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Wants Bill 44 ban extended to sports fields City urges Quebec to adopt wider smoking restrictions

By Laureen Sweeney

The city has joined a number of others urging the Quebec government to further widen proposed tobacco restrictions to include smoking in children's playgrounds, as well as at sports fields and public beaches. The new legislation would apply across the province.



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"This is something we've wanted to do for a while," explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham referring specifically to prohibiting smoking in playgrounds and playing fields.

Public hearings were launched last week on Bill 44, which would prohibit smoking at *continued on p. 20*

Trying it out



Nancy Nelson test rides a wheelchair down the special ramp at the Westmount recreation centre pool August 21. The newly arrived chair is for use by swimmers with limited mobility (see story August 14, p.1). Photo courtesy of Rosalind Davis

Possible drinker flicks cigarette gets fined at lookout

A 27-year-old Montreal man was ticketted \$148 for littering at Summit lookout August 16, Public Security officials said. He was spotted at 9:55 pm in a group sitting on the wall of the lookout, where a number of plastic glasses filled with Champagne were spotted on the ground. After being warned against consuming alcohol in the park, which the group denied doing, the one man began uttering abusive language at the officers, denied the glasses belonged to them and became outraged when officers threw the glasses in the trash. When he proceeded to flick a lighted cigarette at officers and left it on the ground, he was issued the ticket for littering.

Oink Oink rebuilding still pending Dearth of major building projects under review by city

By Laureen Sweeney

Despite a flurry of renovations and building activity this summer, the city has no new major projects under review, Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said last week. More than 120 permits for exterior work alone were approved by council in June, July and August.

"Most of the permits are for replacement work – maintaining what we already have," she explained. "That's pretty normal for this time of year," not really trendsetting.

The lack of larger projects, however, comes at a time when a new house has already been approved on Surrey Gardens, and condo developments are completed on Redfern and on the way to completion on Metcalfe.









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Dog run takes shape



A cyclist rides east alongside the new dog run August 21 while crews continue excavating and spreading special ground cover developed for dog runs. Meanwhile, the trees remain protected during the work as shown in the photo below. Photos: Laureen Sweeney





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Phone charger, necklace recovered **Teens arrested after being** detained by PSOs in car break-in

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two teens were caught and detained by public safety officers August 17 after a report at 10:49 pm that three people were trying to open car doors, Public Security officials said. The trio had been seen on Bruce, Hallowell and in the lane between them by a nearby resident.

One escaped but the two were turned over to police and arrested. It was not immediately known what charges might be laid.

A 16-year-old Montreal resident was reported to have had an iPhone charger and a necklace in his pocket that were traced to a resident of Columbia whose car was found broken into.

In relating the incident, Public Security director Greg McBain said the department had received a call from a resident of Bruce who had witnessed the trio's actions. "Our officers were close by at the time and saw three people in the laneway."

One seemed to be walking away, perhaps on seeing the patrol vehicle, he explained.

While the remaining two suspects were told they were being detained for police, McBain said an officer spotted a car with the dome light on inside. Various compartments appeared to have been searched and insurance papers were found lying on the ground beside the driver's door.

The owner was tracked down through the car's parking permit and the resident checked out the car to find a phone charger and necklace missing.

Police were reported to have taken the two suspects away in handcuffs.

Large group represents city at Cockerell service

A large contingent of

attend a memorial serv-

Retired sergeant Greg Cockerell will be remembered locally as one of the original members of the Public Security Unit, who became well-known among many officers and residents alike for the pride he took in



Greg ment was planning to late The Cockerell.

ice August 22 in Cornwall, Ontario, where he had been living. Cockerell was reported to have died "tragically" at age 67 on August 14.

"He was our first-aid and CPR instructor and taught members of other city departments," McBain said. Known for his "gift of the gab," Cockerell was stern and formal and expected youth he met in the parks to obey the strict letter of the law.

He was a sergeant for 25 years, a volunteer firefighter in North Lancaster and a former commanding officer of an air cadet squadron.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and a grandson. -LS

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CDN-NDG borough council pushes proposed Provigo/seniors home forward **Claremont/de Mais. area residents** could force referendum

By Isaac Olson

With Côte des Neiges-NDG borough mayor Russell Copeman voting twice to break the tie, the proposed supermarket/seniors home project at the corner of St. Catherine St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. has gone through the first step of the approval process.

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Despite citizen-led petitions against the project and three councillors voicing strong opposition, the Côte des Neiges-NDG borough council has okayed a draft resolution approving the construction of a new building, which includes a 4,000-

Study claims majority of residents want project

24, p. 1).

A study conducted on behalf of Groupe Maurice found that 71 percent of respondents favour the seniors home/grocery store project as proposed for the intersec-Catherine/de tion of Ŝt. Maisonneuve/Claremont.

The study was released to the media on August 24 and signed by representatives from Groupe Maurice, Loblaw and the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. It states the survey was conducted by the Léger agency. The study claims that 44 percent are very favourable and 39 percent are fairly favourable.

When it comes to the rest of the respondents, the press release states: "Twenty-two percent of respondents feel strongly (14%) or very strongly (8%) about the initiative."

square-meter grocery store and senior res-

idence (see story "Provigo unveils plan for

10-storey 'Claremont' complex," February

zoning change and, be- continued on p. 10

This project requires a

In a footnote, the press release states that the survey was conducted from May 13 to 19 of this year "amongst a representative sample of 601 adults living near the intersection of Claremont St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. The maximum margin of error for a sample of 600 respondents is plus or minus 4.0 percent, 19 times out of 20."

The press release indicates the top five reasons people favour the project, such as easy accessibility from their home or workplace. The press release goes on to describe the project and the three organizations involved. -IO

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Champoux's team raises \$11K



Westmounter Virginia Champoux, front left, was among the thousands who took part in the 11th annual Pharmaprix Weekend to End Women's Cancers walking event benefiting the Jewish General Hospital, which took place August 22 and 23. Champoux is seen here on day one around 8:30 am leaving the grounds of the Villa Maria school in NDG at the beginning of the walk that would take them as far east as Lafontaine Park with overnight camping later back on the school's grounds. Champoux was accompanied by friends Emma Diflumeri, centre, and Susan Angeli, right. Together they formed a team they called "Outrunning the Cloud," which raised a total of \$11,000 for the cause. Photo: Martin C. Barry

Henderson wins silver

Academy gets another sidewalk



Academy Rd. looking east, where a sidewalk will be built.

Work was scheduled to start August 24, weather permitting, to build a sidewalk on the north side of Academy Rd. along with a bump-out, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

A wider south sidewalk will also be built.

The street is to be kept open to traffic during the work, though initially it was to be closed. Parking, however, will not be permitted. Residents were to have received special on-street parking permits for other streets. -LS





Westmounter Judith Henderson was a silver medalist in the women's doubles 65+ category in the Canadian Nationals at the Mount Royal Tennis Club (MRTC), which took place August 16 to 23. She is seen here playing a match August 22. Some 60 Westmount and NDG residents participated, with 465 players in all. The MRTC is located on Grey near Sherbrooke.

Photo courtesy of Teresa Ste-Marie



At the gazebo in Westmount Park on a Sunday afternoon August 16, appreciators of poetry, prose and music brought their own chairs and picnic lunches for "Poetry in the Park," a popular poetry and writing festival. Taking place annually in mid-August in Westmount Park, a wide variety of poetic and performance styles were showcased. Nearly a dozen poets and writers took part. Musicians David Alain Kabeya and Kristina Lipari performed at the beginning, during the intermission and closed the event. Seen in the photo, Charles Petrie of NDG recites some of his writing. Photo: Martin C. Barry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANTI BIKE PATH ON CÔTE RD.

As an architect, urban designer and resident of Côte St. Antoine Rd., I must object to the decision by Westmount to introduce a bike path going west on the north side of the street and relocating the street parking to the south side as reported in the Independent on August 11 ("Bike routes on Côte Rd.. Westmount to work in tandem," p. 1).

There has been no consultation with the residents on this proposal, and I would urge those who live on this historic street to attend the next council meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 8 pm in order to express our opposition to such a bike path, which will significantly disrupt the character of the street.

Bruce Anderson, Côte St. Antoine Rd.

NOT LANGUAGE PROBLEM **BUT BULLYING PROBLEM WITH** SAO EMPLOYEE

I was surprised to learn through the In*dependent* (Letters to the Editor) that many women have had the same experience as me at the SAQ Westmount. Moreover they all seem to refer to the woman I had the bad luck of getting in conflict with many

times. The difference is that I am French Canadian. So it is certainly not totally about language.

This woman was disrespectful to me for no reason whatsoever, and it happened so many times that I did not want to go back there or if I did. I tried to find another cashier even if I had to wait.

This woman is a bully and like all bullies, she tries to provoke others, women mostly as it seems, in order to show that she is boss. I would not be surprised if she "bullied" her co- workers, which also might explain the bad atmosphere in that SAQ outlet.

There is no excuse for a store or an organization to maintain in her a person who is obviously mean, abusive, impolite, whenever she feels like it.

PAULINE GAGNON, ARGYLE AVE.

NEVER A PROBLEM AT SAQ

I was surprised to see so many letters critical of employees at the SAQ on Sherbrooke St.

I have never had any problem with that store and have usually found the cashiers friendly and helpful.

JUNE PATERSON, MELVILLE AVE.

SAQ CUSTOMER TREATMENT **BETTER THAN OTHERS**

I believe in a privatized SAQ, but only from the standpoint of competition and choice.

Where do these complaints come from? I have shopped at Westmount Square before the SAQ closed, and I am a regular at both the Sherbrooke stores, especially the one opposite the Metro grocery.

I shop near the Atwater Market and also in the old Forum. I have always found the staff at all locations to be attentive, friendly and very helpful - even helping identify wines whose names I had forgotten or which were not in stock.

I know many of the staff by sight and am often welcomed by a cheerful "bonjourhello – ça va?"

Perhaps your Westmount whiners (excuse the pun) should try Winners or The Bay instead of the local up-scale boutiques. They might find the service at the SAQ a delight by comparison!

I also was brought up shopping for goodies at Fortnum's and Harrods, had my shirts made to measure at Turnbull and Asser and had my suits tailored on Saville Row. But these days I rarely miss the fawning staff around the house and gardens. I respectfully suggest, as I tug my now greasy forelock, that some of your readers get off their high rocking horses and grow up.

Aylmer Gribble, Olivier Ave.

FILL OUT POOL SURVEY

As an avid pool user, I am there every morning as well as many afternoons with and without my children. Recently it came to my attention that there was a new survey at the pool desk concerning the pool schedule and the ongoing debate over adult swim times.

I am not sure when it quietly appeared at the desk, but as I read the survey, I was surprised at two things. Firstly, it was not announced to the public via email as many public announcements are made. Rosalind Davis mentioned it in her column in the Independent ("Setting a pool schedule tricky," August 18, p. 7), however if changes are to be made, everyone should properly informed that it is available - and only until the pool closes next week!

Secondly, the key question in the survey asks which adult swim times you prefer and is heavily biased towards the small group of adult swimmers who are upset with the new 2015 schedule. None of the three options suggested in the survey reflect the needs of "families with children."

Furthermore, I strongly believe that our public pool should be shared by all taxpayers at all times. Families are more than willing to share the pool with adult lap swimmers. Why aren't adult swimmers willing to do the same?

If the issue is lack of chairs, then let's get more chairs! If the issue is noise, then a public pool is not the place to go for peace and quiet. In my extensive research of surrounding neighbourhood pool schedules in 2015, adult swim times are either nonexistent or few and far between. In fact, most pools only offer adult-only swim times as of 8:30 pm.

We teach our children to share, so let's lead by example.

I urge all you pool users to fill out the survey before it disappears so that all voices may be heard.

> ANGELA LEHRER VINEBERG, VICTORIA AVE.

PROS AND CONS TO CURRENT POOL SCHEDULE

My husband and I are pool users and have been following the letters and articles regarding pool use with considerable interest.

I go to aquafit classes. During that time, a couple of lanes are closed to us, and children are having lessons. This doesn't disturb our class. At the same time, children are having diving lessons. Again, no problem.

What is a problem for us is that during family swim time we are crowded by children on the ladders and the easy access ramp. And we have been nearly jumped upon by youngsters diving or jumping off the side of the pool in the deep end. So, the shallow end is full of small people – okay. The deep end is full of jumpers and divers – less okay. We can't always be able to swim at the time reserved for adults only.

Suggestions, please?

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

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Corrections

The spelling of the person in the photo story "'401' cyclists arrive from TO" (August 18, p. 1) should have been David Fleiszer. The reporter was given the wrong spelling.

The spelling of the hockey player in the photo story "Wings win in 3-on-3 summer hockey" (August 4, p. 10) should have been Jake Benchetrit-Morrison. We received incorrect information.

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Atwater/Dorchester streets: A changing hospital setting

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The 1875 Lovell's di-



History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The recent move of the Montreal Children's Hospital to the new MUHC superhospital site is leaving something of a blank in one of the city's most important transportation hubs, much as the area to the west of the now former children's hospital site has languished for the past 40 years.

The corner of Atwater and Dorchester was once home to the Montreal Western Hospital, which opened its doors in 1874 directly across Atwater from "Green Hythe," the large stucco home built by Philip Durnford in about 1846, where he and his wife, Augusta Sewell, brought up 12 children. Prior to construction of the

hospital, one of the various toll houses collecting fares for westbound voyageurs was at the corner of Atwater and Dorch ester streets (Atwater only got its name in 1871). The Durnford home is described in Lovell's directories as "house Côte St. Antoine west of tollgate"

continuation Dorchester (1865); "Green Hythe,

end of Dorchester west" (1875); and "4003 Dorchester, Côte St. Antoine" (1895).

(Readers will note that in 1855, Côte St. Antoine was simply a district of Montreal, became a district of Notre Dame de Grâce in 1874 and became the town of Côte St.

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rectory lists the hos-(1855); "Green Hythe, Cadastral plans for the area between Dorchester pital's address as 1271 of and St. Catherine streets, as printed in the Dorchester St. west" Westmount Historian, September 2007 issue.

Following the death of his mother in 1888, Augustus Decimus Durnford, who with his sisters had inherited the property, moved into Green Hythe, which by then had a civic address of 1315 Dorchester West. Still, the family started shaving off pieces of land for

Antoine two years later, changing its name

"haven" - was given the lot number 380 when Durnford purchased the land in the

southeast corner of the lot surrounded by St. Catherine. Dorchester. Atwater and Greene Ave. in 1858, according to an 1892

deed (though the family claims the house

dates back to 1846). Durnford died in 1881

Scots. Irish move west

sion of Montreal particularly, by Scottish

and Irish entrepreneurs, meant the Mont-

real General Hospital, located at Dorch-

ester and St. Dominique streets at the

time, felt it was necessary to have a "west-

ern campus" and prevailed upon one of its

strongest supporters, William Workman,

who had been Montreal's mayor for three

years. He sold the land just to the east of

Atwater to the Western Hospital of Mont-

Meanwhile, the slow westward expan-

Green Hythe – hythe is an old word for

to Westmount in 1895.)

and his wife in 1888.





A sketch of Green Hythe, provided by Michael Ellwood to the Westmount Historical Association.

development. The first to go were two lots at the corner of Atwater, sold off in 1889 to Robertson Macaulay and his son, Thomas. He was described in the deed as "insurance manager" but was rapidly rising through the ranks of Sun Life Assurance and later that year took over the company from continued on p. 9

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SUMMER BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting July 6.

4508 St. Catherine: to install some storm windows, provided they are not on the street facade;

428 Mount Stephen: to install some windows and a door;

72 Summit Circle: at a Category I house, to replace windows and doors, build a small balcony at the rear and replace the guard rails at the rear;

288 Grosvenor: to modify the front walkway and retaining wall, and install two railings at the apartment building;

14 Anwoth: to do some landscaping and install a new fence and gate;

32 Belvedere Rd.: at a Category I house, to install a new window;

32 Edgehill Rd.: to install three new dormers and windows, provided the dormers are hipped as per existing ones;

9-11 Parkman Pl.: to remove a small canopy above the garage door and install a new garage door;

62-64 Belvedere Rd.: to install a gate in the driveway;

580 Grosvenor: to install a new window: **617 Victoria:** landscaping in the front yard and repairs to the porch;

330 Victoria: at a Category I building, to relocate a sign provided it is on private property;

566 Victoria: to repair the front porch and retaining wall, replace paving on the front walkway and rear patio and install a new fence;

9 Hudson: to replace the roof provided the roof is slate;

497 Victoria: to do some landscaping, work on a retaining wall and a new fence provided the fence is finished on the neighbour's side at 495 Victoria to camouflage the new retaining wall;

4090 St. Catherine: to install a new sign "Nettoyeur Metro";

433 Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to install a new spiral staircase on the balcony to access the roof;

3223 The Boulevard: to replace some windows;

245 Victoria: to install communications antennae (see photo);

40 Oakland: at a Category I house, to build a new two-car garage and fence and do some landscaping in the rear yard;

78 Sunnyside: to install a new front door provided the decorative grill in the transom is maintained;

1040 Atwater: at MCH annex, to install a generator on the roof and an oil tank in

the back yard, provided the unit is surrounded by a screen;

725 Upper Roslyn: to modify the front walkway, provided a raised planting bed with high shrubbery is introduced between the walkway and driveway.

4150 St. Catherine: to install a sign "Crowe BGK;"

723 Upper Roslyn: to modify the driveway on condition a raised planting bed with shrubbery is introduced between the sidewalk and driveway.

622 Belmont: to replace the bay window; **70 Church Hill:** to install a new gate;

4 Belfrage: at a Category I house, to build a raised terrace above a new underground wine cellar.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting July 20.

3217 The Boulevard: to demolish part of the building, build an addition and do interior renovations (see story April 21, p. 10);

3730 The Boulevard: to cut down three trees provided replacements are planted as per the city's arboriculture inspector's report;

46 Summit Crescent: to replace windows and doors and build an extension at the basement level beneath an existing balcony, provided the shop drawings and work order are coordinated to match the architectural drawings;

631 Carleton: to do interior renovations, build a new access to the basement, modify openings and replace windows and doors, provided the original arched window openings are retained and updated drawings are submitted;

533 Lansdowne: to do some landscaping;

637 Victoria: to replace some windows on condition that divisions are included in the windows;

4321 de Maisonneuve: at a Category I building, to do some landscaping work and resurface the driveway;

610 Clarke: landscaping and modifications to some retaining walls;

4919-4925 Sherbrooke: to install a sign "Sarah Pacini;"

611 Victoria: to replace the mitoyen retaining wall and do some landscaping;

613 Victoria: to replace the mitoyen retaining wall;

746 Lexington: to repave the driveway and install a new retaining wall;

613 Belmont: interior renovations and exterior modifications, replace some win-



Communication antennae on 245 Victoria Ave. August 21.

dows and doors provided revised drawings are submitted showing the guard rails will not be in front of the fascia boards;

4636 St. Catherine: at a Category I building, to rebuild the front staircase;

359 Kensington: to replace doors and windows;

319 Redfern: at a Category I house, to install a new fence and railing;

326 Victoria: at a Category I building, for interior renovations and to replace mechanical equipment and to build new exit stairs at the rear;

93 Somerville: to replace the rear railing on the second-floor balcony;

600 Grosvenor: to replace the front steps and balcony provided the width of the posts on the upper balcony is increased and the applied moldings on the skirting of the porch be replaced with trellis;

59 Belvedere Rd.: to install a new pool and to do some landscaping work;

4110 St. Catherine: to install a sign "Pub Gladstone;"

4290 Montrose: to replace windows;

682 Roslyn: to modify garage door openings for a single door;

16 Grenville: to replace windows;

4100 Sherbrooke: at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom to install a new sign;

640 Lansdowne: to replace the retaining wall;

54 Forden Cresc.: at a Category I house, to do landscaping work;

445-447 Victoria: to replace windows.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the city council meeting August 3.

509D Claremont: to build a new wraparound balcony on the south and east facades and modify a window opening for a door;

629 Victoria: to do landscaping work at the front and rear;

318 Kensington: to enclose the existing front porch to create a vestibule, build a new front porch and stairs, relocate the rear basement access to the side, modify openings and replace windows and doors;

8 Grenville: to modify some openings and install new windows and a door;

465 Clarke: to replace the rear patio doors;

611 Roslyn: to renovate the existing sunroom and replace some windows, doors and skylights;

1225 Greene: at a Category I building, to build a rooftop terrace on the rear;

200 Côte St. Antoine: to modify openings and the deck at the rear;

500 Prince Albert: to install a new gas exhaust provided the exhaust exits the top of the chimney;

288 Grosvenor: to replace the storm windows at the apartment building;

486 Strathcona: to modify the openings on the rear facade;

1200 Atwater: at the Atwater Library, a Category I building, to replace the front door;

120 Lewis: at a Category I house, to renovate a rear deck and install a new privacy screen;

111 Aberdeen: at a Category 1 house, to redo the walkway.

Hello?

More on Green Hythe

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Thomas Workman, William's brother.

Robertson Macaulay built a house at 1277 Dorchester, corner Atwater, and next to his son's house at 1279, while Green Hythe is given the address of 1315 Dorchester; by 1894 the civic numbers were reassigned to 4005, 4007 and 4009, respectively, and other addresses appeared further west on the street reaching into Côte St. Antoine, which was soon to become Westmount.

The rest of the large lot was subdivided at the same time but held by the Durnford family until 1909, when the four descendants of Philip Durnford basically divvied up the property between them (another brother, Edward Convers Durnford, had opted out of the program in 1889 and received \$5,000 from his siblings). George Durnford, a chartered accountant who took over the Atwater frontage, saw to the

construction of four houses on Atwater and one at the corner of Tupper St. with semidetached brick and stone houses.

Most were rented out over the next 10 to 20 years, though Mary Elizabeth Walsh purchased 884 Atwater in 1914 for \$11,000. Her estate sold it back to George Durnford two years later for just over \$9,500. Then all five townhouses changed hands in three "\$1" The Western Hospital, corner Atwater Ave. Small, widow of Duncan expediency purposes, photo. between 1925 and 1927,

first to Reginald Jacobs, president of Jacobs Investment Corp., who then sold to Ascher Pierce, a "capitalist" on Upper Belmont Ave. It went back to Jacobs a year later, and immediately afterwards Jacobs sold 886 Atwater and 4022 Tupper St. to Ella Krasner and her husband, İsrael Lake (\$24,000 for the two properties), while 880-82-84 Atwater went to Orrin Roberts, a builder (\$39,000 for three houses). Within three months, the Roberts sale fell through, and it took Jacobs another six months to unload the three houses, this time for only \$19,000 (June 1928).

The buyer at that time was J.E. Tremblay Ltée., which held onto the three properties for only a year, then sold them for \$15,000 to Norman Adilman, whom Lovell's Directory lists as the manager of Eastern Real-

ties, Ltd. The date of that sale was August 19, 1929, two months before the stock market crashed. By the following February, he was forced to unload the three to Paul Emile Tremblay, an insurance agent living on Marlowe Ave., for a scant \$900, according to the deed, though the properties were still burdened by two mortgage commitments, one for \$15,000 to National Trust and one for \$5,400 to the Durnford family. (There is no indication of a relationship between Joseph Edouard Tremblay and Paul Emile Tremblay.)

Exactly a year later the sheriff of Montreal seized the properties from P.E. Tremblay (presumably for lack of payment on the mortgages) and turned them over to "Augusta Mary Durnford of Lancaster Ont., widow of Donald Ross-Ross, Muriel Gwendoline Durnford, wife of Pemberton Smith, and Esther Gabrielle Durnford." It took another three years before National Trust surrendered their claim to the Durn-

fords, who again (it appears) became the owners of a significant portion of the property.

The remaining two lots, purchased by Israel Lake and Ella Krasner in 1927 when they lived at 886 Atwater - he was president of American Hat Manufacturing Co. were used mainly as rental properties. The long-standing balance of sale first offered by the Durnfords was taken over by Nellie Belle

sales, presumably for and and Dorchester St. in a 1902, Notman McIntyre, believed to be the son of the Canadian Pacific Railways magnate

of the same name. It appears that Lake and Krasner could not quite hold out through the Great Depression; Mrs. McIntyre was forced to seize back the two houses in 1941.

By now Westmount had renumbered the Atwater addresses as 1180-82-84-86 and - along with 4022 Tupper St. - the five properties were poised to be sold off to individual homeowners in the 1940s and 50s.

Overheard in Westmount

At Prince Albert and de Maisonneuve on August 24 at 7:45 am, a Westmount scene: Man greets man walking dog, "Hi. I didn't know you were a dog owner."

"Who isn't?"



This raccoon was spotted in Westmount Park the afternoon of August 13, wandering around and then nervously scurrying up a tree. Its diet consists of fruit, nuts, worms and insects. Possibly the same raccoon was seen again the evening of August 14. According to the observer, who watched it for some 45 minutes, "dozens of people passed right under the branch where he or she was perched, probably 12 feet away and nobody looked up or spotted him or her." Photo: Ralph Thompson

Roofing crane jammed under overpass

A flat-bed roofing truck equipped with a crane became wedged under the railway overpass on Greene Ave. August 18 about 7:42 am, Public Security officials said. The driver sustained a bump on the head when the crane struck the structure. He was checked out by fire department first responders before the arrival of Urgences Santé. The truck's tires were deflated allowing it to be dislodged and able to back down the hill. The incident was concluded at 8:26 am.

Caught jumping pool fence at Murray Park

Three 16-year-olds were warned against jumping the fence around the wading pool at King George (Murray) Park August 15 at 3:35 pm, Public Security officials said. They were identified as living in Westmount, Hampstead and Jerusalem. The pool had been closed when a lifeguard was unavailable owing to staffing shortages during a swim meet, according to Sports and Recreation officials.

Trio warned not to trespass on roof

Three young women were found on the roof of a building at 4916 Sherbrooke near Prince Albert August 4, Public Security officials said. Alerted by a storeowner at 6:28 pm, patrollers warned the trio about the no-trespassing by-law provision, and the three co-operated with a request to leave. They told officers they had found a gate open to the roof access and wanted to take photos with a camera they had in their possession. No damage or graffiti was found.

Unable to control noisy party, woman ticketted \$148

A young resident of Mountain Ave. was issued a ticket for \$148 July 30 when public safety officers were called to the house for a loud party, the second time in two days. Public Security officials said she had been warned initially July 29 after a noise complaint at 12:21 am. On the second incident, it was reported she was unable to control her guests, and police were called.

Foliage obstructs signs at 92 spots

A total of 92 locations throughout the city were identified recently where foliage obstructed signage, Public Security officials said. Patrollers checked out every street in Westmount, and the locations

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two Oink Oink buildings on Greene Ave. is still pending though merchants had hoped it would be well under way before the start of the busy fall season.

With the exception of some new small additions, garages and kitchen extensions, many of the current permit approvals are for what amounts to replacing rotting wood and other items in the city's aging housing stock. They include rebuilding existing balconies and porches, stairs, driveways, fences, doors and windows.

This is the type of work for which permits can be expedited more quickly than new projects that require scrutiny by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC),

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were given to Public Works for pruning. Included were signs indicating stops, speed, parking regulations and street names.

Poirier pointed out.

The only permit for a major project approved in July was one that had already been through the PAC process: the demolition and rebuilding of more than 50 percent of a house at 3217 The Boulevard (see story April 21, p. 10).

The city is still awaiting the final drawings related to the Oink Oink project, Poirier said.

This is a building at 1335-1339 Greene, whose plans the city's Demolition committee had approved conditionally in March after merchants at a public meeting told the panel they hoped the work could be done over the summer and before the start of the busy commercial activity in the fall.

Maximize street access

"I thought it was supposed to be done by now," Tony Fargnoli of Tony Shoes said last week. "You always hope that people in the city try to coordinate the timing of a decision on a project to maximize access to the street as much as possible."

While the merchants "always appreciate investment" because of the value it brings to the street, he said, how it can be "done better" for customers and residents helps the revenue of merchants needed to pay taxes.

Maybe the current delays in the project mean it might be delayed until next summer, he suggested. "That would be ideal."

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DOG RUN USES LITTLE-USED GREEN SPACE

In past years, how frequently have the people who object to the construction of a dog run in Westmount Park actually visited that rather isolated, relatively little used area in the southern section of the park? Rather seldom, I suspect, compared to the daily visits in future by Westmount residents with dogs.

Concealed behind hedges so as not to detract from activities elsewhere in the park, the dog run will greatly increase the beneficial usage of that area in the park by a significant segment of the city's population, and beneficial usage is a salient reason for having a park that is not intended to be just a little-used traditional green space that looks pretty.

John Dorey, Victoria Ave.

BARKING LOUD

The *Independent* often includes reports of tickets issued by Public Security Unit (PSU) to dog owners (the most recent in the August 18 issue, p. 16), following noise complaints due to excessive barking.

Since Westmount is home to a great many dogs, I assume that the published reports of tickets represents only a small fraction of the actual disturbance barking causes residents – complaints that are

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cause of that, a public consultation will be held. Voters will have the opportunity to share concerns in the coming months and, if approved, a referendum can be held to stop the project, noted Copeman. Throughout this process, Snowdon councillor Marvin Rotrand said he will be listening closely to what the people have to say about the project.

Copeman repeatedly described it as a "good project" that takes advantage of the nearby Vendôme Metro station and provides temporary housing to parents with children staying at the neighbouring Montreal Children's. The 10-storey project proposed by Groupe Maurice includes 300 units for seniors, the head offices for the

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE You can help by donating any type of BOOKS to KidzSafe Foundation to fund educational programs for kids. Call for pick-up 514.777.8252 called in to the PSU, but also many unreported incidents.

A dog runs equals barking. I can attest to this; on walks through King George (Murray) Park, nine times out of ten the barking emanating from the dog run is easily audible, certainly nearby, but also heard throughout the park. The noise is loud, sudden, disturbing.

The mayor and council should never have approved a dog run in Westmount Park, which is not nearly big enough to accommodate a dog run, because of this particular noise issue.

SUSAN KAZENEL, KENSINGTON AVE.

BARKING ONES ALLOWED IN?

A photograph in the *Gazette's* Saturday edition (p. 3) shows clearly the destruction and inconvenience of Westmount city hall's insistence on shoe-horning a dog run into Westmount Park instead of putting it back where it was and where it belongs, i.e. the corner of Lansdowne and St. Catherine. Councillor Cynthia Lulham says that the residents of the apartments on that corner objected to the barking of the dogs.

Dogs won't bark in Westmount Park? Ms. Lulham stated that they would try not to have habitual barkers. Will dogs be "carded" at the entrance? Will they also be carded for the propensity to chase bicycles? Will a two-tier system be instituted? THOMASINE MAWHOOD,

de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation and a Provigo grocery store.

The project includes underground parking with an entrance off St. Catherine St. and an exit onto de Maisonneuve Blvd. that will not, noted the mayor, conflict with the bike path as that has been moved to the north side of the street.

As he has in the past, Loyola district councillor Jeremy Searle said he is strongly opposed to the project. "Build the head office for Montreal Children's [Foundation] on the hospital site," said Searle. "Don't try to rape the community with this ridiculous project – a big shopping centre in the heart of the most successful residential community in Montreal."

NDG district councillor Peter McQueen and his Projet Montréal colleague, Magda Popeanu, who represents the Côte des Neiges district and the urban planning committee, voted against the project. So did Searle.

Rotrand and Darlington's Lionel Perez voted in favour.

Copeman used his second vote to break the tie and push the project forward.



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Szilasi, Spencer at contemporary art symposium in Baie St. Paul



Westmounters Gabor Szilasi, a photographer, and artist Karen Elaine Spencer pose for a photo prior to the Parade of Artists at Baie St. Paul's 33rd International Symposium of Contemporary Art on July 31. According to Jack Locke, Szilasi led the parade and opened the festival, while Spencer participated as one of 12 artists invited to display art work at the month-long event that ends August 30.

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Redfern dogs 'disturb the peace'

Barking dogs at a house on Redfern generated a ticket for \$148 August 14, Public Security officials said. The barking was deemed excessive and the dog owner was fined for disturbing the peace. No one had been home at the time.

Although it is difficult for Colin to trust, he has been able to attach to his adult caregivers. Colin is a sensitive, polite and kind boy.

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

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Westmounter,

and



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

Veronica Redgrave

Not even a torrential downpour hindered guests arriving at the Bellini building for the reception honouring the legacy of Rosalind Goodman on June 9. The driving force behind the success of the Goodman Cancer Research Centre died in August 2014.

The evening featured artwork belonging to McGill's Visual Arts Collection, usually hung in different offices all over the university campus. Working with curator Gwendolyn Owens, Goodman had planned the private viewing, featuring such iconic work as artists of the Group of Seven.

Her strategy for supporting the centre even included her writing a healthy cookbook, The Smart Palate, which was for sale

principal/vice-chancellor Suzanne Fortier, who presented a plaque dedicated to Goodman to hang in the centre's atrium. Amidst the elegant Westmounters were Marlene and Joel King, Rhoda and Robert Vineberg, Valerie Rosenbloom, Danielle Pollack, Jewel Lowenstein, Elaine

has already won prizes.

long-time

Dubrovsky, Roni Gandell and Leo Kolber, Dana and William Bell, Penny and Gordon Echenberg, Linda Smith, Alta Levinson, Alvin Segal, Gwen Nacos, Lewis Dobrin, Susan Wener, and Helgi and Ian Soutar.

Designer Louis Vuitton bags are still catnip to the cooly chic. I noted the classic design, a leather tote, the Daumier checks and the vintage black multi colour.

Also noted were Dr. Phil Gold (JGH), committed volunteer Sandy Martz, Etty Bienstock and the evening's organizer-extraordinaire, Annette Novak.

Speeches commemorating Goodman were given by the evening's emcee Dr. David Eidelman, dean of McGill's faculty of medicine; Fortier, Dr. Morag Park, director of the centre; daughter Deborah Goodman Davis on behalf of the Goodman family, and Mark Weinstein, vice principal of university advancement. He announced that the successful bi-annual Goodman Gala would carry on in 2016, with cochairs Dana Ca- continued on p. 21

Michael Meighen, left, and Suzanne Fortier.



From left: Sandy Martz, Roni Gandell Kolber and Penny Echenberg.

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Morris Goodman, left, and Phil Gold.



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HÔTEL DE VILLE

MTQ : fermeture définitive : rampe d'accès à l'A-720 via l'av. Greene et rue Selby

À compter du 20 août. L'accès à l'Autoroute 720 via l'av. Greene ainsi que la rue Selby sont désormais fermées en permanence. De plus, l'av. Greene est fermée temporairement en raison de travaux de réaménagement. Visitez le westmount.org pour plus de détails.

Exposition à l'hôtel de ville : les commerces de la rue Sherbrooke Ouest Du 20 juin au 20 octobre 2015, foyer de l'hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke O. L'Association historique de Westmount présente des photographies récentes de Doreeen Lindsay sur les commerces de la rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Gratuit. Info: 514 932-6688.

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Soirée cinéma en plein air

Le vendredi 28 août au crépuscule, Parc Westmount . Visionnez un film en famille sous le ciel étoilé. À l'écran: Cinderella de Disney. Apportez vos chaises pliantes et vos couvertures ! Info : 514-989-5299.

Conférences de 14 h :

Exposition MBAM - Rodin: Metamorphoses

Le mercredi 2 septembre, 14 h. Grace Powell, guide au Musée des beaux arts, nous éclairera sur la démarche artistique et sur les grandes œuvres de Rodin, artiste sculpteur. SVP vous inscrire au comptoir de prêt. Info : 514 989-5299.

Club de lecture d'été : Fête de clôture avec DYNAMIX !

Le samedi 12 septembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall. À ne pas manguer ! Prix, rafraîchissements et divertissements ! Les membres du Club de lecture d'été peuvent venir chercher leurs billets au comptoir des enfants. Info : 514 989-5229.

Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

Le mercredi 16 septembre, 14 h, Salle de conférence. Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount se rencontre pour rédiger des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Les rencontres sont prévues aux deux semaines. Au cours de l'année, selon les formes de poésie proposées, nous choisirons les thèmes qui nous conviennent le mieux. Bienvenue à tous ! Info : 514 989-5299.

Prochaine séance du conseil le mardi 8 septembre

Cercle de lecture : Reflections on Food, Fabulous Food, avec Abby Lippman Le mercredi 16 septembre, 14 h, Salle de conférence. Explorez un éventail original de récits gourmets sous toutes ses formes : fiction, documentaire, article, poésie. La discussion sera animé par Abby Lippman et son groupe de lecteurs intellectuels, hétéroclites et engagés. Le matériel de lecture sera disponible au

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comptoir de référence. Info: 514 989-5299.

Événement danse : Auto-Fiction

Le vendredi 28 août à 19 h 30, Parc Westmount. La troupe Human Playground présente Auto-Fiction, une choréographie mettant en scène trois danseurs et une automobile. Une présentation du Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée et la Ville de Westmount. Info: 514 989-5226.



Soirée astronomie au Belvédère Le samedi 19 septembre de 19 h 30 à 22 h au

Belvédère Summit. Joignez-vous aux membres de la Société royale d'astronomie du Canada afin d'observer les étoiles avec leurs puissants télescopes et apprenez-en plus sur les planètes. Gratuit. À NOTER : l'activité sera annulée en cas de conditions nuageuses. Info: 514 989-5226.

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Inscrivez-vous en personne au CLW ou en ligne. Le répertoire des activités, distribué début juin, est disponsible au westmount.org. Info : 514 989-5353.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Couvre-feu en vigueur dans tous les parcs

La Sécurité publique appliquera le couvre-feu (minuit à 5 h) dans tous les parcs, avec des patrouilles supplémentaires au belvédère Summit et dans les parcs avoisinants pour contrer la consommation d'alcool ou de drogue et le bruit. Info : 514 989-5222.

CITY HALL

MTQ: Permanent closure of Greene Ave. on-ramp to A-720 and of Selby Street Beginning August 20. The Greene Avenue on-ramp leading to Autoroute 720 and Selby Street are now permanently closed. In addition, Greene Ave. is closed temporarily in the vicinity of the autoroute during redevelopment work. For more details,

consult westmount.org. **Exhibition at City Hall: Businesses on Sherbrooke Street West** From June 20 to October 20, 2015, City Hall lobby, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W. The Westmount Historical Association presents recent photographs by Doreen Lindsay of the businesses on Sherbrooke

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To Sept 12. This year's theme focuses on PLAY! Ask for your Summer Reading Club Kit at the Children's Desk - you'll earn great prizes! Info: 514 989-5229.

Movie Night in the Park

Friday, August 28 at dusk, Westmount Park. Come watch the fun family film *Cinderella* by Disney under the stars in Westmount Park. Don't forget your lawn chair and blankets! Info: 514 989-5299.



2 O'Clock Series:

MMFA exhibition - Rodin: Metamorphoses Wednesday, September 2, 2 p.m. Grace Powell, a Montreal Museum of Fine Arts guide, will give a sneak peek of this exhibit, taking you inside Rodin's studio to explore some of the sculptor's best-known masterpieces. Please register at the circulation desk. Info: 514 989-5299.

Summer Reading Club: **Closing Party with DYNAMIX!**

Saturday, September 12, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall., Be there! Prizes, entertainment, food! Summer Reading Club members may pick up their passes at the Children's Circulation Desk. Info: 514 989-5229.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, September 8

Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd

Wednesday, September 16, 2 p.m., Conference Room. The Westmount Poetry Group meets every two weeks to compose poetry together, working with themes proposed by members. During the year, depending on what poetic forms we are working on, we choose the theme most suited to us. Everyone is welcome. Info : 514 989-5299.

Reflections on Food, Fabulous Food: Reading Circle with Abby Lippman

Wednesday, September 16, 2 p.m., Board Room. Explore a cornucopia of readings on the delectable subject of food, as presented in a variety of writings (non-fiction, poetry, articles and fiction). Discussions will be facilitated by Abby Lippman, academic, activist and eclectic reader. Readings will be available at the reference desk. Info : 514 989-5299.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dance event: Auto-Fiction

Friday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., Westmount Park. Human Playground presents Auto-Fiction, a choreography featuring three dancers and an automobile. Presented by the Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée and the City of Westmount. Info: 514 989-5226.

Stargazing at the Summit

Saturday, September 19 from 7:30 to 10 pm. at the Summit Lookout. Join members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to observe the night skies through their telescopes. Learn about the planets and stars from the astronomers. Free. NOTE: the event will be cancelled in the event of cloudy skies. Info: 514 989-5226.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Registration: fall & winter activities Sign up now in person at the WRC or online. The activities guide, distributed in early June, is available at westmount.org. Info: 514 989-5353.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Curfew in effect in all parks

Public Security will enforce the midnight to 5 a.m. curfew in all city parks, with extra patrols at Summit Lookout and surrounding parks for alcohol or drug consumption and noise issues. Info: 514 989-5222.







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Work stopped on Summit Circle until 'proper' permits obtained

Work at a house on Summit Circle was stopped July 30 when it was found under way without the proper permits, Public Security officials said. A public safety officer met with an Urban Planning inspector at the scene at 2:15 pm to assist him in executing a stop-work order by telling workers they could be fined if they did not comply, which they did.

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9 Lives Lysanne Fowler

Beautiful Serena was abandoned outdoors as a kitten, a tiny black waif with white booties. She would eagerly appear at a neighbour's back door, where the owner managed to establish a routine by offering her a copious portion of kitten food, which she devoured. She was most keen on the fishy variety!

As a next step, our neighbour borrowed a trap from the trap-neuter-release-andmaintain program at the Montreal SPCA in order to trap Serena, with the goal of providing her with an opportunity for a

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lished routine, the cat entered the trap placed beside the back door at the regular spot for her bowl, in order to savour her fishy cat food meal, and the door closed be-

hind her. She was then transported to a local veterinary clinic for assessment, inoculations and sterilization.

Serena is now in a foster home where she rested after her spay surgery. She is now ready for adoption in a forever family, and the staff at the Hôpital Vétérinaire Général M.B. would be pleased to tell you more about her. They are open seven days a week, so you can easily drop by the clinic at 3400 St. Antoine St., corner Greene Ave. or call them at 514.935.1888 to enquire about her.

Your neighbour, Lysanne

Lights too bright, two residents complain

Two residents were reported to have complained to Public Security recently about spot lights shining into their homes. On visiting the first site at 9:30 pm August 4, patrollers found two security lights in a parking area behind the office building at 1310 Greene. They were turned toward a building on de Maisonneuve where the resident said the lights had never been noticed before. The next night at 10:32 pm, two lights were found shining at a dwelling on Dorchester from behind 4120 Catherine. Both incidents were turned over to Urban Planning.

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City joins larger anti-smoking coalition

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restaurant terrasses and bars as well as in vehicles in which minors younger than 16 are present. It also subjects the use of electronic cigarettes to the same provisions as tobacco products.

In moving the adoption of the resolution, Lulham said the city had been asked to do so by the borough of Côte des Neiges-NDG and became part of a coalition of some 174 municipalities reported to have adopted similar resolutions asking Quebec to toughen Bill 44.

It comes on the heels of Westmount's recent move to ban the use of e-cigarettes in municipal buildings under the nuisance by-law (see story June 16, p. 1).

The city is in the throes of preparing anti-smoking signage for both Greene and

Prince Albert public squares, Lulham announced.

Smoking is already prohibited at the Westmount recreation centre, a public building, she pointed out. Under Bill 44, smoking would be prohibited within nine meters of an access to a public building. Among other provisions, it would also prohibit the sale of scented or flavoured cigarettes.

City, an anti-smoking pioneer

"I should mention that Westmount was one of the pioneers back in the early 1990s in anti-smoking legislation along with 'Côte St Luc," Mayor Peter Trent pointed out.

Bill 44 was tabled May 5 with the aim of preventing youth from taking up smoking and vaping (the smoking of e-cigarettes), protecting nonsmokers from secondhand smoke and encouraging smokers to quit.

In this vein, the Westmount resolution also asks that Bill 44 follow the example of Australia, Ireland and the United Kingdom in requiring plain packaging for tobacco products.



"No dogs" signage in this Westmount Park playground could soon be joined by "no-smoking" signs if Quebec adopts proposed recommendations to this effect.

Home Improvement Directory





Senator Leo Kolber

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plan Goodman and her sister-in-law Mia Melmed Goodman.

Donations sent after Roz's demise created a new Rosalind Goodman Commemorative Scholarship to support a PhD grad-



Rhoda, left, and Robert Vineberg.

uate student to continue ground-breaking cancer research. The inaugural recipient **Nathaniel Robichaud** gave a quick presentation on his research. In honour of Goodman's memory, the atrium at the centre is now named the Rosalind Goodman Atrium.

sented by Keith Moffat. Cost \$5 for nonmembers or for annual membership \$20

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100 years for Roach



Place Kensington resident Maria Roach celebrated her 100th with a birthday party July 17 that included family and friends. Surrounding Roach, who is seated, are, from left: her niece and nephew, Maria Thornhill and Nick Rodriguez, friends Giovanni and Jobina Loporcaro and Ann Sopen. Violinist Liang Chen volunteered his time by playing music at the event. Inset: Roach, whose full name is Maria Esperanza Garcia Roach, was a first lieutenant in US Army Air Nurse Corps. She also had a private pilot's licence. Photo courtesy of Place Kensington

Christmas inducted in hall of fame



Westmounter Billy Christmas (1879-1941) was posthumously inducted to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame on June 17 in Calgary in the "Canadian Sports Legends Class, Athletes" category (see story, May 26, p. 17). He was a boxer, and a football, rugby, hockey and lacrosse player. From left; standing: Don Waldorf (great-great nephew), William Alan Christmas (grandson), Beverley Christmas (great-great niece), Paul Bailey, Susan Christmas (great-great niece), Nancy Waldorf and William Anthony Christmas (grandson); sitting: Christine Christmas (granddaughter), Gerry Christmas (grandson) and Mary Louise Orr (granddaughter). Photo courtesy of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame/Gerry Christmas.

Comin' Up

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Westmounter Richard Pound gives a talk on his latest book *Made in Court: Supreme Court Cases that Shaped Canada,* 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Free; donations invited.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Westmount Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at Westmount Public Library, 7 pm. "Laurentian wildflowers," pre-

Man disappears after haircut

Public safety officers and police searched through Westmount August 18 for a man reported missing at 12:38 pm. He was last seen having a haircut on Sherbrooke just west of Victoria, according to Public Security officials. The 75-year-old resident of NDG was found eventually in Mount Royal Park at 6:06 pm.

Car obstructs driveway, towed & ticketted

A car was ticketted and towed August 11 from Lansdowne Ridge after the driver parked it across the driveway of a resident who needed to drive out, Public Security officials said. The cost of a ticket for this type of offence including the fine, administrative fee and towing cost is typically \$166.

Westmount Today, Yesterday and Before Sherbrooke St.'s history abounds with businesses, architecture

By Doreen Lindsay

Today, there are over 20 family-owned or independent businesses in the commercial strip along Sherbrooke St. between Grosvenor and Claremont avenues.

The offices, residences and other businesses provide the mixture of diversity that American author Jane Jacobs tells us is necessary for a neighbourhood to be viable. They "offer various products, provide more than one function and make people move on different schedules in the same place for different purposes."

A photo taken in 2003 shows the Drouin building on Sherbrooke St. (see image below) was owned by the Rosen family, who sold to Cervino Coin Company in 1988.

The six greystone, two-storey buildings between 4868 and 4896 Sherbrooke St. that make up the remarkable "Drouin" building remain intact. Designed by architect Théo Daoust for contractor Octave Drouin in 1899 as private houses, they were converted to stores in 1914 and have survived for 116 years. Long-time residents will remember former owner Sybil Rosen selling ladies underwear, nightgowns, stockings, and gloves in the Popular Shop. When the building was sold, tenants of the building wanted to remain in the area so they moved to premises nearby.

Ron Hunter, then owner of Westmount Stationery, moved from the Drouin building at 4896 Sherbrooke across the street to 4887, where the business remains today.

Marc Barbieri, owner of Warren Men's Wear, moved from 4884, after being there for 60 years, to 4972 Sherbrooke St. at the corner of Claremont Ave. His business has since closed. Claudette Benoit opened her children's clothing shop, Pom Canelle, at 4970 Sherbrooke St. (now LOLE) in 1982. In 1989, she moved to 4860 Sherbrooke, where she is now.

Important row of buildings

This row of buildings was considered for designation as heritage properties in 1988 and, I feel, should be reevaluated again. According to the Westmount Character Area Map #20, there are Category 1 (important) and Category II (significant) buildings on Sherbrooke St. between Grosvenor and Claremont.

The Beaupré et Michaud Heritage study that was initiated by Peter Trent in 1987, explains that "These buildings are remarkable mainly because of their transformation by architects McVicar and Heriot at the request of David Ross McCord in 1914. From an attractive repetitive series of houses built of Montreal limestone, a commercial complex was created which, while it entailed the elimination of a part of the original facades, immediately made way for a new, highly rhythmic and well articulated architecture. A lesson for those who would attempt to transform old structures."

Hogg Hardware has been on Sherbrooke St. since 1992. Three brothers – George, Dave and Allan – opened their family hardware store in the space left empty by Pascal's Hardware. Four generations of the Hogg family have lived in Westmount.

National Food at 4903 is one of the oldest businesses in the area, along with Folklore 1 at 4879, which has existed since 1975. It is owned by Gerald and Gail Fellerath.

Dépanneur Lee on the north side of Sherbrooke has served the community since 1988.

Judi Meade was in business in Westmount for 24 years. She developed her Art-Enfant children's store at 4968 from Arten-Ciel in various locations. Since customers have changed their purchasing habits to buying on-line, she believes, she has closed her storefront business, as has Debra Leews who opened Zebre vêtements pour enfants at 4909 in 1994 and closed in 2015.

Shelley Kerman owned and managed L.M.N.O.P children's wear with her business partner Sharyn Fagan for 21 years, from 1991 to 2012. It was located at 4919A Sherbrooke St.

Sharyn Scott, now in a street-level space on the south side at 4930 B., has moved her second-hand clothing store four times to stay in the neighbourhood.

The Friedman sisters – Tawn, Robyn and Chelsea – moved their artisanale Boulangerie Le Fournil from Victoria Ave., where they started in 1995, around the corner to 4910 Sherbrooke St. last year.

The designer Yves Jean Lacasse has managed his Envers fashion store at 4935 for 14 years.

In the future, we need to retain and encourage independently owned businesses. We must be vigilant also in restricting increases in building height and inappropriate treatment of facades if we want to maintain the special character of our neighbourhood as we know it.

> Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association



There is an exhibition in Westmount city hall until October 20 with photographs by Doreen Lindsay of all the businesses on both sides of Sherbrooke St. between Grosvenor and Claremont.

The Connoisseur and the Philistine Beer Review: Station HO.ST

Beer review of Station HO.ST, 1494 Ontario East (Gav village), March 26

David Price, **The Philistine**; Beer drinker and beer thinker

Ideal beer: stronger-than-average lager, even if it's commercial Canadian beer

Favourite beer: Harp or Sapporo (research still under way)

Greg Dunning, The Connoisseur; Beer drinker, brewer, and hunter

Ideal beer: one that is manufactured by people who care more about the beer than the money

Favourite beer: Too many to mention

The Hopfenstark brewery opened in L'Assomption in 2006 and is actually only a 30-minute drive east on the 40 – just off island. Fortunately, with the recent innovation of the "tap room," you can sample this brewery's offerings closer to home. Station HO.ST has been brewing "abroad" and serving its creations and a couple of guest beers since August 3, 2013, and we are talking about genuine service (remember what that was like?).

Rustic inside with a great wooden bar to sit at and simple tables for groups. Limited but well-chosen decor. No big signage outside. Are these proprietors trying to stay under the radar of the industrial, swilling chucklehead?

THE PHILISTINE: Helles (5.5%, German-style lager)

This beer was weird: the foam was salty – not a quality that I look for in a beer or any thirst-quenching substance – but the beer was not and was so good that I had two, right off the bat. Excellent. And now I see it is a lager ... no surprise here.

THE CONNOISEUR:

Lemony and lightly fragrant of hops with a crisp bite. This is your starter beer in Bavaria, and if you are staying for a meal you can session (yes, it's a verb) this style for the rest of the evening. The foamy head lasted right to the last sip, indicating a clean, dry vessel and a well-crafted beer. I know there will be no complaints from Mr. Prague; he will unconsciously reminisce of home with this German version of Pilsner.

THE PHILISTINE: Boson de Higgs (3.8%, BerlinerRauchSaison, Germany – Ale)

This beer was smoky, not smoky looking or a bit smoky tasting, but *smoky*. If I was worried about the thirst-quenching power of Helles (see above), my fears came true with Boson. If the brewers' goal is to keep people thirsty and drinking (presumably a different brand of their beer), they've succeeded. If the goal was to create a "standalone" beer that satisfies, they failed, for me anyway.

THE CONNOISEUR:

Hopfenstark calls it a Berliner weissbier and classifies it under Belgian style on its menu!? It's a little too wet going down (just missing a few hops) but got better as I drained it. This ale (which stylistically should be a lager) would also taste better with a higher alcohol content. Rauch means "smoke" in German, which in brewing terms means that the malted barley is placed over a smoking bed of wood (often beechwood) before it is used in the brew process. The result should be an aggressive, smoked aroma that influences your taste of the beer. It's not for everybody, and if you are not ready for the world standard of the style, Aecht Shlenkerla Rauchbier from Bamberg (available at the SAQ), then Boson de Higgs is a decent introduction.

ness and malt sweetness sweet spot. This IPA met the beer hunter benchmark: when you simply can't believe how fast it has disappeared from your glass and you get briefly sad about it (in case you can't get another one). Fortunately, Hopfenstark bottles this IPA, so you can get it at a specialty beer retailers like Dépanneur Peluso (2500 Rachel East) or Le Bièrologue (4301 Ontario East).

THE PHILISTINE: Blanche de l'Ermitage (Belgian white beer)

One of my last beers was Blanche de l'Ermitage. This tasted to me like a typical, notorious (to me) summer brew: weak in taste, maybe even watery, with some soap and lemon thrown in. If that's your thing, this one could be too.

THE CONNOISEUR: Greg (8.0%, American Foreign Stout (Harvest) – USA – Cask Ale)

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THE PHILISTINE: End of Trail (5.5%, American Pale Ale)

As regular readers of this column know, I am not "Mr. Pale Ale" – India or American (I find them skunky), but this edition surprised me. It was bitter to my palate, but grew on me.

THE CONNOISEUR: Postcolonial (6.5%, India Pale Ale, England)

Perfectly hopped and fragrant with British hops and ridiculously smooth, the result of perfectly nailing the hop bitterout a cask at the ready. Best cask I have ever had in the city, but alas, due to the curious name of this beer, I lack objectivity but I promise, worth hunting for and trying.

THE PHILISTINE: 7 Sisters: Maïa (9%, Belgian Strong Ale)

This beer was mild in taste, but had a nice kick to it too, presumably due to its high alcohol content (for beer). I liked it! THE CONNOISEUR:

Charge your brandy snifter and best take

a seat. Very yeasty and full flavoured. When you hit 9% using 100% malt and no adjuncts, 9% will hit you harder than a port. Be careful, savour and enjoy. Calling a cab now.

THE PHILISTINE: I really liked this bar. It is a no-frills affair: rough wooden walls, simple tables, basic chairs. There was space to stretch our legs. There was food available, but they also let customers bring in food from nearby vendors (as one of our group did). The beers were not for me – surprise, surprise, given my love of uncomplicated lagers – but so what? A night out is more than the suds. (For instance, where else other than a night of beer drinking will you hear someone say, with certainty: "That beer looks cold"?)

One strange note: the evening was not a crazy night of drinking and, after adjusting for the amount of alcohol consumed (like putting everything in 2015 dollars), I had

the worst hangover that I can remember, given the amount consumed. You might contend that I overindulged and/or did not keep track, which is hardly impossible, but one other member of our party had the exact same experience. Too much smoke in that beer? Or too Philistine а drinker? Or too much beer in the Philistine?

THE CON-NOISEUR: Did I mention service earlier? Complete attention to the product being served with no marketing garnish. Every selection

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served in its own vessel; always crystal clean and dry. Knowledgeable staff; not the waiter who can recite by heart what's on today's menu, but the employee who can tell you exactly what is in each beer and brings you a taster, without your having to ask. The beautiful aspect of perfect beer is that a little goes a long away and it's ridiculously affordable. For a beer hunter, Station HO.ST is paradise on earth.

Selwyn teachers get mindful...

By Joanne Penhale

Some teachers, parents and students may be holding their breath anticipating the return to school, but 25 staff from Selwyn House will be focusing on theirs.

"The breath can be self-regulating," said Heidi Bornstein, founder of Toronto-based Mindfulness Everyday. The week before the start of school she was scheduled to come to Westmount to co-facilitate a 16hour mindfulness training for teachers and administrators from Selwyn's ele-



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Parent Nancy Berney (left) and dean of students Minna Shulman in the Selwyn House library on August 18 discuss the mindfulness training planned for the week before school begins. The training is paid for by the school and its 25 participants are volunteering their time.

mentary, middle, and senior schools.

When kids get upset, Bornstein said, they can learn to pause and focus on a few breaths. "Just that can change their reactions."

"In education, we want students to be able to regulate their emotions," Bornstein said. "The question is, where are they supposed to be learning this from?"

Kids can be taught how to pay attention, and research shows they also learn by seeing behaviour modelled, said Bornstein, whose background includes mindfulnessbased stress reduction, meditation and yoga, she said.

"We are going to be looking at stress management tools for educators," said Bornstein, who is originally from Montreal, and attended ECS. Emotional literacy and regulation – like being able to identify emotions, and tension in the body, and learn how to put emotions in perspective – are key parts of the training.

"It's the simplicity that makes these techniques so effective," said Nancy Berney, the mother of two Selwyn students who was a catalyst for bringing the training to Selwyn.

Berney said she practises mindfulness



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before the start of school

daily.

"It starts my day with optimism and intent," she said, adding it gives her tools to observe her reactions to something before she acts, and contributes to a sense of wellbeing.

"In the middle of a class, if things get crazy," Berney said, "a teacher who's had this training will feel comfortable and confident to stop and bring in a moment of mindfulness to change the dynamic in the room."

Kathy Funamoto is the head of Selwyn's elementary school, and has already used mindfulness techniques with students, including in weekly assemblies, with 120 grade 1, 2 and 3 students.

"We always end with a mindful moment," Funamoto said. Students are asked to focus on something for about two minutes, she said, like the bubbling and gurgling from the school's turtle aquarium.

'Lot's of giggles'

"Sometimes there are lots of giggles and that's what we expect," Funamoto said. "It's really practising and teaching them what it means to focus."

"If you just drift off, it doesn't matter," Funamoto said, adding students are encouraged to regain focus. "But if they can't, that's okay too."

Other mindfulness practices have been introduced at Selwyn, Funamoto said. Four years ago former Selwyn student Joe Flanders, now a psychologist, ran a course for grade 6 students. Funamoto said, however, many teachers have different ideas of what it mindfulness means.

"We're not all on the same page, but we're working toward it," she said, and hopes the week's training will help staff develop a common understanding.

The training promotes positive mental health and well being, Bornstein said. "It's a secular practice that doesn't interfere with anyone's beliefs."

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Welcome Hall welcomes kids back to school

By Ralph Thompson

The Welcome Hall Mission held its 14th annual back-to-school event it calls "Rentrée la tête haute" for Montreal children from low-income families on August 18 and 19 at its facility on de Courcelle, just south of Westmount.

"The goal is for the child to return to school with his or her head held high, with pride and dignity – *rentrée la tête haute,*" said Matthieu Bernard, a part-time employee at the Mission and also a French teacher, working on his masters degree.

The event appeared well organized. When the doors opened at 9 am, more than 200 parents and kids were neatly lined up for backpacks and shoes, and to shop at La Boutique, the mission's thrift shop. The distribution was on a two-day schedule to families meeting a low-income criteria based on a family income scale. Registration had taken place before.

A comical "policeman" on stilts, with a large black moustache and camera that squirted water amused participants, while volunteers served cold drinks and manned large inflated slides and games.

"The mission will provide more than 2,600 children with new shoes and back-



By 9 am August 19, more than 200 people were lined up at The Welcome Hall Mission for backpacks, shoes and school supplies.

packs filled with supplies over these two days. Clothes at La Boutique are being sold at reduced prices with proceeds supporting the mission's job creation program," Kathryn Stephens, senior manager of development and public relations, told the *Independent*.

Stephens said there are currently about

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Westmounter Lola Bean, 7, second from left, stands with Novak Djokovic August 9. Bean won the Mini Rogers Cup the day before, and her prize was to escort Djokovic onto centre court for the Rogers Cup men's finals. Selwyn House student Loïc Petrecca, second from right, stands with pro tennis player Andy Murray. 2015 Parapan Am wheelchair tennis bronze medalist Philippe Bédard, middle, did the coin toss for the match. Bean, who attends Villa St. Marcelline, plays competitive tennis and trains at Tennis Montreal Excellence. Photo courtesy of Ly-na Bean/Tennis Canada



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