



# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

June 25, 2008

We are Westmount

Vol. 2 No. 6c

## City to rule on Bronfman pool house demolition

### Public lane to be rebuilt

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's demolition committee heard June 17 how work on a pool house on the heritage Bronfman property at 15 Belvedere Rd. ended up in substantial demolition and how it would be rebuilt.

Work on the accessory building was stopped by the city once it was found to have exceeded the scope of the building permit issued for the ongoing multi-million dollar restoration project at the site.

The hearing also focused on the closure due to excavation of an unpaved lane used as a footpath by residents in the area.

Extending south and east from Belvedere to Trafalgar, the passageway is located on so-called "no man's land" rising above the back of the Bronfman property on an outcropping of rock into which the

demolished pool house was built.

Architect Andrea Wolfe, who spoke on behalf of owner Stephen Bronfman, explained that the pool house demolition had not been intended. The stucco-clad building had deteriorated to such an extent that during renovation it began falling apart despite efforts to shore it up.

"It was a very gradual, incremental process until not much of the building was left," she said. "We were executing what we understood we had a permit for – a mandate to renovate the building." The result had been assessed by engineers as structurally unsound, she explained, and city inspectors had been aware of the progress.

John de Castell, one of the three city councillors forming the ..... committee, described the ..... continued on p. 3

## School's out for students, retiring teachers



Retiring ECS teacher Paul Walsh (right) is shown here with his fellow teacher Ann Owens (at computer). Both were shortlisted for the national Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. Class of '08 students pictured above, Daniela Bensadoun, Jessica MacLean, Laura Elbaz and Alexandra Shiller, were working on a special Montreal heritage project last June. For more on Walsh and other retirements, turn to p. 8.

## 2008 campaign targets \$60,000 for first time

### Fun Run raises money for local YMCA

The Westmount YMCA is not just a building.

Some of the Y's supporters proved that literally by going for a "Family Fun Run" on June 1 in Westmount Park to support the institution's 2008 fundraising campaign. Pizza Pizza was the event's sponsor. Families paid a fee to participate, as well as generating money from sponsorships.

The Y is raising the bar on its fundraising goal this year, from \$50,000 to \$60,000, executive director Gary White

told the *Independent*. Last year, \$51,408 was raised.

The money will help ensure that the Y's children's programs remain accessible to children with special needs who require shadows and to children from financially disadvantaged families who require support. Last year, \$70,000 was spent by the Y on children with special needs, helping 67 children. \$44,000 was spent on financially disadvantaged children, helping 94 children ..... continued on p. 2

ROYAL LEPAGE  
HERITAGE  
CTR BKR



**VIVIAN & BRIAN GRANT**  
**592-4636 • 249-1500**

**"Working hard to exceed  
you expectations."**

## Country retreat at Ste-Marguerite-du-Lac-Masson

Magnificent landscaping, well maintained forest, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, den, fireplace, all equipped and furnished, 356,950 sq.ft. of land, large heated pool, view. \$319,000. Open house June 29.



GRUPE SUTTON CENTRE-OUEST INC.

**CLAUDE BOULAY**

Affiliated Real Estate Agent

**514-250-5800**

*Your Independent Choice  
in Wealth Management*

For further information on our  
financial services, visit our website

**www.3macs.com**



MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc.

*Service to investors since 1858*

Place du Canada, Suite 2000, 1010 de la Gauchetiere West  
Montreal, Quebec H3B 4J1



*150 years Proudly celebrating 150 years of client trust and service (1858-2008)*



# Terry Evans – 514-933-6077

GROUPE SUTTON-CENTRE O



**Westmount.** Live in a country setting with breathtaking views. 6 bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms. Fireplaces. 3 garages. Near schools and transport. Quality construction with elevator access. **\$3,150,000**



**Westmount:** Majestic mansion to restore as one home or keep as 2. Discreet, sophisticated street near private schools, transport. Fabulous woodwork, stain glass + 5 fireplaces **\$1,950,000** or **\$6,800** per month



**Westmount.** What Westmount lovers love! This lower condo has it all! High ceilings, fireplace, woodwork, lead windows, garage, fin. bsmt. Renov. kitch. with granite. New price: **\$599,000**



**SOLD**  
**Westmount:** Stone, 3-storey near parks, 7 bed, 2 garages. **\$1,295,000**



**RENTED**  
**Westmount rental** in the heart of Victoria Village! **\$1700** per month



**SOLD BY TERRY EVANS**  
**CDN.** Beautifully maintained det. duplex with huge garden. Garage, 3 bedrooms per floor. Filled with sunlight, large kitchens. **\$749,000**



**New Westmount rental.** Fabulous corner facing northwest. 1,400 sq feet in one of the most luxurious buildings near Greene. Pool. Doorman. **\$2,750** per month



**Canal Lachine.** Adorable + affordable! Loft with one bedroom, 1ge bth, great kitchen, high ceilings, A/C, wood, laundry in apt. Great pied à terre. Steps to Atwater and Metro. **\$249,000**

## Making the Y accessible to all kids



Some of the youngest participants to complete the 1-km run around Westmount Park.

continued from p. 1

from 76 families.

When asked about the public perception that the Y was a health club like countless other private ones in the city, White responded: "It is true that health and fitness programs are the biggest part of how we deliver on our mission, but I like to think of all the things commonly associated with the Y – the weight room, the pool, the gyms – as the tip of the iceberg. There is so much more. For instance, the

\$50,000 to \$60,000 we raise every year only goes halfway to making our programs accessible to kids, regardless of financial circumstance."

Donations can be made via credit card by calling Gary White at 514.931.6770 x226 or by mailing a cheque made out to "YMCA of Greater Montreal" and mailing it to YMCA Westmount, Attn: Gary White, 4585 Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount, QC H3Z 1E9.



Westmounter Noel Butler (left) and Andie Bennett (centre) from the Team 990 address the runners before honorary starter Dylan Noel sounds the horn to begin.

**ESTATE and MOVING SALES**  
House Content Clearance  
**RONDA**  
**514 236-4159**



**Salon Sophie**  
HAIR STYLING FOR MEN  
**514.484.5987**  
4970 Sherbrooke Street West

## Westmount Dental Care

Dr. Douglas E. Hamilton

YOUR SMILE INTRODUCES YOU TO THE WORLD.  
WHAT DOES YOURS SAY ABOUT YOU?

Learn how you can benefit from the latest advances in dentistry.  
Call today for a no-obligation consultation with our caring team.

www.WestmountDentist.com

1 Westmount Square, Tower 1, Suite 420 (4th floor) 514.937.3008

Help! I'm running out of listings. Please call for a free market evaluation!



## Demolition “lamentable” – councillor

*continued from p. 1*

demolition as “lamentable” and “difficult to justify” to residents in lower Westmount when undertaken by a high-profile citizen.

Built in 1949 as an accessory building to the century-old home, the pool house is also considered by the city to have historical



Looking east toward Trafalgar, the lane runs adjacent to, and above, 15 Belvedere where excavation work has forced its temporary closure.

cal and “exceptional heritage value” as a pavilion in the “ensemble.”

Wolfe presented architectural plans to rebuild the pool house with certain modifications and on the existing foundation. The plans had already been approved by the city’s Planning Advisory Committee.

The demolition committee was chaired by Nicole Forbes and included Patrick Martin, himself a user of the lane.

Martin expressed concern about the future of the pathway, saying it had been partially demolished.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the lane’s origin, its current status and

a consultation of city plans pinpointing it.

The lane, said city urban planning director Joanne Poirier, once belonged to the Yule property. Like many in Westmount that have fallen into neglect, it has been cleared of branches over the years by the city and is now considered to be a city lane.

Wolfe stated that the lane would be “put back,” but that she understood Hydro Westmount was planning excavation work in the area. “The sooner you give us your authorization, the sooner you’ll have your footpath,” she added.

A decision is expected this week or next. The work at 15 Belvedere is a project to upgrade and restore 15 Belvedere to gain



At the hearing, from left: Peter Zimmerman, representing property owner Stephen Bronfman, architect Andrea Wolfe, Patrick Martin and (seated) councillors John de Castell and Nicole Forbes.

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification (*Westmount Independent*, April 15, 2008).

## Greene Ave. road project funded by gas tax

Three major road construction projects are expected to begin in the next couple of weeks, highlighted by replacement of the water main on Greene Ave., funded by the federal gas tax infrastructure allotment to municipalities.

The work will be carried out in stages so as to minimize disruption to local merchants, Councillor George Bowser announced at the June 16 city council

meeting.

“The planning is so meticulous it’s awe-inspiring,” he said. The work is expected to last six to eight weeks.

Plans were to be discussed with local merchants at an information meeting June 18 and would also be posted on street.

The reconstruction of Westmount Ave. between Belmont and The Boulevard is

## BNI arrives in Westmount

A group of local business people is getting ready to launch a Westmount chapter of Business Network International (BNI).

There are more than 4,800 BNI chapters and 90,000 members worldwide. A unique aspect of the group’s approach is that only one member of each profession is allowed to join. Members meet weekly to exchange leads and prospects for their respective services and products.

Some chapters in Montreal are huge (60+), but the minimum membership for a chapter is 15.

The Westmount group started up two months ago and is working on its certification.

The meeting pictured above took place



From left, back row: Hadi Assi (Multi-Prêts, mortgage lending), Joseph Montanaro (Sotheby’s International Realty, real estate), Ron Depaola (Dominion Securities, wealth management) and Sacha Demelo (financial security advisor); front row: Michael Besner (Michael Besner and Associates, law), Lisa Anella (Lisa Anella Advance Esthetics, personal esthetics) and Frank Carpazano (Marble Maestro, marble restoration).

on June 18 at the Westmount Square offices of lawyer Michael Besner. Joseph Montanaro started the process for BNI certification two months ago.

## City spared \$4.5M, gets variable tax rate

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two highlights benefitting Westmount in its entente with Montreal and the province (Bill 22) are expected to have a direct impact on taxpayers, Mayor Karin Marks explained at the June 16 city council

meeting.

One is a single tax bill to be issued by Westmount, out of which agglomeration expenses will be paid. Currently each sends out its own bill.

This change, she said, gives Westmount control of how it balances the load between residential and non-residential sectors.

In addition, control of arterial roads is returning to municipalities. This means Westmount will no longer be charged by the agglomeration council for arterial roads not in Westmount.

The net result is an estimated savings of \$4.5 million, she said. How this will be allocated has yet to be decided.

Marks took the occasion to thank city director general Bruce St. Louis for the role he played in hammering out the agreement’s details.

***Our focus is to manage  
your wealth effectively.***

**John H. Bridgman**  
Partner & Portfolio Manager

**Robert A. McKenzie, C.A., CFA**  
Director & Portfolio Manager

**514-394-3000**



**MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc.**

*Service to investors since 1858*

Place du Canada, Suite 2000, 1010 de la Gauchetière West  
Montreal, Quebec H3B 4J1

**www.3macs.com**



# Letters to the editor

## MORE ISSUES WITH CLANDEBOYE ALLEY TRAFFIC

We would also like to respond to a recent letter to the editor in your May 27 issue (“Clandeboye alley traffic not tolerable”, p. 4).

We are also residents who must drive down this alley to get to our home, which happens to be at the very end of the lane where the employees of Batshaw Youth Centre park.

When you get to the end of the alley, the



Only entrance/exit to Clandeboye alley employees turn left into the parking lot. The problem that often occurs is that when this parking lot is full, individuals park directly below our home on land that is used by ourselves and our neighbors for access – and this in spite of the fact that there are clear signs saying that they should not do this.

Every time this happens, we are obliged to call Batshaw and we constantly put notices in the windshields of these parkers informing them that they cannot do this. They see the signs around and yet they still park there. When confronted, the individuals often become hostile. We even have situations where individuals who park in this area remove signs and throw them in the ditch, or write all over them!

Another huge problem that we have is that the laneway entrance for garbage and delivery trucks is so tight that we have had many trucks that service Batshaw actually hit our home (which has caused damage to our brickwork), drive over stones and crush plants. We have had to call the Batshaw many times over the years to repair these damages and still it continues.

We hope others who live nearby and use this laneway will complain so that attention is given to this problem. Hopefully, Batshaw will see what a headache this is for the residents and will move the entrance.

PENNIE & MICHAEL POLAK, PROSPECT ST.

## DO PRICE WATCHDOGS NEED EYEGLASSES?

Who gives a damn about the price of gasoline?

Not me: I don't drive and I don't own a car. The last gas I bought was for my cigarette lighter – and that was 30 years ago.

It's good to know, though, that Ottawa's Competition Bureau is still alive and has

## Bonaldo wins for Alzheimer pamphlet design



Laetitia Bonaldo shows her winning design.

Laetitia Bonaldo of The Study has been chosen as the winner of the \$1,000 Marvin A. Drimer scholarship as a result of a competition run by the Alzheimer Groupe. Students were asked to create a pamphlet on Alzheimer's. There were over 60 entries. Special mention went to Julia Durham, also of The Study, who placed second.

According to the Alzheimer Groupe, education – like the winning pamphlet – is key for early detection and treatment Alzheimer's, which may in turn slow the disease's progression.

nailed a few gasoline gougers. The board is expected to be on the consumers' side – when they are on the job. It took three years to nab a handful of profiteers outside Montreal. Why so long?

I wonder just how effective the price cops are: just a few days before Christmas I had a simple prescription filled for eye glasses in Westmount (Low Vision Rehabilitation Centre of Montreal, 4120 St. Catherine St.) and the price was \$300.

Two months later – between blizzards – I visited Plattsburgh and found the same glasses at \$100 – when the dollar was nearing par.

Then memory clicked in: about 50

years ago, I recalled, a Canadian firm was charged with price fixing. The firm was an optical manufacturing company and retailer. As they say in French: *the more things change, the more they cost.*

I wonder, though, just how busy the competition police are. . . They don't offer a 911 number.

My medical bills last year were really a blessing, totalling more than \$5,000: *Medicare doesn't cover everything.* My tax return included, of course, the price of glasses and, as result, I received a refund, which some people call *a gift from the government.*

EDWARD W. BARRETT, KENSINGTON AVE.

## Arena parking to ease

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Parking around the arena/pool got a shot in the arm with the planned injection of some 56 more spaces to be created for users of the facility whose own lot currently provides for 26.

City council at its meeting June 16 authorized the signing of a five-year agreement between the city and the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf – along the lines of an entente “in principle” – for the city to have access to the school's parking lot behind 4670 St. Catherine St. across the street from the arena.

“We hope this is a first step to partially dealing with this...as part of ongoing negotiations,” said Councillor John de Castell. It would also meet some of the needs of the proposed new facility.

In return, the city would clear the lot in winter and care for its maintenance, he explained. “I think these partnerships are ideal.”

Since the school does not use the lot during evenings and weekends, the agreement would benefit the school, parkers and local residents whose streets are being used by people attending hockey, soccer and other recreational activities.

### Thornhill and Roslyn changes

City council also helped residents of both Thornhill and Roslyn avenues gain greater access to parking.

Six spots are to be reserved for residents' parking only on Thornhill between Church Hill and Argyle, an area of parking congestion caused in part by its use by police, fire and public security personnel on Stanton St.

On Roslyn between Westmount Ave. and The Boulevard, the one-hour restriction to dissuade parking by Marianopolis students has been extended to two hours.

Residents had complained that one hour proved difficult for workers and visitors.

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

We are Westmount.

Three times monthly (1st, 3rd and last Wednesday of the month), next issue: July 2  
Presstime: The Monday before – at 10:30 am  
Westmount (H3Y and H3Z):  
10,000 copies by Canada Post  
1,000 copies distributed to over 40 waiting-room drops

If you *don't want to get our publication*, Canada Post advises that you place a sticker on your mailbox that says, “No ad mail.” Si vous ne voulez pas recevoir notre publication: Malheureusement, nous ne sommes pas capable de bloquer une adresse individuelle. Il faut mettre une étiquette près de votre boîte à lettres qui lit « Pas de média-poste ».

If you *do want to receive our publication and you have a sticker on your mailbox* (or are outside our distribution area), please send a cheque for \$1.50 times the number of issues left in the year. We will mail them to you for the rest of the current calendar year.

Most frequently restocked drop sites: Lobby of 310 Victoria Ave.; Sherbrooke St. exit to Metro grocery store at Victoria Ave. and Sherbrooke St.

Drop notice: Snow conditions may delay us getting around to all of our drop sites on Tuesday of publication week. Whatever the snow conditions, we still aim to reach our “most reliable” drops (Metro on Victoria, Westmount Square and 310 Victoria lobby) on Tuesdays.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER: David Price 514.935.4537  
EDITORIAL COORDINATOR: Kristin McNeill 514.223.3578 – indie@westmountindependent.com

CHIEF REPORTER: Laureen Sweeney  
laureen@westmountindependent.com

LAYOUT: Studio Melrose/Ted Sancton

ADVERTISING SALES:  
Annika Melanson 514.223.3567

Published by Sherbrooke-Valois Inc.  
310 Victoria Ave., Suite 105  
Westmount, QC H3Z 2M9  
Fax: 514.935.9241

LETTERS & COMMENTS: We welcome your letters, but reserve the right to choose and edit them.  
Please email any letter and comments to indie@westmountindependent.com.  
Every letter of support helps us with advertisers!



## Civic Alert

# Marks applauded for leadership on tax reform deal

BY DON WEDGE



Praise was showered on Mayor Karin Marks following this month's reforms that will reduce the tax that subsidizes Montreal and will provide more control in many areas to demerged cities.

There have been five hostile years of seemingly endless negotiations with provincial officials, big mayor Gérald Tremblay and Tremblay's emissaries, but the Westmount mayor's peers are now celebrating and paying tribute to her.

For instance: "Karin has been remarkable," said Beaconsfield's Bob Benedetti. "She had to represent 15 independent mayors and often make decisions on their behalf. It seems like she has devoted her life to it.

"Even when her mother was so ill, she continued to work using a cell phone from the hospital bedside.

"Her [provincial] Liberal Party connections probably did no harm either!"

## Chagnon's morning monitoring

Another perspective was offered by Westmount MNA Jacques Chagnon. "She always stayed very positive," he said, "defending the suburbs' position while looking for a solution that would benefit both sides."

Chagnon followed the negotiations closely with others in the Liberals' Montreal caucus. As the end of the legislative session approached, they often met at 7:30 am, before the day's work.

At their breakfast-time meeting on June 10, the caucus discovered that agreement had been reached only a few hours before – at 4 am – when Montreal had finally approved the proposed solution!

Throughout, Chagnon had approved laying aside the problems of Pointe Claire and Dorval, namely their separate water systems and the double taxation of their

citizens. That cleared the way for agreement to be reached on larger issues.

"I always feel that approach is the way to solve disputes," Chagnon said.

## Working till 4 am

So why were civil servants working on the agreement until 4 am, thus destroying the urban legend that all provincial employees head home soon after 4 pm?

The eventual solution began at the top: Jean Charest's broken demerger promise has caused many difficulties.

It led to Baie d'Urfé mayor Maria Tutino and three colleagues publicly supporting the ADQ.

At the 2007 election, there were warnings that Liberal majorities were at risk. On the West Island, Geoff Kelley's majority fell by nearly 10,000 votes. Here, Chagnon's lead was dented.

In the subsequent throne speech Charest declared that the agglom problem had to be solved.

For two years, Nathalie Normandeau, the minister mainly responsible, was not well placed to solve it. Although she had been mayor of a village in Gaspé for a few months before entering the provincial legislature in 1998, she had little English. Also, she had never lived in Montreal or worked for a commercial organization.

Another problem was that she inherited the civil servants who had helped the PQ write the forced merger laws!

Gradually, staff responsibilities were changed. A new deputy minister, Jean-Paul Beaulieu, won praise from both sides for his leadership.

Two assistant deputy ministers carried the main load. Jean Séguin was a former attaché for big mayor Tremblay, which gave him an insider's view of the Montreal position.

The master stroke, according to many, was Normandeau's hiring of Marc Croteau, former mayor of Aylmer and director-general of the Union of Quebec Municipalities, where he had been repre-

senting demerged cities.

Both Séguin and Croteau won the confidence of those holding opposing views. And they led the team into the early morning hours to make the ceremony possible.

Even more, Croteau told me, none of them had finished before 1 am for the entire previous week!

On June 16 Marks was applauded as she entered the Westmount council chamber. WMA director Stan Grossman, "speaking on behalf of the association and, I think, most citizens", thanked her.

For her part, Marks revealed that the first success in the negotiations had come

when director general Bruce St. Louis identified some of the solvable problems with big city lawyers.

It was part of the ongoing role St. Louis has played in advising the mayors' association since the reconstitution. Together, they provided leadership for the region.

The negotiators asked St. Louis to join the head table when they briefed the media before the signing ceremony. Typically, he declined, and listened attentively from elsewhere in the hall!

*Citizen activist Don Wedge's email address is calert@web.net.*

**[Tip 5]**  
**Keep heavier objects in your closet below waist level and lighter ones higher up.**

**Invest in time and space! Call SimpleSpace, your Montreal closet specialist or visit our showroom.**



**simplespace**

**Love your closet!**



**Weekdays 8:30 – 5. Evenings and weekends, by appointment**  
210 Bridge Street (next to Costco)  
514 363-7467 | [simplespace.ca](http://simplespace.ca) | Free parking

**RE/MAX WESTMOUNT INC.**

CHARTERED REAL ESTATE BROKER

Independently owned and operated

**1330 Greene Ave.**  
**Westmount**

514 **933-6781**



**RE/MAX WESTMOUNT INC.**

CHARTERED REAL ESTATE BROKER

Independently owned and operated

**5673 Monkland**  
**N.D.G.**

514 **482-3347**

# The Inventory: Condos for sale and brokered rentals in Westmount

The Inventory is content provided by the Independent, and is compiled from public sources and parties that contact us. To find a brokered property's listing agent and information, please go to [MLS.ca](http://MLS.ca). In addition, both listing agents and agents working with buyers have more information available to them on a private network. If you are a real estate agent or private seller whose property has been overlooked, please write to us at [indie@westmountindependent.com](mailto:indie@westmountindependent.com).

### Condos/duplexes for sale

\$189,000 Address unavailable\*  
\$199,500 Address unavailable  
\$279,000 376 Redfern Ave. #2  
\$289,000 376 Redfern Ave. #4  
\$294,600 Address unavailable  
\$294,600 2 Westmount Square #205  
\$319,000 376 Redfern Ave. #25  
\$329,000 466 Victoria Ave.  
\$329,000 376 Redfern Ave. #9  
\$338,000 2 Westmount Square #401  
\$339,000 376 Redfern Ave. #19  
\$339,000 4444 Sherbrooke St. W. #403\*  
\$344,500 2 Westmount Square #601  
\$349,000 399 Clarke Ave. #7E  
\$349,000 3235 St. Antoine St.  
\$369,000 468 Victoria Ave.  
\$369,000 Address unavailable  
\$379,000 Address unavailable  
\$389,000 4700 St. Catherine St.  
\$389,000 421 Victoria Ave.  
\$396,000 43 Bruce Ave.  
\$399,000 205 Victoria #103  
\$429,000 52 Columbia Ave.  
\$429,000 Address unavailable  
\$440,000 Address unavailable

\$449,000 Address unavailable  
\$449,000 205 Victoria Ave. #303  
\$459,000 Address unavailable  
\$469,000 343 Clarke Ave. #4  
\$469,000 461 Grosvenor Ave.  
\$470,400 Address unavailable  
\$489,000 Address unavailable  
\$489,000 200 Lansdowne Ave. #503  
\$494,000 Address unavailable  
\$525,000 4856 St. Catherine St.  
\$529,000 439 Grosvenor #14  
\$529,000 205 Victoria Ave. #202  
\$538,800 Address unavailable  
\$561,900 Address unavailable  
\$569,000 Address unavailable  
\$571,100 Address unavailable  
\$579,000 54 Thornhill Ave. (lower)  
\$585,000 468 Grosvenor Ave.  
\$619,000 466 Argyle Ave.  
\$629,000 376 Redfern #6  
\$637,000 4175 St. Catherine St. #301  
\$650,000 Address unavailable  
\$654,000 376 Redfern Ave. #23\*  
\$679,000 Address unavailable  
\$769,000 Address unavailable  
\$825,000 468 Argyle Ave.

\$895,000 164 Metcalfe Ave.  
\$1,510,000 1 Wood Ave. #1205  
\$1,695,000 1 Wood #1001  
\$1,699,000 227 Clarke Ave. PH-1\*  
\$1,950,000 4545 Sherbrooke St. \*\*  
\$2,640,000 4760-C The Boulevard\*  
\$2,950,000 680-A Victoria Ave\*  
\$3,450,000 4760B The Boulevard\*  
\* Also for rent.  
\*\* Combines residential & commercial flats.

### Brokered rentals

\$695 Address unavailable  
\$710 Address unavailable  
\$710 Address unavailable  
\$720 Address unavailable  
\$750 499 Elm #5  
\$875 447 Prince Albert #4  
\$910 Address unavailable  
\$965 Address unavailable  
\$970 or \$189,000 Address unavailable\*\*  
\$1,215 140 Irvine Ave.  
\$1,300 Address unavailable  
\$1,500 Address unavailable  
\$1,600 424 Claremont Ave.  
\$1,625 Address unavailable  
\$1,700 376 Redfern #17  
\$1,800 88 Columbia Ave.  
\$1,850 79 Bruce #3  
\$1,910 4800 de Maisonneuve Blvd.  
\$2,000 or \$339,000  
4444 Sherbrooke St.W. #403\*\*  
\$2,000 4326 Sherbrooke St. #32  
\$2,100 Address unavailable  
\$2,100 Address unavailable  
\$2,100 295 Victoria Ave. #101  
\$2,250 Address unavailable  
\$2,250 Address unavailable  
\$2,300 67 Hallowell St.  
\$2,300 Address unavailable  
\$2,500 Address unavailable  
\$2,525 200 Kensington Ave. #802  
\$2,750 4175 St. Catherine St. #406  
\$2,800 254 Metcalfe #a  
\$3,400 344 Grosvenor Ave.  
\$3,500 378 Olivier Ave.  
\$3,500 343 Clarke Ave. #6  
\$4,050 400 Kensington Ave. #202  
\$4,200 388 Grosvenor Ave.  
\$4,500 Address unavailable  
\$4,900 Address unavailable

\$4,950 4175 St. Catherine St. #1402  
\$5,000 Address unavailable  
\$5,000 200 Kensington Ave. #1000 PH  
\$5,300 457 Elm Ave.  
\$5,750 611 Lansdowne Ave.  
\$5,900 or \$1,195,000 4306 Montrose Ave.\*\*  
\$6,000 or \$654,000 376 Redfern #23\*\*  
\$6,000 or \$995,000 4350 Westmount Ave.\*\*  
\$6,300 456 Mountain Ave.  
\$6,700 or \$1,950,000 Address unavailable\*\*  
\$7,000 767 Upper Belmont Ave.  
\$7,250 or \$1,279,000 4335 de Maisonneuve Blvd.\*\*  
\$7,500 or \$1,699,000 227 Clarke Ave. PH-1\*\*  
\$7,750 or \$1,495,000 488 Mountain Ave.\*\*  
\$7,995 20 Devon Ave.  
\$8,000 or \$1,790,000 3284 Cedar Ave.  
\$9,500 16 Grenville Ave.  
\$11,000 Address unavailable  
\$12,000 or \$3,450,000 4760B The Boulevard  
\$12,000 680 Victoria Ave.  
\$12,000 4760 The Boulevard  
\$12,000 or \$2,640,000 4760-C The Boulevard\*\*  
\$12,000 or \$2,950,000 680-A Victoria Ave.\*\*  
\$15,000 3657 The Boulevard  
\$15,000 or \$2,390,000 Address unavailable  
\*Dollar figure is rent per month unless stated.  
\*\*Also for sale. 2nd amount is asking price.

## Selwyn tennis stars



Selwyn House held its 9th annual tennis tournament at the Hillside Tennis Club on June 17. From right: winners Colin Ross ('51) and Stefan Papich ('06) with runners-up Clive Hooton ('73) and Roberto Bellini ('97). Papich and Ross were the youngest and oldest competitors, respectively. This is the third time Ross has won the tournament. 22 Old Boys and staff members took part.

Live your dream.

Your Local, Independent  
Retirement Planning & Wealth  
Management Professional

**Anthony J. Zitzmann**

Branch Manager

Tel: (514) 855-0505

[www.ipcmontreal.ca](http://www.ipcmontreal.ca)

**CARP Recommended**

**Investment  
Planning Counsel™**  
IPC INVESTMENT CORPORATION

2 Place Alexis Nihon, 3500de Maisonneuve West, Suite 1750  
Westmount, Quebec, H3Z3C1

**MELDRUM**  
**UNITED VAN LINES**  
**ENTREPOSAGE**

**Meldrum The Mover Inc.**  
**6645 Sherbrooke St. West**

**Tel: 514 481-1122 • Fax: 514 488-5305**  
**Email: [info@meldrumthemover.com](mailto:info@meldrumthemover.com)**



**LIBERTÉ**  
artisan de nature



*Méditerranée*

**New look -**  
same great taste!

**Nouveau look -**  
même bon goût !

A true dairy delight!  
Une vraie gourmandise lactée !



**Riche en plaisirs • Rich in pleasure**

[www.liberte.qc.ca](http://www.liberte.qc.ca)





# Some of Westmount’s retiring teachers

## Irene Lunt

Irene Lunt, English teacher in the Elementary School, is retiring after 18 years at Selwyn House. She taught previously for eight years in the UK and the US. With a love for literature and books, she was the organizer of the “I Love to Read” event for students and organized trips to the Eco-museum in at St. Anne de Bellevue. A school community project particularly dear to her heart is the school’s caroling visit to seniors at Fulford Residence.

## Filomena Bondi

With 34 years of teaching under her belt, Roslyn teacher Filomena Bondi says “I tell everybody that this is not a job for me. I love coming to school and interacting with the children.” Bondi started her career at a West Island school as a French second language specialist and then came to Roslyn in 1985, where she has been teaching grades 1 and 2 in the French immersion stream. In 1977, she wrote the kindergarten French second language program for the PSBGM. “You see the children coming from Kindergarten with limited French, and you see their success by the end of grade 1. At the end of every year as the children are reading in front of the class, I get teary eyed,” she said.

## Jim McCauley

The Study welcomed Jim McCauley in 1982, after he had already been teaching for six years at three other Montreal area high schools. McCauley taught biology, math, chemistry and physics and was

coach of the senior girls basketball team. He organized the science fair and computer competitions, led ski trips, and ran the school’s computer club. Known as the “Computer Guru,” McCauley introduced the school to computers and word processing, and continued to keep the school abreast of new technology as it came along. McCauley has another connection to Westmount: his wife’s father, Donald Trenholm, was principal of Westmount Junior High School.

## Paul Walsh

ECS History teacher Paul Walsh is originally from Newfoundland, where he spent seven years teaching in public school. *For photo, see p. 1.* He moved to Montreal in 1982, intending to stay for only one year. 26 years later, he’s still in Montreal. He started at Kells Academy, becoming vice principal the following year, and then principal in 1988. In 1990 he joined ECS as head of the Social Sciences department. Walsh has been the recipient of several Quebec “Certificates of Excellence in Teaching Canadian History”. An ECS alumna wrote of Walsh “When one thinks of Mr. Walsh, two words come to mind: rigour and devotion.” Watch for more stories on retiring teachers in future issues.

## Correction

A memorial service for Professor Lawrence Bessner was held at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on June 1. Regrettably, Professor Bessner’s name was incorrectly reported in the May 27 *Independent*.



## Westmount Today, Yesterday and Before Westmount High’s St. Catherine campus



BY DOREEN LINDSAY

Question: When was Westmount High opened on St. Catherine St.? For answer, see p. 9.

## Westmount Properties



5 plus bedroom Tudor on quiet street near park, classic X hall plan, renovated kitchen and updated bathrooms, partial views of city from all 3 floors, garage and exterior parking for 3 cars. **Asking \$1,089,000**



Totally renovated with quality and taste. Beautiful woodwork and architectural details, stained hardwood floors throughout, 4 bedrooms, 3½ bathrooms, skylights, central air, integrated sound system, sprinkler and alarm. **Asking \$1,175,000**

## Adj. Westmount



Classic elegant 4+1 detached cottage with ground floor den, large lot, 2 double car garages on desirable street, renovated kitchen, a/c, newer windows, finished basement with separate entrance. **Asking \$959,000**

affiliated agent  
Royal LePage Heritage

**514-591-2338 Julie Bédard**



## Marc Garneau

Candidate of the Liberal Party of Canada  
Westmount–Ville-Marie

**www.marcgarneau.ca**

*I would like to wish all the residents of Westmount–Ville-Marie a happy Canada Day!*



*Je vous souhaite une joyeuse fête du Canada!*

*Wishing everyone a Happy Canada Day!*

## Jacques Chagnon

M.N.A. Westmount-Saint-Louis  
Vice-President of the National Assembly

1155 University, Suite 1312, Montreal (Quebec) H3B 3A7  
Tel.: 514-395-2929 – Fax: 514-395-2955  
jchagnon-wsl@assnat.qc.ca





# History quiz: Westmount High

**Question:** When was Westmount High opened on St. Catherine St.?

**Answer:** October 19, 1961

When the junior and senior schools were consolidated at this new location, A.R. Tilley, chairman of the school commission, wrote: "The Board is well aware of the fact that fine buildings do not, of necessity, mean fine schools; the four other elements being a capable and dedicated staff, a proper curriculum, a proper extra-curricular and athletic program and the support of the community..."

## 9 Lives: July 1 alert

BY LYZANNE

When I first started 9 Lives, I thought we could help place one or two cats in our community. When I found out more about the reality of shelters and rescue groups, I had to look at the bigger picture.

So there I was recently at the SPCA for a volunteer meeting, seeing firsthand the pets that are available for adoption. This is the worst time of year for shelters.

They all need assistance. The most pets for adoption come through the SPCA, so I am bringing them to your attention first.

YOU can make a difference. Please help in any way you can by adopting, fostering, volunteering and donating. This is the time to help in providing the basics for homeless pets: food, shelter, immunization, treatment. Please make your donation to the SPCA and mail it to 5202 Jean Talon St. W., Montreal, QC H4P 1X4. The phone number is 514.735.2711 and the website is [www.spcamontreal.com](http://www.spcamontreal.com).



**Notaries**

**Durso & Toone**

Andrea F. Durso • Phillip Toone

4635 Sherbrooke West  
Westmount, Quebec

T. 514.931.2531  
F. 514.931.2534

The new high school was designed to accommodate 1,200 students, but 1,282 enrolled in September of that year.

The high school had three floors plus a partial basement. The administrative offices were on the first floor plus instructional rooms used by all grades. True to their projected values for the students, the school had a visual education room with a stage and modern projection room, a gymnasium and accompanying locker rooms and team rooms to provide for both boys' and girls' athletics. There were physics, biology and chemistry laboratories as well as rooms for art, music, typing and book-keeping. New to our school system was the French-language room equipped with

recording and playback technology.

Architects were de Belle and White. Engineers were T. G. Anglin Company and the contractor was Magil Construction. The Westmount High Old Boys Association, formed in 1936, presented items of historical interest in the lobby.

The commissioners had decided to build this new building on St. Catherine St. to unite the student body. Students had been divided between buildings on Academy Rd. (now Westmount Park School) and Côte St. Antoine (now Selwyn House).

One of the first written histories of Westmount developed from a French assignment given by Dr. Hélène Saly to her class in 1964 to research their city's history.

*Doreen Lindsay is president of the Westmount Historical Association.*

*Wine: What's In Store...*

## Wine great passes on



BY CAROLA PRICE

In the wine world, there are few people as well known as Robert Mondavi.

The brains behind the operation, the symbol of the American wine movement has died, leaving in his wake an empire full of struggle, turmoil, family feuds and a rich history of California winemaking.

Mondavi started in the wine business working with his brother at their father's Krug winery, but they soon parted ways.

*And so it begins*

In the mid sixties, Robert opened Mondavi winery and became an ambassador of Napa Valley wine by creating a premium product that would be sought after the world over. Mondavi was the first to bottle the then-unpopular Sauvignon Blanc by labeling it Fume Blanc. Wines sales soared. Teaming up with Baron Philippe de Rothschild at the end of the seventies cemented a favourable position in the eyes of quality wine producers, most of whom were now looking for acreage in the Napa Valley. Opus One is a highly prized Napa wine that wins awards around the globe. If you can get your hands on one, open it and toast the man with the plan.

*And the rest*

Coming full circle and creating a mid priced line to accentuate the premium wines brought Mondavi into the world market. Introducing single varietal bottling changed the way we drink wine today.

He sold the flagship winery and travelled the world to promote wine and food. I assume that his dying at 94 hints at his moderate lifestyle and the love of his daily glass of wine. We can drink on knowing that this ambassador will constantly remind us to eat and drink with passion.

*Raise a glass*

**Zinfandel, Woodbridge, SAQ#00329110, \$14.80.**

SAQ availability: Across from Atwater Market, Victoria.

With hints of raspberry and black cherry, the pepper and tea leaves come through in the finish. This is a simple wine meant for a warm summer evening and great barbeque or pasta with tomatoes and pesto. Goes beautifully with Migneron or Port Salut and seeded crackers.

**Fumé Blanc, Mondavi, Napa, SAQ#00221887, \$26.50**

SAQ availability: Across from the Atwater Market, Victoria, Pepsi Forum.

This crisp, relatively fruity and rich white is chock-full of gooseberry and lime peel in the nose. It coats the throat and finishes beautifully. A great match for all kinds of fish with a summer salsa and goat cheese, ash-based cheeses or Jarlsberg.

**Merlot, Mondavi Private Selection, SAQ#00524769, \$19.75**

SAQ availability: Across from the Atwater Market, Victoria, Pepsi Forum

With a nose of plum and tobacco and a mouth full of vanillin, blackberry, tar, pepper, mint and blackberry this dry red is rich and beautiful with roast meats or a fat rib steak with peppery arugula and Parmesan shavings.

## Underdog

BY FERN BRESLAW



Finding an old dog a family is always a challenge. Finding two a home together is near impossible, but we thought it was worth a shot.

These old men are Bruce and Fuji. They are a pair of 8-or-so-year-old pugs. They were dumped by their mother when a new boyfriend came along who wasn't hot on her extended family.

Both boys are characters. Fuji is the momma's boy and is always on the lookout for extra loving. Bruce is more like a dog dog, outgoing and independent. They are both fully crate-trained; eat in it and sleep in it. They are good



with rabbits and so we assume are going to be fine with other pets. They have lived together most of their lives and now, after everything, are the only family each has have left.

Find out more about adopting Bruce and Fuji by contacting [sophie@rimasec.net](mailto:sophie@rimasec.net) or by calling 514.523.5052.

**URGENT APPEAL:** As we are all aware, moving season is upon us and nowhere is it more painfully obvious than in our shelters. July 1 has not even arrived and already rescue groups have reached capacity. If you have been thinking of adopting, please consider doing it now. If you want to help but can't adopt, donate.

## A Woman's Paris



**Kathi Oliver**

Tel: 416-499-5094

email: [pariswoman@rogers.com](mailto:pariswoman@rogers.com)

[www.pariswoman.ca](http://www.pariswoman.ca)



# Place Kensington vernissage



The sixteenth annual Place Kensington art vernissage was held on June 12. Six residents participated in the event and showed their paintings, which were for sale. Proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Association for the Blind.

**GINETTE & JEFF STEELE**



**1 450 829-3852**  
Happily in service since 1979

**Milkman – organic & soy avail.**

Did you know Westmount's  
**CONTACTIVITY CENTRE**  
for people 60+ has a weekly bridge  
group Mondays 12:30 to 3:30 pm?

For information call  
**514 932-2326**  
4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West  
(at Lansdowne)

**Summer  
Garden  
Tour**

Wed., July 9, 2008  
at 9:30 a.m.

A tour of Westmount's  
most prestigious gardens

Croissants & Coffee  
Tour • Garden Luncheon

Cost: \$45  
includes lunch & map

Limited Space Available  
937-9471 to reserve

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM  
480 KENSINGTON AVENUE, WESTMOUNT, QUEBEC, CANADA H3Y 3A2  
TEL. 514 937 9471 FAX 514 937 2087 WWW.SHAARHASHOMAYIM.ORG

*Where?*

*The Bible can be hard to  
understand. Where is it's  
real meaning & holiness?  
Think more deeply.  
Get a free book,  
"You Can Believe!"*

Call toll-free  
**1-877-774-7775**  
or e-mail **information@Swedenborg.ca**,  
and mention this ad.



*Sharing ideas*

# Comin' Up...

Here's what is happening in Westmount in the coming weeks:

**Friday, June 27** – Reserve your tent site by June 27 for camping in Westmount Park. Call 514.989.5323.

**Monday, June 30:** Revised submission deadline date for Art Westmount 2008: Call for Artists. Participation forms are available at Victoria Hall or at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org). Info: 514.989.5265.

**Monday, June 30:** Camping in Westmount Park, rain or shine. Registration and tent setup – 4 to 8 pm. Food and drink available for purchase as of 5 pm.

Scouts Climbing Wall – 2 to 6 pm.  
Petting Zoo and Pony Rides (for children under 10) – 2 to 6 pm.

Campfire in the park with camp songs and marshmallows – 8:30 pm.

Lights out! – 10:30 pm.


**Tuesday, July 1:** Toonie Pancake breakfast – 8 to 9:30 am. Coffee, juice and pancakes for \$2.

BBQ lunch on Academy Rd. next to the pool – 12 p.m. Hot dogs, beverages \$1, hamburgers \$2.

Family Splash Bash at Westmount Pool. Games, prizes and Canada Day cake – 2 p.m. Info: Department of Sports, Recreation and Community Events at 514. 989.5353

**Wednesday, July 9:** Summer Garden Tour hosted by Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Tour of Westmount's most prestigious gardens. Croissants & coffee at 9:30 am.; tour at 10 am.; Garden luncheon 1 to 3 pm. Cost \$45. Info: 514.937.9471.

**Wednesday, July 9:** "How One Meshugginner Changed the Last 350 Years of Jewish Life", part of Dine & Discover with Rabbi Lerner. Dinner at 5:45 pm. and study at 6:15 pm. \$10 for dinner and study, class only is free. To reserve for dinner: 514.937.3575.




**Westmount  
Park United  
Church**

4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.  
corner Lansdowne  
(514) 937-1146

**Weekly Saturday  
Service  
4:30 p.m.**

Come relax and enjoy  
worship & warm  
fellowship at WPUC.  
Check out our website at:  
[www.westmountparkuc.org](http://www.westmountparkuc.org)

**Westmount circa 1896**



A totally charming heritage stonefront townhouse. Original woodwork, 10-ft ceilings, 2 fireplaces, A/C, integrated sound system, new Marvin windows, 3+ bedrooms. Off 'country' kitchen there is a large deck leading to landscaped garden. \$885,000.

Also penthouse apartment on Simpson with parking overlooking mountain view (\$250K).

**GUEN CALDER – 514-933-5800**

Affiliated real estate agent – Groupe Sutton Centre Ouest

*Wishing all of our customers  
a Happy Canada Day*

**CHEZ NICK**

**WESTMOUNT**

1920

PROUDLY SERVING WESTMOUNTERS FOR 88 YEARS.  
1377 Greene Avenue, Westmount • 514.935.0946



*If you are looking to sell your home...  
If you are looking to buy a new home...  
you need... **an agent***

- who will give you excellent service,
- who will give you personalized attention,
- who has an excellent track record, &
- whose clients' needs are number 1.

Please do not hesitate to call me; it will be my pleasure to work with you.

*Own an address of distinction*

### RECENTLY SOLD

4281-4285 de Maisonneuve, Westmount  
320 Elm, Westmount

24 Melbourne, Westmount  
459 Mount Pleasant, Westmount  
427 Mount Pleasant, Westmount  
3858 Marlowe, Westmount Adj.

1315 de Maisonneuve W. #1001, Ville Marie

### RECENTLY RENTED

1355 Greene, Westmount

*Bunny Berke*

*Affiliated Real Estate Agent / Agent immobilier affilié*

*Platinum Club\**

*English · French · Spanish*

*(514) 933-6781*

**bunnyberke@yahoo.ca**  
**www.bunnyberke.com**

**RE/MAX Westmount inc.**  
1330 Greene Avenue  
Westmount, Quebec  
H3Z 2B1







TRUST | REACH | RESULTS

CHARTERED REAL ESTATE BROKER

WESTMOUNT



**MOUNT PLEASANT AV.**

Near Montrose – Your dream house! Enjoy the light and views from every level of this well maintained 5 bedroom elegant & extra spacious 2 story semi detached. Ground floor den, sunroom, garage and garden. **Asking \$1,300,000**  
Virtual tour: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1427564](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1427564)

WESTMOUNT



**METCALFE AV.**

Especially well-proportioned 3 bdrm townhouse in excellent condition. It's luxurious and affordable with every comfort and convenience. 2½ bthrms, large family room w/fp, Denis Couture kit, 2 car garage. Here's a perfect downsizer in prime location on the flat. **Asking: \$875,000**  
Virtual tour: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1432521](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1432521)

VILLE MARIE



**DE VERSAILLES ST.**

Ideally located on a quiet street Downtown. This renovated cottage w/ separate 4½ apt. is near the Bell Center, metro, Old Mtl and shops. In great cond., offering large family rm, 2 f/p, large deck and secluded, landscaped garden. **Asking \$550,000**  
Photos: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1454927](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1454927)

NDG



**WEST HILL AV.**

Unique blend of contemporary and traditional NDG home in prime location. Bright, spacious 3 bedroom, high ceilings, mouldings, many built-ins, oak floors, chair rail paneling, FP, garage, mature and exotic garden. **Asking: \$550,000**  
Photos: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1445266](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1445266)

NDG



**WEST HILL AV.**

A perfect family home on a quiet street – spacious x-hall entrance, bay windows, f/p, woodwork, 4 good-sized bedrooms, bright dinette ext., roomy bsmt with lots of potential and a garden. Close to Sherbrooke, Monkland Village & Godfrey Park. **Asking \$479,000**  
Photos: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1447708](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1447708)

WESTMOUNT



**STE CATHERINE W. ST.**

Westmount Park Towers, close to Victoria village and Westmount Park. This 2 bedroom condo has a fireplace, solarium, river views and a garage. The building has a pool, exercise room & 24 hour door man. **Asking \$440,000**  
Photos: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1453740](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1453740)

NDG



**GRAND BLVD.**

Bright spacious pristine cottage on wide Blvd. Updated 4+1 home with open concept kitchen/dining/family room. High and dry bsmt. Immense garden for kids and dogs. Very convenient location to amenities and transport. **Asking \$419,000**  
Virtual tour: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1454648](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1454648)

LE SUD OUEST



**DU CANAL ST.**

Great loft with wall to wall windows and city views. 11-ft ceilings, original beams, brick wall. Corner unit overlooking the canal, bike path, walk to Old Montreal, Downtown, hard wood floors, central air, garage and gym locker. **Asking \$299,000**  
Photos: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1407510](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1407510)

LE SUD OUEST



**DU DOMINION ST.**

Immaculate & very bright 2 bedroom, open concept, condo with lots of storage, parking and terrace. Quiet dead-end street, surrounded by charming homes, one block from Georges Vanier Metro, short walk to Atwater Market/canal/bike path, downtown and three parks. Can't ask for a better location! **Asking: \$219,000.**  
Virtual tour: [www.mcguiganpepin.com/1455100](http://www.mcguiganpepin.com/1455100)

