossy Family Foundation and Saputo Inc.

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From left: Joey and Carmie Saputo, and Michel Lacroix.

Radiant in a ruby-red lace gown, Carmie Saputo welcomed guests, with her husband Joey, to the opening cocktail, where champagne was served by waiters in white gloves. Sigh. The amazing dinner was created by culinary experts at the Sheraton Laval with executive chef **Éric Robidoux**, and Ristorante Beatrice’s pasty chef **Suyen Han**. Beatrice owner **Pino Forgione** attended with his wife **Debra Margles**, CEO of Michael Kors Canada.

Noted in the crowd were Westmount res Air Canada CEO **Calin Rovinescu** and his wife **Elaine**, as well as Power Corp. executive VP **John Rae** and his wife **Phyllis**, **Solange Dugas** and **Lucien Bouchard**, **Amelia** and **Lino Saputo Jr.**, (Joey Saputo’s brother and CEO and board vice chair of Saputo Inc.) and their son **Manny**, **Patricia**

Saputo (CFO, Placements Italcen) and **Angelo Caparelli**, proud parents **Mirella** and **Lino Saputo**, **Nannette de Gaspé Beaubien**, **Lisa** and **Jerry Gantt** (Shriners International Imperial Potentate), **Cheryl** and **Dale Stauss**, (chair of the board of trustees, SHCC); **Stephanie Rossy** and **Gene Beauchamp**, **Carolyn** and **Richard Renaud**, **Lillian Vineberg**, **Morris Goodman**, **Rosalie Saputo-Monticciolo**, **Stacey** and **Didier Serero** and **Deborah Josephson** and **Peter Letko**.

Established in Montreal in 1925, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada is the only Canadian establishment within the network of 22 Shriners hospitals. The short-term, acute care hospital provides ultra-specialized orthopaedic care to children. *More photos, p. 18.*



Gino Beretta



Patricia Saputo, left, and Angelo Caparelli.

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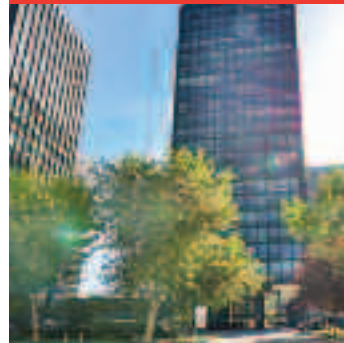
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Didier, left, and Stacey Serero.



Lillian Vineberg, left, and Morris Goodman.

Two complaints = \$148 ticket

An apartment resident at 222 Redfern was reported to have been issued a ticket on the spot for \$148 November 14 when he failed to tone down a noisy party. Public Security officials said loud music and singing

could be heard when patrollers checked out a first complaint at 1:16 am. They heard the same noise on a second complaint at 2:40 am.

Arrived early but not working

Public safety officers checked out a complaint of work starting before 7 am on Sunnyside November 12 at 6:07 am but found only two workers waiting in a truck. Public Security officials informed the complainant the workers were allowed to arrive early and their truck was required to have a back-up beeper.

Hurt shoulder in fall at library

A 57-year-old woman was believed to have dislocated a shoulder after tripping over a small stool at the Westmount Public Library November 14, Public Security officials said. She was found on the third floor awaiting Urgences Santé, who took her to the Jewish General. She was described as a resident of Park Place.

A sunny, if sun-sensitive soul



Cooper, a Lab-mix, is only 7 (he's not old). He's lovely (check out that smile – he's certainly not ugly) and has exemplary deportment (he's not unpopular), so he really does not qualify as a dog for this column, which tends to focus on the old, the ugly and the unpopular! But he does have a minor medical condition that requires a certain level of vigilance.

Cooper arrived at the Frontier Animal Society with what appeared to be a mere scrape on his nose but the veterinarian diagnosis turned out to be a bit more complex. He most likely has a condition called "solar dermatitis," which is essentially an allergy to the sun. He is being treated with topical cortisone, and the lesion is healing nicely. A little sunscreen and avoidance of the sun in peak hours is really all that's required. So no tanning salons or beach blanket bingo for this boy.

Past neglect is also part of Cooper's story. He was found wandering alone and

brought to the shelter in thin condition with matted fur and nails so long they were starting to curl under. And exercise was obviously not part of his regime, so the poor pooch has some stiffness in his back legs. He's currently being given glucosamine/chondroitin and that, along with regular exercise, is apparently producing rapid improvements. He now runs in the dog park and loves his walks in the woods.

Cooper's present caretakers are impressed by his "great attitude" and all round awesomeness, and sincerely hope he doesn't have to winter at the shelter. He really needs the comforts of home, a soft cozy bed and activity.

He gets along great with dogs, cats and humans of all ages but would be most simpatico with a companion who enjoys long leisurely walks like he does.

If Cooper looks like the real deal to you, contact the Frontier Animal Society at 819.876.7747 or by email at frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com.

Read about the old, the ugly and the unpopular in this column soon again.



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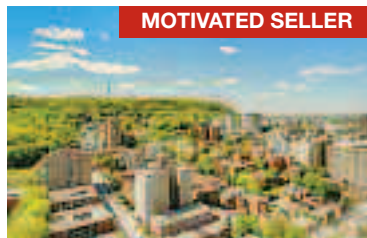
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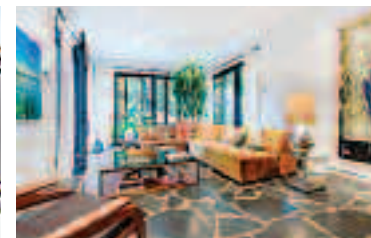
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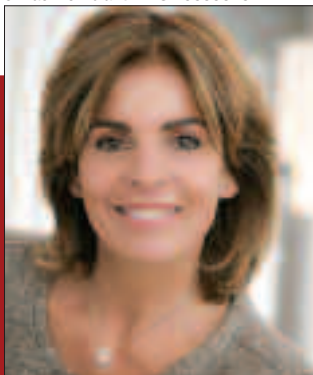
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