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*The engine driving the election*

## Elections Canada opens riding office at Victoria Ave.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Elections Canada office for the new riding of NDG-Westmount has been gearing up over the last month for what is expected to become a busy destination for the October 19 federal vote.

On the ground floor of 4865 de Maison-neuve at Victoria, the site was chosen for its wheelchair accessibility and proximity

to the bike path, Vendôme Metro station and bus routes, returning officer Brigitte Stock told the *Independent* August 21.

The office is not only the organizational hub of the riding but it's also where people may make changes to the voters' list, where someone from anywhere in Canada may actually vote now through October 13 and where some 700 election workers will be trained.

In short, the office is the "non-partisan" engine that will drive and control the riding's election.

"We're here to provide ..... continued on p. 8

*Police op. on Victoria*



Police in several vehicles stopped a car on August 25 at around noon on Victoria Ave. below Sherbrooke. It was a rental company's car that had been rented several months ago and not returned, according to its employee, who was recovering the vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Barry Friedberg

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## City could have news soon on 'fix' for noise emissions

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A solution could be announced to ventilation noise emissions from the MUHC's Glen site in the next month, the *Independent* learned last week. The news comes after a summer of silence from the city on the long-standing issue.

District 8 Councillor Christina Smith said that Mayor Peter Trent's discussions

with MUHC executive director Normand Rinfret appeared to be bearing fruit. The city had chosen the negotiation route rather than legal intervention.

"There's always a solution to every problem," Smith said.

"What's frustrating is that there is a fix to this one but this is obviously only one of the problems the hospital ..... is dealing with. We con- continued on p. 19

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# Two more 'fixtures' prepare to leave Greene

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The pending departures of the West End Gallery at 1358 Greene Ave. and Babar-en-Ville books, at 1235A Greene, is further evidence of what's been happening on the street, said nearby resident Gary Brodtkin. "It's sad," he told the *Independent* August 28. "They probably can't survive." Both have been staples on the street.

Babar co-owner David Byers explained August 31 that the bookstore was closing now due to uncertainty concerning the fu-

ture of the building which is up for sale.

"We didn't want to be in the way of the sale or get turfed out by new owners at an inconvenient time. We are very sad to be leaving Westmount and are looking for another location. We've had a special deal on the rent from the building owners [the Mappin family]." The Pointe Claire store remains in operation.

Brodtkin said the problem of store closures is not limited to Greene, however, he said. "It goes beyond ..... Greene, beyond St. Lau- continued on p. 13



After 51 years on Greene Ave., West End Gallery was to close its doors August 31. Owned by Michael Millman, the family-run gallery was founded in 1948 by Quebec's first woman gallerist Rose Millman and was continued by daughter-in-law Florence Millman. Over the years the gallery was the scene of exhibitions by important Canadian artists such as Emily Carr and the Group of Seven, as well as Montreal artists Sam Borenstein, Louise Scott and Miyuki Tanobe. Millman says the gallery will continue as an online entity.

Photos: Matt Faigan



Seen here August 30, Greene Ave.'s Babar en Ville is to close September 30, according to its Facebook page, after 10 years in Westmount.

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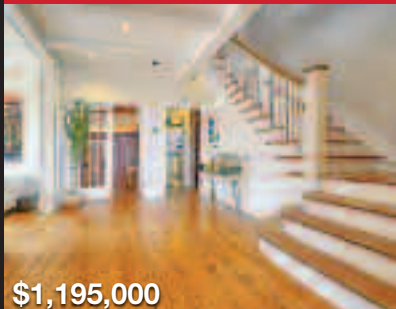
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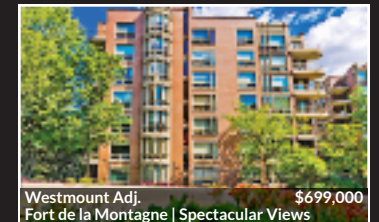
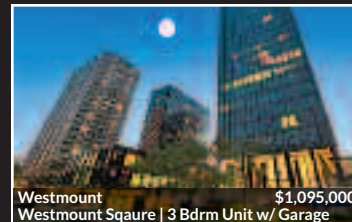
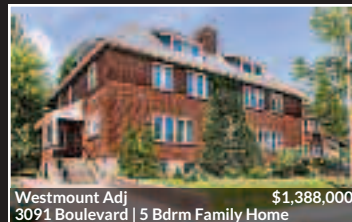
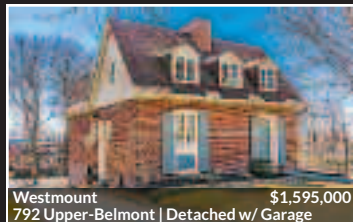
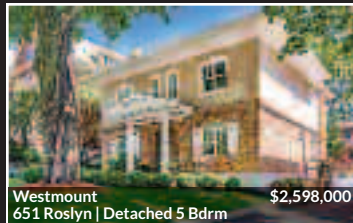
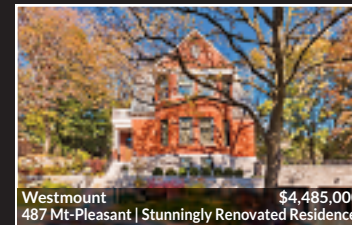
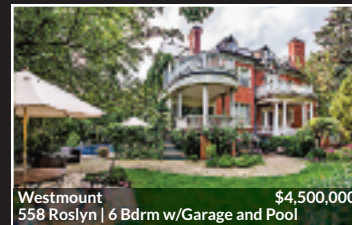
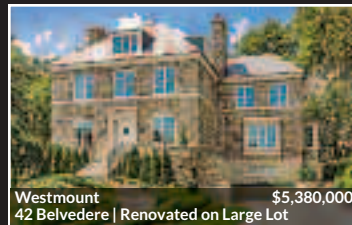
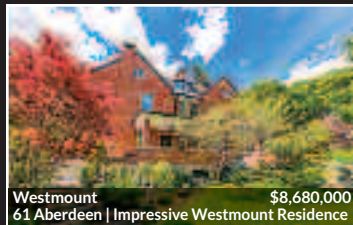


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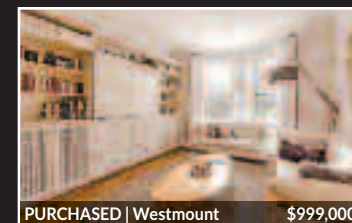
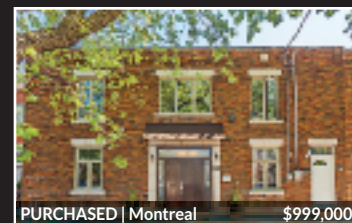
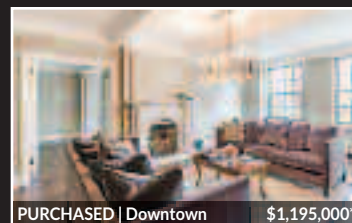
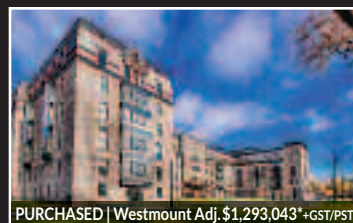
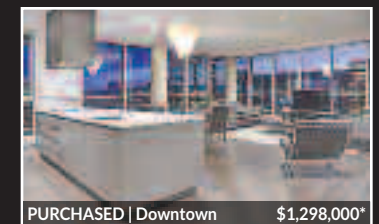
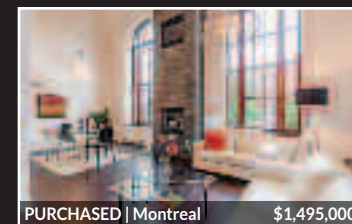
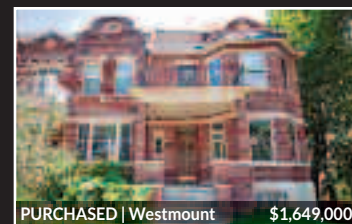
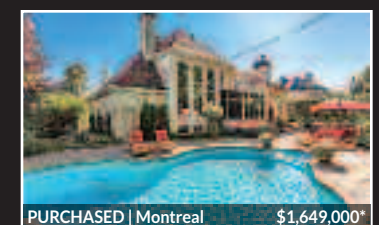
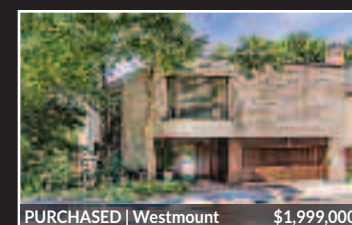
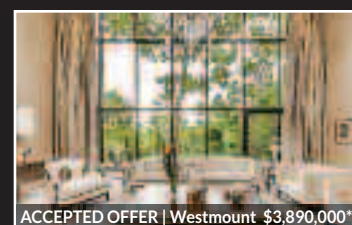
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# Resident calls PSOs, who foil theft of trailer, catch 3

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Three men were apprehended by public safety officers August 22 in connection with the attempted theft of a work trailer parked outside 445 Prince Albert, Public Security officials said. The trio had aroused the suspicions of a resident who reported the activities at 12:51 am.

The three were detained, read their

rights and turned over to police who are reported to have released them on a promise to appear in court. One was identified as a 19-year-old Westmount resident. The others were a 26 year-old of St. Laurent, and a 19-year-old of Montreal.

On receiving the call from the resident, patrollers positioned themselves in a vehicle without lights on Prince Albert near Chesterfield in time to see a group stand-

ing beside a blue Dodge pick-up that had been hitched to the trailer, said Public Security director Greg McBain.

"When the group spotted us they fled into the lane to Victoria where they were intercepted, questioned and held for police," he said. "One eventually admitted to owning the pick-up." The trio was turned over to police on their arrival about 1:30 am, he explained.

**'Be vigilant:' McBain**

"It shows how important it is for resi-

dents to be vigilant and alert to suspicious activity," McBain said. "It's also why we consider it important to continue our overnight presence on the streets." While this was the third week in a row where Public Security patrollers managed to arrive in time to detain suspects, "sometimes our presence acts as a deterrent."

The trailer belonged to a subcontractor working on the city's Prince Albert reconstruction project, currently in the Hydro Westmount phase.



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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

City council meeting, 8 pm at city hall.

Westmount Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at Westmount Public Library, 7 pm. "Laurentian wildflowers," presented by Keith Moffat. Cost \$5 for non-members or for annual membership \$20 (8 lectures). Info: 514.932.9349.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

"Building a Better World at Home and Abroad: A Canadian Debate," 7 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. A debate between Allison Turner (NDP), Stéphane Dion (Liberal) and Rudy Husny (Conservative). Free.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Twelve-week fall prevention and balance improvement course starts (ends December 10). Offered by Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Free. Info: 514.932.2326 or contactivity@bellnet.ca.

Atwater Library Lunchtime Series presents Wanda Bedard, founder and presi-

dent of 60 million girls, gives an illustrated presentation on "Education for girls: innovating with self-directed computer-based learning in Africa," 12:30 pm. Free.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

"When the Stone Talks," an exhibition of contemporary Zimbabwean stone sculpture at The Gallery at Victoria Hall until October 7.

## Defective sprinklers flood neighbour on Lansdowne Ridge

A broken sprinkler system outside a house on Lansdowne Ridge caused water to accumulate on the neighbour's property August 19, Public Security officials said. The water was eventually shut off by the owner after public safety officers and an Urban Planning inspector arrived at the scene.



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Fall lecture series announced

WHA offers insight into repurposing heritage buildings

By Laureen Sweeney

The Westmount Historical Association (WHA) has taken on a new topic for consideration as the theme of its Thursday fall and winter monthly lecture series launching mid September. It's the "repurposing" of buildings.

"A person has one life. A building can have many lives if it is well preserved," said WHA president Doreen Lindsay. "An old building should bring all its early incarnations with it into the future."

While the series is billed as a "look at the

longstanding practice in Westmount of preserving buildings through change in use," the subject has recently come to the fore through the city's creation of a Heritage committee and a study to classify the value of its houses of worship as a guide to their potential re-use (see July 7, p. 4).

Leading off for the fall portion of the series September 17 is "The Lives of 500 Claremont: From Protestant Home to Jewish Orphanage to Catholic Residence." Speakers are Père François Breton, of the Congrégation de la Fraternité Sacerdotale (Congregation of the Priestly Fraternity)

and Manny Cohen, a former resident of the Montreal Hebrew Orphans' Home.

Conversion of coach houses

Scheduled for October 15 is the story of the transformation of 543 Roslyn, titled "From Carriage House to my Home," related by Sharon Sparling. This is one of several carriage houses to be featured.

On November 19, "Westmount Train Station: Moving On," will explore the use of the now closed train station with railway historian Michael Leduc and Joumana Chemaly, master's candidate, environ-

mental design, University of Montreal.

The December 17 meeting at the Gallery of Victoria Hall will be a social function followed by a "magical evening stroll" through the conservatory led by Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability.

The lectures take place monthly at Westmount Public Library at 7 pm. The cost to non-members is \$5 per event or there is a yearly membership of \$20 per person or \$30 for a couple.

Local riding one of the largest urban ones in Canada

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all types of assistance and ensure integrity and accessibility in the voting process," said Stock. This includes responsibility for election conduct, voting stations, secrecy of the vote and compliance with regulations of the Electoral Act of Canada.

Ever since the office opened August 2, in fact, it has provided what Stock calls special voting services. "Anyone from any riding in Canada has the right to walk in here and vote right now as long as they can prove eligibility and know the name of the person for whom they want to vote."

Stock is no stranger to the process. She also served as returning officer for Westmount-Ville Marie riding in the 2011 election. She is also well known to many Westmount residents as the city's former communications coordinator and for volunteer work in the community.

Following redistribution of electoral ridings for the 2015 election, the new NDG-Westmount riding combines the city of Westmount, NDG and Montreal West. It also includes a small portion of the Ville Marie borough adjacent to Westmount.

Large urban riding

Together, with a population of 104,000, these communities form one of the largest urban ridings in Canada, Stock said. While the electoral list is still a work in progress, it is estimated that about 80,000 will be eligible to vote.

Stock, however, said she would not be releasing figures until later in the revision process. A preliminary list comes from the National Register of Electors which, in Quebec, is based largely on the province's permanent list of electors.

Anyone wanting to check out their name



Returning officer Brigitte Stock at the Elections Canada riding office, 310 Victoria, August 21. Behind her is the riding map, showing 185 polling divisions in the new NDG-Westmount riding.

on the list can do so through the website at elections.ca. Changes may be made online and at the riding office. Two revision teams are also being set up to visit various different seniors' homes, Stock said.

Residents whose names are already on the list of eligible electors should receive a voting information card in mid-September with other details on list revision, Stock said.

The riding office is now in the throes of

finalizing plans and locations for the official advance voting period, election day, and special measures for taking the vote to acute-care and many seniors' residences.

Voting locations

Among the special scenarios are setting up offices for the vote at Dawson College and the Loyola campus of Concordia between October 5 and 8. There will also be up to 12 advance polls at locations between

October 9 and 12.

Also being finalized are up to 40 voting locations for election day, where residents from the riding's 185 polling divisions may cast ballots.

The search for these venues has been under way for many months to ensure they comply with some 37 points on a check list, Stock explained.

These include wheelchair accessibility, availability of parking and lighting, internal lay-out, familiarity to voters within the neighbourhood and details such as handrails, paths without slopes and walking proximity.

"If a site does not meet the criteria, I have to find a solution," Stock said.

This might involve posting a person at the door of a building that lacks a ramp or an automatic door opener, for example. Special communications officers will be appointed to monitor the accessibility issue, she said.

Anyone wanting work on the election may call the office at 514.481.0228, Stock said, "but we prefer they use the website at elections.ca."

What motivates Stock to take on the role of returning officer?

"You have to be interested in democracy and the electoral process," she said. "The Canadian system is so detailed and structured to ensure compliance, integrity and secrecy that it has gained international credibility."

It's what fuels her interest and gives her pride in the work, she said.

The office is currently open weekdays 10 am to 5 pm. After closure on Labour Day, September 7, the office will open weekdays 9 am to 9 pm, Saturdays 9 am to 6 pm and Sundays 12 noon to 4 pm.



*What's too big? No federal law either*

# City remains 'neutral' on election signs

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A campaign sign on Greene Ave. "is way too big and actually blocks the view of the street and traffic," wrote Glenn Neven to the *Independent* August 20. Neven is the managing director of Birkenstock Na-

turino.

When the question of size and positioning was put to Diane Benson of Elections Canada Media Relations August 26, she replied that neither the Canada Elections Act nor Elections Canada "govern the size of signs or posters or the content" but just

ensure that they are authorized by the official agent and accounted for in the financial reporting.

"It's more likely a municipal issue," she added.

On the other hand, Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier stated that "The size is defined by Elections Canada. We agree to their positioning on city property."

Because no certificate of authorization is required under the city's zoning by-law for election signs, she explained, they are all but exempt from municipal regulations. "We've always been very neutral in that field."

The city would not intervene unless a sign posed a hazard, such as to traffic or pedestrians, she added.

Public Security director Greg McBain, said his officers do not remove election signs. If a complaint were to be received and a sign were determined to present a serious hazard, they would check with the Legal Services department and Elections Canada would be contacted.



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*This sign on Greene near de Maisonneuve prompted a concern August 20 about size and positioning.*

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### Le lundi 7 septembre 2015 : Fête du travail

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

La séance du conseil aura lieu le mardi 8 septembre à 20 h.

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

### Monday, September 7, 2015: Labour Day

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be closed Monday, September 7 for the Labour Day holiday. Westmount Public Library will be closed Sunday and Monday.

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

The council meeting will take place Tuesday, September 8 at 8 p.m.



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## WHAT? SOUTHERN WSTM. PARK ‘LITTLE USED’?

I don't know what John Dorey was saying when he wrote in the August 25 *Indie* ("Dog run uses little-used green space," p. 10) that the southern section of Westmount Park is "rather isolated, relatively little used." I live on the southern end of Westmount Park, and it ain't little used. We have the rec. centre, the junior tennis courts, the United Church, the bike path, the soccer fields, the children's play areas, the gazebo, the lagoon, the chalet and all

the walking paths. One could argue that the south end is possibly the most used section of the park – which is why it is the worst place to put the dreaded doggie romp. Take a stroll down there now and see the desecration of a once beautiful green space: it's stone and cement hell. The article in the *Gazette* on August 20 (p. A3) makes city council look like a gang of Lavalesque rubes for destroying a lovely heritage site. So please, let's not obfuscate the truth behind a bunch of "BS" or should I say "DS."

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## Campaign poster set on fire

An election poster attached to a city light post was set on fire August 23 at 95 Côte St. Antoine near Stanton St., Public Security officials said. No suspects were found. The fire was put out by public safety officers using an extinguisher at 3:14 am. The poster was reduced to molten plastic and its identity reported to be unrecognizable.

## Clarification

In "Sherbrooke St.'s history abounds with businesses, architecture" (August 25, p. 22), we wrote "Ron Hunter, then owner of Westmount Stationery, moved [it from 4896 to 4887 Sherbrooke]" While Hunter was a longtime manager at the store and a minority owner at one time, the majority owners since 1970 have been the Forestell family.

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## Greenhouse broken into, vandalized

The city greenhouse was found to have been broken into and ransacked overnight August 18-19, Public Security officials said. The kitchen was vandalized, food thrown on the floor, locker doors broken and three plants tossed around. While a small amount of petty cash had been stolen, the motive was described as appearing to be one of vandalism rather than theft. Entry had been gained by windows left open overnight to expel a build-up of heat. Police were called.

## BBQs broken up in 2 city parks

A barbecue and gazebo tent in Selby Park were dismantled August 21 when public safety officers arrived to find the party in full swing, Public Security officials said. The group of 20 was described as co-operative when told lit barbecues and alcohol were prohibited in city parks. The party was behind a home on St. Antoine. The next day Public Works personnel contacted patrollers at 8:38 pm when alarmed by the size of flames from a barbecue in operation at Stayner Park after a basketball game. The barbecue was extinguished.

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# New NDG Soccer Ass'n pres de Serres sets sights on expanding organization

By ISAAC OLSON

Christian de Serres remembers growing up in Montreal long before soccer was popular enough to have fields and teams in every borough.

It was hockey, hockey or hockey when he was young and there were only a few soccer teams in the province. He was interested then, but didn't have the opportunity.

The NDG Soccer Association (NDGSA) formed in 1979 when de Serres was in his teens, he said. Last year, NDG Soccer had 2,520 members in its 35 competitive teams. (This year's numbers will only be available in November.) The group does not keep statistics by municipality, but estimates that approximately 100 competitive players come from Westmount each year. Recreationally, there are approximately 125 of 1,900 each year.

Back in the 1970s, de Serres wanted a soccer team at his school. He remembers his gym teacher telling him it just wasn't going to

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On August 4, Christian de Serres stands in Georges St. Pierre (Oxford) Park's artificially turf soccer field.

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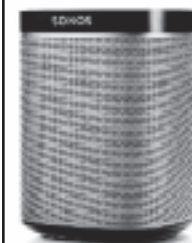
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# Team Ian rides from Kingston



Team Ian riders paused for a photo at the McIntosh Country Inn in Morrisburg, Ontario on the morning of August 16, before they left on the second and final day of the ride, which is from Kingston to Hudson. The event is named for Ian Van Toch, who died of heart disease in 2007 at the age of 22. Overall, just shy of \$80,000 was raised this year to support students doing cancer informatics research, Van Toch's professional passion, at the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation. Westmounters were thick on the ground as both riders and sponsors, including the Metro grocery store, Westmount's two Royal Bank branches, the Chez Nick restaurant on Greene, Crowe BGK accountants and Martin Swiss Cycles on Victoria Ave.

Photo courtesy of Willem Westenberg

# Running Room hosts founder

BY RALPH THOMPSON

The Running Room's store in Westmount hosted its founder and CEO John Stanton the evening of August 27. Store manager Chris Ochia said, "This is a great opportunity to meet John and promote our 'Night Race,' [which takes place] September 11 in the Old Port. It's a 5-km/10km-run/walk to support the Starlight Children's Foundation and handicapped children."

Two other special guests showed up in-

cluding David Ali Simoneau, a Starlight representative with cerebral palsy, and Ghyslaine Gagne, under the guise of "Captain Starlight," who works as children's activities coordinator for the foundation. Simoneau, who travels three hours to attend a special adapted school, gave a moving presentation describing how his family has been involved with the foundation for 14 years and how it "helps us do fantastic activities, such as sugar shacks, visits to Jay Peak, adapted skiing, dream trips to Dis-

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From left: John Stanton, founder and CEO of The Running Room, speaks at its Westmount branch as store manager Chris Ochia and his daughter Samantha look on, along with "Captain Starlight" alias Ghyslaine Gagne (top right) and David Ali Simoneau.

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## Out for a stroll in Summit Park



Given the fine weather the afternoon of August 19, Summit Woods seemed to be a welcome place for a walk with the dog. Among those spotted by the Independent were Leslie Manis, left, with her beagle, Cleveland, and Julie Craig seen here with Bentley, a Pomeranian, and Walter, an Irish wolfhound. Summit Woods is open from 6 am to 12 am daily. According to the city, dogs must be leashed at all times during the critical weeks of bird nesting season from April 15 to June 15. From June 16 to December 1, dogs are allowed off leash between 6 am and 9 am, and 6 pm to 12 midnight. They are allowed off leash at all times from December 1 to April 14.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

### Greene Ave. cont'd. from p. 3

rent and St. Denis. We're depressed in this city. Retail is depressed. Toronto is doing alright." On the bright side, he added, several new stores have opened recently on Greene filling vacancies and "that's a good sign."

Brodkin, who said he has been professionally involved in retail, walked the street last October with councillors Theodora Samiotis and Nicole Forbes and merchant representatives to discuss what he called "the decline" of Greene (see story October 28, p. 5).

## Good golly Miss Molly



A trio of factors has landed Molly in this week's column. For starters, she's a basset hound. And then there's her senior-y age. At a ripe 8 years old, she's getting up there in dog years. And then there's this funny tic she has, where we think she might fancy herself a bird: She likes to eat rocks, among other things – and this requires serious vigilance during walkies.

Why are bassetts more difficult to place? Maybe because if one from this hunting breed latches on to a scent while off leash, you are likely in for one wild goose of a hound chase, no matter how well-trained the dog. Or maybe potential adoptees fear health problems related to the length of their backs, though this is usually only a factor in poorly bred or overweight bassetts. Could it be the distinctive houndy howl? Well, no one's perfect.

At any rate, bassetts are reputed to be a funny, loveable, family-oriented breed, who are generally peaceful with strangers, children and other pets too, and Molly certainly fits that bill. She is described as a "delightful, sweet-natured and playful" tri-coloured basset whose favourite pastimes include long walks (on leash), lap sitting and toy chewing. She's apparently never met a person she didn't greet with enthusiastic affection.

Molly is spayed, vaccinated and in general good health. A basset-familiar family would be ideal for this sweetheart with someone at home during the day because bassetts are very social and love to be around their humans!

Molly is crate-trained and crating when you are out or at night is suggested.



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# Croquet in the park finale to summer reading club



BY RALPH THOMPSON

Children registered with the TD Summer Reading Club at the Westmount Public Library had the opportunity to learn and play croquet August 25 in Westmount Park.

The event celebrated the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and the theme of the club this year was "play." (See story August 18, p. 11.)

Croquet tutorial was provided by Andrew de Courcy-Ireland from the Westmount Croquet Club, while "Alice" and other fictional characters (played by library employees and volunteers) herded the youngsters around two croquet courses.

As the Queen of Hearts yelled "off with their heads!" mallets were swung at plastic balls and several hoops went flying. A little leeway was taken during play, many following Alice's advice "I shall call myself Alice and play croquet with the flamingos."



Left, Rishi Vijay, four and a half, winds up for a two-foot strike to the first hoop. Above: Children get sweet rewards after the croquet game with cupcakes, cucumber sandwiches and juice.

In *Wonderland* everyone cheats and love is *Wonderland*, isn't it?"

It wasn't clear if anyone actually completed the course, but the March Hare and the Mad Hatter treated everyone to "tea," which, although it did not include the caffeinated beverage, did include cucumber sandwiches and cupcakes baked by former library employee Miriam Chiasson.

The summer reading program is sponsored across Canada by TD Bank, and the Westmount program is also supported by the city of Westmount.

The Westmount Croquet Club meets at the Westmount Lawn Bowling club Tuesday evenings up to about Labour Day. All are welcome.

## Batshaw Children Needing Homes

### Seeking family of Mohawk heritage

A long-term foster home is being sought for Paul, who is a charming, active and engaging 12-year-old boy of Mohawk heritage. However, there are times when he seems to be more comfortable on his computers or playing video games instead of interacting with his peers. His Mohawk

culture and traditions are very important to him, so he would like a family that will be able to embrace and support his heritage.

For a child of his age, Paul has not always had an easy life. From the onset, living a life of instability in a chaotic environment, he has been exposed to complex

trauma and these experiences have impacted his functioning and his interactions with others. This has contributed to some of his behavioural problems.

Paul is presently living in a group home, where he is receiving the help he needs. Through his desire for change he has en-

gaged in therapy, making significant improvements and has shown that he is able to make positive changes in his life. However, he continues to present some challenging behaviours.

Paul often demonstrates the chronological age and *continued on p. 15*

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the maturity of a younger child. He tends to have difficulty taking responsibility and being accountable for his actions. Caring for Paul will be challenging as he is easily distracted and has difficulty keeping his focus. He therefore needs a lot of attention and constantly needs to be given reminders to complete a task.

Paul's parents are not able to take care of

him. He needs a foster family that can make a long-term commitment as well as being open to visits from his parents. The ideal family would be of Mohawk origin or an aboriginal family.

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

**Soccer cont'd. from p. 11**

happen but now, he said, it's hard to imagine a Montreal school or district without soccer programming and infrastructure as interest in the sport continues to grow year after year.

Three decades later, in 2008, he started coaching with the NDGSA and, after seven years wearing a multitude of hats with the organization, he has taken on the role of president. Back in April, after four years at the helm, Zaven Boodaghians stepped down to focus on his career and de Serres stepped up to the plate – running for and winning the executive seat. In the four months that followed, de Serres admitted it has been overwhelming at times, but he has a solid team of volunteers, board members and staff in place that have ensured an easy transition into leadership.

On the NDGSA website, de Serres states: "By taking over Zaven's role, I stepped into the driver's seat of one of the best soccer association in the region, thanks in large part to Zaven's leadership. With our 2,500 members in 2014, the NDGSA is the second largest soccer club on the island of Montreal, and the sixth largest of the 80+ clubs in the Greater Montreal Area.

"We have a well-established recreational league, competitive teams in almost all categories and divisions, a good competitive tournament, as well as a soccer academy that will contribute to the long-term success of our association."

Now, speaking during an August 4 interview with the *Westmount Independent*, he said he wants to take the organization further. The first steps, he said, have been reorganizing finances and rewriting the organization's by-laws to match the times. The NDGSA has increased its sponsorships, he said, and is now running Côte des Neiges Soccer.

The plan, he said, is to eventually take over Côte des Neiges' programming, creating "another NDG Soccer, basically." It will continue to be called Côte des Neiges Soccer, he explained, because people like to have that community connection with their sports programming.

His organization, he said, will, at the same time, continue to push the borough for more artificially turfed fields. With thousands of players, he said the need for artificial terrain is like it never was before. Grass fields can only be played on a small number of hours per week, require a lot of maintenance and can't be used after rain, whereas artificial terrain can be used anytime by anybody because it doesn't wear out.

"The other thing I really want to push more and more is to really become one of the best clubs in terms of technical programs that we offer the kids and we are already moving in the right direction," said de Serres, noting the association has a technical director, goalie trainer and more. "We're on the right track."



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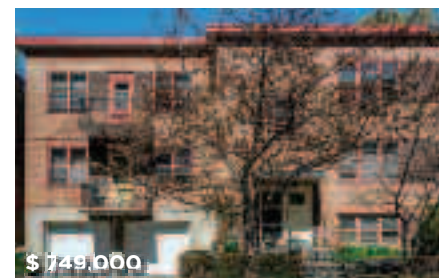
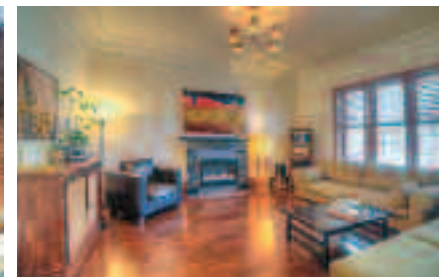
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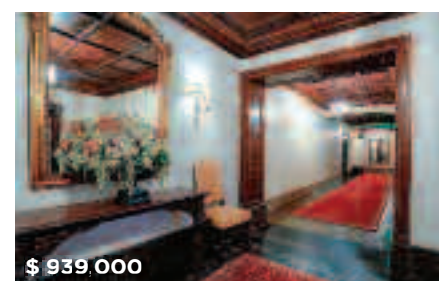
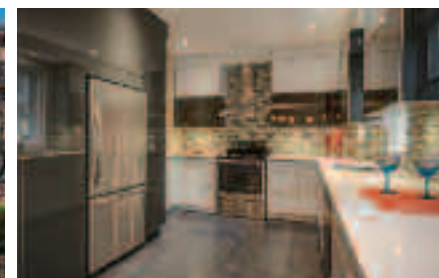
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# City hires dedicated snow contractor to plow bike path

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a move to upgrade management of the bike path on de Maisonneuve year-round, Westmount has hired a dedicated contractor to clear its snow this winter, Public Works director Patrick Raggo said last week. City personnel will spread abrasives.

“We’re doing it as a trial,” he explained. “We’re sensitive to the bike path as a commuter route 12 months of the year.”

Previously the bike path has been cleared as part of general snow operations on de Maisonneuve and was not given special priority. This sometimes rendered it

impassable for cyclists even though it has been “opened” for winter use since 2010.

Because the dedicated contract is under \$25,000 it did not have to go through the council process, Raggo said in explaining its terms.

Under the mandate, the contractor is to plow the snow to the side of the bike path on both the street and through Westmount Park on demand. “This means they could plow with as little as 1 cm of snow. Usually 2 cm is the absolute minimum before which we would undertake a plowing operation.”

The snow would be left at the side for removal as part of general snow operations

on de Maisonneuve.

“The key thing is for the work to be done promptly and dependably so people will use the bike path,” said Dan Lambert, president of the recently re-named Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount. It was formerly the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.

### Focus on bike path

Now, because the bike path has become a cycling route for commuting between NDG and downtown, “there is more of a focus at our end on line painting, pot holes, design and snow removal,” Raggo said. The portion of the bike path under re-

construction through the park, for example, has been designed to accommodate snow removal equipment.

Raggo not only heads the Public Works department but also chairs the city’s Transportation Advisory Committee and sometimes uses the bike path himself to commute to and from work. It is also used by Jonathan Auger, the department’s traffic technician.

“In the past, these bike paths were seasonal,” Raggo pointed out. “Now with the emphasis on active transportation for commuting, the aim to make them usable 12 months of the year.”

## Bike path makes a detour



Left: Cyclists and pedestrians converge at the east end of Westmount Park on a path that turns sharply. A walk-your-bike sign is displayed on this short section of the path, which is shared by all. Right: A cyclist rides westbound past work to create the new dog run in Westmount Park. The detour was expected to be in place for about two weeks starting August 28.

Photos: Ralph Thompson

### Running Room cont'd. from p. 12

neyland. It was extraordinary,” he said.

When Stanton was 36, he was an Edmontonian Provigo executive, a heavy smoker and overweight. “I wasn’t always a runner, but I was talked into doing a fun run with my kids. It was a wake-up call. I was out of shape. I needed to do something about my nutritional and exercise choices,” he recounted.

In 1984, he opened his first store simply as a place for runners to meet. He sold shoes to cover the costs. Twenty-five years

later, he says he runs every day, has completed over 60 marathons, triathlons and the Hawaiian World Championship Ironman and has opened 122 Running Room stores across Canada and several in the US.

He has authored 10 books on running and walking and travels the country to support activities such as the Starlight Children’s Foundation Night Race.

The Montreal race will be held Friday, September 11 at 7:30 pm. For more information, visit [www.nightrace.ca](http://www.nightrace.ca).

### Ten infractions enough

A contractor was ticketed \$270 for using heavy equipment at a house on Chesterfield August 21 after the 6 pm deadline, Public Security officials said. It was reported that he was well aware of city regulations having already received six warnings and three tickets for a variety of work-related infractions.

### Line painting permitted at Selwyn lot

A contractor doing line painting at the parking lot of Selwyn House School August 21 was allowed to carry on despite a noise complaint at 7:29 pm, Public Security officials said. He had already obtained a permit of authorization from the city to work after the 6 pm deadline.



# Construction sites in west-end Westmount active



Work related to new electrical cable and manholes on Prince Albert north of Sherbrooke, “is on schedule and all is going as planned,” Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise told the Independent August 28. “Our portion should be completed by September 11.” The photo shows Prince Albert looking southward towards Sherbrooke St. August 29. The city is still awaiting word from Bell as to the exact timing of its work on the underground cable, Public Works officials said. It is still expected to take place this year.

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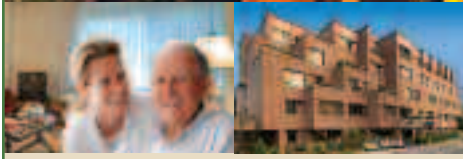
Heavy rain topples trees

Heavy overnight rain left a number of fallen trees or limbs in its wake the morning of August 19, according to Public Security reports. Among them was a branch from a city tree that fell on a Toyota parked outside 33 Bruce. It broke the back window and caused other damage. Two other cars were reported damaged on Grosvenor north of Sherbrooke.

On August 21, a fallen city tree at 66 St. Sulpice was left leaning against the railing of public stairs leading down to de Lavigne. Branches also fell over a nearby house but no damage was reported.

The same day, a hazardous situation was reported when a tree was partially uprooted behind a house on Anwoth Rd. and the adjoining property of École Internationale. The tree was reported to be on the school property, threatening to fall on electrical wires. It was to be removed.

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Wes Osterland relaxes in his hammock in Westmount Park around 2 pm August 28.  
Photo: Ralph Thompson

Bixi rider injured on Sherbrooke

A 25-year-old cyclist was knocked off a Bixi bicycle August 20 near Melville when hit by a car door opening into his path, Public Security officials said. The victim was travelling east at 6:30 pm when the accident was discovered by a public safety officer, who stabilized him before the arrival of Urgences Santé. A resident of St. Marc St., he suffered pain in the back and neck and was transported to hospital. He was not wearing a helmet, "likely because he was riding a Bixi," said Public Security director Greg McBain. Undamaged, the bike was returned to the docking station outside Victoria Hall.

Back-to-school party too noisy

Several noisy parties were reported Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22 but only two generated tickets, Public Security officials said. The host of one at an apartment on Grosvenor was issued a ticket for \$119 after a warning for a similar offence in February. The 17-year-old host told officers the party was a back-to-school celebration. Another party the same night on Braeside Place also generated a ticket when officers were called back on a second complaint an hour later. This time the host's ticket was \$148 because she was not a minor.

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# Remnants of summer



The recently released romantic fantasy film, *Cinderella*, directed by Kenneth Branagh, was presented by the Westmount Public Library in Westmount Park August 28 at sunset. The evening had clear skies and mild temperatures. A large crowd brought along folding chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to enjoy the 2015 rendition of the classic Charles Perrault's fairy tale starring Cate Blanchett, Lily James and Richard Madden. The performance was free of charge.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## Noise cont'd. from p. 1

tinue to be assured that it is a priority and that there will be a solution. It's just not known when. I expect to make a report in a couple of weeks."

The hospital was built by a consortium led by SNC Lavalin, which had been expected to deliver a by-law-compliant project, she pointed out.

"If we don't have some sort of plan in

September," Smith added, "we expect" NDG-Côte des Neiges borough mayor Russell Copeman and Montreal mayor Denis Coderre "to start enforcing their noise by-law."

While it has been reported that NDG officials needed a complainant to enforce the by-law, it appears through a citizen-based class action request that complaints have been received from as far west as Prud'homme Ave. (see story June 30, p.1).

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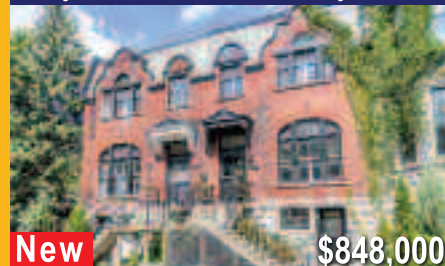
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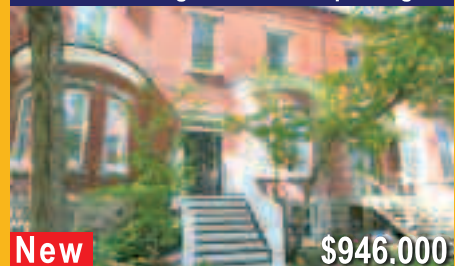
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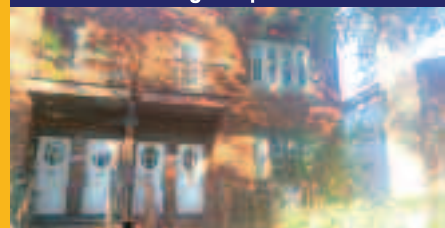
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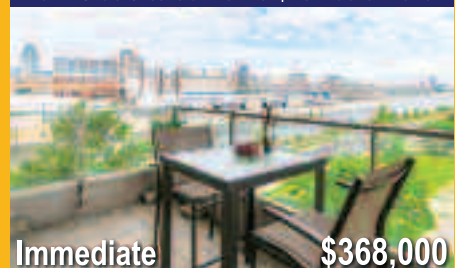
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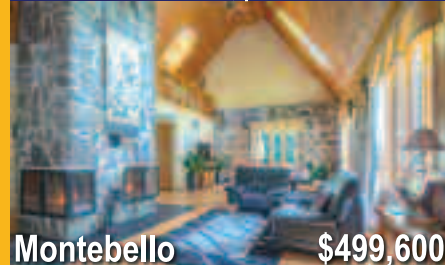
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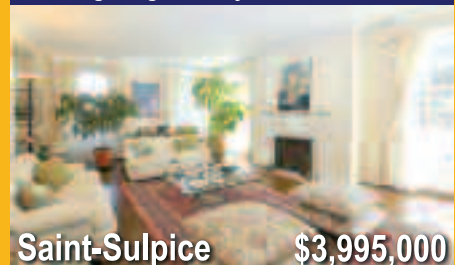
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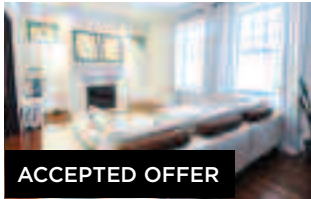


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# Bought & Sold – real estate transfers in May 2015

For list of real estate transfers, please consult the paper archive.

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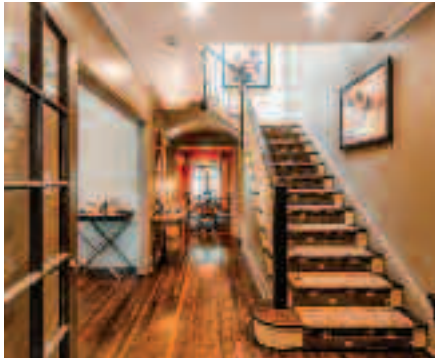
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# May transfers: Bouncing back



*Real estate*  
  
ANDY DODGE, CRA

*The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2015, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 23.*

Volume, prices and mark-ups were all up in Westmount real estate transfers in May of this year, compared to April. Volume doubled from 9 to 18 one- and two-family dwellings and all were over \$1 million, the only time this has happened except March, 2014, and that involved only

five transfers.

Top price in May involved 3 Sunnyside Ave., which changed hands for \$2,608,000, relatively low compared to \$4,450,000 for 4 Belfrage Rd. in March or \$3,998,000 for 65 Forden Ave. in January, but both of those actually sold for less than municipal valuation, while this one was 39 percent above valuation, the highest mark-up of the month. That helped move the average mark-up for May to nine percent, compared to an average mark-down of 13 percent in April.

Only five of the 18 sales registered prices below tax value, compared with seven of the nine in April. We suspect that those who arranged prices late last year or early this year, who were in a hurry to get out of their homes, would have opted for an early



3 Sunnyside Ave. had the highest price, \$2,608,000, representing the highest mark-up of the month at 39.43 percent. It was photographed August 27.



4380-4382 Côte des Neiges, the cheapest of one- or two-family dwellings in May sales, photographed August 29.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

signing date, while the more traditional buyers/sellers opted for a May move, when they could hope for better weather.

The biggest mark-down in May (actually, May 1 so just barely in the month) came in the sale of 3682 The Boulevard for \$1,125,000, seven percent below the city's value. This was the third-lowest price, as the duplex at 4380-82 Côte des Neiges Rd. – surrounded by the woods just north of Belvedere Rd. – sold for \$1,086,000 and the house at 305 Grosvenor Ave. brought its vendor \$1,120,000. The duplex had been on and off the market for years before finally selling.

With 15 single-family sales and three duplexes on the May list, the average price was almost \$1,518,000, compared to only \$1,330,111 in April. Over the past dozen

years, the average volume for May is just over 20, so this year is slightly below average, but it shows a strong improvement over the first few months of the year.

Three condominium sales were registered in May, all for prices between \$425,000 and \$495,000, two above valuation and one below so the average mark-up was three percent. Two co-op apartments on St. Antoine St. are also reported, one of which took place last November while it was in transition to condominium, so details were not available until recently.

So far this year, 48 one- and two-family homes have changed hands for \$76,590,015 with an evaluation of \$76,570,200, so almost their tax value. Depending on what happens ..... in the rest of 2015, it may *continued on p. 29*

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By JOANNE PENHALE

Integrating kids with hearing loss into mainstream schools is a priority for the Montreal School for the Deaf (MSD), and so is integrating hearing children into its pre-school program. Westmount mother of three Gigi Sala chose the latter program for her hearing children, saying she likes its focus on communication and low adult-to-child ratio.

Sala first encountered a group of kids from MSD while in Westmount Park with her first son, who was then a toddler. “I really liked how the teachers interacted with the kids,” Sala said, noting they helped children make good choices before going on playground equipment, and she liked how many teachers there were. “Every teacher was holding a child’s hand.”

Sala called the school about its reverse integration pre-school program. Now, two of her children have completed two years in what she calls a magnificent, kindergarten-like facility, and her third child is in the midst of beginning the program.

She said she doesn’t know how being amongst hearing-impaired kids has made a difference to her children’s development.

# Integration works both

“It’s the teachers’ intense emphasis on communication that makes the difference,” Sala said. Children learn how to communicate their feelings, wishes and frustrations, she said, and are taught to look adults in the eyes and ask politely for adult attention. The school is also extremely communicative with parents, she said, sending notes home and informing them about outings.

“We teach listening and spoken language,” said MSD director general Mary Reynolds. “Language is the vehicle for learning about everything,” she explained. The pre-school teaches – in English and French – proper terminology, use of full sentences and conversation, Reynolds said, and early



MSD director general Mary Reynolds in one of the school's two pre-school classrooms on August 24. Behind her, to the right, is a two-way mirror behind which parents can observe their kids without being seen by them.



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Routines are established in the pre-school so kids know what to expect, Reynolds said, and etiquette and good hy-

giene are taught.

About one in five students are hearing, said MOSD vice principal Jane Hebert Koufos.

“We would like to increase the ratio of typical hearing children to deaf children,” she said.

“[Hearing-impaired children] need to hear spoken language to develop spoken language,” she said, adding it’s good for them to overhear hearing children at play and learn to pay attention even when they aren’t being spoken to directly.

“[Hearing children] intuitively develop an understanding of needs,” Hebert Koufos said. It’s typical to see one get a microphone for the teacher, she said, or to repeat instructions to a child with hearing loss who seems to have misunderstood. “They don’t overhelp; they support.”

MOSD works with children with mild to profound bilateral hearing loss from infancy through to high school graduation.

Once parents learn their child has hearing loss, Reynolds said, they receive in-home coaching and access to a weekly playgroup for children up to three years old and their family members, which is all covered through private foundation fund-

ing.

MOSD also provides psychosocial services, such as therapy, as well as an audiology department that Reynolds said gives kids quick access to the best technologies.

## Mainstream schools involved

Pre-school programming for three and four year-olds includes daily one-on-one therapy for its hearing-impaired kids, some of whom are then ready to be integrated into a mainstream private or public

school, Reynolds said. These students usually receive support from MOSD specialists who travel to schools and who also support school staff, through to a student’s high school graduation. Private schools with students presently supported by MOSD, Reynolds said, include Selwyn House, the Priory and ECS. MOSD also offers kindergarten for deaf children who are not yet integrated into mainstream schools, Reynolds said.

“The goal is always in- continued on p. 29

## School for the deaf to host kids’ storytime

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# What’s new at some Westmount schools

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A new academic year gets under way this month at schools in Westmount, with new staff, new faces and other changes.

### New interim head at ECS

The board of directors at ECS announced the appointment of Natalie Little as new interim head of the school on June 23, replacing Katherine Nikidis, who led the school for nine years and will be going to Trafalgar as head of school in August

2016.

Natalie Little was head of the Bishop Strachan School in Toronto from 1995 to 2004. For the past decade, she has been working as an educational consultant and administrator in Toronto and abroad and is a specialist in school transitions.

“The school is delighted to welcome Natalie Little,” the ECS board said in a statement. “Under her leadership, there is no doubt that ECS will remain one of Quebec and Canada’s premier girls’ schools.”

ECS also has a new junior school

teacher. Joanne Barette will be the home-room teacher for grade 4 students.

Barette replaces a teacher who is on maternity leave until the middle of the school year. Barette describes herself as a “creative, energetic, organized and sincere teacher who is inspired by children and learning.” She recently taught grades 5 and 6 at Springdale Elementary School in Dollard des Ormeaux, where she helped to organize student-led workshops and school-wide celebrations for black history month. She has a B.Ed. from the University of Ottawa.

Ave. in 1921, where it would remain until moving to its present location on The Boulevard in Westmount in 1960.

### New staff at Roslyn

Roslyn School principal Nicholas Katalifos reports that they have three new members of the teaching staff for the start of the new school year. Andrea Bernardelli is teaching kindergarten, Valerie Pachiaudo will be in charge of grade 6 and Maria Grazie Piscopo is teaching grade 3.

Katalifos also noted that extensive renovations and repairs were carried out over the summer at Roslyn in preparation for the new school year.

These include a new roof, heating/boiler system (part of an energy efficiency project that will eventually also include new lighting throughout the school to drastically reduce energy costs and make the school building more environmentally friendly), and major washroom renovations. Also according to Katalifos, Roslyn just received a \$30,000 grant to beautify the schoolyard.

The *Independent* tried to obtain information about recent changes at Selwyn House, Westmount High, Westmount Park School and École St. Léon, but no reply was received.



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# May real estate sales analyzed

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turn out there is very little change in valuations in the coming (2017) valuation roll. The average condominium price in 2015 is

two percent below evaluation, so there could be very little change in that category, either.



10 York St. on August 30.

Photo: Westmount Independent



Photo: Martin C. Barry

3682 The Boulevard, photographed August 29, had the biggest mark-down in May sales.

**Bought & sold** *cont'd. from p. 23*

For list of real estate transfers, please consult the paper archive.

**MOSD** *cont'd. from p. 27*

tegration into mainstream society,” Reynolds said.

MOSD has three elementary classes at Westmount Park School – one classroom

for each cycle; or, in other words, one classroom for grades 1 and 2, one for grades 3 and 4, and one for grades 5 and 6 – now with a total of 27 students, Reynolds said. Once hearing-impaired students in these classrooms are considered ready in terms of auditory and speech skills, she said, they

are gradually integrated into mainstream classes with all students integrated by the end of grade 6, and offered ongoing support from MOSD.

Reynolds said the usual adult-to-child ratio in the preschool is really low, at one to three.

Parents of hearing children in the preschool program, which runs during the regular school year and requires lunches brought from home, can expect to pay \$220 a month, plus registration fees, Reynolds said.

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“Special report: Building the 21st-Century Learner” in *Scientific American*, August 2015, p. 54-63. Includes articles on changing methods of school assessments to lessen anxiety and a hands-on approach to learning science.

“Manger sans angoisser” par Valérie Borde dans *L'Actualité*, August 2015, p. 36-42. Comment survivre au bombardement d'informations sur la nutrition et manger santé sans devenir fou?

**Ebooks (Overdrive)**  
*Joy: poet, seeker, and the woman who captivated C.S. Lewis* by Abigail Santamaria – The first full biography of Joy Davidman brings her out from C. S. Lewis’s shadow, where she has long been hidden, to reveal a powerful writer and thinker.

*Priscilla: The Hidden Life of an English-Woman in Wartime France* by Nicholas Shakespeare – When the author stumbled across a box of documents belonging to his late aunt Priscilla, he was completely unaware of where this discovery would take him and what he would learn about her hidden past. Piecing together fragments of one woman’s remarkable and tragic life, Priscilla is at once a stunning story of detection, a loving portrait of a flawed woman trying to survive in terrible times, and a spellbinding slice of history.

**Livres numériques**  
*Le héros discret* by Mario Vargas Llosa – In this novel by the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature winner, a successful insurance company owner whose two lazy sons want him permanently out of the way crosses paths with a blackmail victim in Peru.

*Une disparition inquiétante* by Dror Mishani – Sixteen-year-old Ofer left his home in the suburbs of Tel Aviv for school one morning and disappeared without a trace. Police detective Avraham Avraham takes on the case, a seemingly routine investigation that soon spins out of control, taking over his life. It seems that the more he

finds out about the boy and his background, the further he gets from the truth.

**Adult non-fiction: Science – facts & fiction**  
*All in the Mind?: Challenges of Neuroscience to Faith and Ethics* by Peter G.H. Clarke – Many believe that the findings of neuroscience refute religious belief, and that religious experiences are the products of abnormal brain events. But does the evidence back up such claims?

*Tomorrowland: Our Journey from Science Fiction to Science Fact* by Steven Kotler – Throughout the book, the author explains the science behind futuristic technologies – some already in use and others that may be on the cusp of adoption by society. These innovations range widely from bionic vision to terraforming, flying cars, asteroid mining, psychedelic medical treatments and genetic engineering.

**Graphic novels in French**  
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# Greta struggles with editing

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## Avoid the mélange

Editing also means being careful with controlling the various themes of your home. I remember when Aurel returned to his office, poured his requisite martini and sat down to his confession: A potential penthouse client out on Nuns' Island had toured her condo with him.

His harried face was explained with his next sentence: She wanted to keep the "eclectic mix," as she called it. Please brace yourself: The public areas were in a style I call "Hungarian baroque," the powder room and kitchen was full of Yucatan souvenirs in bright glossy colours, and the master suite tried to be art deco Japanese.

We don't remember anything else. Aurel tried to ascertain her colour and pattern sensibilities, to no avail. All of her various collections must remain – there could be no editing of the dusty baroque porcelains, and essentially he said that she needed to find some compromise with the various wall colours. She was basically wanting him to approve of her *mélange*.

## Interpreting, escaping

Aurel always sees himself as an interpreter of a client's life style, but here, there were three different conflicting aesthetics, with no way on bridging them. He wished her the best, and escaped.

Speaking of the clutter factor, please control your *objects de Vertu* on one wall, over the buffet or bed. Don't play "hunt the Easter egg" with them scattered throughout your home. Once, after an initial tour, Aurel remarked that the client must like birds.

Madame had not realized that various photos, porcelains and paintings had birds as a theme. When they were grouped over the sofa in their study, they were surprisingly interesting. Her friends and family were surprised with the "new" collection (it had been there the whole time!).

Another way to freshen a tired home is to re-think the colour scheme. Start by looking at the special elements of art, carpets, hobbies and find a consistent colour that links them. Then use a warm tone of this for the vestibule or entrance area. The favourite master bedroom painting will supply the major colour for the background of the wall where it is hanging. Always paint the end of a long hallway with a strong warm colour. Using a bland or cool colour there will visually lengthen it.

Don't forget wallpaper. The new versions and technologies are quite different from the stodgy past. My best experts in finding the solution that is needed to solve an atmosphere problem are always found by Anaïs and her assistant Nadine at Empire Wallpaper and Paint over on Park Ave.

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Finally, on a much smaller scale and budget, try re-thinking those accent pillows on the sofas, the towels in the bathroom, the serviettes on the tables. A new colour approach there can make a huge difference – and not cause a budget trauma.

After this new chronicle to you my dear loyal readers, I must climb out of my Macbook and over to my favourite chair and dive into a martini to recover.

May the muse be with you all. I will return soon. All my best in your endeavours in design.

*Colourfully Yours, Greta von Schmedlapp.*

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# 'Hotel to the stars'

*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*  
**VERONICA REDGRAVE**

The famed five-starred Hôtel le St. James held another fantastic evening during the Canadian Grand Prix. Hosted by Ferrari, the annual event had special guest **Kelly Ripa** and hubby **Mark Consuelo**, who were interviewed by Breakfast Television's (BT) **Wilder Weir**, as well as paparazzi who admired the lovely American soap opera star, actress and TV producer.

This year, the exclusive Veuve Clicquot reception was ultra-private, with invited guests being mainly Ferrari owners. A huge platform accessorized with trees was placed in the street along with glamorous gleaming fire-engine red Ferraris.

Noted welcoming guests was Ferrari North America CEO **Edwin Fenech** and Ferrari Formula One team principal **Mauricio Arrivabene**, along with Westmounter **Elizabeth Glimenaki**, the hotel's marketing VP, resplendent in a sequined black and white gala gown by Quebec designer Marie Saint-Pierre.

Other Westmounters noted included CTV's **Mosé Persico** and his wife **Joanne**; **Linda** and **Terry Smith**, **Barry Goldenberg**,

From left: David Aisenstat, Elizabeth Glimenaki and Musa Adede.

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From left: Wilder Weir, Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos.



Mose, left, and Joanne Persico.



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“Throughout my career as art dealer I have been an admirer and enthusiastic supporter of the work of Sam Borenstein. [...] I noticed it early on and once asked Mr. Watson [Watson Gallery] as I was then calling him: ‘Don’t you think Borenstein is a very good artist?’

‘No,’ he replied emphatically, ‘he is a great artist.’ He always had some of his paintings in his gallery and told me that two he had at home were among his favourites. At that time in the mid-fifties, the great van Wisselingh firm of Amsterdam held yearly exhibitions at Watson’s, showing Van Goghs, Renoirs and generally great paintings.

One of the partners, Mr. de Jong, once challenged me: ‘Do you know who Canada’s best painter is?’ When I hesitated, he said: ‘Sam Borenstein, no doubt about it.’

Walter H. Klinkhoff, *Reminiscences of an Art Dealer*  
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# Sold-out Hope & Cope fundraiser breaks record



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

What a night to remember! Not only was the Hope & Cope event a record-breaker for net funds raised (\$3 million plus) but “Saturday Night Live’s” award-winning wit **Dennis Miller** premiered in Montreal as the evening’s guest of honour. Welcoming arrivals at Place des Arts on June 22 was the ever-elegant **Sheila Kussner** – affectionately a.k.a. the “Ener-gizer bunny” for her unstoppable enthusiasm in her goal to raise funds for Hope & Cope, of which she is the founder. She was joined by daughters **Janice** and **Joanne** (with hubby **John Leopold**).

Urbane radio host **Aaron Rand** introduced gala co-chairs **Nancy Ditkofsky** (attending with husband **Jack**) and **Howard Stotland** (with wife **Vivian**), who presented

Hope & Cope’s executive director **Suzanne O’Brien**, **Morris Goodman** and **Lillian Vineberg**, **Sandra** and **Phil Gutherz**, **Sandra** and **Martin Schwartz**, **Diane** and **Sal Guerrero**, **Maureen** and **Jack Dym**, **Brenda** and **Samuel Gewurz** and **JGH Segal** Cancer Centre director **Gerald Batist** and his wife **Lynn**.

Noted Westmounters amidst the thousand-plus guests were **Rosemary** and **Frank Niro**, **Rhoda** and **Robert Vineberg**, **Evelyn** and **Raphael Schachter**, **Susan** and **Jonathan Wener**, **Marlene Reich**, **Jean Remmer** and **Marvin Rosenbloom**, **Joey Adler**, **Dana** and **William Bell**, **Rosalie Jukier** and **Lewis Dobrin**, **Carole Zuckerman**, **Joanne** and **Douglas Cohen**, **Bernice Brownstein** and daughter **Cheryl Brownstein-Schreiber**, **Peggy** and **Buddy Greenberg**, **Elaine Dubrovsky**, **Therese** and **Michael Brownstein**, **Francine** and **Robert Wiseman**, **Linda Smith**, **Nan** and **Bill Lassner** and **Valeria Rosenbloom**.

Dedicated committee members included patrons chairs **Alta Levenson** and **Sylvia Vogel**, as well as **Beverlee Ashmele**,

and **Emmelle** and **Alvin Segal**.

For the past 35 years, Hope & Cope has provided support for cancer survivors and their families at the Jewish General Hos-

pital and the Hope & Cope Wellness Centre/Lou’s House, funded entirely through financial support from the community.

More photos, p. 37.



From left: Elaine Dubrovsky, Dana Bell, Sheila Kussner, Bernice Brownstein and Cheryl Brownstein-Schreiber.  
Photos courtesy of Hope & Cope organizers



Phil, left, and Sandra Gutherz.

an amusing “news of the day” with Hope & Cope co-chairs **Marlene** and **Joel King**, and praised the extraordinary work of **Kussner**, who was recognized with a standing ovation.

Chic ladies and gentlemen enjoyed amazing food prepared by Westmount’s **Java U**. Seen amidst the glamour were

**Joyce Becker**, **Deborah Bridgman**, **Joy Bultz**, **Gail Erlichman**, **Janie Etinson**, **Miriam Klein**, **Sandy Martz**, **Sylvia Quint**, **Alice Raby**, **Laurie Samuelson**, **Roslyn Slawner**, **Joan Ungar**, **Marla Weinstein** and **Nancy Wiseman**.

Special thanks was given to major supporters **Goodman**, the **Kings**, the **Gutherzs**



From left: Howard Stotland, Marlene King, Dennis Miller, Nancy Ditkofsky and Joel King.





from left: Sylvia and Lou Vogel, and Valeria Rosenbloom.

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# TRENDSETTERS

## GAEL FRASER TYTLER

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

*Walking up to sample Tony Shoes’ outdoor BBQ fundraiser on Greene Ave. for the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex, I noticed a very put-together lady with Parisian-style bright red lipstick and an adorable (and friendly) little white dog. As I loved her style, here is Gael Fraser Tytler.*

### STYLE

*How would you describe your personal style?*

Classic and groomed – no frills!

*What is your favourite way of dressing?*

Sporty. I always wear separates – blouses, jackets and skinny jeans or wide dressy pants with flat shoes. Linen is my favourite summer fabric. And always pants. I don’t own any dresses!

*On weekends, what do you like to wear?*

Same as during the week, actually. If I go to an event, my idea of dressing up is a well-cut tailored jacket with a camisole un-

derneath, paired with a short, slim skirt that has something special or is perhaps made of lace. Sometimes I wear a tight top with a full skirt, and often add a large bow at the waist.

### LIVING

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

Probably Palm Beach. The architecture is stunning; it’s surrounded by water and luscious tropical growth. The weather is fabulous, and it’s only a few hours from Europe – not to mention close to Montreal!



Photo: Ralph Thompson

Gael Fraser Tytler with her dog Keffy in King George (Murray) Park the afternoon of August 23.

*What is your favorite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?*

Peonies are my favourite, although they do get a lot of ants. I have violets, orchids and hoyas in the house.

*Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone from any time?*

Any of my ancient Scottish relatives, some of whom were historians, authors, lawyers, judges and politicians who can be traced back to the 11th century.

*Who are your favourite designers?*

Escada and Ralph Lauren and many other high-end designers too numerous to mention.

### FASHION

*Some stores such as Zara offer the latest looks at an affordable price. What do you think of today’s fashions?*

I love what Zara offers – their cut and styling is amazing for the price. I pop in often and run my eyes over the racks. I know immediately if there’s something I like and buy it then or it more than likely won’t be there the next time. Even in a few minutes! Zara ballets flats are some of the most comfortable shoes I own. As for today’s fashion almost anything is acceptable – mixing expensive with inexpensive and fake jewelry with the real thing is sensible and fun.





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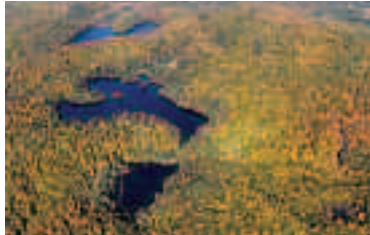
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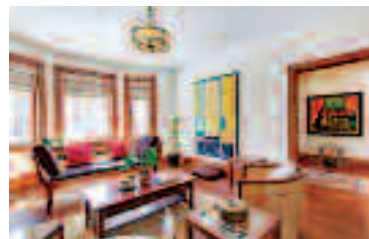
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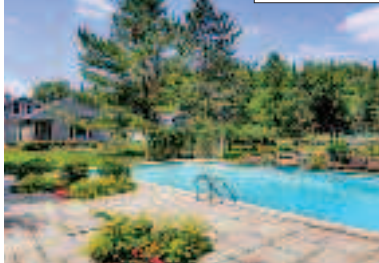
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