

Ground collapses, trailer falls at Metcalfe construction site

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was 1:23 am May 1 when a resident of Abbott Ave. called Public Security to report that a section of ground had collapsed in front of the condo construction site at 175 Metcalfe, department officials said.

Officers reported finding earth had been washed away, a construction trailer had tipped over on its side, and the basement of the new building was flooded with some eight to 10 feet of water from what seemed to have been a ruptured water pipe.

The trailer came to rest against a 60-foot-deep retaining wall described as built for the collection of water as part of the construction project, explained Public Security director Greg McBain in relaying details of the report.

Firefighters were called at 1:35 am, followed by Gaz Métro, whose crews cut the supply of gas from under the affected area as a precaution. Water was turned off at 2:17 am and Westmount Hydro cut power

to the area immediately west and south just before 3 am, but it was restored at 4:10 am.

Roads were blocked in the area throughout. The site was declared safe at 5:40 am.

A hydrant close by was declared out of order though it was not reported damaged in the incident, McBain said.

Because of the hour, the cause and sequence of events were not immediately known, according to Public Works officials. The incident remained under investigation.

While initial reports from the scene indicated a water main going into the site had burst, washing out the ground beneath, "It's not clear what happened," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal.

Water had to be pumped out of the site, and the trailer required a crane to move it, which occurred at 6:27 pm the same day.

Snow rules melt away in May

Overnight clearing okay for driveways, new hours for lots

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was a 28-degree day May 4 when city council announced relaxed snow removal regulations. The changes would allow contractors to clear private driveways overnight and provide them with four more hours to clean large lots.

"I think we've found the right solution," said Mayor Peter Trent when the changes were tabled.

Modifications to the city's noise by-law



The Beavers Scouts of Westmount Park visited Station 12 May 1 during the Scouts' "good turn week" when "youth learn to give back to the community by rendering services for free or giving thanks to vital community services," said Beaver leader Razan Saigh. They presented Constable Stephan Laperrière with thank-you cards and cookies, as officer Luis Guerra Lopez looks on. Photo courtesy of Razan Saigh

Residents sue super-hospital, see p. 3.

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came in response to requests last December from residents and their contractors. They claimed the nighttime curfew on the clearing of driveways between 9 pm and 7 am left insufficient time for the work to be done in a safe and timely manner before the start of the work day and school.

The issue was complicated by the fact that the same set of regulations did not seem to apply to driveways and to large parking lots, which use heavy equipment having

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Residents seek ‘curbside parking’ for themselves, guests

Mt. Stephen group protests new reserved parking

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A dozen residents of Mount Stephen turned out at the May 4 city council meeting to protest the creation of reserved parking zones for permit holders on their street. The changes were enacted three months ago to help ease parking for residents living around the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue.

While similar changes were made to Metcalfe and Springfield, the Mount Stephen residents presented a petition stating the solution should not apply to their street.

It was signed by 27 home owners though residents of the apartment building had not been surveyed.

Despite never having had a major parking problem on Mount Stephen before, they said, they felt they were “unfairly accommodating” issues that related to Springfield and Metcalfe. They also said they had not received replies to their complaints from the city’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

“All we want is to have our street back to

the way it was,” said Betsy Pomeranz, after voicing her concern at the meeting.

Residents who have driveways or parking aprons have lost “curbside parking” in front of their houses, they said. They are no longer able to park in the new zones reserved for holders of orange permits (stickers) 24 hours a day. These are available only to residents of Mount Stephen, Springfield and Metcalfe who do not have parking on their property. These include residents of the apartment building.

One of the main concerns cited in the petition, however, was “no longer” being able to use previous yellow visitor permits which would allow their guests to park in the reserved zones. They claimed that during a public consultation meeting January 31 they had been promised these could be used at all times.

Sam Berliner asked for “immediate” permission to use the guest passes, and obtain more if needed. As he read the petition, residents rose from their seats to stand behind him.

He said it was “unfair” and “unreasonable” to ask

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Sam Berliner of Mount Stephen presents the parking petition to city council May 4, supported by a contingent of fellow residents.

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Former councillor Ikeman questions WRC's bright lights

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Former District 5 city councillor Gary Ikeman returned to the council chamber May 4 to raise concerns over the brightness



Gary Ikeman addresses council during question period May 4.

Altercation erupts over parking spot on Greene

A man told public safety officers on Greene Ave. April 30 that he had just witnessed an altercation between two people. At that point, one of the two approached to say he had been hit by a woman and had called 911. Public Security officials said he pointed to the woman who subsequently explained they had had a dispute over a parking spot. She had "insulted," but not hit, him. Both waited for police who listened to their story and let everyone depart. The incident occurred at about 3:40 pm.

of lighting at the site of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

Admitting it was unusual for ex-Solons to raise issues during question period, he said he believed it was important for them to do so given their "insights" into the city, and in his particular case, the WRC, in whose planning he participated during his term of office (2009 to 2013).

Speaking as a resident of St. Catherine St. in the "POM" condos across from the WRC, he said the lights on top of the high poles around the pool looked like prison lights or those at an airport-landing strip.

Noting some around the parking lot had been "decommissioned," he also expressed concern about the installation of the six "overly bright" lights around the newly rebuilt junior tennis courts to the east of the WRC.

"Has anyone looked into it in terms of

impact on the neighbourhood?" he asked.

"With the tennis courts, we did," Mayor Peter Trent replied.

"I had enormous concerns," explained Councillor Patrick Martin, who said he had objected to the height of the poles, about 40 feet. He said the city had been assured by the project's contractor that the poles and light fixtures could be reconfigured and adjusted.

"It can be cheaper with fewer lights on higher poles," he explained. As well, tennis

players needed height to see higher balls.

Martin had reported the adjustability of the lights when council approved reconstruction of the junior courts and new lighting August 4, 2014. They were described at the time as being "adjustable" to reduce glare at nearby apartment buildings and control the intensity of light" (see story August 12, p. 1).

The LED lighting would save about \$1,000 a year in energy costs, Martin had explained.

Residents sue super-hospital

Just before press time on May 11, a press release issued by the would-be plaintiffs stated that Marc Felgar of York St. and the newly formed Neighbours of the Glen Campus are seeking authorization for a class action lawsuit on behalf of residents of lower Westmount and southeastern NDG against the MUHC super-hospital and SNC-Lavalin for the noise emanating from their new Glen site. The suit seeks annual damages of \$5,000 per affected person and an injunction to stop the noise. Any person living, working or studying in this area could be a member of the proposed class. For more information, see the plaintiffs' lawyers' website at www.sfpavocats.ca/recours-collectifs/.



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WMA membership up by 50, AGM takes place

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Membership in the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) is higher than it was in recent years, despite some contention within the group that led to the resignation of its former president in January.

WMA co-president Paul Marriott said in an interview with the *Independent* prior

the association's 107th annual general meeting on May 6 at Victoria Hall that the WMA's membership tally for 2014 was 246. According to Maureen Kiely, co-president, the WMA has updated its web payment system and most of the memberships have been paid.

Marriott expected the membership number to exceed 250 by next month, a time when the WMA's membership roll

has traditionally grown in the weeks following annual general meetings. Marriott said membership stood at around 200 in 2013.

Last year, according to Marriott, the WMA underwent a period of dissent between some members who disagreed over whether the association should take positions "as one voice" or allow members to speak out individually in public while identifying themselves as being with the WMA.

The issue became contentious, he added, when some members expressed their views during question period at Westmount city council meetings. Things reached a climax in January when Peter Starr, who had been elected president last year, resigned.

The matter is now resolved, Marriott

maintained. He and Kiely, who were elected first and second vice-presidents respectively last year and became co-presidents following Starr's departure, said in their annual report that they will remain in the positions for the coming year.

In their report, Marriott and Kiely said the WMA plans to focus on a number of priorities in the coming year, including the city's permit system, the implementation of Westmount's master traffic plan and the development of a plan for the Victoria village.

"Maintaining a vibrant commercial heart is important to the soul of our community," the report states. "Planning must take into account the opportunity that new blood brings while pre-
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Westmount Municipal Association recording secretary Pat Dumais and co-president Paul Marriott address members during its annual general meeting at Victoria Hall May 6.

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lage.” The WMA maintains that continuing work on the Prince Albert square at the intersection of Sherbrooke St. “will have an impact, and we look forward to its completion.”

The WMA also said it “applauds” the city’s decision to adhere to the David Suzuki Foundation’s Blue Dot Project, which is a national initiative promoting the belief that people have an inherent right to clean water, fresh air, healthy food and other aspects of a healthy environment. “These are all part of the process of moving towards a better community for all of us,” said the WMA.

The meeting was attended by some 60. Mid-way through, the Derek Walker Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to

Flora-Lee Wagner (see story April 14, p. 2).

The guest speaker at this year’s AGM was Westmount physician Dr. Mark Roper, who spoke on the issue of access to medical care from the perspective of user data. He suggested that in the Montreal region alone, administrators of the system aren’t accurately reporting the number of available doctors because they routinely include medical researchers and retirees in their count.

Apart from co-presidents Marriott and Kiely, this year’s WMA board consists of Pat Dumais (recording secretary), Mavis Young (treasurer) and John Fretz (vice president).

The directors are Nigel Goddard, Marilyn Gillies, Markus Martin, Aaron Fraser, Julia Carbone, Allan Kobelansky and Douglas Leahy.

Too late to awaken family, PSO finds unlocked car, loose child seats

A public safety officer spotted the sliding door of a passenger van open April 27 while patrolling on Wood north of Sherbrooke, according to Public Security reports. Checking it out, he discovered all the doors unlocked. Noticing two child seats and a booster inside – and noting they

were improperly installed – he decided against ringing the doorbell at 12:18 am and awakening three small children. He secured the car doors, left a note for the vehicle owners and also advised them to make an appointment at Public Security to have the seats safely fastened.

Previous Selby building lot empty



A view, looking west from Greene, of the now building-free lot at Selby and Greene the morning of May 6. For previous photo coverage, see May 5, p. 11.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POT PROBLEM IS SIMPLY BEING MOVED

Let's not be naive about this (re: "Police crack down on pot possession around Summit Circle," April 21, p. 20). When Public Security and/or the police crack down on such activities, those activities just move to a different part of Westmount. Proof in this case is the end of Summit Crescent being recently invaded by an even greater number of vehicles whose passengers openly engage in drinking, drug use and sexual activity.

A morning walk is always resplendent with souvenirs of the previous evening's revelry.

The message "this sort of activity is not tolerated" is really "this sort of activity is not tolerated around Summit Circle," and a blind eye seems to be turned when it is transplanted elsewhere.

I do not understand why that strip of road [the end of Summit Crescent from Devon to where it meets the city of Montreal line near the Oratory property] is not just blocked off. The abandoned building [used to be a coach house] at the end is not using it.

We are not solving a problem, just moving it.

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FITTING THAT MARCH BEGAN IN WESTMOUNT PARK

As a person of Armenian descent, a long-time resident of Westmount and a former city councillor, thank you Westmount for hosting in Westmount Park the assembly of some 10,000 people who then marched solemnly along St. Catherine St. to Place des Arts in a peaceful demonstration to end all genocides.

A large part of those marching were from the Armenian diaspora, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the "deportation order" issued by the Ottoman government that resulted in the annihilation of over a million and a half Armenian men, women and children, thereby, as the pope recently confirmed, perpetrating the first genocide of the 20th century.

The march was also attended by victims of subsequent genocides, namely the Holocaust, Ukraine under Stalin, Cambo-

dia, Rwanda, the Kurds and Syrians and other unfortunate victims of oppressions, which all took place as the rest of the world stood in silence.

As small a community as Westmount is in the world theatre, it is fitting that it was the start of the march. Our city has always been an example of tolerance, respect and dialogue, where our common good overrides our differences.

This march, while commemorating tragic atrocities, was one of hope and determination – an example that the tenets of justice and morality that we live by in this city can spread to all people of good will and extinguish the tyranny of prejudice and hatred, so we can all say "never again."

It shall be remembered that the start of this long march and the diffusion of the message to end all genocides started in beautiful Westmount Park with all the signs of hope that spring offers.

NICOLAS MATOSSIAN, DE LAVIGNE RD.

WESTMOUNT PARK NEEDS HELP

I was thrilled to see dozens if not hundreds of young children and their parents out in the sunshine in Westmount Park all of last week.

What was much less satisfying to experience was the deplorable state of the park itself and the playground area: Rusted stairs on the playground structures (themselves old and unimaginative); broken pavement and loose brickwork, which is hazardous; toilet facilities that are unkempt as well as foreboding; a splash park that is meagre as well as dangerous; rocky and bare patches everywhere that may not be hospitable to grass but would be fine with ground cover – all contribute to a park that notwithstanding its glorious history and famous designer, is deteriorating before our eyes.

It is the most intensely used part of the city, and it is in a state of decay.

HARVEY ELMAN, METCALFE AVE.

THANKS FOR CLEANING STREET

I wish to thank Public Works for its prompt support in sending the street sweeper and street washing truck April 27 and May 4 on our small Chesterfield Ave., west of Claremont.

Due to the excavation renovation work on the street, the situation was becoming rather unpleasant especially with high winds and dry weather.

Under the circumstances, I also took it

upon myself to water down part of the street with Public Works' permission. I am pleased to live in a town that recognizes the health benefits of clean streets. Thank you once again.

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Prior to this, she had already successfully taken on the challenge of the "seven summits" (the highest mountains of each of the seven continents), including Mount Everest.

Her name is Monique Richard, and her upcoming expedition, in July-August (departing June 15), is to attain the K2 summit, the second highest mountain on the planet.

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Moreover, she not only wants to display the flags of Canada and Quebec on the K2 summit but also, supported by Mayor Denis Coderre, the flag of Montreal in light of the 375th anniversary celebration. And also the flag of fibromyalgia, thus pursuing a cause she has been promoting for years.

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Locals rally for independent bookstores



Greene Ave.'s *Babar en Ville* was one of the two participating independent bookstores in Westmount to take part in the May 2 celebration of independent bookstores across Canada. According to Maya Buyers, owner of *Babar en Ville*, "Author's for Indies Day strives to promote human interaction and discussion in the process of discovering new books, something that she believes is unique to independent book stores. Her store specializes in books for children and teens. Photo on left: Author of *Dear Tomato*, Carol-Ann Hoyte, attends *Babar en Ville* for a book reading and signing event. Middle photo: *Appetite*

for Books, with a focus on cookbooks, was the other participating independent bookstore in Westmount. Owner Jonathan Cheung, left, does some food prep as Westmounter and author of *Made in Quebec*, Julian Armstrong, one three featured authors at the event, looks on. Photo on right: From left, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Shelagh Plunkett, Westmounter Catherine McKenzie and Neil Smith May 2 at *Paragraphe* downtown. McKenzie is the wife of the Independent's publisher.

Photos left and middle: Matt Faigan; photo, right, courtesy of C. McKenzie

Hearings on Quebec electoral map

Trent cites 'larger picture' of urban sprawl, demography

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The redistribution of Quebec electoral districts should be based on criteria that also reflect sociological needs, not only numbers of electors, Mayor Peter Trent told hearings on proposed updates to provincial ridings held April 28 by the Quebec Representation Commission.

It should also focus on preventing urban sprawl rather than "rewarding" areas off the island of Montreal with additional ridings.

Trent represented the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) as its president at the hearings. Other mayors presented briefs dealing with specific changes that included the merger of the Mount Royal and Outremont ridings into one.

This would reduce the number of ridings on the island of Montreal from 28 to 27, diminish Montreal's political clout and lessen representation from ridings of multi-cultural and high immigrant composition, he said.

The new riding would consist of the Town of Mount Royal, part of Outremont, part of NDG-Côte des Neiges and the bor-

ough of Ville Marie.

The ASM brief, therefore, asks that the 28 ridings on the island be maintained.

"Our brief was trying to look at the larger picture," he told the *Independent*. By creating new ridings in the outlying areas, "what they're really doing is encouraging urban sprawl," that Montreal is trying to deter.

Trent argued that there is a tendency to create smaller ridings in the "regions" of Quebec, which gives them more power. "The same logic can apply to urban ones. Why not give the same attention to them?"

The revision process is required every two elections, based largely on demographic changes and numerical growth rates in each of the 125 electoral divisions. The current map was adopted in 2011 using the number of electors in November 2007.

The average number of electors per district according to the permanent list of eligible voters as of November 30, 2014, was reported at 48,387. A plus or minus deviation of 25 percent allows for a range in riding sizes of between 60,484 and 36,290 eligible voters.

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Radio station to move out of York St., building for sale

By MICHAEL MOORE

Westmount-based multi-lingual radio station CFMB 1280 AM is expected to move out of its long-time York St. home and into a new studio on Papineau Ave. in June, according to the station's new ownership company.

"The Papineau building is bigger, more equipped and state-of-the-art, with all new equipment," said Evanov Radio vice president Carmela Laurignano.

Last November, the Toronto-based Evanov Radio chain agreed to purchase CFMB for \$1.125 million from family of founder Casimir Stanczykowski, a post-World War II Polish immigrant who launched the station in 1952.

The deal had been contingent on approval from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. The regulator approved the purchase in February and official ownership of the station was transferred to Evanov on April 1.

The purchase included the rights to the station's broadcasting licence, music library and equipment, but the York St. building that CFMB has called home for the last 36 years is still owned by the Stanczykowski family and long-time business partner Andrew Mielewczyk.

However, as part of deal, Evanov was given the use of the York building before its Papineau studio is ready, according to Laurignano. The radio chain has also temporarily moved its other local station, the LGBT-oriented Radio Fierté launched on 980 AM in January, into the York studio before it too moves to Papineau.

"It was part of the purchase price that we do need that transition period so we could stay [in the York studio] for a period of months, with compensation arranged for," said Laurignano.

"As you can imagine, there's some transition period that's needed from the last operation to this one. It's status quo in

terms of the programming, the conditions of licence, all of our obligations. The station is not changing in any material way."

With CFMB due to move out, the Stanczykowski family and Mielewczyk are trying to sell the York St. building.

Mielewczyk confirmed to the *Independent* that they have been in negotiations with Subway Quebec president Guy Laframboise about purchasing the building. According to Mielewczyk, Laframboise, who also owns the building at 4898 de Maisonneuve, would move his current office from Côte de Liesse into the former CFMB building to be closer to his Westmount home.

However, Mielewczyk claims the potential sale has been hampered by the city's reluctance to change the building's zoning designation.

"They want to hold the building under the commercial licence of a radio station, which is nonsensical because we don't have a tower here," said Mielewczyk. "We'll see where that leaves us because it's kind of a ridiculous situation."

The CFMB building has vested rights as a radio station inside an otherwise residential zone, according to Urban Planning records. Under those rights, CFMB can continue to operate out of the building as a radio station or sell it to another entity that would use it for that same purpose. However, those rights do not allow for another type of commercial building and will expire if the building is unoccupied for a year.

Westmount Urban Planning had not received any concrete proposals for the building from Mielewczyk or any potential buyer as of May 7.

If an agreement can't be reached with the city, Mielewczyk said he will list the property on the real estate market instead.

Attempts to reach Laframboise for comment were unsuccessful.



CFMB building at 35 York St. May 8.

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Police Report

Road rage results in altercation, man targetted for robbery

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.

Motorist, taxi driver engage in Sherbrooke St. stand-off at Greene

An episode of road rage led to a verbal altercation and possible armed assault between two men at the corner of Sherbrooke and Wood on the evening of May 6.

At approximately 8 pm, a 48-year-old Montreal man was driving on Sherbrooke with his 16-year-old son in the passenger seat when a taxi allegedly sped past him dangerously. In response, the man sped up, followed the taxi and pulled up beside it at a red light at Wood.

The man then climbed out of his car to place himself directly in front of the taxi in the middle of the central east-bound lane, according to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The man and the taxi driver, a 45-year-old Laval resident, began to yell at each other as the son watched from the car. At one point, the man fell to the ground after he claims he was hit by the taxi trying to leave the scene. However, the taxi driver told police that the fall had been an embellishment by the other motorist and claimed the man had kicked the taxi while on the ground.

One witness on the scene, who is unrelated to either party, told police that the taxi never struck the other man, according to Pimentel. No injuries were suffered by either motorist.

Station 12 officers were called to scene to take statements from the two men and witnesses. A police investigator is currently examining the altercation and could levy fines or infractions against one or even both individuals, according to Pimentel.

"It's never a good idea to follow somebody like that," said Pimentel. "You get their plate and call 911. You let police officers know so they can intercept them to

prevent an accident. Driving dangerously [in response] just adds a second element of risk to road users."

Two suspects use paint trap to lure Westmount man into robbery

Two men working in unison committed what police refer to as "theft by diversion" on a man leaving a Sherbrooke St. bank on April 28, according to a Station 12 report.

As the victim left the Bank of Montreal at approximately 11:25 am, one of the suspects allegedly stained the back of his coat with a small amount of yellow paint, effectively marking him as the target, according to Constable Stephan Laperrière.

"They usually work in a small group," he said. "They identify the person they want to do this scheme to; then another [suspect] sees it a short way away."

Just down the street, a second suspect approached the unaware and now-tagged victim, informing him of the stain and offering to help. The second suspect reportedly led the victim into the entranceway of another Sherbrooke shop and, while pretending to help remove the paint, stole the man's wallet.

"The [suspect] comes up and says, 'Look, you've got something on your back. Let me help you out.' And while they are helping to do that, they are feeling around for the man's wallet, knowing he just came out of a bank," said Laperrière.

While there was no physical or verbal threat, the incident is still classified as an armed robbery due to the touching involved while pretending to remove the paint, according to Laperrière.

A video surveillance system reportedly captured the crime and images of the suspects are been distributed to officers.

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guests – especially those who are elderly or mobility challenged – to walk up the long hill from the non-reserved parking spots near Sherbrooke or to have to look for parking on Côte St. Antoine.

At times, the Côte Rd. could be lined with cars parked as far along as Lansdowne by the Shaar's valet service, council was told.

Mayor Peter Trent noted the show of support by residents and said the city would set up a time for residents' representatives to meet with the three councillors on the TAC "as early as we can". These are Philip Cutler, Cynthia Lulham and Patrick Martin.

Cutler, who is commissioner of Public Security, told the *Independent* the next day that if it turns out there is widespread opposition to the changes then he was open to re-adjusting the plan before the end of the city's customary six-month evaluation period.

"Let's sit down and talk about it," he said. "Maybe we overstretched it" in extending the zoned parking to Mount Stephen, he added.

That had not been apparent when only three Mount Stephen residents had attended the public consultation meeting, he said. Residents, however, had told the council they found the meeting notice had not specified what the city was proposing or more might have turned out.

On the matter of the yellow guest passes, he explained, there had been cases in the past in the city of miss-use of these cards, some even being used by friends to override reserved parking on a regular basis.

Warned to tone down

Public safety officers were called April 30 to tone down yelling on Rosemount Ave. at 11 pm, Public Security officials said. On arrival, they were able to locate "loud voices" coming from inside a house whose resident was informed of the complaint.



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Raising funds for Batshaw, *Mad Men* style



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

Poet T.S. Eliot’s April was indeed “the cruellest month,” as guests arrived enveloped in ice-age paraphernalia for the Batshaw Foundation fundraiser on April 1.

The theme was *Mad Men*, so in keeping with the style of the iconic TV show, many gals said “yes to the dress” and wore 60s-style outfits, some with puffy skirts and many with prints and pearls.

The evening featured a cocktail contest with returning champion Westmount-based Taverne on the Square (with **Jon Cercone** and **Corinne Cournoyer**), Tuck Shop and Burgundy Lion. Creative drinks were mixed with Quartz vodka, Ungava gin and Chic Choc spiced rum from sponsor Domaine Pinnacle.

Voting with swizzle sticks (one per ticket), the crowd chose the Taverne as 2015 winner, but the decision was a close call!

Raffle-ticket sellers were volunteers from

Westmount schools: **Ann Haughton**, **Victoria Leberg**, **Alexandra Bond**, **Rosalie Poplawski** and **Grace Nizzola** from ECS and **Samantha Sambrook** from The Study.

Lanky red tulips leaned in vases, and masses of scarlet balloons brightened the concrete space at Westmount-adjacent Parisian Laundry. Food was deliciously supplied by **Megan Dunn’s Mad Catering**.

Loblaws’ on St. Jacques St. was a wonderful sponsor, providing much appreciated sandwiches for the hungry arriving-from-the-office folk.

Westmounters noted included **Vanessa** and **Guy Laframboise**, **Barbara** and **Trevor Bishop**, **Laura Santini**, **Pam** and **Tony Layton**, **Ingrid** and **Dave Brysom**, **Mary** and **David Creighton**, **Dee** and **Bruce Dobby**, **Denise** and **Tim Price**, **Gloria** and **David Stenason**, **Susan** and **Bart Sambrook**, **Sue** and **Jawaid Khan**, **Susan** and **Rick Hart**, **Kim Drummond** and **Peter Dlouhy**, **Caroline Price** (Betty Draper-cool in an ice-blue 60’s-style sleeveless dress), **Judy** and **Michael Martin**, and **Karen** and **Peter Cooke**.

Batshaw Foundation executives present included president **Karma Hallward** (in a Prada print dress and boots), **Janet Faith** (vice continued on p. 13



From left: Karma Hallward, Vanessa Udy, Liana Thibodeau, Linda LeMoynes, Tina Khan and Janet Faith.



From left: Susan and Bart Sambrook, Gloria and David Stenason.

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From left: Tom Davis, Ann Belec, Peter Dlouhy, Blythe Reynolds and Phil Belec.



Jawaid, left, and Susan Khan.



Jon Circone, left, and Corinne Cournoyer.

president) Linda LeMoine (director, development), Pascale Berardino, (legal services), Diana Martin, Jennifer Murphy and board members Liana Thibodeau, Vanessa Udy and Tina Khan.

Also noted were Stuart and Claire Webster (in vintage), Mary-Anne Ferguson (with a little alligator "estate sale" evening bag), Mark Lowe, Nathalie Guez, Janice Arnold, Mike Cohen and Paula Bonta.

Jarislowsky Fraser was the main sponsor of the eve, which generated about \$50,000 in support of the foundation's programs that help children who have been victims of neglect or abuse.

On departing, many partygoers were still smiling at the *Mad Men* character Roger Sterling's comment: "Have a drink. It makes me look younger."

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Plant exchange, sale Thurs. May 14

Event focusses on edible herbs, bees and butterflies

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

This year, the city's perennial plant exchange Thursday, May 14 will focus on the feeding of bees and butterflies, as well as edible herbs for container gardening.

Plants grown in the city greenhouses for sale at the event have been chosen to help sustain the decreasing populations of honey bees and the monarch butterfly,

according to city horticultural and arboriculture inspector Jayme Gerbrandt.

Milkweed seeds will be given away to help increase the monarch's habitat. The butterfly lays its eggs on milkweed leaves and the emerging caterpillars feed upon them.

The milkweed project is an initiative of the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee, whose volunteers organize the plant

exchange and sale every year along with help from the Westmount Horticultural Society.

"This year, we also have a selection of edible herbs, which are becoming very popular," Gerbrandt explained. Another of this year's innovations is the sale of larger city-grown perennials for \$6.

The herbs along with the regular smaller flowering perennials are to be available for \$2 each as are the sale of plants brought in by residents that are not traded.

The event takes place in the courtyard of the conservatory between the library and Victoria Hall. This year's proceeds will go to the purchase of a camera for the library beehive (see separate story, same page).

Anyone, even non-Westmount residents, with plants to exchange can bring them in from 4:30 to 6 pm at which time the trading gardeners will have the pick of others. Organizers say they will not accept goutweed, annuals, shrubs or house plants. Between 6:30 and 7 pm, the event will be opened to everyone during which unclaimed plants will be sold.

City-grown plants

Edible herbs include rosemary, Thai and Genovese basil, common thyme, summer savory, coriander, cumin, green mint, oregano, French parsley and marjoram.

Among 14 of the smaller flowering perennials

are foxy digitalis, aquilegia, bee balm, white echinacea, mini blue lavender, blue flax and crocosmia "Emily McKenzie," a deep-throated late blooming flower that resembles a tropical orchid.

Among the 12 larger perennials are two astilbe varieties, red barrenwort, azure monkshood, hemerocallis "bestseller" (a compact, extra-fancy daylily and a slug-resistant hosta called blue ivory).

A buzz around town...

Second beehive coming, 'spy' camera to be purchased

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The library's bees may soon be on candid camera and, with any hope, residents may even be able to spy on the in-hive activity in real-time via the city's website.

"That's the plan," Councillor Cynthia Lulham told the *Independent* last week in announcing that proceeds from this year's plant exchange and sale May 14 will be used to purchase a camera for the hive (see separate story, same page).

"We'll provide a viewing screen at the library, and we hope to be able to hook up the camera to the website."

She also said a second hive is to be installed this summer with the operation of both hives to be self-financed from the sale of their honey, as the first one was last fall. The jars of "Bee-bibliothèque honey" were sold for \$5 each.

The initial hive was installed on the library's roof last summer. Its population of 8,000 grew to 50,000 at the end of the summer, though some of the bees were expected to die off over the winter, as is normal (see story October 28, p. 1).

The hive remained on the roof during winter.

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Wind blows branches off 2 city trees

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The next day a patroller found a branch lying on the sidewalk in front of 647 Belmont at 8:14 am. Public Works was called to examine the tree which was described as not dangerous but needing "preventive pruning."

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Archer, Martin photos win in Atwater Club contest



Two Westmounters took top prizes in a photo contest held by the Atwater Club in mid-March. John Archer's "Chair, table" (left) won the popular vote category. Said Archer, "Cuba is a photographer's dream. Almost anyone or anything you shoot there can turn out to be a great image. In this case, I was walking through Santiago de Cuba, and I stumbled across this perfect scene of the table and chair. It captures the essence of Cuba in my mind: old, battered, functional yet beautiful in its own special way." Right: "Blowing in the Wind" by Judy Martin was top in the professional judge's category. Inspired by a scene of a farmer's field near Métis sur Mer, Martin explained "While driving, I am always looking at the views, often have my camera and got lucky on the day I took the shot. The light was perfect, the wind was blowing and my hand was steady enough! It was the club's 17th annual contest.

Photos courtesy of John Archer

Snow clearing cont'd. from p. 1

back-up beepers that disturb the sleep of nearby residents.

Under the new proposals, parking lots would be regulated separately. Private contractors would be permitted to work two hours later than before, up until 11 pm, and start two hours sooner at 5 am.

Only if the city considers a situation to be of an "essential and emergency nature," such as an exceptional snowstorm, would clearing of large lots be permitted throughout the night. This would be determined at the time and enforced by Public Security, according to city director general Mike Deegan.

"I'm glad we're doing this in May," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, referring to being prepared well ahead of next winter.

The movement to change snow removal times was initiated by residents and their contractors from Upper Roslyn and nearby streets who came to the council meeting to explain the time it took to clean long driveways (see story December 17, p. 8).

Their cause was taken up at the meeting by Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works who represents District 1 where many are located.

"It is time to put some sense into snow clearing by private contractors," he wrote in a column the *Independent* (see January 13, p. 7). The city subsequently announced a moratorium on the overnight ban on driveway work until a solution could be found regarding large lots.

Lulham, who represents District 7 in lower Westmount, had reminded council that the same restrictions on overnight

snow removal had been adopted for both driveways and lots some six or seven years ago following complaints of residents liv-

ing near large lots such as school yards who were awakened by what was often lengthy and noisy work.

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Reno season under way in earnest

Public Security checks out worksite status, permits

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

As building and renovation gear up for the summer season, Public Security officials said last week that patrollers will be paying special attention to checking out work sites for conformity to regulations, including cleanliness, security and validity of permits.

At one site, April 29, officers were reported to have resolved a conflict at 7:24 am between a resident of Prince Albert and a roofer whose equipment was blocking two driveways. The contractor had been issued a permit to occupy 20 meters of the street, but not driveway access.

At 9:40 am the same day, workers were warned to get a permit to occupy the street

with their equipment outside 443 Victoria.

On overnight patrol at 12:35 am April 30, an officer found a non-conforming security fence had been installed around a worksite at 26 Shorncliffe. As well, a crane and container were improperly placed on the sidewalk and street and without permits. The contractor was later given one

hour to obtain the required permit or be fined.

On May 2, a Saturday, workers were found breaking cement outside 4460 St Catherine near Metcalfe. They were stopped because they did not have a permit for the work, nor were they allowed to use a jackhammer on the weekend.



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Tennis players refuse to leave, Public Security called

Two Westmount residents refused to give up a tennis court to others waiting to play at King George (Murray) Park April 30, Public Security officials said. Officers were dispatched at 5:43 pm to resolve the

dispute and asked the two to cede the court to those who had a Sports and Recreation facility card. They were also told to obtain one themselves if they wanted to use the courts. One of the players still refused to leave until being told he would be issued a ticket if he did not comply.

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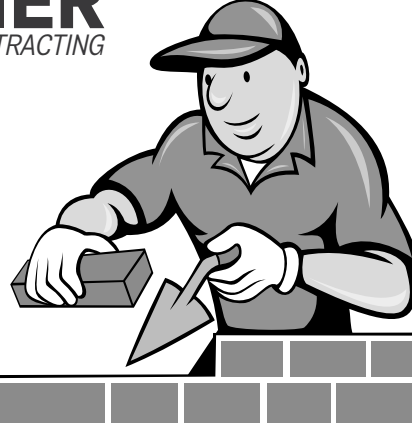
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What's driving Miss Daisy?



What drives Miss Daisy? Her nose, of course! Which occasionally gets her into trouble...

Miss Daisy is a healthy 8-year-old blue-tick coonhound/tree-walking coonhound mix who hails all the way from Alabama. She was sent to a shelter by her original owner for doing away with a couple of the neighbour's chickens. She figured this was what she was supposed to do, following her hunting instincts.

But these days, these instincts are satisfied by regular rounds of "nosework," which is a kind of scent detection hide-and-seek for hounds, where she sniffs various objects which you then hide in the garden for her to locate.

This girl has certainly been around the block – and a cell block to boot. She was once part of a program where prisoners are teamed up with shelter dogs. She was so loved by the convict in charge of her that he contacted every rescue he could find in the hopes that one of them would take her. That rescue ended up being Sophie's Dog Adoption.

Miss Daisy is very sweet, extremely loyal, loves to cuddle and enjoys being in the company of her main human. Due to her protective nature, she can be timid and unsure with strangers but lots of work has been done with her in that department, and she's gradually getting more as ease.

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up, and no cats to remind her how much she loves a howling good chase.

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If Miss Daisy sounds like the one for you, contact Sophie's Dog Adoption at info@sophiesdogadoption.com or 514.804.5052.

Dogs from raid now ready for adoption

Last February, the Montreal SPCA seized nearly 60 dogs and 40 cats from a breeding facility on the South Shore. Most were found in cages, living in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. The breeder faces some 20 charges under the Animal Health Protection Act. These animals are now available for adoption. They will be sterilized, microchipped and treated prior to adoption. Contact the SPCA Annexe at annexechien@spcamontreal.com. Those interested in cats can email annexechat@spcamontreal.com.

Tickets to be issued May 5 in Summit leash law

To emphasize the requirement that dogs be leashed at all times in Summit Woods from April 16 through June 15, public safety officers will be issuing \$76 tickets to offenders starting May 5, Public Security director Greg McBain said last week.

The campaign began May 1 with a five-day warning period, after which there will be no tolerance, he said.

The crackdown comes in the midst of the two-month spring migratory period for birds requiring the leashing of dogs. Additional signage has been installed to increase the visibility of the regulations, McBain said. As a result, all dog owners and walkers should be well aware of them.

Dogs bark all day at Melville home



Complaints about barking dogs April 24 at a home on Melville resulted in unsuccessful attempts to find anyone home, Public Security officials said.

Patrollers reported hearing the dogs at various times during the day: 5:46 am, 7:40 am, 2 pm and 8:40 pm, but no further complaints were received after that.

While a dog had previously been registered at that address, it was not known whether it was still living there.

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Husky taken to SPCA

A dog was found roaming alone May 5 at Sunnyside and Upper Roslyn by a resident of Cedar who called Public Security at 6:15 pm, officials said. When the husky's owner could not be found, it was taken to the SPCA and left in its hands.

Loose dog, owner found

Public safety officers tracked down a dog reported to be running loose April 22 and followed it to Arlington where the owner was looking for it. She was issued two warnings: one for letting the dog run loose, the other for not having a dog licence.

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RÈGLEMENT 1483**

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Ce règlement a pour objet l'intégration des conditions de services demandées par la Régie de l'énergie en 2015, tel qu'indiqué dans le document soumis par Hydro Québec, notamment:

- l'obligation pour le client d'aviser en cas d'erreur;
- les responsabilités du propriétaire (pour les locataires);
- l'interdiction pour les usagers de louer ou vendre l'électricité;
- le délai pour transmettre la facture finale;
- les corrections des erreurs de facturation;
- les conditions spécifiques suite au refus ou à l'interruption de service;
- les conditions régissant la fourniture d'électricité par Hydro Westmount.

Ce règlement est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2015.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement sur le site Web de la Ville, au 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 12 mai 2015.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BY-LAW 1483**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1483 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1273 TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 4, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to integrate the updated conditions of services requested by the *Régie de l'énergie* in 2015, as indicated in the document submitted by Hydro-Québec, namely:

- The obligation for the customer to advise in case of error;
- The responsibilities of the owner (for tenants);
- The prohibition for users to rent or resell electricity;
- The delay to send the final bill;
- The corrections of billing errors;
- The specific conditions following a refusal or the interruption of service;
- The conditions governing the supply of electricity by Hydro Westmount.

This by-law came into force as of April 1, 2015.

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

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Ce règlement a pour objet de refléter une augmentation moyenne de 2,9% des tarifs, tel que déterminée par la Régie de l'énergie dans sa décision rendue le 6 mars 2015.

Ce règlement est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2015.

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BY-LAW 1482**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1482 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 742 TO ESTABLISH RATES AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on May 4, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to reflect an average rate increase of 2.9% as determined by the *Régie de l'Énergie* in its decision rendered on March 6, 2015.

This by-law came into force as of April 1, 2015.

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Westmount Today, Yesterday and Before

Jane's Walk explores Sherbrooke St. buildings

By DOREEN LINDSAY

On a bright, sunny Sunday recently, some 50 people of different ages, most from outside of Westmount, joined guides Caroline Breslaw and Louise Carpentier of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) in a Jane's Walk along Sherbrooke St. between Grosvenor and Claremont avenues.

They gathered May 3 in the new Prince Albert square on the south side of Sherbrooke St., where the knowledgeable WHA guides explained how the almost 30 family-owned and independent businesses along this commercial stretch of three short blocks provide stability and variety for residents, workers and people passing through.

They explained how businesses slowly developed over the years on the ground floor of the original family homes.

This area has the mingling of old buildings, which Jane Jacobs tells us in *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, her most influential book published in 1961, are necessary to generate city diversity.

The Westmount character area maps show 20 buildings between Grosvenor and Claremont avenues designated as Category I exceptional * buildings by Westmount. The rest are Category II significant buildings with the exception of the two newer buildings at the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Grosvenor.

The lively city scene experienced by people on Sunday is a collection of many small elements. As Jacobs points out, there are four things a neighbourhood needs to be viable: A mixture of diverse businesses offering various products, providing more than one primary function; people moving about on different schedules and in the same place for different purposes; short blocks, with the opportunity to turn corners frequently and buildings of various age and condition with a good proportion of old ones; and most important, a dense concentration of people living, working and walking through.

These elements, according to Jacobs, all generate a healthy diversity.

Doreen Lindsay is a Westmounter and president of the Westmount Historical Association



Westmount Historical Association's French guide Louise Carpentier speaks to Jane's Walk participants on May 3.
Photo courtesy of Doreen Lindsay

Another woman falls on Victoria

A 73-year-old woman fell on Victoria at Sherbrooke April 25, Public Security officials said. She was found seated on a stool at the pharmacy after a call for assistance at 2:40 pm. Her only injury was reported to be a hand that was slightly swollen from protecting herself during the fall. She was driven back to her residence nearby. This was the third time in a week that a woman was reported to have fallen in the same block (see story April 28, p. 3).

'Iron Maiden' suspect questioned, not arrested

Public safety officers tracked down a person suspected of trying the door handles of parked cars April 25 at Metcalfe and de Maisonneuve, Public Security officials said. A witness reported the "suspicious activity" at 2:12 am and provided a description. Patrolers spotted the individual and stayed on the scene until the arrival of police.

The man was questioned, checked out, found without any stolen items in his possession and was not arrested. He was described as wearing a T-shirt, jacket and cap – all sporting Iron Maiden insignia.

Westmount officers provide help for stalled car in Montreal

Public safety officers reported spotting a stalled car April 25 on the Montreal side of Atwater at 3:35 pm. Public Security officials said its driver and a passenger were located at a bus shelter nearby. They were described as elderly. Officers remained on the scene to provide security for the car until the arrival of a tow truck.

Vandalized car found under Highway 720

Windows were found broken on April 23 on a car under the Ville Marie expressway, Public Security officials said. It was discovered at 4:48 am by a public safety officer patrolling on Selby. The car had been seen there for a couple of days. Now that it had been vandalized, it was referred to police to track down the owner.

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STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

Oh gosh. I don't how to describe my style. I love to mix things up. I am not afraid of wearing lots of colours. I guess I would say classic yet funky. It goes with my crazy schedule, as I am always travelling.

What is your favourite way of dressing?

Casual chic. I mix and match an elegant piece with a fun "today" piece. Researching different looks in my work, I come across the most amazing accessories.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

I have a range of favourites: Isabel Marant black silk harem pants, Miu Miu sneakers, Vince Basic, leather jacket and my fabulous Balenciaga bag

When you are working, styling at a fashion show, what do you wear?

I dress as comfortably as I can. The hours are very long. I am also on the ground fixing, pinning and running around. I usually wear my flat Miu Miu shoes, comfy pair of pants and one of my leather jackets. Lots of bracelets and my

big glasses.

Do you ever get a chance to dress up? And if so, what do you wear?

Yes to the dress! I most likely wear something that makes a statement. I am crazy about Etro's prints. And I love to wear a dress that is always appropriate to attend any event.

LIVING

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

Although I do love Montreal, and I know New York from my work there, I would have to say Greece.

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

I have fresh flowers every week at home – in my kitchen, bedroom and living room. I adore gladiolas.

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

Stevie Nicks. I just love her. And I would mix the party up with other friends, some from fashion and some from the arts.

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La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount sera fermée le dimanche et le lundi.

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

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY: Business Hours and Municipal Services

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be **closed on Monday, May 18th, 2015** for the Victoria Day holiday.

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Trendsetter *cont'd. from p. 21*

Who is your favourite designer?
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FASHION

You often work in New York. How do you see women dressing differently there than in Montreal?

They are so much bolder. While women around 5th Ave. are always pretty elegant – in fact almost a uniform – I often seen fabulously creative dressers in other areas of the city. And of course in the art districts clothing is on-trend but wonderfully ec-

centric. Those people are not afraid to assume.

What do you think of today's fashions?

There's a big comeback to the 70s. We see a lot of colours in the designers' collections as well as an old favourite – the paisley pattern. The 70s were a cool period for fashion. They had this way of dressing so simply but yet everything was calculated to accomplish the look. We saw the trend in Tom Ford with the return of the flared pants but also in Gucci this season with the chains.



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Parasuco volunteers for young cancer patients



Westmounter Alanna Parasuco and several of her fellow classmates from LaSalle College have been volunteering at Venturing Out Beyond Cancer (VOBOC). The charity organization was founded by Doreen Edward, a two-time cancer survivor who wants to help young cancer patients. Parasuco is helping to organize VOBOC's annual fundraiser “Treasure Hunt for Life.” On Saturday, May 23, teams of four will compete at this half-day, Amazing Race style event. Each team must raise at least \$500.

Photo: Matt Faigan

Open Gate gala changes format



On April 28, several Westmounters on the organizing committee of the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's 2015 Open Gate gala gathered together at the synagogue, including, from left: Gail Gold, Evelyn Shrier, Barbara Bronstein, Naomi Kassie and Rona Davis. The event is to take place Thursday, May 21. This is the first time the synagogue is hosting the gala, now in its 24th year, as an “all-day” event, starting with an early afternoon mah jongg tournament, dinner and an evening duplicate bridge tournament. Funds raised are to support the Shaar's Open Gate program, which provides meals and activities to people in need. Tickets range from \$60 to \$500 and can be purchased by calling 514.938.1405.

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