

*Lone 'vaper' becomes catalyst for new law*

## Update of nuisance by-law bans e-cigs in city buildings

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It is now against the law to use electronic cigarettes in all Westmount municipal buildings, including the Westmount Public Library. The prohibition was added during the adoption by city council June 1 of several provisions in the Nuisances and Public Order by-law.

It followed tabling May 5 by the provincial government of Bill 44 that would subject e-cigarettes to the same regulations as smoking tobacco products in all public

places.

In Westmount, however, it all started with a library incident, recalls Julie-Anne Cardella, director of Library and Community Events.

"One day someone came into the library in the early evening with an electronic cigarette and stood in front of the circulation desk looking around. The staff didn't know what to do. When I came in early the next morning, I said I wasn't going to tolerate this and went right to Urban Planning, which is in charge of the city's buildings."

And from there, the new measure went through the regular channels to make its way into law.

"We don't really know ..... what's in the e-cigarettes," continued on p. 14

*Mostly sunny days for street fest*



The Victoria Village Merchants' Association held its street festival between June 12 and 14. The weekend days had good weather, and the sidewalks were busy with shoppers and festival-goers. Zachary Mitchell, left, and Hogg manager Wilder Wall prepare their table on the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke June 14. Photo: Ralph Thompson



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*Looking to reduce inconvenience, costs*

## 'Unprecedented' costs totalled \$226K to thaw frozen pipes

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When the final tally was in, last winter's extreme freeze-thaw toll on water pipes and service entry lines, in particular, cost the city an unprecedented record total of \$226,000, Councillor Patrick Martin revealed last week.

City council at the June 1 meeting approved \$89,000 of the cost over-run accrued mainly from thawing the total of 251 service entry pipes, more than four

times the number encountered in 2014, the second worst year (see story June 9, p. 3).

A substantial amount of the total related to thawing the portion of water services on the residents' part of the lines, which, in fact, is the responsibility of the property owner, he said. But given the severity of the issue, the city undertook the work at its own cost.

"This does not include ..... the sometimes consider- continued on p. 18

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*Prince Albert becomes one-way south*

# Water work to start June 15 with temporary hose connections

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Prince Albert north of Sherbrooke is set to become one-way south June 15 as the beginning of the reconstruction project starts with work on the water main, according to Public Works officials. This is scheduled to be completed July 31 before the start of work by Hydro Westmount.

Residents were informed of the schedule in a notice dated June 10. This includes changes in traffic, provision for temporary parking for residents and the outlining of the water work in two phases.

The first phase includes the installation of a temporary water supply system to homes. This involves hoses connected to fire hydrants. It requires closing the main water valve within every building. Residents are to be notified 24 hours in advance.

The second phase of the work includes the rehabilitation of the water main by insertion of a liner.

The city will be replacing water service entries until next year as part of re-

building the roadway, Public Works director Patrick Raggo explained last week. So anyone wanting to “piggyback” onto replacement of the city portion to redo their own length of the water entry pipe might find it “advantageous” to do so at that time, he said.

Among the temporary parking changes between June 15 and October 31 is the creation of a reserved parking zone for Westmount permit holders on the north side of Chesterfield (Victoria to Claremont). Parking on Prince Albert north of Sherbrooke will be prohibited on both sides of the street throughout the work.

No-parking periods for street maintenance will be eliminated on Prince Albert (Sherbrooke to Côte St. Antoine), as well as on the following streets between Victoria and Claremont: Chesterfield, Windsor and Côte St. Antoine, as well as throughout St. George's Place.

Questions regarding the water main can be addressed to Michel Gagné, the point person for the project or to city water and sewer engineer Cristian Sipos.

## Doorbell ringing brings two calls after midnight

Public Security officials said two complaints were received June 6 at 12:20 am about kids ringing doorbells at Victoria and Westmount Ave. and running away. They were “nowhere to be seen” until patrollers pulled over to the side of the street and turned off the headlights. Three young males subsequently emerged heading

south on Victoria but quickly fled to Westmount Ave. on recognizing the vehicle. A second call was then received from the father of a young woman asking officers to check out a house. Police were called. The three suspects were not found but Public Security patrollers paid special attention to the home.



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## Conditional to 3 provisions

# Demo ruling clears way for work to start at 3217 The Blvd.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition committee has given the green light for a plan to rebuild a significant portion of a 20-year-old house at 3217 The Boulevard.

A written decision May 29 following a public hearing May 20, states the committee "reached a unanimous decision in favour of the granting of a demolition permit...and the implementation of the preliminary program."

The "program" as outlined by architect Paul Grenier at the hearing is to enlarge and significantly alter the house. This will involve adding a two-storey extension on top of the two-car garage, replacing an at-

tic level and peaked roof by a third storey under a flat roof and also rearranging the home's interior (see story May 26, p. 3).

The demo ruling imposes three relatively standard conditions. These require a management plan of the construction site, a monetary guarantee - in this case \$110,000 - that the preliminary program is conducted according to approved plans and stipulate that the work be carried out within 18 months of the simultaneous issuance of the demolition and building permits.

The construction plan is to detail the process and provide a schedule of the work. It must also include measures "to ensure the safety of the immediate neigh-

bours during construction activities" and to provide a plan for the parking of workers' trucks and cars.

In this case, the house is nestled into the cliff leading to Belvedere Rd. It is located immediately north and east of the historic Braemar house at 3219 The Boulevard, which has also been undergoing lengthy restorative work.

### Shares Braemar's lane

Without frontage on The Boulevard, the only vehicle access to the house at 3217 is by a right-of-way up the steep Braemar lane (a driveway leading northwest off The Boulevard) east of Belvedere Rd.

This mode of accessibility led in part to

a "long and contentious" original building period from 1987 to 1993 described as resulting from "inherent difficulties when a construction site is accessible solely through a shared servitude of passage" (see story April 21, p. 10).

The hearing, at which no objections were raised by the public, heard that the city's Planning Advisory Committee had not recommended preservation of the house, whose heritage and historical importance was rated as "neutral."

The demolition decision was signed by the three committee members: councillors Cynthia Lulham (chair), Theodora Samiotis and Victor Drury.

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# Canadian Tire moving into Target location in Alexis Nihon

By MICHAEL MOORE

Place Alexis Nihon is about to undergo a round of musical chairs as it adapts to life post-Target.

The Canadian Tire store currently on the Westmount-based shopping mall's street level will be moving down a floor to the Metro tier after the retailer purchased the lease for the sprawling former Target location.

Target pulled the plug on its short-lived Canadian operations in January after suffering multi-billion dollar losses and shuttered all of its stores this spring, including the Alexis Nihon location on March 27.

As the American retailer's Canadian subsidiary heads through bankruptcy court, other companies are swooping in to pick its bones. On May 6, Canadian Tire purchased the Alexis Nihon lease and 11 others across the country for \$17.7 million

"We're always on the lookout for great opportunities. We've been tracking certain Target properties for some time and when

the opportunity came up, we moved quickly and secured virtually all of them," said Canadian Tire President and CEO Michael Medline in a statement.

The purchase had required court approval in connection with Target's Canada's Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act bankruptcy proceedings. That deal was ratified in late May, handing the dozen properties over to Canadian Tire.

The move will represent a major space upgrade for Canadian Tire. Its newly purchased Alexis Nihon location – freshly renovated at a cool million-dollar price tag prior to Target's opening in November 2013 – is cavernous at 103,000 square feet, a sizable improvement on the 60,000 square feet of the current street level store.

A timeline for the eventual move downstairs is still being discussed but the transfer could be done as early as Christmas 2015, according to Guy Charron, executive vice president of retail operations of Cominar, owner of Alexis Nihon.

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## Concerned resident gets her answer

# Tossing lit cigarette butts off balconies illegal

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A resident of Kensington Ave., who has been asking city council about possible fire regulations regarding the danger of flicking cigarette butts off an apartment balcony, now has her answer.

Susan Kazenel raised the issue at the June 1 council meeting after initially bringing it up at the previous session in May.

Public Security director Greg McBain told the *Independent* last week that he had spoken with her and noted that section 4 of the city's Nuisance by-law 1475 would apply in this case. It prohibits, among other things, the discarding of "harmful material" onto another person's private property.

During the council meeting, Councillor Patrick Martin agreed the city's Nuisance by-law could likely be used.

For Public Security to enforce the by-law, however, the perpetrators would have to be known so that officers could speak directly to them.

McBain also said he had brought the matter to the attention of the Montreal fire department's fire prevention office but that "all they do" is carry out a prevention cam-

paign with the management and tenants "on the hazards of throwing lit cigarette butts from balconies."

Kazenel said she would be "bringing this to the attention of the building management for future reference."

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Taken May 28, a sign is posted in the window of the now-empty Target space into which Canadian Tire is planning on relocating.

## F1 party on Lexington, balcony noise too loud

A Formula One party on Lexington near Sunnyside generated a noise complaint at 11:18 pm June 5, Public Security officials said. It was toned down on the arrival of officers as was loud noise from an apartment balcony at Chateau Maisonneuve, 4998 de Maisonneuve, which had led to another complaint.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THANKS FOR SAVING TREES

The Westmount Horticultural Society (WHS) thanks the city of Westmount for the swift action it took regarding the proposal to cut down trees in an area of Westmount Park near the intersection of Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve.

On June 1, the WHS had passed a motion stating “The WHS encourages the city of Westmount to only cut diseased or dead trees in the parks and the city.” We are pleased, therefore, that some of the mature trees that were marked for removal are no longer in danger of being cut down.

We appreciate the efforts by the citizens and the leadership of the city to listen to the residents. We look forward to seeing the redesigned area and the stewardship of the city to keep Westmount recognized in the Communities in Bloom program.

SALLY COOKE, PRESIDENT,  
WESTMOUNT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## ROTARY: WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SALE?

So what happened to this year’s Rotary Club “garage sale”? I kept expecting a notice, and it didn’t come.

In retrospect, I don’t remember seeing any notices about it wanting donations. Its website has nothing about it; the latest “events” are from last year.

It has generally happened the first Saturday in June, and that has now come and gone.

The absence of this mostly annual sale is as much news as it was going to happen.

Meanwhile, Centre Greene’s website (which often gets at least a tentative date up about its next year’s book sale soon after this year’s) has a note saying they no longer have a garage sale, but the Rotary Club will take donations.

I’m hoping it’s something simple like its moved it to the fall (which then wouldn’t be in competition with endless garage sales), or maybe early in the spring (where it used to be before the “hiatus”), but I’m figuring it’s either no longer going to happen or couldn’t happen this year for some reason like unavailable venue.

MICHAEL BLACK, ANWOTH RD.

*Editor’s note: We checked. There will be no Rotary garage sale this year. – KM*

## SAVE WESTMOUNT PARK FOR

## THE NON-DOGS

I hereby humbly urge Mayor Peter Trent to show the wisdom of Solomon in the great dog run debate (re: “Dog run changes to be made, won’t return to Lansdowne,” June 9, p. 1). Don’t give in to the bow-wow brigade and threaten to cut the canines in half, mister mayor. Westmount Park is for people not pooches.

The doggie devotees can walk their dogs at will with little plastic bags in hand to pick up the poop. Walk faster folks. We all know that dogs are running free on the WRC roof.

But, here’s another solution: Put on some running shoes and take Fido for a long-leashed run.

Please save the park and make the hounding hot-dogs get their bow-wows off our butts.

JOHNNY DAVIDSON, MELVILLE AVE.

## NOT JUST QUEEN VIC MISSING FROM HOSPITAL

Not only is Queen Victoria’s statue in a

terrible location (“Re: Queen Vic.” June 9, p. 6), three items from the old hospital are missing.

I refer to the framed original magisterial poem by John McCrea “In Flanders Fields” and the gorgeous portraits of lords Strathcona and Mount Stephen, who have graced the hospital’s entrance. Will they ever make a comeback?

RICHARD SAMUELSON, WOOD AVE.

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Four Westmounters and members of the Inaugural Celebrations Committee for the new the McGill University Health Centre pose on Victoria Ave. for a photo June 1. From left are J.D. Miller, Cynthia Price, Julie Hooton and Alex Paterson. They helped organize a walk that will take place from Dawson College to the MUHC, where opening ceremonies will take place, Saturday, June 20. Participants can register in teams at <http://muhclovesmtl.ca/event/walk-montreal>. Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Team Westmount formed for super-hospital walk

Westmount residents wanting to join the walk Saturday, June 20 to the inauguration ceremony of the super-hospital are now able to join “Team Westmount” that has been created by Councillor Rosalind Davis in her capacity as a volunteer for the event.

The plan is for walkers to go from Daw-

son College, west on Sherbrooke and down Decarie to the main entrance of the hospital.

“We welcome all to join it and share the once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Davis said last week. “They just have to go to the [walkformtl.ca](http://walkformtl.ca) website, click on ‘join a team’ and choose Westmount.”



# Sports & Rec modifying minor house league hockey set-up

BY MICHAEL MOORE

Westmount's Sports and Recreation department is tweaking its kids' house league hockey program for the 2015-16 season by merging divisions in an attempt to increase competitive opportunities for its players.

"At the end of the day, our goal is to get kids out playing sports. We're just changing some of the aspects of the program," said Sports and Rec operations manager Andrew Maislin.

The house league program is designed for players who can't meet either the skill level or time commitment requirements of inter-city teams.

In its novice and atom age groups, Westmount had offered two separate divisions of two teams each: one division played a half-season running from September to December and the other a full season from

September to April.

There had been no overlap between the groups, meaning the two teams in each division were repeatedly playing one another all season long.

"Playing the same team week after week after week gets stale pretty quickly," said Maislin.

Under the new system, the two divisions at each age group will merge to create a four-team novice league and a four-team atom league, theoretically offering players more competitive variety.

The league games will run from September until just before Christmas, after which the program has traditionally seen a drop-off in attendance, according to Maislin. To counteract that lull, the second half of the season will focus more on skill building by featuring more drills and non-game activities.

"We're switching from a more game-

based programming to a theory-based program to help kids develop their skills, build their confidence, improve their teamwork," said Maislin.

The league's Pee wee and Bantam teams, which do not offer the half-season option, will be unaffected by the change.

Additionally, the department is offering a minor tweak to its inter-city program, guaranteeing that everybody who tries out for a single-letter squad will be given a spot. Last year, one player in the entire Westmount hockey system was forced to play house league after being cut during the single-letter try-outs due to a lack of roster space.

## 4 tickets accumulate

The owner of a parked car that had accumulated four tickets outside 384 Metcalfe was referred to police June 4, Public Security officials said. The person, who lived on Harvard in NDG, was contacted and asked to move it. The car was a black Nissan Maxima.

# Henkewick asks for pipeline resolution

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A petition was submitted June 1 to city council asking it to pass a resolution asking the National Energy Board to carry out hydrostatic (pressurized water) testing on the entire pipeline under the St. Lawrence and other waterways before allowing proposed changes to be made.

The issue involves the safety of the existing 40-year-old Enbridge pipe line 9B which, under the proposal, would be converted from an east-west direction to carry western Canadian crude to refineries in the east. The pipeline reportedly has never been used to full capacity before or tested for pinpoint leaks.

"Although the pipeline does not pass directly through Westmount, one leak could destroy our water, our lives, our city," said Judith Henkewick of Claremont Ave.

Henkewick said a similar resolution had been adopted by other municipalities that included the Town of Mount Royal, Pointe Claire, Beaconsfield and Laval.

"This is a responsibility of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC)," Mayor Peter Trent replied. He said the regional council had passed "a number of these resolutions, so we'll compare ours with yours. We may have done this," he added. In fact, the MMC is reported to have passed the resolution on April 16.

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*'Association of the Year' in Lac St. Louis region*

# Sports & Rec honoured for 'outstanding' hockey development

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Sports and Recreation department was selected out of 25 hockey associations in the Lac St. Louis region as the Minor Hockey Association of the Year.

The award was presented May 31 by Hockey Lac St. Louis at its gala awards ceremony in St. Laurent. Westmount was recognized for "its outstanding contribution to hockey development in minor hockey." It was the first time Westmount had won the award.

"It's really nice we're being seen for the work we're trying to achieve in player development, improvement, safety, registration, coaching and volunteerism," said Andrew Maislin, the department's operations manager.

Being a small organization with fewer resources within the region, the award "is big for us," he said. "It shows we're a driving force in developing teamwork and skills, and fostering friendship. We've switched our focus from winning games to developing players."

As a result, he said, "we've tripled our commitment to 'double letters' in the last couple of years."

Hockey Lac St. Louis is the governing board of most of hockey in western Montreal, including large participation from West Island municipalities.

*Announced at Vic Hall volunteer gala*

The award was announced June 6 at Sports and Recreation's own gala evening at Victoria Hall to recognize the contribution of coaches and others volunteers in its



*Pierre Arsenault, left of centre, receives one of the two 2014 Robert Aiken Volunteer awards presented June 6 for many years of coaching in the Sports and Recreation department. From the department, left to right, are facilities manager Bruce Stacey, operations manager Andrew Maislin, director Dave Lapointe, and sports coordinators Matthew Lawton and Michelle Dodds.*

programs. This was the first year it took this format, replacing the longstanding appreciation golf tournament.

The change was made, Maislin said, in line with changing demographics. Many of the coaches are now women who were not as inclined to play golf. Volunteers with their spouses were invited to the dinner along with department staff and city coun-

cil members for a total of 120.

During the evening two 2014 Robert Aiken Volunteer Awards were presented: one to Pierre Arsenault, a hockey and soccer coach for more than 10 years; the other was given posthumously to Carlos Masnaghetti, who coached hockey, soccer and baseball for many years. His award was accepted by members of his family.



*Members of the family that accepted the Robert Aiken Volunteer Award for the late Carlos Masnaghetti June 6 are, from left: his sister Livia, his wife Cherrie, daughter Natasha and son Daniel along with Westmount sports coordinator Matthew Lawton.*

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## Westmount Art Scene

# Marchessault and Ruel: Restorative nature

BY HEATHER BLACK

Trees and parks are a source of inspiration to both painters and photographers alike. At Galerie de Bellefeuille, see Robert Marchessault's magnificent paintings of trees tossing in the wind or standing stalwart in the desert sun. Also at the gallery, Nicolas Ruel's composite photographs – a fundraiser for Les amis de la montagne – remind viewers of Montreal's unique and distinguishing crown, Mount Royal Park.

### Marchessault at Galerie de Bellefeuille

Marchessault depicts trees as beautiful sculpture or dynamic design. Painted in oils on panel in a representational style, each image tells a story or conveys an emotion. Details of flowering trees or twisted tree trunks evoke reality and a memorable individuality. Some, set against a vast expanse of blue sky, evoke a carefree summer day, while others with more muted tones express a quiet dignity.

In "Palo Bello," a desert tree communicates stately wisdom. Painted in colours that convey a dusty and sun-soaked existence, massive foliage suggests deep roots and survival. In "Burlington Bay," a family scene is evoked as a small tree leans towards another like a child to a parent. In contrast, the gnarled tree trunk of the pink-blossomed "Aila" speaks to nature's beauty and surprising individuality.

Marchessault's new works reveal the artist's strong sense of design. In "Sway," three rhythmic palm trees, with leaves bending in the wind, convey a flexible resiliency. Others, like the leafy palm "Marii," resemble a butterfly, while the close-cropping in "Morning in Manadona" draws at-



Robert Marchessault "Aila"

tention to the pink blossoms. Marchessault's new works are displayed in the downstairs gallery at 1367 Greene Ave.

### Ruel at Galerie de Bellefeuille – Les amis de la montagne fundraiser

For the exhibition and fundraiser "Montréal, 8 secondes," Ruel turned his lens to Mount Royal and Montreal's unique architecture. Using a eight-second shutter speed, movement and a technique of double exposures, Ruel reorders the visible into complex and memorable imagery. Alternatively modernistic and nostalgic, his scenes printed on stainless steel convey a daguerreotype permanence.

In "Lac aux Castors," a familiar Beaver Lake scene is enhanced by double exposures of fall foliage. Populated by family groups, repeated throughout the image as black silhouettes, the image resembles a hand-painted photograph. Tranquil like an idealized past, this otherworldly effect is also seen in the familiar street view of Mount Royal in "Avenue du Parc."



Nicolas Ruel "Avenue du Parc"

Other photographs like "McGill" include downtown imagery to create a futuristic cityscape of floating streets set against the backdrop of the mountain. Another, "Expo," reveals the Montreal skyline through the glass panes of an empty geodesic dome. The exhibition will continue until July 7.

### Nature's individuality

The images of both Marchessault and Ruel recreate the beauty and calm tranquility experienced in nature. Marchessault's paintings capture nature's beauty and individuality, while Ruel's photographs recreate Montreal's unique mix of natural and built environments. Their combined message reminds viewers of the restorative power of nature and that people and trees can co-exist.



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## Police Report

# Phone returned before theft reported

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.*

A Bruce Ave. resident had his iPhone returned to him just hours after it had been stolen after the alleged thief was arrested in Sud-Ouest following a separate early morning break-in on June 10.

The suspect, described as a 20-year-old black male, reportedly stole the iPhone after breaking through a window near the living room of the Bruce Ave. home just south of Dorchester between 1 and 2 am.

The break-in didn't wake the residents, and they had not filed a police report prior to being contacted regarding the recovered phone, according to Station 12 constable Stephan Laperriere.

Following the Bruce break-in, the suspect continued his crime spree as he moved east into the Sud-Ouest. At 2:50 am, the local Station 15 received a call regarding the theft of a laptop and other items from a home on Workman near the corner of des Seigneurs. Officers responding to the call found the suspect carrying the laptop as he was making his way towards Lionel Groulx Metro station.

In addition to the laptop, police also found the man to be carrying the iPhone in question. Suspecting it to be stolen, the officers used the device to call 911, which supersedes all number blocking mechanisms, to learn the origin of the phone, according to Laperriere.

"The officers got the number and were able to get in touch with different [telephone service providers]. It turned out it was on Bell Mobility network and Bell Mo-

bility was able to get in touch with the owner to have them contact police," he said.

Under the Canadian justice system, breaking into a residential home is considered a indictable offence carrying stiffer penalties and jail time, with sentences reaching as high as life in prison, depending on the severity of the incident, said Laperriere. In contrast, committing the same crime on a commercial or industrial building is considered a hybrid offence and carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

### Canadian Tire cont'd. from p. 5

"We're in discussion with them to help them understand the physical space of the Target store," he said. "Because it's an urban store, I think it'll be much easier because you don't have to deal with a garage and everything you need to repair cars.

"At the same time, you are dealing with an enclosed mall in downtown Montreal, next to the subway, next to St. Catherine St., so there are challenges."

The current street-level Canadian Tire will remain open until the new location is ready for business. Once that day comes, however, the mall could be in for another round of musical chairs for the vacated location, which Canadian Tire is still holding onto.

After meeting with company representatives, Charron believes other brands under the Canadian Tire banner – including Sports Experts, currently on the mall's mezzanine level – could move into the space. "Retail is volatile but it is what it is. That's why it's fun," he said.

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# City employees raise \$1.6K for CURE



The city of Westmount raised \$1,600 at the May 12 Denim Day, the main fundraiser for CURE Foundation, which provides funding for basic and clinical research for breast cancer. Employees contributed money and baked goods that were sold at city hall and in front of the Westmount Public Library, seen here with Jillian Barnes, community events and logistics agent, manning the table. The year before, the city's fundraiser brought in \$500 more.

Photo courtesy of the city of Westmount

### Vaping cont'd. from p. 1

Cardella said, “but would you really want someone sitting beside you in the library puffing away?”

While no one else is known to have smoked an e-cigarette in the Westmount library, that lone individual became the catalyst for the change in the law.

The current prohibition does not cover city vehicles or public places such as bus shelters and restaurants. “This was to deal with a specific problem,” assistant city clerk Nicole Dobbie told the *Independent*.

Once the Quebec law comes into force, Westmount will have its proposed far-reaching provisions to apply if required. These cover many public areas including outdoor terraces.

Vaping (the use of e-cigarettes) is already against regulations in all Montreal’s municipal vehicles and buildings, which include the network of more than 40 li-


braries. It is also outlawed in Côte St. Luc, Kirkland and Pointe Claire, which includes all sporting events.


### Other nuisances clarified

The other recent amendments to the Nuisances and Public Order by-law pertained mainly to clarifications, discrepancies and translation inconsistencies. These had resulted from a major revision in December, which combined two century-old by-laws dealing with “Nuisances” and “Good Morals and Decency” (see story December 9, p. 3).

Among the recent corrections is one that now prohibits “the feeding of wild animals.” The clause in the consolidated version had prohibited the feeding of wild animals “on public property.” The intent, however, had been to ban it outright rather than only on public property as the law had been for many years.

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## Singled out for 'administrative excellence'

# WRC wins national innovation award from municipal administrators

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount recreation centre (WRC) has received another award – the second in less than a month. This time it is a national one for innovation from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA), which also singles out “administrative excellence” in its citation. The city won in the population category of 20,001 to 100,000.

The award was announced June 3 with presentation of the Willis Award for Innovation at the annual convention of CAMA in Jasper. It was received on behalf of the city by Councillor Cynthia Lulham who, coincidentally, was attending the event in her professional capacity.

“The key thing about this award is really

that it is recognition from our peers,” said Mayor Peter Trent.

A news release stated that CAMA was “pleased to recognize the innovation and administrative excellence demonstrated by the city of Westmount with their new recreation centre.”

Trent said the “rarely used” design-build approach was not only innovative in itself along with building underground but was an integral element in the citation for administrative excellence as was the “rigorous” oversight from the project’s design and construction steering committee. This met weekly through the process chaired by architect Julia Gersovitz and backed up by then director general Duncan Campbell.

“It was all about having the right people in the right place,” he said.

Along with Trent and Gersovitz, the committee included engineer Councillor Patrick Martin, Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier, the city’s site coordinator Mike Deegan (now city director general), Planning Advisory Committee chair Carole Scheffer and Campbell.



## Walks down Clarke in hospital gown

An “escaped patient” was found walking south on Clarke June 2 wearing a hospital gown but no identification bracelet, Public Security officials said. The woman was spotted as she approached Sherbrooke after a nearby resident called in the report at 7:54 pm. She was intercepted by a patroller whom she asked for a cigarette but was uncooperative. Police were called when she became aggressive and later “transported” her though it was not immediately known where she had been hospitalized.

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**Beginning June 9 at 9 a.m. in person at the WRC or online.** Visit [westmount.org](http://westmount.org) now and find out about the recreation activities offered for the fall and winter 2015-2016. The guide will be delivered to all households soon. Info: 514 989-5353.

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**Canada Day Splash Bash**  
**Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> ; BBQ from noon and Splash Bash at 2 p.m.,** WRC. Celebrate our country's 148<sup>th</sup> birthday with a BBQ lunch and Splash Bash at the Pool. Info: 514 932-5226.

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# ON THE SHELVES

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

## Magazines

“102 things you are not supposed to know: cracking the Voynich” by Erin McCarthy in *mental\_floss*, May 2015, p. 54. A bizarre medieval manuscript written in a language no one can read has baffled the world’s best cryptologists, stumped code-breaking computers and been written off as a masterful hoax.

“Plant Profile: Ground Cover” by Chris Marchant in *Gardens Illustrated*, March 2015, p. 48. Plants used to help hide bare soil and suppress weeds can also help unify a garden space.

“Les Exceptionnelles® 2015: la preuve par neuf” dans *Fleurs, plantes, jardins*, April 2015, p. 83. La cuvée 2015 des meilleures annuelles selon les horticulteurs et le public du Québec.

## E-Books –Siblings....

*The Children’s Crusade* by Ann Packer – When their younger sibling returns, the three oldest Blair children find their lives disrupted in ways they could have never imagined as they each tell their story that is interwoven with portraits of their family

at crucial points in their history.

*A God in Ruins* by Kate Atkinson – The sequel to *Life After Life*, it tells story of Ursula Todd’s brother Teddy, an RAF bomber pilot and aspiring poet for whom warfare was nothing compared with the struggle to adjust to peace-time expectations.

## Livres numériques

*Ce qu’il reste de moi* by Monique Proulx – This literary work presents a gallery of contemporary characters who live in Montreal and whose destinies will eventually intersect. They are young and old, Quebec-born or immigrants. They come from all walks of life; they are educators or artists, as well as homeless people.

*Trois fois dès l’aube* by Alessandro Baricco – Three stories that tell the tale of a man going through different stages of his life and also involve complex feminine characters. These stories also talk about love and what it means to be human.

## Adult English – Stories set in Turkey

*The Architect’s Apprentice* by Elif Shafak – In 1540, 12-year-old Jahan serves as an animal tamer in the sultan’s menagerie. He swoons at the sight of the sultan’s beauti-

ful daughter and eventually joins forces with the empire’s chief architect, which stirs poisonous jealousy.

*Orhan’s Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian – Inheriting the family kilim rug dynasty from his eccentric grandfather, Orhan struggles with will stipulations that leave the family’s ancestral home to an unknown woman residing in an Armenian American nursing home in LA.

## Adult French – The mysteries of Iceland

*Les nuits de Reykjavik* by Arnaldur Indri-dason – A prequel to the Inspector Erlendur series profiles Erlendur as a young, budding detective, who is introduced to Reykjavik’s dark underworld while investigating the death of a homeless man.

*Temps glaciaires* by Fred Vargas – The new novel starts with a series of suspicious suicides in Paris. Detective Adamsberg and his team take a side trip to Iceland and focus on a bizarre community that role-plays scenes of the period of the French Revolution called “The Terror.”

## Audiovisual – New documentaries

*A Sloth Named Velcro* – In 2000, Ana Salceda, a young journalist became the caregiver for a tiny orphaned baby sloth named

Velcro. This is the story of Ana’s return to Central and South America to see how much has changed since Velcro came into her life. Sloths, once largely ignored, have become a hot scientific topic. New studies show that they’re not so sloth-like after all.

*Eat: The Story of Food* – Travel through time on a culinary adventure that reveals the humble beginnings and climactic interludes of cuisine throughout the ages to reveal how food has made us who we are today and how it shapes our future.

## Fiction for 9-12 year olds

*Outside In* by Sarah Ellis – Lynn’s life is full with school, friends and her annoying and free-spirited mother. Then one day, she meets a mysterious girl named Blossom, who changes Lynn’s ideas about materialism and what it means to be a friend.

*Journal d’une peste* by Virginy L. Sam – Fannette is a real pest! She refuses to act like others or do as she is told. In her humorous journal, she shares her secrets, tips and tricks to be a perfect little pest.

## Reference

*Canadian Who’s Who 2014-2015.*

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# May sales: Signs of promise



## Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

*The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in May 2015. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.*

Westmount's late-spring sales market is showing some signs of promise for the owners of the city's more expensive properties, with three more \$2-million-plus sales in May and the highest average mark-up over valuation since the 2014-15-16 valuation roll came into effect last year.

So far in 2015, agents have reported 11 sales over \$2 million in Westmount, compared to 12 in the first five months last year. Of those, six have been over \$3 million compared to only four such sales in the first five months last year; in fact, only seven such sales in the entire year.

On the low side, four sales under \$1 million in May brings the total for the year to 12 compared to 13 in the first five months

last year. The lowest price then involved one of the townhouses on St. Catherine St. in front of the Westmount railroad station; three more of those have sold this year and make up the lowest prices for 2015.

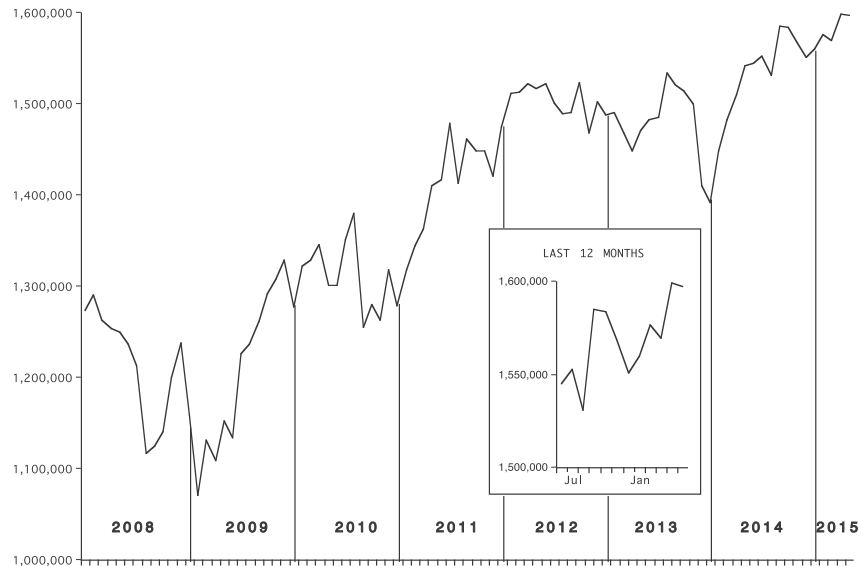
Overall, the average mark-up for May was 15 percent, with only three of the 15 sales recording prices less than municipal valuation. Prices ranged from \$789,000 to \$3,325,000 and mark-ups from 9 percent below to 39 percent above tax value. Volume has been almost even for the past four months, between 14 and 16 sales per month. In fact, this May agents recorded more sales (by one and two, respectively) than in May in either of the past two years.

The only apartment sale in May was a small co-op apartment on Chesterfield Ave., which went for \$440,000.

Adjacent-Westmount sales were highlighted by three in the sector just north of the city limits, one each in the other sectors: NDG, Shaughnessy Village, Trafalgar-Daulac and the Square Mile. Prices are up between 8 and 14 percent this year in each of the districts except eastern NDG, where 10 sales in 2015 record slightly lower prices than the 22 in all of last year.

In mid-June, there were 159 single-family homes listed for sale in Westmount, 61 of those (38 percent) asking more than \$2 million, and in fact 18 asking more than \$4 million. So far this year, 11 houses have

## Average adjusted price of a 'typical' Westmount home by month, Jan. 2008 to May 2015, based on accepted offer dates



been rented for monthly rates between \$2,700 and \$7,000, compared to 14 house rentals arranged between January and May

last year, in a range between \$3,000 and \$13,500.

## Frozen pipes cont'd. from p. 1

able inconvenience to residents," he said. "Now the city needs to find a way to help residents avoid such problems in future."

Martin, who is commissioner of Public Works, told the *Independent* he had asked for recommendations concerning ways the city might reduce a re-occurrence of the problem. He expected a full report in September or October.

"I'm asking for a map showing locations of the areas that suffered freezing to identify a pattern." Already, he said, Public Works is recommending that in cases of water service replacement in areas with a history of freezing, measures to insulate water services from frost can be introduced.

A longer than usual period of cold last

winter, along with wind chill and a lack of insulating snow contributed to the problem, he explained.

According to a report by city water and sewer engineer Cristian Sipos, the city thawed 251 service pipes during February and March, Martin said.

A breakdown of the costs shows that \$144,473 (taxes included) was paid to con-

tractors Brault Drain, Drainage Québécois and several others.

Of this amount, some \$40,000 was paid out for specialized services that included thawing by steam and hot water (rather than electricity), plumbing work and the installation of temporary hoses such as those connecting two houses on Trafalgar Rd. to a hydrant on Belvedere Rd. described as "an extraordinary measure" (see story March 17, p. 3).

Overtime paid to city employees came to \$23,300 while supplemental vehicle costs added another \$6,100 for the total of \$226,000.

## Water cascades down

A broken pipe caused a considerable amount of water to flow down the east side of Claremont from Windsor June 2, Public Security officials said. No infiltration of homes was reported though the east side of the street had to be blocked. The break was noticed at 12:29 pm.



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# Greta spies spring and summer's pastels



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Sometimes, my dear design fiends and friends, the Goddess of Serendipity is with us, with such good timing. Recently, I was stewing over what key idea would start me off for the spring season. This winter was extra cold and snowy...

Recently, Aurel and I wrote about shopping in Griffintown, a huge development at the bottom of Peel and Wellington, including the re-invention of Fraser's west-end shop, now called Item. Definitely worth the hike.

Above Item, in the new ALT hotel, there is a delicious surprise: Industria – a pizzeria/bistro any Italian would endorse. They have the inventive idea of providing a huge pair of scissors to custom cut your pizza to your preferred size and shape!

Aurel and I were invited to the neighbouring shops of the new Griffintown area for the spring showing of the new furniture collection at Celadon and its colleague's shop Mitchell Gold & Bob Williams.

We found a spectacular offering of Champagne and exquisite bouchées from Claudia's Catering. The focal point was an extraordinary floral construction of plaited palm fronds and giant ivory calla lilies centered amidst the plethora of frosty bottles in an immense Christophe silver bowl. Designer Steven Shadowicz created the glamorous table elegantly appointed with more Christophe silverware, including It-siBitsi, which made cupcakes in all pastel floral colours.

At once, Greta realized we had the inspiration for this article. Regarding the spring motif, two walls in their showroom displayed specimen quality nautilus shells mounted in shadowboxes – the pearly essence of oceans.

Another motif was the mellow golden metals. I have a feeling that the silver and pewter metallics will be slowly supplanted by warmer bronze and brass effects, plus the luxe of gold plating on some upscale items.

### Plus ça change

As you may know, Aurel is highly addicted to the Sunday *New York Times*, especially to the extra style magazine that sporadically appears. A recent issue is entitled "The Revival of Everything."

Confirming his instincts is the cover:

pastel pink velour tub chair, with an ovoid matching pouf, lime green curtains with aqua and magenta border, and perched on a superb Louis XV chest is a pink and yellow lamp from the Memphis Group (and we don't mean from Tennessee!) and a pink bouquet of asters.

Part of these tendencies is a quasi-nostalgia for the 70s and 80s when the world was somewhat innocent before the electronic revolution. As I see things today, pastel revivals and retro styles are homey for those who remember fun times, and the newbies think they're new!

As I peruse other sources of our design magazines and online shopping, all of the psychedelic 60s are included. My friends in London, New York and Montreal agree, the antique biz is having a tough time, as brown patinated furniture is not selling well, except online.

One good thing about the electronic world is that with good photography, your special and unique *objet de vertu* is seen by the wired-in clientele. They are far more knowledgeable than ever before – all the more reason to shop and learn online in the comfort of your favourite chair and martini nearby.

Now to my pragmatic side: consider accent walls of patterned ..... wallpaper. The vestibule, *continued on p. 22*

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Prenez avis que Megan Millward, dont l'adresse de domicile est le 4745 Saint Kevin, apt 5, Montréal, Québec, H3W 1N8, présentera au Directeur de l'état civil, en sa qualité de mère, une demande pour changer le nom de Fiona Marceline Zhang en celui de Fiona Marceline Millward-Zhang. Cet avis a été rempli et signé à Montréal, le 03 juin 2015, par Megan Millward.

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# Art-full reception welcomes spring



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

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From left: Helen Bellefeuille, Louis Villeneuve and Jacques Bellefeuille.

On May 7, RBC investment advisor **Louis Villeneuve**, a former Westmounter, welcomed guests to an internationally-inspired exhibition at GdB2 – Galerie de Bellefeuille's new space on Westmount's Greene Ave. The private viewing included a spectacular array of work by artist **Damien Hirst**, one of the most renowned – and wealthy – artists on the planet. His shimmering silk screens of butterflies – “The Souls I, II, III and IV” – were hung from floor to ceiling.

The preview-cocktail dinatoire also included the iconic work of **Brit Russell Young**, whose large portraits of such celebrities as Marilyn Munroe, Elvis Presley and James Dean are sprinkled with diamond dust, a comment on the glitz and glamour of the world he portrays.

Artist **Vik Muniz's** large pieces attracted attention. On close inspection, the large works were made of a myriad of ripped post-card pieces, with blue bits chosen for waves, greens for grass, etc.

Gallery consultant **Alan Ganev** pointed out that Muniz's work is currently showing at the Venice Biennale.

Westmount residents and gallery owners **Helen and Jacques Bellefeuille** were on hand with interesting background stories on the artists, ably assisted by **François Arès, Andrès Duran, Gregory Cance** and **Daniel Gagnon**.

Amuse-bouches served during the unseasonably hot eve were deliciously cool. They were created by **Franca Mazza**, the stylish Italian behind her eponymous catering firm.

The spring weather brought out the style

in everyone. Many men wore sharp silk ties and women were chic in cocktail dresses. Some ladies donned jewelry for the spring soirée. Lustrous pearls were noted on Westmount residents **Nicole Forbes**, city councillor; and **Francine Léger**, there with **Vasco Ceccone**.

Helen Bellefeuille wore stunning Bulgari earrings.

Guests noted in the crowded elegant space included Westmounter **Pascale Guillon** and former Westmounter **George Remus** as well as **Cheryl and Alan Goffman**, **Sonia Cholakian** and **Darius Gregoire**, **Barbara and Leonard Freedman**, **Martine Letourneau** and **Paul Ryan**, **Brian Gans**, **Mark Bindman**, **Eva Stelzer** and **Sydney Cohen**, **Uriel Barzilay** and **Elizabeth Labrie** and **Jason Paselli**.

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Westmounter David Levy has just published *The Zionist Entity: The Jewish State in the 21st Century* with Mazo Publishers. According to its back page, the book “offers a unique perspective on Israel and its future, based on conversations with members of Israel’s religious right, an anti-Israel Jewish academic, the ex-wife of the founder of Fatah, an intelligence specialist, a Holocaust authority, a former Knesset member and others.”

It also contends that global hostility to Israel is “The product of malicious left-

wingism, anti-Semitism and relentless big media bias ... [and] appears to constitute an expanding ideological fashion, which is to say a monkey-see-monkey-do phenomenon lacking a rational basis, driving fantastical propaganda claims.”

*Greta cont'd. from p. 20*

powder room, master bathroom, and children’s bedroom can all get a “mod” uplift with only one focal wall papered and the companion side walls in a colour drawn from the pattern.

Remember, use warm, appetizing colours for bed, bath and buffet. We want flattering skin tones, as well as appetizing tints. Using a pronounced blue for dining will reduce your and your guests’ appetite. Thoughtful understanding of the print properties can really change the perception of the space.

Just as plump people should know that horizontal stripes will accent width, a vertical striped pattern on a 8-foot ceiling will fool the eye for height, and a wild all-over plaid or diagonal floral or leaf motif will hide irregular walls.

Aurel and I really *must* tell you about our fave colours for the spring/summer season – perhaps also for you to imagine what some of these could do for a general freshening of your home. I do agree with Roy Caro of Celadon, and other writers who dream in colour as Aurel does, that soft pastels are winners.

Although there is a huge tendency to call grey the new neutral, beware of chilly grey reflections on skin tones, no matter how pale or deep they may be.

“Play ball on the home court!” is a maxim we all must heed. If you can’t look scrumptious at home, where can you? So, first consider a tinted ceiling.

*Our readers’ remarks are always welcome.  
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From left: George Remus, Francine Léger and Vasco Ceccone.



From left: Cheryl and Alan Goffman, Barbara and Leonard Freedman.

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