

Patrollers take keys from one driver

PSOs catch, police charge, two for impaired driving

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two men have been charged with driving under the influence after public safety officers found them between 3:30 and 4 am March 19 and 21, suspected their condition and reported it to police, Public Security officials said.

One man had fallen asleep at the wheel and hooked a taxi on Sherbrooke near Clarke. The other, who was pursued by a patroller, had almost hit the security vehicle while driving on the wrong side of St. Catherine St. near Lewis.

"In both cases, our patrollers suspected impaired driving," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

Officers removed the car keys from one and in both cases the men were kept on the scene until arrival of police "so they could be taken off the street and not cause a serious accident."

Stopped to help

The first incident occurred March 19 at 3:34 am when a patroller stopped to help two people involved in a minor accident on Sherbrooke near Clarke. One was noticed to be unsteady on his feet and slurred his speech. An odour of alcohol also noted in his car.

The other person, driving a taxi, said the man's car had hooked the passenger side of his vehicle as both drove east. The man admitted to have fallen asleep.

A 50-year-old Longueuil resident was detained, taken to the police operations centre on

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Visual Arts window smashed



Story: Michael Moore; with files and photo: WI

The front glass window of the Visual Arts Centre/McClure Gallery was seen the morning of March 27 to have a jagged round-ish hole in it as if it an object had been thrown through it. Nothing was found inside, according to director Victoria LeBlanc. A three-foot 2x4 piece of wood lay on the ground in the front of the building at 350 Victoria. According to police, it was an attempted break-in where somebody used a piece of wood to break the glass. The person didn't get into the building, police said, nothing was stolen and the alarm didn't go off. Police were called to scene that morning when the owners noticed it. There were no reports of any surveillance cameras or witnesses catching it.

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'Tradau' recreation deal up for revision with Montreal

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The time has come to revisit a financial arrangement originally forged almost 20 years ago that allows Montreal households in the Tradau district to access Westmount's Sports and Recreation programs and facilities, Mayor Peter Trent said last week.

Tradau, named for Trafalgar and Daulac, comprises 13 streets at Westmount's east city limits for which Montreal does not provide neighbourhood services and was prepared to "buy" them from Westmount. It was believed to the first time Westmount had made such an inter-municipal deal.

"We need to revise the current costs," Trent said.

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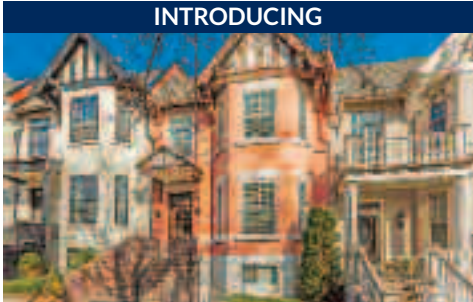
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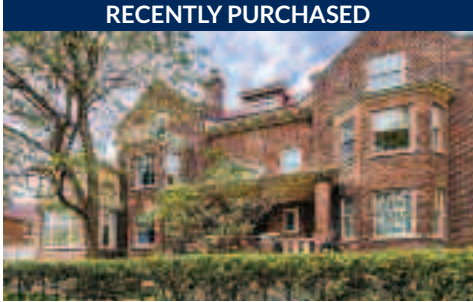
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Target bids adieu to Alexis Nihon



A shopper heads into the Alexis Nihon Target looking for one last deal on March 27, the store's final day in the Westmount shopping mall. When it opened in November 2013, the location was touted as a flagship store for Target's initial foray into the Canadian retail space. Just 17 months later, however, the Alexis Nihon location is among the preliminary wave of closures being carried out by the American retail giant as it shuts down its entire Canadian operation after suffering billion-dollar losses.

Photo: Michael Moore

April maintenance signs to be in effect

It may not feel like it yet, but April 1 is here. And with it comes the start of the spring and summer maintenance periods, Public Security officials said.

"We urge everyone to look for the signs before they park," said department director Greg McBain.

It's also the time of year when winter parking restrictions on one side are lifted from certain streets.

Strikes head at café, taken to hospital

A Westmount resident was taken to hospital March 17 after striking his head in a restaurant on Victoria, Public Security officials said. Officers were called to the Café Crème at 2:11 pm where they found him seated on a chair coherent but starting to feel disoriented. They tended to his cuts below the left eye and on the nose as well as a swollen lip until Urgences Santé arrived. The 78-year old resident of Lansdowne was taken to the Montreal General.

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Spring flower show opens to the public, city greenhouses, weekdays 10 am to 9 pm, weekends (Easter included) 10 am to 5 pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

City council meeting 8 pm, city hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Author Mary Soderstrom leads a discussion of *Canada* by Richard Ford, 7:30 pm at the Atwater Library.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Centre Greene's annual used book sale 10 am to 7 pm. Also Saturday, April 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. Info: beth@centre-greene.org or 514.931.6202.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Westmount Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at Westmount Public Library, 7 pm. "Eco Systems Landscaping," presented by Michel Renaud. Cost: \$5 or annual membership \$20. Info: 514.932.9349.

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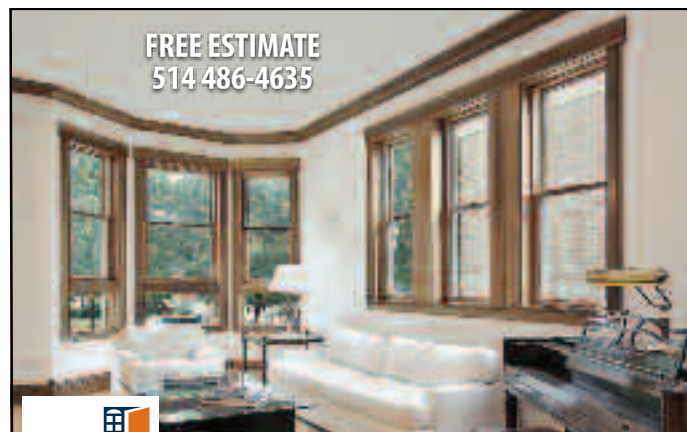
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Tradau cont'd. from p. 1

The last time this was modified was in 2006 when a fee of \$123 per address was established.

While 284 households are eligible to take advantage of the agreement, the most recent city figures updated last week show only 17 Tradau households have registered for this year.

“For the little impact it makes on our programs, I look on it as being a nice gesture to these residents who live just outside Westmount but have no similar facilities,” said city director general Mike Deegan. He also believes it’s time to update the fee, however.

Once this is paid up front, individual family members may sign up for programs and facility cards including the library in the same way as a Westmount resident and at the same cost. Their only exclusion is from inter-city sports teams, which are “geographic specific,” he explained. Tradau residents can only play for the Ville Marie borough.

The 13 eligible streets are Trafalgar Ave., Trafalgar Heights, McDougall, Gage Rd., Highland, Cedar, Ramezay, Daulac, Breslay, de Lavigne, Holton, Picquet and St. Sulpice.

The original arrangement was struck in 1997 between Trent and then Montreal

mayor Pierre Bourque after various requests from Tradau residents, as well as from Trent, who had originally proposed outright annexation of the area by Westmount in exchange for the Glen site.

“On March 19, 1996, I wrote Bourque a letter proposing we annex Tradau so the frontier would be more rationalized,” he recalled.

“If we didn’t, I suggested the possibility that Westmount would furnish snow removal, Public Security patrols and provide access to the library and Sports and Recreational facilities for \$300,000 a year.

“Even before that, I had wanted to include Public Works” (see separate story on Public Works arrangements, p. 5).

Trent’s first annexation proposal had been made to Montreal mayor Jean Doré, Bourque’s predecessor.

In the end, he said, it was decided to limit the agreement to Sports and Recreation for which Montreal would pay Westmount an annual amount of close to \$30,000. The amount was worked out based on Westmount’s own per capita costs to local residents.

During the mergers, the agreement was automatically suspended since all residents and facilities were part of the megacity. But on demerger the previous arrangement was modified to the \$123 per participating household.

“In 2008, Montreal came back to us with



Map shows the streets straddling the border between Westmount (shaded area) and Montreal in what is called the Tradau district of the Ville Marie borough. It includes 13 streets.

Map source: Lovell’s Directory

a bunch of addresses on Sherbrooke St. they wanted to add as well as those on Jean Girard, a new street [off Atwater],” explained Deegan, Sports and Recreation di-

rector at the time. “We said no.”

The numbers of Tradau families using the Westmount facilities has been dropping since the original 110 to today’s 17.



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Who plows? Who picks up the garbage?

Services on borderline streets based on ‘common sense’

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Who plows the streets? Who picks up garbage and recycling? On most streets in Westmount, it's quite clear the city does.

But on at least a dozen short residential streets at the east city limits that straddle the borderline, the question is rather: which city? Westmount or Montreal?

“It's based on common sense,” explains Westmount Public Works director Mari-

anne Zalzal.

Longstanding, informal arrangements, she said, have been worked out between Public Works departments in both cities for the borderline district known as Tradau (named for Trafalgar and Daulac, see map, p. 4). These have been built into the respective contracts of Westmount and the Ville Marie (downtown) borough of Montreal.

Montreal takes care of snow removal on all of Trafalgar Ave., for example, though five houses at the dead end lie in Westmount. This city, however, looks after the snow for all of nearby Belvedere Circle and Trafalgar Heights, where most of the addresses are actually in Montreal.

On the other hand, all snow removal is carried out by Montreal on Daulac, where only two houses on the south side stand in Westmount.

When it comes to garbage, recycling and kitchen waste collections, however, the arrangements can differ. “As far as I know, we pick up from all those addresses in Westmount,” said environmental coordinator Marina Peter. And more.

Westmount services all of Belvedere Circle, Trafalgar Heights and Malcolm Rd. despite the fact that almost all these homes lie in Montreal “because the access is through Westmount,” she explains.

On the other hand, Westmount picks up the garbage from the five of its houses at the dead end of Trafalgar Ave., where the truck passes all the other houses on the street in Montreal to reach them. “The contractors all know,” she said.

Former Westmount director general Bruce St. Louis remembers how some other arrangements were worked out in the late 1990s whereby Montreal would look after the snow on Atwater even though some of the street is in Westmount.

In exchange, Westmount would do St. Antoine St., where only the north side lies in that city.

Water, sewers more complex

When it comes to what lies under the ground, however, things may not be so clear, he points out. That's because of the complicated layout of the water and sewer networks. The two municipalities tend to help each other out, however, when water leaks and other problems arise at the border and work out who pays later depending on in whose territory the problem occurred.

One example of the complexity of these networks came to light recently when a frozen water main in Montreal left two Westmount houses on Trafalgar Ave. without water for close to four weeks (see story March 24, p. 10).

Westmount initially pitched in to assist Montreal with efforts to solve the problem until it appeared the source of the blockage lay deep into Montreal territory at Trafalgar Rd. Meanwhile, three other houses on the Westmount portion of Trafalgar Ave. were unaffected, because they happen to be con-

nected to a water main on Belvedere Rd.

The water and sewer systems had always been owned and maintained by Montreal until the demerger in 2006 when Westmount assumed ownership of those networks within Westmount.

Patroller spots man hitting woman

A public safety officer spotted a man hitting a woman March 18 at 11:54 pm outside the Metro station on de Maisonneuve at Atwater, Public Security officials said. The man disappeared into the station on spotting the patroller who called 911 and Metro police. The woman, described as intoxicated, said she wanted to file a complaint against the man but she also disappeared, heading toward Alexis Nihon Plaza. Public safety officers tracked down the suspect in the Metro access at Cabot Square and relayed the information to police who arrived at 12:23 am.

New signs up



Photo: Laureen Sweeney

This sign at NDG and Westmount avenues noticed March 27 was installed last week along with similar ones at all entrances to Westmount. A prototype of the “welcome sign” was introduced at the city council meeting December 1 by Councillor Cynthia Lulham.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION AFTER HOURS

On the night of March 6, I went for an hour-long walk, arriving home a little after midnight (March 7). As I walked south on Metcalfe headed towards Hillside Ave., I could see two construction workers at 175 Metcalfe. I could hear a machine of some sort running, and the lights at the site were on. I have no idea what they were doing, but they seem to have no problem with the idea of working after hours.

I didn't call security, because I couldn't hear them inside my apartment, but the tenants across the street probably weren't as lucky.

DEBORAH BEE, HILLSIDE AVE.

WHY NOT LIGHT RAIL?

In regards to the following articles "United train position picks up speed in wake of Caisse pact" (February 10, p. 4), and "City to receive sound barrier costing this week" (March 17, p. 5), I do not understand how we are overlooking light rail vs. electrification to mitigate the increase of train traffic along the Westmount corridor.

Using light rail would have a significant reduction of noise and vibration thanks to using lighter rolling stock compared to electrification, which entails using existing train cars with electric locomotives, hence would not mitigate the impact of vibration. Furthermore if light rail is the way to go, a new corridor would have to be built which could lead to the trains not running beside Westmount homes.

Light rail is a proven technology being used in major cities in Europe and Asia with high ridership. Also, there are more riders taking the bus along the Champlain Bridge vs. Vaudreuil-Hudson train line, hence why would light rail work on the Champlain bridge but not for the West Island?

We should look at all options and push what is best for the Westmount public.

MICHAEL MOSSOP, WESTMOUNT TRAIN ACTION GROUP EXECUTIVE

A FIRST FOR NEW REC CENTRE

In the midst of the hockey finals at the Westmount recreation centre, the girls from Westmount's advanced skating program took to the ice March 25 for an end-of-season show.



Skaters pose March 25 at the Westmount recreation centre.

Photo courtesy of Penny Arsenault

They had been practising the choreography for weeks and performed their numbers beautifully.

Many thanks to Michelle Dodds of the Recreation department, and to the other

instructors Stephanie Wai, Catherine Royer and Natalya Baranova.

Congratulations to all the girls!

PENNY ARSENAULT, ST. CATHERINE ST.

Lalonde: 'We love our Wings'



Photographed the moment Westmount's Atom A Wings realized "they were back in the game" against the West Island Kings March 27, from left: Noah Clarke, Hugo Culver, Andrew Sager and Christian Lalonde. According to Erica Kim Lalonde, the team has won three regionals games (5-1 vs. the Barons of Pierrefonds, 5-1 vs. the Lachine Rapides and 3-1 vs. the West Island Kings). "[The] game against the West Island Kings was another nail-biter with our Wings down 1-0 until the most tenacious player on the team (in my opinion), Andrew Sager, scored a great goal at 5:28 in the third. This goal was a turning point for the team, who rallied to score again at 9:26 (Aidan Gertler) and again at 9:58 (open net goal from Noah Clarke)." The team lost in the semi-finals 3-2 against the Seigneurs of Soulanges March 29.

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Comet maker comes to Westmount for Earth Hour



William Sherwood, a retired Canadian astronomer, who is an expert on producing comets synthetically, gave demonstrations during Earth Hour events held at Victoria Hall March 28. His booth was one of the many attractions featured during the evening that revolved around an environmental theme. All non-essential lights were switched off in municipal buildings from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. Seen in the photo with Sherwood are Linda Battone of Laval, left, and André Cambron of Dorval.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Role is to preserve architecture, public spaces Early plans announced for PAC's 100th

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A centennial committee has been struck for celebrating the 100th anniversary next year of Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The municipal design review group is considered to be one of the first of its kind to be established in Quebec.

"We have a budget and a number of ideas for celebrating PAC's role in preserving our architectural heritage, parks and public spaces," said Councillor Theodora Samiotis in announcing the committee last week.

"The message we want to get across is that although a lot of people think of the PAC as a process for obtaining a building permit, when we look back, we see it in its totality for how it has enabled the city to manage our architecture and common spaces."

Members of the core centennial committee are Derek Drummond, a former PAC chair, current chair Julia Gersovitz,

Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier and Samiotis, the city's commissioner of Urban Planning.

Bruce Anderson, also a former chair, has been given a special role in helping produce a retrospective on Westmount to be presented at the 2016 rendition of the opening of the city's Spring Flower Show.

Among plans already under way is a calendar to include all known dates of city events as well as facts on Westmount's heritage and parks. "If someone has interesting ideas, they are always welcome to contact me," Samiotis said. Her coordinates are on the city's website.

When PAC representatives appeared before a Quebec all-party legislative committee in December, she said, "There was no question, everyone on the committee was aware of PAC's preservation work." The private member's bill sought to modify the PAC's professional membership (see story December 9, p. 10).



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FÊTE DE PÂQUES : Heures d'affaires et services municipaux

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'Hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés le vendredi 3 avril et le lundi 6 avril 2015 en raison de la fête de Pâques.

La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée les vendredi 3 avril, dimanche 5 avril et lundi 6 avril.

Il n'y a aucun changement quant aux collectes des ordures et des résidus alimentaires qui s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

EASTER HOLIDAY: Business Hours and Municipal Services

Administrative offices of the City of Westmount (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Recreation) will be closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th, 2015 for the Easter holiday.

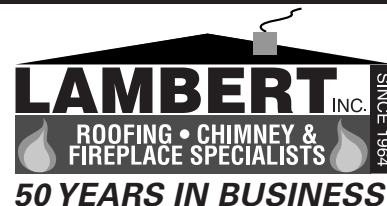
Westmount Public Library will be closed Friday, April 3rd, Sunday, April 5th and Monday, April 6th.

The garbage and kitchen waste collections are unaffected, and will take place according to the regular schedule.

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Police Report

Two motorists facing impaired driving charges after early morning incidents

By MICHAEL MOORE

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

Two men were arrested on suspicion of impaired driving in separate incidents within a 48-hour period in mid-March after each caused an early morning accident in Westmount, according to Station 12 police reports.

At approximately 3:35 am on March 19, police responded to a call from Public Security officers who had pulled over a 50-year-old man suspected of driving under the influence who had hit another car near the corner of Clarke and Sherbrooke.

Given breathalyzer test

The man was detained by the Station 12 officers and administered a breathalyzer test, according to constable Stephan Laperrière. The man reportedly blew under the Quebec legal limit of .08, or 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

However, the suspect will still be facing charges of driving under the influence, a

separate charge than driving over the legal limit, explained Laperrière.

“That article covers a broad range of behaviours, like, for example, if you are on medication that makes you drowsy,” he said. “They were able to prove he was either inebriated by fatigue, which falls under that article, or something else.”

Car swerving on St. Catherine

Two days later, Station 12 officers were again called to a scene by Public Security after a 25-year-old was pulled over on St. Catherine at 3:55 a.m. According to the police report, Public Security grew suspicious when they saw the man’s car swerving as he drove west on St. Catherine. As they prepared to pull him over, the man allegedly crashed into another car.

Station 12 officers arriving on the scene found the man to be incoherent, reeking of alcohol and unable to keep his balance after stepping out of the car, said Laperrière.

The man was detained by police and issued a breathalyzer test, on which he reportedly blew over the .08 legal limit. The driver, who is due to appear in court in July, had his car towed away and an automatic 30-day suspension was placed on his license.

Montreal police aren’t currently running any specific programs designed to crack down on drunk drivers. However, Laperrière said the force would be introducing measures in the coming months as the weather gets warmer.

See Public Security story, p. 1.

BUILDING PERMITS What’s permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting March 2.

27 Rosemount: major renovations at a Category I house to build a vestibule facing Mount Pleasant, add a large entrance canopy on the garage, install two mechanical units, replace doors and windows and build a terrace in the side yard;

482 Roslyn: to replace some windows and doors;

323 Melville: to replace the windows and a door.

544 Roslyn: to modify rear terrace and patio.

764 Upper Belmont: to build a new pool in the back yard including mechanical equipment, enlarge the terrace and re-landscape the area;

611 Sydenham: to re-landscape the entire property, including installation of a new water feature, creation of an oval lawn, and add new plantings on condition that the spacing of louvers in the fence is revised to achieve a maximum of 85 percent opacity;

5-7 Park Place: to replace all windows on both apartment buildings;

639 Argyle: to redo landscaping to include modifying the design of the landscaped garage roof and replace plantings in the front yard;

Fined again for dog running free

A \$76 ticket was to be issued to a Westmount man for walking his dog off leash in King George (Murray) Park at 6:02 am March 20, Public Security officials said. The nearby resident was described as having been fined for the same offence on “multiple” occasions.

4725 de Maisonneuve: to replace a bathroom window and rear balcony door;

51 Hallowell: to create a basement access under the front porch, replace an existing window with a door and build a small retaining wall.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting March 16.

61 Clandeboye: at a Category I house, to replace some windows and a door at rear;

21 Melbourne: re-landscaping at the rear to include reconfiguring the deck and basement stairs;

10 Grove Park: at a Category I house, to replace windows;

83 Chesterfield: to block a side window and replace some windows and doors;

5008 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to relocate the store sign for “Zone;”

45 Thornhill: at a Category I house, to replace some windows and a door at the rear;

463 Mount Stephen: to enlarge an opening in the rear wall for a new patio door;

4883 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building, to install a sign for “IRO” on condition the lighting is not LED;

4302 Montrose: landscaping in the front, side and rear yards to include a new swimming pool and the building of new retaining walls stepped back from the rear property line.

Loose dog picked up by owner

A mixed Labrador was found at Strathcona and Côte St. Antoine March 23 at 10:50 am, according to Public Security reports. It was picked up by the owner.

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Spring coming ... at the greenhouse anyway



City gardeners add finishing touches to the annual spring flower show at the city greenhouses March 27. The display opens to the public Thursday, April 2 after the arrival of a rabbit family. The show is open weekdays 10 am to 9 pm and weekends 9 am to 5 pm. From left are Mélanie Banninger (head gardener) and gardeners Christine Dupuis and Hélène Bazinet.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney



A murder of crows survey the surroundings from the corner of Westmount Ave. and Forden March 24 at 7:30 am. While “murder” is most commonly used as the collective noun for a group of crows, a certain “crow society” (<http://crow.bz/main>) claims the words “horde, hover, muster and parcel” may also be used.

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Falling ice poses hazardous situations

The freeze-thaw weather cycle resulted in at least two recent incidents of dangerous situations caused by icicles falling from large buildings, according to Public Security reports. The first was reported at 9:24 am March 10 at 1214 Greene at the northwest corner of St. Catherine. The building owner told public safety officers a contractor had already been summoned to remove the ice build-up. The sidewalk

was taped off until the work was complete at 12:45 pm.

The second came two days later when ice was found falling at 3:27 pm from St. Matthias' Church at the northwest corner of Côte St. Antoine and Church Hill (see photo March 17, p. 10). Public Works had sectioned off the area, but firefighters were called by officers to raise a ladder and knock off the ice.

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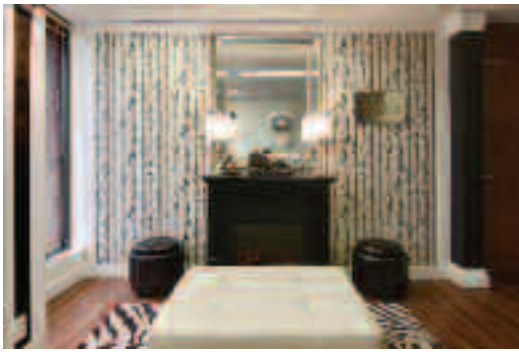
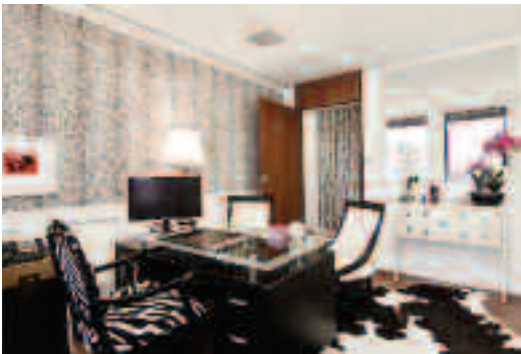
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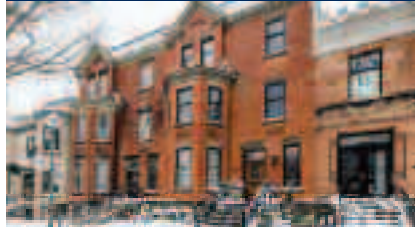
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Gilman Pavilion to stay when Children's moves to Glen site

BY JOANNE PENHALE

As the Montreal Children's Hospital relocates to the MUHC super-hospital, all services at the Gilman Pavilion will remain where they are.

Outpatients in the Westmount-based building located on the west side of Atwater may actually notice an improvement.

"When we move, the hospital card will be available at the Gilman," said Randy Robins, associate director of hospital services, whereas traditionally, patients have had to get their cards at the main building across the street and about 100 metres away.

Robins also said new windows and a generator will be installed in the building, the electrical system will be upgraded and some areas will be painted.

The Gilman Pavilion houses only outpatient services: pediatric dentistry and adolescent medicine clinics. No new services or occupants are expected in the building when the rest of the children's hospital moves.

That move is planned for between May 12 and May 24, which is the day in-patients

are scheduled to be moved to the new hospital and all urgent activities will begin running there as of 5 am, Robins said. This includes the emergency department, medical imaging, two operating rooms, laboratories and admitting.

For the period of the move, Robins said, "We are anticipating no impact on the Gilman."

The Montreal Children's Hospital

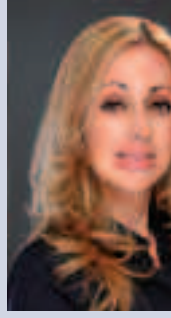


The Gilman Pavilion on Atwater below Dorchester, looking northwest on March 30.
Photo: Westmount Independent

bought the Gilman Pavilion in 1974, Robins noted. Before then, it housed Red Feather, which became United Way Centraide. The hospital's family medicine unit was in the building until 1981, Robins said, and until 1997, the building housed a school for dental hygiene.



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Bunny abandonment can be problem at Easter time



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Mummy Pancake is the caramel bunny who is now two years old. Daughter Jackie is the white one with black markings. She is one year old. This cuddly mother-and-daughter family was taken in by the Montreal SPCA and is now available for adoption.

Jackie is more outgoing and more adventurous – she adores to hop onto an elevated object and simply observe her surroundings.

Like most rabbits, she likes to be petted but prefers not to be held too long. On the other hand, Pancake loves cuddles and will often approach her humans to get more attention. She is very social, likes to be held and simply enjoys human presence. They really do make a wonderful duo.

If you are interested in adopting Pancake and Jackie together, please email the Montreal SPCA at exotique@spcamontreal.com, drop by to visit them at the SPCA, located at 5215 Jean Taon or call 514.735.2711.

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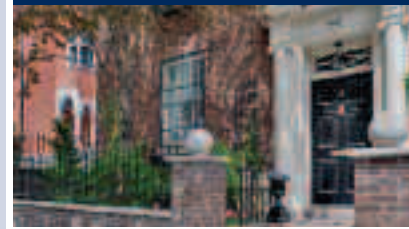
They have been waiting and waiting to be adopted into a home to call their own, as most people don't realize that the SPCA also has a care and adoption section for exotic pets, which includes bunnies.

Sadly, Jackie and Pancake rarely have visitors. We would like to change that by presenting them to you.

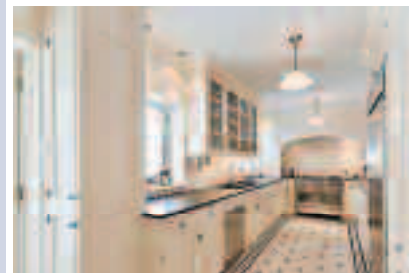


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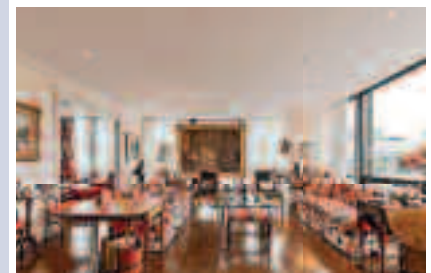


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MONDAY, MAY 4

Jewish General Hospital Auxiliary's Bridge and Mahjongg Luncheon and Tournament, to benefit Youth Services of the Jewish General Hospital's Department of Psychiatry. 11 am. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave., Westmount. Tickets 514.340.8216.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Giant Steps Foundation Auction benefiting Giant Steps School. Silent auction and cocktail at 6 pm. Co-hosted by Charles Lafortune. Tickets \$500. VIP dinner and live auction 7 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$1,000. Information 514.935.1911, Local 226. foundation@giantstepsmontreal.com.

Benefit Concert for the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA): Carte Blanche to Angèle Dubeau and La Pietà. 6:30 pm cocktails. 7:45 pm concert. 9 pm dessert reception with artists. Bourgie Concert Hall, 1339 Sherbrooke St. West. Tickets \$150. Information 514.285.2000.

Heart and Stroke Foundation's Caring Hearts Dinner. A five-course gastronomic dinner by Restaurant Europea, with auction of rare wines. 5:30 pm Marché Bonsecours, 350 St. Paul St. East, Old Montreal. Tickets \$500. Information Marie-Claude Bérubé, 514.871.8038, Local 254. fmcmontreal@encoeur.qc.ca.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund Gala Celebrating The Voice. Honouree Ivan Velan. Co-hosts Virgin Radio stars Natasha Gargiulo, Freeway Frank. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Information Brian Kuan. 514.340.8222, Local 3179. brian.kuan@mcgill.ca.

Montreal Chamber Music Festival Gala Gastronomique and Silent Auction. President of honour Mario Rigante, senior vice president, Quebec Division, Bank of Montreal. Guest of honour artist Marie-Josée Lord. 6:30 pm. Marriott Chateau Champlain, 1050 de la Gauchetière St. Tickets \$400. Tables of 10 – \$4,000. 514.489.7444. info@festivalmontreal.org, festival-montreal.org.

McCord Museum Ball, Montreal By Night. Black-tie benefit with jazz trio Bet.e & Stef and artistic direction/production by Walsh Lab Design. 6:30 pm Arsenal, 2020 William. Tickets \$750. 514.398.7100, Local 280. ball@mccord.mcgill.ca.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

McCord Museum Sugar Ball. Young Mc-

Cord fundraiser for young professionals. Starring renowned chefs. Chair Christine Lenis, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg. Tickets: General \$120 (10 pm, bar service). VIP \$160 (8 - 10 pm, gourmet stations and high-end drinks). Arsenal, 2020 William. Information 514.398.7100, Local 237. Jm.ym@mccord.mcgill.ca. McCord.museum.qc.ca/sugarball.

Hellenic Ladies Benevolent Society's Annual Ilios Gala to benefit the summer camps program for underprivileged and physically challenged children. Entertainment by Paul Chacra. Chairs Belle Grivakis and Christina Maroudas. Honorary patrons, George Tsitouras, Ernst & Young, and Helen Tyros, PearTree Financial Services. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Information Christina Maroudas, 514.717.1248. Belle Grivakis, 514.942.6910. info@hlbs.ca. hlbs.ca.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Elegant Table Settings Tour 2015. Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Sisterhood presents Highrises and High Tea to benefit Meals on Wheels. 1 pm. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave., Westmount. Information 514.937.9471, Local 139. sisterhood@theshaar.org.

Cocktails & Couture for a Cause fundraiser for the Complex Care Service department at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Hosted by Virgin Radio & ET Canada's Natasha Gargiulo. Fashion, food and networking. La Toundra in Parc Jean-Drapeau, 1, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. Tickets \$125. online at: event.sparxo.com/ticket/svrchildrens. Cash or cheque 514.862.6764. svrchildrensfoundation@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Tyndale St. Georges Community Centre Dinner Auction. Mardi Gras Masquerade. Guest of Honour Oliver Jones. Chair Sandy Miron. 6:30 pm. Rialto Theatre, 5723 Parc Ave. Tickets \$150. (tax receipt \$75.) Online at www.tyndaleevents.com. Susan Bell 514.931.6265, Local 25. susanbell@tyndalestgeorges.com.

Queen Elizabeth Health Complex Foundation's Under the Tuscan Sun. 6-9 pm. The Wave, 5524 St. Patrick St., #316. Information Rosalie Sarasua, 514.485.5018. rsarasua@qehc.org.

Segal Centre For The Performing Arts Fundraising Gala – A Tribute to Dora Wasserman. Special guest Oscar-winning composer Alan Menken. 6-9 pm followed by after-party. Segal Centre for The Performing Arts, 5170 Côte St. Catherine St. Tickets \$750. Emilie Hervieux, 514.739.2301, Local 8365. [\[centre.org.segalcentre.org\]\(http://centre.org.segalcentre.org\).](mailto:ehervieux@segal-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Canadian Red Cross (Quebec Division) fundraising evening. Moroccan theme. Chairs Norman Steinberg, global vice chair, Norton Rose Fulbright and chair, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada, with Martin Thibodeau, president, RBC Royal Bank Quebec Headquarters. Honorary president Michèle Dionne. New City Gas, 950 Ottawa St. Information and tickets Diane Harnois 514.362.2930, Local 3622950. diane.harnois@redcross.ca.

AMI-Quebec's (Action on Mental Illness) Benefit Open Mike Night featuring comedian Mike Macdonald who will talk candidly about his personal challenges with mental illness and addiction. Moderator Just For Laughs' Andy Nulman. Espace Reunion, 6600 Hutchison St. Tickets: General \$200. Young adults (18-35) \$36. Information 514.486.1448. info@amiquebec.org. amiquebec.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

The Ball for the Children's – A special edition event "Evolution" celebrating the past and the future of the Montreal Children's Hospital. 6:30 pm at the Windsor Station (1100 des Canadiens de Montreal Ave.). Patron of Honour: Calin Rovinescu, President and CEO, Air Canada Attire: Black tie. Ticket price: \$600 per person. Corporate tables available. Info: Christine Rokos at 514.934.4846 or crok@mchf.com

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Gala Dinner for the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. 6 pm. Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave., Westmount. Information 514.937.8927, Local 101. michelerichman@bengurion.ca.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

La Dolce Vita Presents: Buenos Aires, Argentina! An evening of Argentinian delights and entertainment to benefit the Miriam Foundation. Presented in partnership with the Unicorn Children's Foundation. Honorary chairs Diane Proulx, Valeria Rosenbloom, Rhoda Vineberg and Stephanie Hoolahan. Chairs Marsha Becker and Pearl Bratin. 6:30 pm. Luciani Infiniti, 4000 Jean Talon St. West. Tickets \$200. \$100 for 40 and under. Ayla 514.345.1300, Local 122. Aylaf@miriamfoundation.ca www.miriamfoundation.ca/en/events.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Hockey de Rue. St. hockey event presented by the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation and YM-YWHA to improve the lives of underprivileged children. Includes Canadiens Legends game. Honorary chairs Patrice Brisebois and Robert

Oringer. Chairs Robert Wiseman and Steve Stotland. Notable guest Canadiens legend Pierre Boivin. YM-YWHA, 5400 Westbury St. Information Lara Goldenberg 514.737.6551, Local 228. Hdr@hockeyderue.com hockeyderue.com.

JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 1

2015 MAB Mackay Foundation Golf Tournament. Dinner and roast to benefit the new Alexandre Bilodeau Fund for Adapted Sports. Guest of honour is past chair Westmounter Stuart Webster. Tee off time 12:30. Price to play is \$675 per golfer and \$2,700 per foursome. \$150 for dinner only. Cocktails 5:30. Dinner 6:30. Royal Montreal Golf Club, 25 South Ridge Road, Île Bizard. Tickets and information Veronique Courey. vcourey@mabmackay.ca. 514.488.0043, Local 1408.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Cedars Festival of Divine Wine – Experience Tuscany. 6:30 pm Atrium of the new MUHC Research Institute, 2155 Guy St. Proceeds benefit the Cedars Cancer Foundation's Sarcoma Fund. Information 514.934.1934, Local 71230. Cedars.ca.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Trafalgar School's Greatest Show in Earth! A #TrafFamily evening of entertainment by the École Nationale de Cirque. Proceeds to benefit Trafalgar's bursary program. Co-chairs Traf parents Simone Blatt, Mia Fellen and Darlene Singerman. TOHU, 2345 Jarry East. Tickets Adults \$125. Children (17 and under) \$50. Register online at Trafalgar.qc.ca or contact a member of the committee.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

St. Mary's Master's Golf Tournament to benefit St. Mary's Hospital Center. 12:30 pm shotgun. Royal Montreal Golf Club. Chair Dave Campbell. Information Michelle Campbell 514.345.3511, Local 5195. michelle.campbell.chsm@ssss.gouv.qc.ca.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Cocktail reception and art exhibition honouring the legacy of Rosalind Goodman in support of the Goodman Cancer Research Centre. Honorary guest Suzanne Fortier, principal and vice chancellor McGill University. Chairs Etty Bienstock, Penny Echenberg, Deborah Goodman Davis, Shawna Goodman-Sone, Janis Levine and Sandra Martz. 5:30 – 7:30 pm Bellini Building, McGill University. Tickets \$150. 514.398.4970. Events.gcrc@mcgill.ca.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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Parker fined when car rolls into another

A parked Volkswagen Jetta rolled forward into a parked Subaru Forester March 18 outside 464 Claremont, Public Security officials said. Patrollers came across the accident at 9 am and called police to track down the car owners. Meanwhile, the owner of the Jetta arrived on the scene and was ticketed \$57 for failing to turn the wheels to the curb on a hill. The hood of her car was damaged as was the rear bumper of the other vehicle.

Nevertheless, in an overnight check by patrollers March 24, not one car was found parked incorrectly on hills indicating, officials said, that the message was being understood, at least by Westmount residents holding overnight parking permits.

Gas leak readings low

A small underground gas leak was discovered March 13 at Dorchester and Clandeboye, Public Security officials report. Public safety officers were asked to block off traffic at Greene and Dorchester until Gaz Metro crews could determine its potential impact. Low level readings were obtained, and crews worked to repair the problem.

Lamp cover hangs over parked cars

The cover for a street light overhanging the street at 356 Wood Ave. March 11 had likely been dislodged by wind, Public Security officials said. Hydro Westmount was called to remove it around 3:33 pm before it could fall on parked cars below.

Garage fire extinguished at 50 Belvedere Pl.

A garage fire at 50 Belvedere Place March 9 brought many fire department vehicles to the scene before 4:46 pm but was described as relatively minor, Public Security officials said. Because of the restricted space and narrow streets, police and Public Security blocked off various intersections including intersections at Summit Circle. The fire was reported to have started in the garage and worked its way into the ceiling. The cause was not immediately known. Firefighters left at 5:20 pm.

What's missing? No luck of Irish for plough operator



Photo: Westmount Independent

"There's a free parking spot for you," a local building superintendent told the Independent on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. A sidewalk plough had hit a parking meter on the west side of Victoria north of de Maisonneuve earlier that day. A traffic cone marked its former location.

What melting snow reveals



Public safety officer Nick Bouchard brings in a Denver boot found March 20 by a parking inspector in melting snow at the municipal parking lot on Greene. The device is a wheel clamp that prevents vehicles with outstanding court warrants against them from being moved.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Hit-and-run driver plows into two cars

Two parked cars were hit on St. Catherine St. March 8 by a car whose driver fled the scene, Public Security officials said. The suspect left a yellow Pontiac Sunfire behind.

The accident had been witnessed around 12:30 am by a resident of Kensington, who spoke briefly with the driver saying the fire department had been called.

A public safety officer, who came across the incident while patrolling, reported all three cars had been damaged. Both parked

vehicles belonged to nearby Westmount residents, who were informed. The cars had been parked on the north side of the street just east of Metcalfe in front of Cantor's bakery. One had to be towed as did the Sunfire.

All units attempted to find the driver.

Public safety officers searched the area looking for the suspect but came up empty handed. No description was available. Police were called, and the incident was reported to be under investigation.

Impaired driving cont'd. from p. 1

Guy St. and charged with driving under the influence. His car was towed away.

On March 21, a patrolling public safety officer travelling eastbound on St. Catherine at Lewis was almost hit head on by a car driving west in the wrong lane at about 3:52 am. The officer swerved to avoid the wayward car and turned around to follow it as it continued west, narrowly missing the median at Lansdowne.

The car then pulled up on the sidewalk and slowed to a stop. Asked if he was alright, the driver's reply was reported to be incoherent. Meanwhile, the passenger was observed vomiting onto the sidewalk.

The officer called for police, secured the car and removed the keys. Two police cars responded and the unidentified driver was taken away to be charged with driving under the influence. He was described as "extremely intoxicated," McBain said.

"It's so important for us to be out there on the road at this time of night," he explained, adding that some municipal security units don't patrol overnight.

"This is when we notice a general disregard by drivers for stop signs and speed regulations, believing they have less of a chance of being stopped," he said. This applies even to people who have not been drinking, he added.

See police report column, p. 8.

Mercedes knocks it over

A hit-and-run vehicle managed to push over a heavy cement planter in the intersection at Victoria and Sunnyside March 22, Public Security officials said. The incident was witnessed by a resident at 5:47 am, who called the station. The black Mercedes left behind parts of the car including a "Silver Star Mercedes-Benz" logo. The planter is so heavy it took a city front-end loader to upright it.

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Contactivity hears about how to avoid being scammed

By MARTIN C. BARRY

On March 12, senior citizens attending an early afternoon presentation at the Contactivity Centre heard Adalbert Pimentel and Stephan Laperrière, both Montreal police Station 12 community relations officers, and public safety officer Sabrina

Tremblay speak about fraud schemes that are perpetrated against older people.

“We’re seeing more and more that there are certain frauds and criminal activities that are happening to older people,” said Laperrière, while adding that the purpose of the presentation was to inform the seniors of what is going on rather than scare



Montreal police Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel answers questions at Contactivity Centre during a presentation on security for seniors March 12.



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Ce règlement a pour objet d'autoriser un emprunt de 4 171 100 \$ pour l'exécution de travaux de réfection routière, de restauration de conduites d'aqueduc et de réhabilitation de conduites d'égouts.

Ce règlement d'emprunt entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne 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, ce 31 mars 2015.

Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe

NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE LOAN BY-LAW No. 1480

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that **Loan By-law No. 1480** entitled “**BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,171,100 FOR THE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME, THE REFURBISHING OF WATER MAINS AND THE REHABILITATION OF SEWERS**”, adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at its regular sitting held on February 2, 2015, and deemed to be approved by qualified voters at the end of the registration period held on February 18, 2015, has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on March 13, 2015.

The object of said by-law is to authorize a loan in the amount of \$4,171,100 to carry out work for the roadway reconstruction programme, the refurbishing of water mains and the rehabilitation of sewers.

This loan by-law comes into force according to law.

Any 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, Westmount, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, this March 31st, 2015.

Nicole Dobbie
Assistant City Clerk

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them.

In one scam he described, an elderly person, usually a woman wearing expensive jewelry, is approached on the street by a stranger making flattering remarks about the jewelry. The scammer then offers her a piece of jewelry to wear. It is placed around the victim's neck as a distraction, while the scammer steals a piece of the victim's jewelry, usually something valuable, and then leaves the scene discreetly.

“I've seen a lot of this happen on the West Island,” said Laperrière who was stationed in Lachine before coming to work in Westmount. “I haven't yet heard about it happening here in Westmount. I don't want to scare you, but it could be a possibility that it happens here.”

Another increasingly well-known scam targeting seniors is the “grandson” fraud, which creates thousands of victims each year. The perpetrators telephone their tar-

gets at home and claim to be a person close to the family with an urgent problem, such as an accident or an arrest that requires a large amount of money to resolve. The caller asks that the sum be transferred electronically, or someone is sent to the victim's house to pick it up.

The advice of the Station 12 officers was that seniors in such a situation should ask personal questions to the caller about things that only close family members could know, or phone a family member to verify if they know the caller. Otherwise, seniors are advised to never transfer or give money quickly when it is requested over the phone under such circumstances.

For her part, Tremblay pointed out that Westmount Public Security plays an important role in helping ensure the safety of residents who are senior citizens by watching over Westmount's neighbourhoods and assisting the police in the prevention of crime.

The Montreal police and the Westmount Public Safety Unit have published information booklets with information for senior citizens regarding safety. “Don't Let Yourself Get Trapped” by the police department and “Security and Aging” by the city's security force are available at their offices on Stanton St.

LOI SUR L'ÉQUITÉ SALARIALE AVIS D'AFFICHAGE : PROGRAMME D'ÉQUITÉ SALARIALE Maison Orchard House – Le 30 mars 2015

En vertu de la Loi sur l'équité salariale, soyez informés que l'affichage suite à l'évaluation du programme de l'équité salariale pour les employés sera fait le lundi 6 avril 2015. L'affichage sera effectué pendant 60 jours soit du 6 avril 2015 au 5 juin 2015 inclusivement. Les employés pourront prendre connaissance de l'affichage sur tous les tableaux d'affichage de la compagnie.

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CHQ head recalls Hurtubise restoration to WHA meeting

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

On March 19, Jacques Archambault, executive director of Canadian Heritage Quebec (CHQ) told the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) about preservation work done inside the Hurtubise House since CHQ's acquisition of the building nearly 60 years ago.

Addressing WHA members at Westmount Public Library, Archambault recounted how the oldest house in Westmount, which was built in 1739 on Côte St. Antoine Rd. at Victoria Ave., was saved by the CHQ from demolition. It has since then meticulously preserved the interior, he said.

In 2004, the property and house were declared a protected historic site by the Quebec Culture and Communications ministry, which subsidized the restoration of

the roof and the dormer windows. A second provincial grant made in 2011 is helping to pay for restoration work on the stone facade, the exterior gallery and the interior.

According to Archambault, many of the original features inside the historic farmhouse remain today. These include cut stone window openings, a fireplace with bake oven and a stone sink in the kitchen. The cedar beams in the cellar are believed to have been made from trees which first began growing 600 years ago.

"When you have six generations who lived in the same house, you can expect to have some modifications," Archambault said, noting that each of the generations left behind evidence of their era.

Archambault said that during restoration work on the second floor, the interior walls were found to be extensively damaged from a water leak in the roof. As a re-

sult, they had to be resurfaced using historically appropriate materials and restoration methods. Nonetheless, because a new coat of paint was applied, the walls upstairs have a brighter appearance than those on the ground floor.

On the first floor during a second phase of restoration, "we used a completely different approach," Archambault explained. It was decided that the integrity and authenticity of the finishes on the walls would be preserved, as well as the "spirit" of the building. Everything considered technically modern was removed, including in-wall air conditioning units.

But as some concessions had to be made for modern technology, it was decided to consolidate electrical and communications cabling into a concealed shaft so that the historic appearance of the Hurtubise

Warmer weather thought to bring more itinerant reports

Seven incidents were recorded of issues related to groups of itinerants consuming alcohol between March 10 and 14, Public Security officials said. Most dealt with their ongoing presence near or across the street from the dépanneur on St. Catherine just west of Atwater. Warmer weather was believed to have played a role.

On March 11, a man was found sleeping at the entrance to Alexis Nihon Plaza at 6:01 pm. He was reported to have been offered a hot drink from McDonald's, and officers stayed with him until he regained his capacity to function properly. A more suitable location was then found for him.

The same day at 10:24 pm, a patroller came across a very intoxicated man sleeping on stairs who said he wanted to go to the Old Brewery Mission. Instead, he was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé.



The Hurtubise House is located at 561 Côte St. Antoine Rd., corner Victoria Ave.

House wouldn't be affected. Part of the reason, he said, is that drilling holes in the walls is forbidden by the building's protected status.

In an interesting aside to all this, Archambault revealed evidence that long ago Victoria Ave. may have been called Hurtubise Ave. He recalled going years ago to a barn on the outskirts of Montreal where artifacts from the Hurtubise House were kept. There he found an old sign advertising lots for sale on a property located at Hurtubise and Westmount avenues. "That means that Hurtubise Ave. already existed in the past," Archambault said of the discovery.



Canadian Heritage of Quebec executive director Jacques Archambault addresses the Westmount Historical Association on March 19.

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Social calendar cont'd. from p. 14

Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, a new musical adaptation of Mordecai Richler's story directed by Austin Pendleton. Music by Alan Menken. Meet-the-cast dessert reception. 8 pm. Segal Centre For The Performing Arts, 5170, Côte St. Catherine. Tickets Adrian Bercovici 514.933.8585. generationsfoundation.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Temple Fundraising Gala Dinner honouring member Westmouter Bruce Kent. Chair is Westmouter Jewel Lowenstein. Proceeds support Temple's interfaith outreach and social justice programs. 6 pm. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. Information Risa, 514.937.3575, Local 215. tebsgal@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 & MONDAY, JUNE 15

Your Song! Growing Up With Elton John, a community musical fundraiser benefiting the Segal Centre For Performing Arts. Featuring Elton John's greatest hits directed by Andy Nulman. Segal Centre, 5170 Cote St. Catherine. June 14 – 3 pm and 7:30 pm. June 15 – 6 pm and 9 pm. Tickets Adults \$55. Aged under 12 \$36. 514.739.7944. segalcentre.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Alzheimer Groupe Hosts A Vision To Remember At The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA). Gala evening begins with a special musical presentation followed by cocktail-dîatoire and tour of exhibit "Metamorphoses; In Rodin's Studio." 6 pm. MMFA, 1380 Sherbrooke St. West. Tickets 514.485.7233. info@agiteam.org.

Easy Day presents a special gold tournament fundraiser for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation. Celebrity guest José Théodore. Guest of honour Mitsou Gélina. Royal Montreal Golf Club. Tickets \$500. Contact Paige 514.814.1554. golf@easyday.ca.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Just for Kids Foundation Golf Tournament. 18 holes of golf on a championship course, three meals with open bar and prizes. Le Club Laval sur le Lac. Players \$500. Chairs Matt Rodier and Jesse Lubin. Information 514.989.7673. reception@jfk-foundation.ca.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

AGI Annual Golf Tournament to benefit AGI's support services for those touched

by Alzheimer's and related disorders. Hillsdale Golf and Country Club, Mirabel. Information 514.485.7233. info@agiteam.org.

Summer cocktail benefiting the Montreal SPCA. 6 pm. Loews Hotel Vogue, 1425, rue de la Montagne. Tickets \$45. \$80 for two. Odette Lours. olours@spca.com.

Chapeau Mont Royal, gourmet benefit luncheon and raffle, organized by Les amis de la montagne supporting activities on Mount Royal. Hats requested for ladies and gentlemen. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 pm. Honorary chair Françoise Lyon, senior vice-president, Pembroke Private Wealth Management. Chairs Mary Bruns Creighton, Kathryn Lund Drummond, Judith Kavanagh and Carole Labelle Molson. Mount Royal Chalet near lookout. Tickets \$250. Corporate tables (10) \$5,000. Sponsorships available. Contact Katie Whitehead, 514.843.8240, Local 243. kwhitehead@lemontroyal.qc.ca. chapeaumontroyal.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

30th Lobster Lunch Business Rendez-vous. To support Fondation Tel-jeunes. Honorary chair Eric R. La Flèche president/CEO MÉTRO. Festive lobster dinner/networking to celebrate summer. Place Bonaventure. Information and tickets Maude Landreville 514.288.1444 Local 232. mlandreville@fondationteljeunes.org

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Hope & Cope's Soirée Fantastique. Starring Sunday Night Live comedian Dennis Miller. Chairs Nancy Dikofsky and Howard Stotland. VIP cocktail dîatoire. Place des Arts. Sponsorship opportunities/ tickets, 514.340.8222, Local 6868. hopeandcopeevents@jgh.mcgill.ca.

JULY

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Cedars Cancer Foundation's Cedars Golf Classic Fundraiser. Supports the Cedars' commitment to pediatric, adolescent, adult and palliative cancer care and research at the MUHC. Elm Ridge Golf and Country Club. Information 514 934.1934, Local 71230. cedars.ca/events.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

CHW Montreal's Pro-Am For Kids Golf Tournament. Golf for players of all ages. A professional assigned to each team of three. Elm Ridge Golf and Country Club. Sponsorship/tickets 514.933.8461. info@montrealchw.ca. chw.ca/montreal

MONDAY, JULY 13

Miriam Foundation Lori Black Memorial Golf Tournament. Honorary chair Herbert Black. Chair Norman Bercovitch. 11 am shot gun. Hillsdale Golf and Country Club. Sponsorship/tickets: Ayla, 514.345.1300,

Akiva marks Francofête with Garneau



Westmount-Ville Marie MP Marc Garneau was the guest of honour on March 17 at Akiva School, where students and teachers were celebrating Francofête, an annual event that immerses students in the French language and culture for a week. Akiva has been holding Francofête for the past 15 years. Garneau is seen here answering questions in French to grade 2 students about his experiences as an astronaut.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

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450.961.2945.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MAC) Ball. Organizing committee chair Debbie Zakaib. 6:30 pm MAC, 185 St. Catherine St. West. Tickets 514.847.6234. Daniele.Patenaude@macm.org.

AUGUST

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Old Brewery Mission Foundation's Ken Reed Golf Tournament, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Pointe Claire. Information/sponsorship opportunities Kim Nguyen, 514.788.1884, Local 2727. Golf@oldbrewerymissionfoundation.ca

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12.14

CIBC 401 Bike Challenge. Cyclists take part in an endurance ride 585 km from Toronto Sick Kids Hospital to the Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH) in 2.5 days. Proceeds benefit Sarah's Fund at the Cedars Cancer Foundation supporting Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the MCH. Information www.401bikechallenge.ca.

SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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Evening celebrates work-out wear launch



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Another record-breaking shivering eve did not deter fashionistas from flocking

to JoshuaDAVID. On February 26, the designers **Joshua Fagan** and **David Archer**, who own the eponymous Westmount shop, hosted a healthy moment. Not only did they launch their new active wear line – JoshuaDAVID FIT – but they featured an on-site personal training application called Life Session.

The cupcakes (Pâtisserie Petit Lapin),

yogurts (Cult Yogurt) and juices (Jus Pur) were munched and quaffed by parka-clad guests who tried on stretchy ensembles as well as being lured by more dressy attire.

David Sciacca, VP at Lift Session, showed curious customers the work-out program on his iPad. It is an interactive work-out program, live online, aligning trainers with fitness enthusiasts.

Noted in the crowded space were **Alex Camara**, **Ilhan Var** and daughter **Nazli Var**,

Tania Baloukas, **Anne-Lovely Étienne** and **Catherine Maisonneuve**.

Westmounters seen included **Margaret Adams**, **Rosanna Besner**, **Laura Lavy**, **Marcia Gilman**, **Sandie Chalhoub**, **Abby Halickman** and **Joelle Sholzberg**, who arrived with her warmly clad sons **Oliver** and **Dov Aronson**. Their Crayola-coloured knitted hats added punch to the ladies in black, many of whom sported
“it” bags from Vuitton, *continued on p. 22*



David Archer, left, and Joshua Fagan.

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Also seen were the *de rigueur* fashion adornments of the moment: a hat – black and sort of Borsalino; real fur (recycled of course!), distressed jeans and massive scarves wrapped over the top collar of the

coat muffling the mouth, but not for long as the glam guys and gals quickly munched down the bite-sized muffin-style morsels – having their cake and eating it. You can always work out tomorrow!



From left: Oliver and Dov Aronson, and Joelle Sholzberg.



David Sciacca



Alex Camara

Her dream come true: Friedman to meet the queen in May



Le Fournil co-owner Robin Friedman March 21 at her bakery.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Robin Friedman, co-owner of Le Fournil bakery on Sherbrooke St., will be fulfilling a dream in late May when she travels to London, England to have tea with Queen Elizabeth II.

Friedman was one of hundreds of Canadians who responded to an online offer from the High Commission of Canada in London to apply for the privilege of being part of a large gathering of people from Commonwealth countries invited to a garden party May 28 at Buckingham Palace.

Friedman, who is an appreciator of all things English and an admirer of the royal family, says she plans to bring back recipes for British baked goods and delicacies in order to replicate them in her bakery.

Should she have to close the shop while away, she will be placing a sign in Le Fournil's window saying, "Gone to see the Queen."

Another Westmounter who contacted the *Independent* also had tea with the queen, Viviane Agia in May 2014. See "Believe it: Agia had tea with the queen," November 25, 2014, p. 27.



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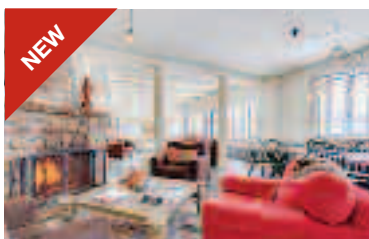
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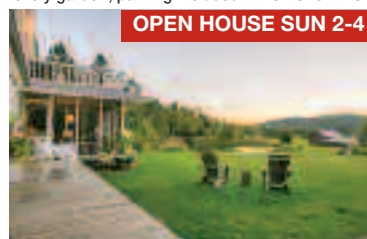
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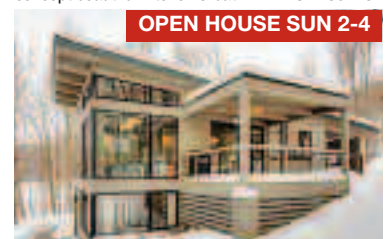
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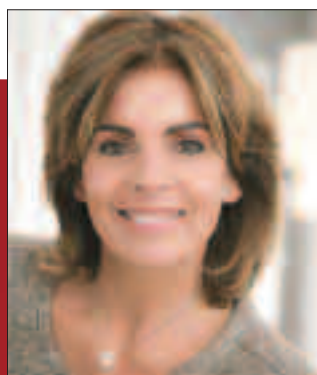
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