

## City will now furnish basic kitchen, seating Council has no appetite for WRC café bids, will re-do plan

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Users of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) can expect to wait a while longer for café services following city council's rejection May 5 of two proposals to operate the concession.

The city now intends to issue a new call for bids based on changes in specifications brought to light by a lack of bidders. Eleven service providers initially picked up tender documents.

"That made us realize maybe our proposal wasn't reasonable," said Councillor Rosalind Davis, the city's commissioner of Sports and Recreation.

The city was asking that the service provider not only manage and operate the concession, but also supply all the kitchen

equipment as well as the tables and chairs, she explained. The required investment turned out to be too great on a five-year contract.

The wrought-iron tables and chairs that have been placed in the café portion of the entrance pavilion have been on loan from the Greene square over the winter, Davis explained later.

The city will now order its own furniture and equip the kitchen with stove, fridge and other appliances, enabling it to seek new proposals based on the supply of services and management, she said.

### Serving on pool deck

In the meantime, the city is in negotiations with a service provider to supply food on the ..... continued on p. 17

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## Can't abstain from vote

# Cllr. Martin boycotts council meeting over late agenda

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

A late posting of the May 5 council agenda, which provides detailed background briefing for council members, kept one council member, Patrick Martin, away from the meeting in protest.

Councillors are able to download their special version during the weekend before the Monday meeting, though Mayor Peter Trent receives a printed version. This time, however, the electronic version had been unavailable for weekend download until

the morning of the meeting.

A computer glitch was reported to be the cause.

"Since I did not have the time to review the agenda thoroughly on that day because of a busy schedule, I felt it was not appropriate to vote," Martin later explained. But he felt that he had no alternative under the law.

"I've been told that, under the current legislation, we can't abstain from voting except for conflict of interest. So you either vote for ..... continued on p. 17



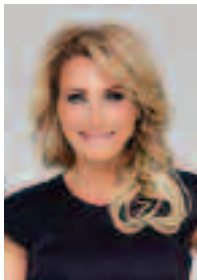
The children's pool at the Westmount recreation centre receives its finishing touches on May 7. Unlike the adults' pool, which was symbolically inaugurated on October 30 by the Therrien-Berry family (see November 5, 2013, p. 1), this smaller one has never been used. The whole pool complex is scheduled to open to the public on Sunday, June 1.

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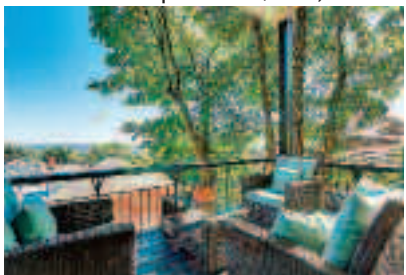


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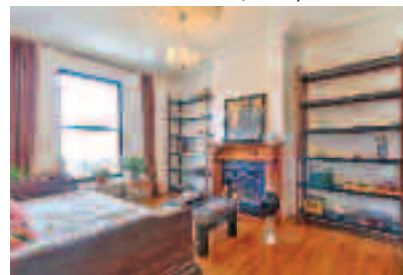
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## Dog owner warned to leash up

The owner of a small bichon in King George (Murray) Park was warned to keep the dog on its leash May 2, Public Security officials said.

A patroller spotted the dog chasing after a flying disc thrown by the owner, who immediately leashed the dog on spotting the officer at 8:28 am. She had no previous infractions.

## PSO rescues cat from Arlington tree

The proverbial "cat in a tree" call had a happy ending May 3 when public safety officers managed to bring one safely down. Public Security officials said the cat had been in a tree on Arlington all day when they received the call at 1:27 pm from a resident whose yard backs onto one on Strathcona where the cat lives.

A patroller managed to grab the cat using a ladder and some cat food, and return it to the owner with an added comment that the cat seemed "quite comfortable" to be in the tree.

## Montrose party brings two noise complaints

A party of youths on Montrose generated two noise complaints May 3, Public Security officials said.

The host was warned on the first complaint at 1:42 am when the group was found talking loudly outside. She was described as co-operative.

But when the second complaint was received at 2:30 am, officers remained on the scene until the party-goers who were in the throes of leaving had departed in taxis.

## Window smashed at Buffalo Bill's

One of two large plate glass windows was found broken May 4 at 2:08 pm at the abandoned Buffalo Bill's restaurant on St. Catherine at Atwater, Public Security officials said.

It was spotted by a public safety officer who secured the site, removed broken glass and called Public Works to clean up the sidewalk.

The damage was reported to a rental agent whose sign was found at the location.

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*Bastianich visits Greene*

# Superstar Italian chef draws food fans to 5 Saisons

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

By the size of the line-up leading half a block down Greene Ave. outside the 5 Saisons gourmet supermarket early in the afternoon on May 3, you could tell that something a fair bit more interesting than a special on Black Angus beef was up.

For devoted cooks and food lovers, the wait was well worth the trouble. Inside the 5 Saisons, acclaimed Italian chef, restaurateur, Emmy Award-winning TV host and bestselling cookbook author Lidia Bastianich was autographing copies of her latest work – *Lidia's Commonsense Italian Cooking*.

"I love Lidia," said Connie, a Mont-realer who preferred not to give her full name. She said she's been a Bastianich devotee for years. "I watch Lidia at home with the family. I've learned a lot from her. She's just great," she said.

Inside, Pierre Paul Létourneau, a West-mounter, was one of the hundreds of fans who finally got to meet and then chat briefly with Lidia as she sat at a table signing her book.

"I'm learning Italian at the same time as I'm watching her on TLN," he told the *Independent*. "She's a superstar among chefs. I love her."

## HC visits WRC re LEED



From left, back row: former city councillor Tom Thompson, city environmental coordinator Marina Peter, Jean Williams, Deena Mayka, Maureen Kiely and Tony Moffat; front row: Megan Durnford, city councillors Cynthia Lulham and Nicole Forbes, Margaret Jackson, Jenny Patton and Susan Magor.

Photo courtesy of C. Lulham.

Members of the Westmount Healthy City Project had a behind-the-scenes tour of the Westmount recreation centre May 6. Tour guides were Mike Deegan, director of Sports and Recreation, and Bruce Stacey,

sports coordinator, who focused on the equipment and initiatives that make it a LEED Gold facility. The visit itself (amongst others) is a part of the mandatory "Community" category of LEED.



Lidia Bastianich signs a copy of her latest cookbook for Pierre Paul Létourneau.

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## Succession plan advancing in major departments

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A city plan to ensure a line of management succession for larger city departments is on the road to completion, city director general Duncan Campbell said last week.

All that remains after an assistant director for Urban Planning is hired, he said, is the appointment of an assistant department head for Westmount Public Library when it is joined by Community Events, as previously announced.

### ADs named

Assistant directors have been named over the last couple years in Public Works, Sports and Recreation, Finance, Public Security, Legal and Hydro Westmount.

"The aim is not to add another level," Campbell said, "but to ensure that a successor is in place" (see story March 19, 2013, p. 5). An example, is the recent posting for an assistant director in Urban Planning, which he explained is "a temporary

position" so someone is in line to replace director Joanne Poirier.

### Assistant to come from transition budget

Poirier, who serves as substitute director general and was eligible to retire three years ago, said the cost of the new hire "won't come out of my department budget but out of the director general's transition budget for that purpose."

While Poirier isn't ready to retire yet after 27 years with the city, she said she recognizes the time has come for her to run the department with an assistant director who will be designated as her successor.

In the last six years, three key players (division chiefs) in her department who might have assumed the successor role have either left or been laid off, she explained. "Those positions were not challenging enough because I am still in place. That was part of the problem."

'Much work to do before then'

## Campbell to retire at end of September after 6 years

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount director general Duncan Campbell will be retiring at the end of September after six years as the city's chief administrator and a long career in municipal management, the *Independent* learned last week.

Campbell plans to work right up until that time, saying there is still much work to do. "I've got my pedal to the metal."

Mayor Peter Trent said Campbell had informed him of his intention to retire a while ago and had announced it to department heads May 2. He was hired on a four-year contract that subsequently was extended another two years.

Campbell, who will be 63, said last week he has "a bucket" of things to do in retirement. In terms of going on to so-called greener pastures, however, "there are no greener pastures than Westmount," he said.

As far as Trent is concerned, Campbell's legacy will be not only "ensuring delivery of the WRC (Westmount recreation centre) but that the city continued to oper-

ate at the same time without an increase in staffing. It was a pretty tall order doing double duty."

Addressing the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) in March 2013, Campbell said his own goals were to ensure the Westmount recreation project was brought in, that the city's organization and finances were in a healthy state, by-laws updated and that there was a succession plan in place (see story, at left).

It was premature at this time to speak of potential successors to Campbell, Trent said. "For now, we should be putting all the focus on him since he's determined to stay in his marching boots until the end."

The city already has two substitute directors general in place: Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier, who has been acting in that role, Trent noted, and Sports and Recreation director Mike Deegan.

Campbell came to the city on the retirement of Bruce St. Louis after 14 years as director general of the Town of Mount Royal and serving as an associate director general for the Montreal megacity.



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# Kim Colquhoun first woman named to senior PSU ranks

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Ever since Kim Colquhoun joined Public Security 14 years ago, she has been leading the way for women in what she remembers used to be “an old boys’ club” of 21 men.

The first woman to be promoted to sergeant in 2007, Colquhoun broke down more barriers May 5 with her appointment at the city council meeting as the first one to hold a senior leadership position as assistant director.

Her trailblazing record was highlighted by Public Security commissioner Philip Cutler in moving her nomination.

Colquhoun, who holds a university degree in applied human sciences from Concordia, hopes to help director Greg McBain reshape the municipal force of 19 full-time officers into “a more modern environment” whose working conditions will allow for more flexibility in work hours for parenting and more work/life balance.

“Greg and I have talked through the years about all the ideas we had for Public Security,” she told the *Independent*.

The force of 19 full-time officers now

has two other women in charge of shift groups and four in the ranks. “I sort of showed them the way,” Colquhoun explained.

She was also quick to point out the majority of five women councillors at the council table. This fact was particularly noticeable by their clustered seating arrangement by district representation and the absence of Councillor Patrick Martin that evening. That reduced the number of men, including the mayor, to three.

Among her many achievements are implementing the Public Security training program, coordinating Halloween events for the city including its haunted house attraction, organizing Leucan fundraising events and also introducing the “Bee Safe” mascot.

She also created the department’s “Hearts for the Elderly Program” at St. Margaret’s residence, the department’s 30th anniversary souvenir book and the Lock It or Lose It crime prevention program.

Colquhoun’s activities include work at the Kahnawake Survival School, the Leucan Défi-Ski event and Awareness of



Public Security director Greg McBain helps new assistant director Kim Colquhoun with the insignia of her new rank at the council meeting May 5.

Self/Counselling Skill Development as part of McGill’s counselling department. She’s also a photographer and cook.

Colquhoun and her husband – former PSO Kyle Walls, now with the Canadian Border Security Agency – live in Rigaud.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SOME FACTS REGARDING 468 CLAREMONT

This letter is written to add a few points that were not mentioned in Laureen Sweeney's article: "Are 50 city-owned properties too many?" (May 6, p. 34).

The driving apron to which she refers was already present when the current owners of 468 Claremont Ave purchased their house in 1976. When repairs to the apron were required, a building permit was granted by the city to make the changes. In addition, the current owners of 468 Claremont Ave. pay property taxes for the land on which the apron sits. Thus the city of Westmount derives income from this property.

With regard to maintenance of this alley way, the current owners of 468 Claremont and their neighbours perform the necessary maintenance and clean-up.

JOHN A, STEWART AND RENE T, TIROL,  
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### UGLY BINS

I take pictures for a blog as a pastime while walking our dog in the area. On occasion, these plastic bins mar those photos that try to show the natural beauty of the park. (I am not a fan of Photoshop!) Their lids are usually chewed by various animals and are a target for graffiti.

Although extremely necessary - I can very well attest to that - surely the city can

find the funds for more attractive receptacles.

One only has to walk through the green spaces of the (under-funded) downtown university campuses to see how they make an effort to beautify their areas, which includes appropriate trash depositories.

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### DOG RUN FARCE

The process for the replacement of the old Lansdowne dog run is descending into farce. The city has been unable to move forward on a replacement for two years now. That is bad enough, but even more disturbing is that the city keeps telling dog owners about all the many actions it is taking, but nothing ever happens.

The latest case in point: at the launch meeting of the Westmount Dog Owners Association in April, Councillor Cynthia Lulham assured the attendees that she would be bringing to the May 5 city council meeting for approval the criteria to be used for the new location as well as the designer of the replacement run.

What happened at the council meeting?



Again nothing.

When queried on this by a dog owner, Councillor Lulham did not offer any explanation as to why it wasn't on the agenda or what the plan was. Mayor Trent then stated that at least two criteria would be that the run not be near residences or close to a playground, which strongly suggests that the dog run will definitely not be shifted just west of the original location.

What is going on?

I, as a dog owner and resident, ask the city to either move forward rapidly on a replacement or end the whole process once and for all. Perhaps cultural norms have changed over the last 30 years to the extent that a large dog run in the southwest sector is appropriate no longer.

If that's the council's decision, then say so. Let's stop wasting everyone's time and energy.

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### REDFERN RESIDENTS ALLEGE CONTINUED VIOLATIONS

Open letter to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier & Mayor Peter Trent

Though we residents (names herein attached) have complained to the city of Westmount over the past year on occasions far too numerous to mention to you here, the workers exiting the job site known as 215 Redfern are doing so *against* traffic and at *extremely* high speeds despite all signage (see photo), indicating otherwise.

We are certain that you have mentioned this gross and extremely dangerous behaviour to the management at this job site but we *beg* you to do so again.

It is becoming more and more dangerous by the day for pedestrians, vehicles and most especially our children and young people who use this thoroughfare as their route both to and from the three schools that surround our small sector.

If 215 Redfern's management is not heeding the city of Westmount's signage, nor its complaints and warnings, nor those of Westmount Public Security nor those of the police, perhaps then you could forward the email address(es) of said management to we citizens of Redfern Ave. and we shall see if they will heed our complaints, which, I can assure both you and them, are *very* well documented.

I await a reply from your or 215 Redfern's offices. I thank you for your time and concern.

RICHARD M. DUMONT & VRINDA NARAIN  
REDFERN AVE.



### Clarification

In the story May 6 concerning Cabot Square closure (p. 1), the closing hour for the Open Door mission should read 2 pm with a desired extension to 5 pm. Furthermore, the two social workers will be operating in an outreach capacity, but will use an office at the mission.

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## Public Security team walks for Kids Help Phone

A Public Security contingent participated in a fundraising walk at Lafontaine Park May 4 for Kids Help Phone - Jeunesse, J'écoute. The local team brought in \$444, said department director Greg McBain, who joined the group in what turned out to be a rainy event.

The team included dispatcher Phil Corbeil, PSO Sabrina Tremblay, PSO Patrice Dion, parking permits clerk Jocelyne Duttin and her son Trayvon as well as Daphne Daoust of Public Works.

The money was raised from a city employees' hockey game (\$110), a car wash (\$115), a bottle of wine raffle among city employees (\$179) and a \$40 donation.

The Kids Help Phone - Jeunesse, J'écoute is a cross-Canadian counselling service for children, teens and young



adults operating 24/7 at 1-866-6868. A community-based national charity, it has provided support in English and French for mental health and the well-being of people aged 5-20 since 1989.

## More changes on Greene



The Greene Ave. building that houses SoxBox and Kathryn Osborne Design lost some of its façade May 11. It is pictured here on May 12.

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**'More work to do': Lulham**

# Search for SW dog run faces many challenges

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's plan to seek guidance from a specialist on suitable locations for a new dog run in the southwest sector is proving more challenging than first thought, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week.

While the proposed locations would then lead to a survey of residents by a polling firm, Lulham said she had discussed the matter with council at its general committee meeting May 5 "and I still have some work to do."

She declined to say what this entailed but added that "I'm hoping to have solutions soon."

Lulham, whose commissionership in Parks and Sustainability includes dog issues, noted there were many complications and criteria involved in trying to find a place in the southwest that was large enough and far enough away from residences to prevent annoyance from barking and voices.

While both she and the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) had pro-

posed a couple of spots in Westmount Park last year, the park remains a challenge because it is "already carved up" for multiple purposes, she said.

Lulham reported at the May 5 council meeting that she had attended a founding meeting of the revitalized Westmount Dog Owners' Association (WDOA) April 28 and encouraged dog owners to sign up through a link on [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

She later told the *Independent*, however, that the WDOA would not be asked to make input into the city's questions for the poll.

In the meantime, she had been visiting dog parks in the US and Canada "in my off-time" during her travel for other business purposes and was collecting ideas. She was especially impressed by some in highly congested areas of Vancouver.

## Atwater Library hosts Gollner, Quist of Blue Met



Montreal author Adam Leith Gollner and Alberta-based writer Jennifer Quist discussed their latest books during a Lunchtime Series event held at the Atwater Library on May 1 as part of the Blue Metropolis Literary Festival. Leith Gollner's *The Book of Immortality* won the Quebec Writers' Federation's 2013 Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction, while Quist's *Love Letters of the Angels of Death* has been praised by critics nationally and internationally.

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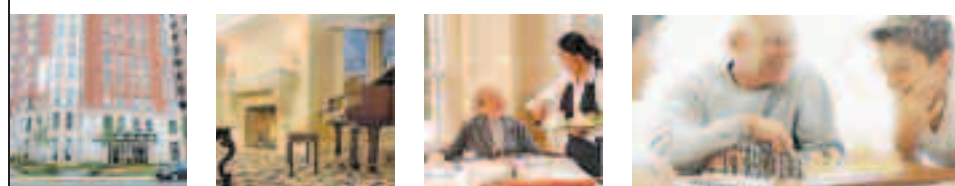


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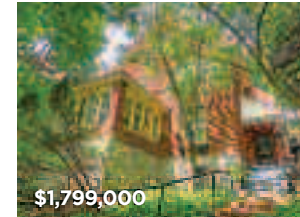
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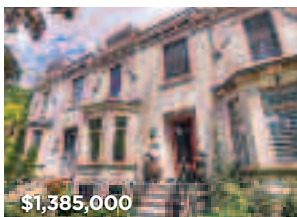
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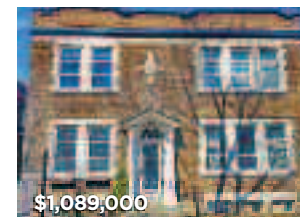
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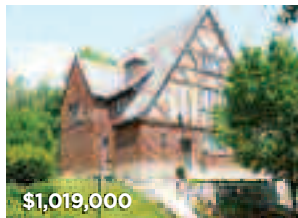
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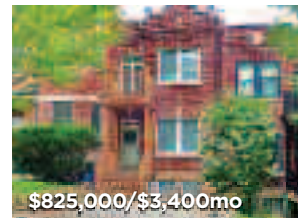
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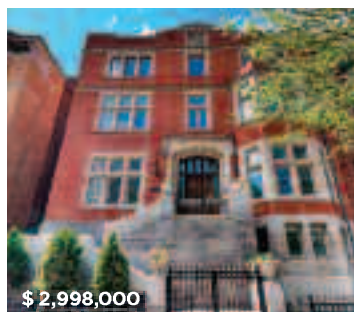
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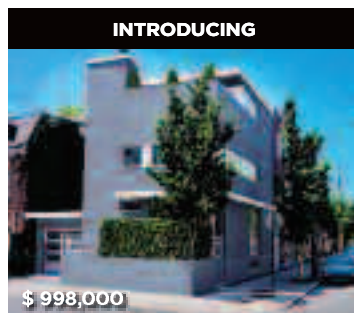
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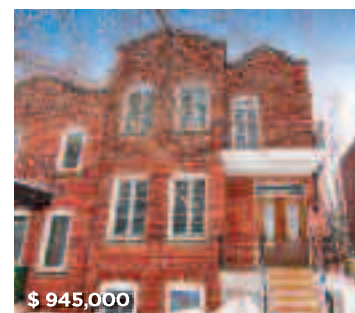
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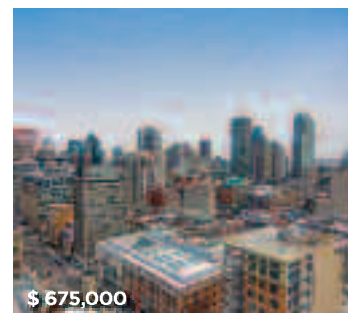
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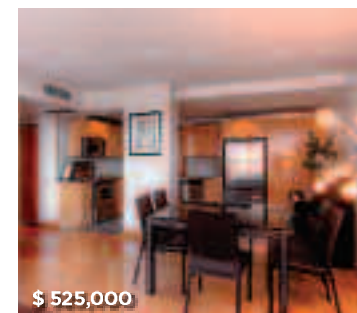
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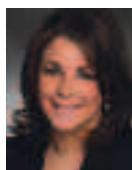
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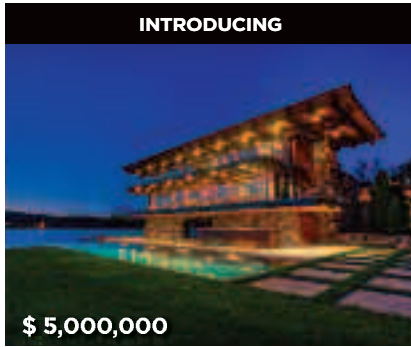


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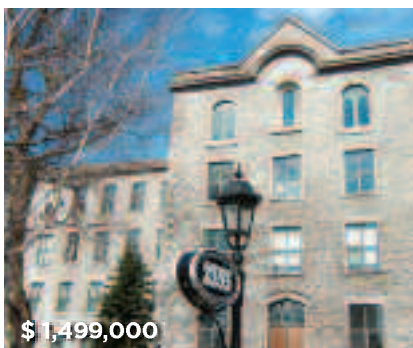


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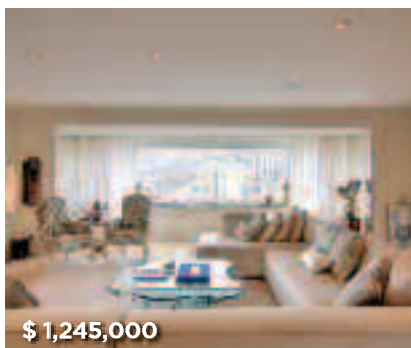
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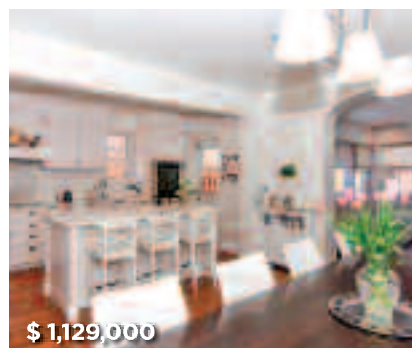
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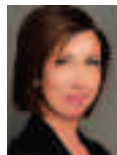
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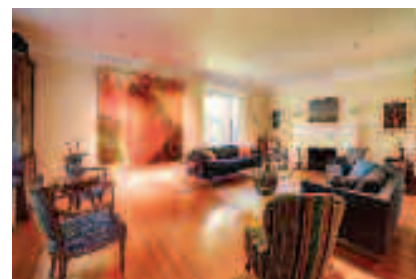
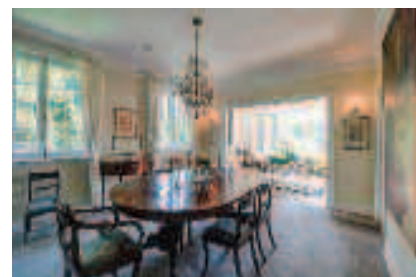
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Gala co-chairs, from left: Karen Anderson, Catherine Turner, Nathalie Andrade and Christina Miller.

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The event was a fundraiser and information session, including inspirational speeches and a video on 13 ECS students' visit in February to the Dominican Republic to help the Mariposa Foundation

launch its new centre for girls.

"It's all about 21st-century education and globalization," said director of communications and marketing Holly Potter, "and how ECS will give girls the tools and access to think, dream and go global."

The evening raised \$175,000, part of which will be supporting a full scholarship for a student to attend Free the Children's Kisaruni Girls Secondary School in Kenya.



Four of the students who went on ECS' community service trip to the Dominican Republic, from left: Grace Beattie, Rosetta Cammalleri, Sierra Whittall and Sophie Waxlax. Photos courtesy of ECS/Abbie Perkins.

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## Dine visits Westmount



From left, Helen Bellefeuille, Jim Dine and Jacques Bellefeuille.

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Legendary pop artist Jim Dine was in Westmount on May 8 to attend the opening of his new solo exhibition at Galerie de Bellefeuille. A renowned painter, sculptor and engraver, Dine first exhibited at the Greene Ave. gallery in 2009, an event described by Helen Bellefeuille as a “dream come true.” Dine first made headlines in the late 1950s with his legendary New York “Happenings.” He also exhibited with

Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein at the famous 1962 show *New Painting of Common Objects*. Held at the Norton Simon Museum in California, this exhibition established the American pop art movement. Since then, he has held approximately 300 solo exhibitions worldwide. This exhibition, his second at the gallery and his second in Canada, continues until May 21 at 1367 Greene Ave.



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# Girls in the Hood comes to Westmount 'hood

By STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

On Saturday, May 17 girls and young women from across Montreal will gather at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre for Girls of the Hood, a conference organized "by girls for girls" whose aims include showcasing neighbourhood community projects that overcome economic barriers and inspiring marginalized girls and young women to find promising careers.

A group of CEGEP-aged girls from Dawson, Vanier and Marianopolis worked with the Atwater Library's Digital Literacy Project and liaised with the community groups to design the conference, said Cassie Jones, a Dawson student and Trafalgar alumna who helped put together Girls of the Hood.

"It's a girl-led initiative that captures the imagination of young girls, especially those who are marginalized or may not know what they want to do and inspire them by showcasing amazing women in various fields," Jones said.

"I think it's a nice combination of community groups as well as academics as

well as youth from across Montreal," she said. "It brings together such vital parts of the Montreal community to speak about issues that face women and the economy."

The conference's four panels are Re-envisioning the World through Activism and Art, Entrepreneurial Women, Women in Technology, and Women in Alternative or Non-Traditional Careers, which along with a keynote address from Mélanie Joly, aim to appeal to the wider public. Panelists include Evelyne Côté, who programs the Osheaga music festival and "PhD coder types," who know about technology first hand, Digital Literacy project coordinator Eric Craven said. But ideas for the panels came from the needs expressed by community groups that partner with the Digital Literacy Project.

An initiative of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, the Digital Literacy Project works with community groups and schools to use creative digital technologies.

"A lot of participants are going to be people from our other outreach," Craven said, noting that many of the girls and young women have never met before.

"That's one of the exciting things, community groups from across the city who are doing amazing work are congregating at the Atwater Library for this project," Jones said. "It will be really nice to see everyone networking, sharing what they've done and accomplished over the course of this year through the project."

"The conference is for everybody and it's focused on what the CEGEP girls thought would be a cool conference based on a needs assessment we did on those themes," Craven said. "We had to study their economic needs, come up with programming that they wanted and turn that programming into something, a project that they themselves wanted to do."

For instance, in working with the



Sofia Guerrieri, a facilitator with the Atwater Library's Digital Literacy Project stands beside a poster promoting Girls of the Hood.

Young Parents' Program, "what we uncovered with them is that, as young parents, ... [it's] not that they don't have planning skills. They don't have space in their head to even imagine planning," Craven said. "So we adapted materials for brainstorming and making lists and seeing who you know who has access to different kinds of talents or resources. As a result, on May 2 the young women held a photo-voice art exhibition at a local café to fundraise for a camping trip.

At Trafalgar, where the project completed a unit on the glass ceiling, a woman did "a cool anti-oppression style workshop talking about privilege," Craven said. "Those girls are learning they actually have a lot of privilege and they may actually be the people who are hiring people later on their lives. They see how different types of classes, races work together and they made media about what they learned in their classes."

Girls of the Hood takes place May 17 from 9:30 am to 5 pm at the Atwater Library. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For childcare arrangements, contact Craven in advance at [dlp@atwaterlibrary.ca](mailto:dlp@atwaterlibrary.ca)

## PSOs assist injured man at 3:28 am

A man described as a vagrant was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé April 30 after he was found at 3:28 am with lacerations on the face, knees and wrist at St. Catherine and Clarke, Public Security officials said. Public safety officers assisting him reported he was on his knees on the sidewalk claiming to have been attacked and beaten by someone using a beer bottle.

Inebriated, he passed out before being able to provide more information.

## Tractor replaced by wheelbarrow on Saturday

A landscape contractor was found using a small tractor to move earth from one end of a property to another on Sydenham May 3, Public Security officials said. He was advised of the city by-law prohibiting use of heavy equipment on Saturday, as well as Sunday, and agreed to use a wheelbarrow instead.

A neighbour had complained at 3:36 pm.

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## A second wind at 13 years



Blanko is a gorgeous little chihuahua longing for a wonderful retirement home. This 13-year-old gentleman found himself abandoned and left homeless by a family who believed that he was too old to love anymore. Although he may be in his senior years, his heart still yearns with love for someone with whom he hopes to spend his final years.

Although 13 may seem an intimidating age, chihuahuas tend to have fairly long life spans, and shelter workers have observed that Blanko is still very much in his prime. He is also neutered, vaccinated and had recent dental work. Blanko is in great shape and ready for his new family. He is still quite spunky and has a very happy-go-lucky nature. Blanko is always ready and willing to take leisurely walks, and is also perfectly happy sleeping next to you as you read or watch TV. Nap-time will guarantee you a good chuckle when you see his tiny



little legs twitch as he dreams.

Although Blanko was abandoned as a senior, we are certain that he will now have the chance to meet the perfect family that he has long been waiting for. If you would like to know more about Blanko, please contact Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions by email at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org) or page 514.203.9180. For more misfits needing homes, visit us at [underdogclub.org](http://underdogclub.org).

### Martin, cont'd. from p. 1

or against."

Just as he did not want to rubber stamp items that came up, he also felt he would require additional briefing on the usual Public Works tenders and other items related to his commissionership in that field that he might want to explain publicly.

### Agenda takes an hour to review

Councillor Rosalind Davis, who also tried without success to download the agenda over the weekend, said she had had to make time on Monday to brief her-

## Close garage doors, Public Security

Residents are reminded to close garage doors after two were found open a day apart by overnight patrollers, Public Security officials said.

One on Victoria north of Westmount Ave. was spotted May 4 at 4:25 am. Another on Upper Belmont was discovered May 5 at 1:48 am.

An open door provides an opportunity for theft and someone to snoop or even to break into the house if the garage is connected by an interior door, explained director Greg McBain.

self on the agenda, which normally takes her at least an hour to review.

Mayor Peter Trent said he offered to delay the meeting half an hour to give Martin time to read through the agenda. He also said he understood it had initially been available for download on the Thursday prior to the weekend but a problem had arisen the next day after posting a change.

"In the future, we are to receive the agenda by 5 pm on Thursdays," he said. Trent has long advocated for earlier receipt of agenda material.

Last week's list of building permits for council approval, for instance, were submitted only at the end of the meeting as a new business item.

Martin said that when he had heard ahead of time that they would not be included due to the timing of a Planning Advisory Committee meeting, he had asked that they be included nevertheless so that property owners would not have their renovation projects further delayed.

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## Amber and Emma Rose, friendship and loss



Our rescue mother cat Amber has lost her best friend Emma Rose, our rescue puppy dog.

Amber came to us as a foster with newborn kittens and once the kittens were a bit older, we could honestly say to adoptive families that the kittens were used to dogs since they had grown up with Emma Rose, our rescue Doberman who loved them like her own.

Cats and dogs, in many families we have both. There is a surprising blur that becomes quite hilarious: dog behaviours observed in cats and weird cat behaviors observed in dogs.

In my home, they all snoozed together, in one big group, in their blankets. So, in my home now, there is great loneliness as Emma Rose is no longer there to keep them entertained and keep them warm.

Also, on the street, neighbours are stopping me when they see me without her to



find out what has happened and to lift my spirits a bit. We share sadness on the loss of a wonderful young dog whose life has been cut short by illness.

Other pet owners have also shared their stories of loss with me, and it is touching to hear how loved their cats and dogs were.

Yet, through the fog, we remember that another rescue needs a good home and a loving family, so we reach out and take in a needy homeless pet who will have the privilege of sleeping in the bed, eating in the bowls and sometimes wearing the collar and leash of a dearly departed friend.

If you would like to share your thoughts about your pet and your loss, you can always write me at [lysflow@gmail.com](mailto:lysflow@gmail.com).

Your neighbour,

LYSANNE

### WRC café, cont'd. from p. 1

pool deck for the summer season, city director general Duncan Campbell said last week.

The two suppliers that had submitted café proposals opened March 20 were Subway and Deli-Snack Inc., which currently supplies the WRC vending machines and operates the concession at the Hampstead pool. The city's selection committee, using a bid-weighting and evaluation system, awarded both proposals a score "inferior to 70," the minimum number the city would accept.

Campbell said the city had not specified hours of operation for the café and was leaving that up to the concessionaire to determine. The objective was to serve users of the arena and pool rather than to set up a commercial "neighbourhood café" that would generate more traffic. The city also wants to serve food that is above the level of typical arena or canteen-type food, he explained.

Councillor Patrick Martin, of the WRC steering committee, said the bare-kitchen approach had been adopted to allow service providers the flexibility of being able to operate in a kitchen system they may have already established. "That was the plan. It was an honourable attempt that just didn't work out."

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## Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Westmount Municipal Association AGM, Victoria Hall, 7 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

City Perennial Plant Exchange, Conservatory courtyard, drop-off of plants 4:30 pm to 6 pm, exchange 6 to 6:30 pm, sale 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Interlink Choir, a joint initiative of Contactivity Centre and Westmount Park School, performs to celebrate the school's 100th anniversary. Westmount Park School, 15 Park Place. Free. Info: 514.932.2326. 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

"Honeybees: Tales from the Hive" by Alexandre McLean, co-founder of Alvéole Montreal. Westmount Public Library, 7 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

*Ben Hur* (1925), the classic silent film accompanied by live musicians. \$9. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. 7 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Complete sonatas for harpsichord and violin by J. S. Bach performed by RedOwl.

Free. Westmount Park United Church, 4695 Maisonneuve . 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Start of four-day open house at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, adjacent to city hall. 6 pm to 9 pm. Also May 29 and 30 (same times) and Saturday, May 31, 9 am to 3 pm.

*The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon, presented by Dramatis Personae. Lodge Room of Victoria Hall. Donation of \$10 requested. 7:30 pm. Also Saturday, May 31 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Sunday, June 1 at 2

pm and Monday, June 2 at 8 pm.

ONGOING:

Contactivity Centre walking group for 60+. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 am. Meet at the Greene Ave. entrance to Westmount Square. Free. Info: 514.932.2326, karen.evoy@gmail.com

*Please send your events in the above format by Friday at 2 pm to cu@westmountindependent.com.*



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### AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

#### À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES

**AVIS PUBLIC** est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande du propriétaire du bâtiment situé au **88, avenue Church Hill** pour un permis de démolition et un programme de remplacement dudit bâtiment.

Ce projet n'implique pas la démolition complète de la maison, mais plutôt une modification à un immeuble de catégorie 1\*, ce qui, selon la définition du règlement, constitue une démolition et doit, par conséquent, être assujéti à la démarche régissant les démolitions à Westmount. Ce projet consiste en l'ajout d'un solarium sur la façade ouest de la bâtisse.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de permis de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés au bureau de la directrice du Service de l'aménagement urbain, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Toute personne qui veut s'opposer à la démolition, doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l'avis public ou, à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l'affichage de l'avis sur l'immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition motivée à la greffière de la Ville à l'adresse ci-après.

De plus, chaque personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée ou présenter toute autre proposition, doit également le faire, par écrit, dans cette période de dix (10) jours, à la greffière à l'adresse suivante :

Services juridiques et greffe  
Ville de Westmount  
4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2

Toute personne qui aura déposé auprès du greffe, une opposition motivée ou fait une proposition par écrit à l'intérieur de ce délai, sera avisée de la date, de l'heure et du lieu de la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition et le « programme préliminaire » pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront étudiés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité de démolition au cours de cette séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 13 mai 2014.

### NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application from the owner of the building located at **88 Church Hill Avenue** for a demolition permit and for the replacement program of the building.

This project does not involve the total demolition of the house, but involves the modification of a Category 1\* building which, as per the by-law definition, constitutes a demolition and must therefore be submitted to Westmount's procedure regulating demolitions. This project consists of the addition of a one storey sunroom on the west façade of the building.

All relevant documents concerning this demolition application, including plans, may be consulted at the Office of the Director of Urban Planning located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A person wishing to oppose the demolition must do so by writing to the City Clerk, giving the reasons for objecting, within 10 days of publication of the public notice or, failing such notice, within 10 days following the posting of the notice on the immovable concerned, at the address mentioned below.

Likewise, any person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition or make any other comment in this regard must also do so, in writing, to the City Clerk, within that period of ten (10) days, at the following address:

Legal Services and City Clerk's Office  
City of Westmount  
4333 Sherbrooke Street West  
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Any person who has filed, in writing, objections or comments with the City Clerk, within the specified delay, shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the application for the demolition permit and the proposed "preliminary program" for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. These persons (or their representatives who have been duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Nicole Dobbie**  
Greffière adjointe/Assistant City Clerk

# Westmount waters run deep (and mysteriously)

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

More than 40 souls braved cold temperatures and rain May 4 for a Jane's Walk organized by the Westmount Historical Association (WHA).

Between May 2 and May 4, cities around the world held free, locally led walking tours in honour of urban activist and author Jane Jacobs.

The WHA's two-hour afternoon walks were held in English and French and explored the topic "Lost Waters: Where Are They Now?" The irony of standing in pouring rain to attend a talk about water amused participants, who held up umbrellas and donned rain gear. The groups toured Westmount Park, stopped at the Glen arch and met with Westmount District 1 city councillor Patrick Martin at the new Westmount recreation centre.

While water was the focus, WHA member Ruth Allan-Rigby, who led the English version of the walk, offered many anecdotes about Westmount history and WHA president Doreen Lindsay showed people photos and maps from the city's past.

Allan-Rigby said a movement is happening in cities to "daylight" rivers and other "lost" bodies of water that were used to develop sewer and drainage systems.

When Westmount Park was created the people of the town of Côte St. Antoine, Westmount's name at the time, set up an improvement committee. "They decided the appropriate way to honour Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee (in 1897) is that they would set up 16 acres of this area...to put together a public park," Allan-Rigby said. Various families, including the Murrys, gave up a part of this land, she said. "There were so many deep ravines. It was not good land for farming."

The park's early design featured its nat-

ural streams and ravines, Allan-Rigby said. In 1912, Westmount approached landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who developed Central Park in New York and Mount Royal Park, she said. "But he was too expensive for Westmount. So the second-best thing was we got a long, long letter from him. Six pages. Basically he said that the best thing for a park is to leave it in its natural state. As you see from the photographs, they really took that to heart and made a very rustic-looking park, but over the years it has changed."

### Sewers swallow streams?

As land between Côte St. Antoine and Sherbrooke was sold off for lots, around 1910 and 1912, sewers were put in to collect the water underground, Allan-Rigby said. Still, ensuring access to water for residents was important. "In the 1920s or so they made a paddling pond," said Allan-Rigby. "It's just in the corner there, they've still got it for kids today. We've got a picture of ladies in long dresses and some kids paddling."

Allan-Rigby said she and Lindsay were pleased to find mention of a swimming pool on a 1906 map and a photo of it. "It's a wooden construction," that would hardly meet today's safety standards, she said. "It's just proof of more water. I'm sure they had a genuine lagoon there at that point and they just used the pond."

Asked whether a river ran through Westmount Park, Allan-Rigby said "we can't get absolute proof. We feel sure there was. We have no secondary proof, but we've got water." Pointing out water in historical photographs of the park, Allan-Rigby said, "these we feel are natural lagoons." Lindsay said the park used to have a bridge and the ..... water that we see today is *continued on p. 21*

## Elkin turns 100



Rosetta Elkin, seated, who turned 100 on May 7, is seen here with her children, from left: Rabbi Douglas Elkin, Irene Lippor and Brahm Elkin.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

For Rosetta Elkin, a resident of the Place Kensington seniors' retirement residence on St. Catherine St., Mother's Day on May 11 was a double celebration.

Her three children and many friends held a party to mark her 100th birthday, which was a few days earlier on May 7.

Elkin was raised and went to school in Argyle Ave. She is also a long-time member of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, where she was married. Elkin was also at one time a very active supporter of the Girl Scouts movement.

The Shaar's rabbi emeritus Wilfred

Shuchat, accompanied by the Shaar's Rabbi Adam Scheier, dropped by Place Kensington for the birthday party and Shuchat spoke briefly.

"One hundred is the year before 101 - it's only a number," he told Elkin. "You make it meaningful. But we are here because of you, not because of the 100. And when you reach 110 it will be the same thing. We'll be here because of you and not just because of a number."

Shuchat also said that "if we had ten Rosetta Elkins, we'd have twice as good a congregation. I would extend to you every possible blessing. You've already given us plenty of blessings. We want to give some of them back to you."

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# Four caught climbing over top of hydro transformers

Four young men were found climbing onto a roof grill on top of electrical transformers at Hydro Westmount's substation in King George (Murray) Park April 29, Public Security officials said.

Hydro personnel had told them to get down after calling public safety officers to the scene at 1:15 pm.

Officers warned them of the risk of electrocution and followed up with their parents.

The four were identified as residents of east-end Montreal and NDG aged 17 and 18.

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## Dog owner finds traces of fire in Woods

Public Security officials said last week they were paying special attention to an off-path area in Summit Woods that appeared to have been frequented by someone lighting a small fire.

The discovery was made by a local dog owner who reported it to a foot patroller April 30 at 10:30 pm.

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### AVIS PUBLIC ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE DE CONSULTATION PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT 1466 MERCREDI, 4 JUIN 2014 - 19h

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES PAR LE PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1466 INTITULÉ « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE PLAN D'URBANISME DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT »

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par la soussignée, greffière adjointe de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

Lors de sa séance ordinaire tenue le lundi 5 mai 2014, le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount a adopté par résolution le projet de règlement n° 1466, intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE PLAN D'URBANISME DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT ».

Conformément à l'article 109.2 de la *Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme* (chapitre A-19.1), une assemblée publique de consultation aura lieu le **mercredi 4 juin 2014 à 19 h**, à la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2.

Cette assemblée publique de consultation a pour but d'expliquer le projet de règlement n° 1466 dont l'objet est de modifier le plan d'urbanisme de la Ville de Westmount afin de veiller à la préséance des usages commerciaux dans le secteur sud-est de la Ville, et ce, en modifiant le texte concernant le secteur sud-est et en remplaçant la carte no 2 montrant les grandes orientations d'aménagement, la carte no 6 montrant l'affectation du sol, ainsi que le tableau 1 : affectation du sol.

Au cours de cette assemblée, la personne qui préside expliquera le projet de règlement et les conséquences de l'adoption et de l'entrée en vigueur d'un tel règlement et entendra les personnes et organismes qui désirent s'exprimer.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter le projet de règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, Québec, pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 13 mai 2014.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DRAFT BY-LAW 1466 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED BY THE DRAFT BY-LAW 1466 ENTITLED "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE PLANNING PROGRAMME OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT"

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Westmount, of the following:

At its regular meeting held on Monday, May 5, 2014, the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount adopted by resolution draft by-law no. 1466, entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND THE PLANNING PROGRAMME OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**".

In accordance with section 109.2 of *An Act respecting Land use planning and development* (Chapter A-19.1), a public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2.

The purpose of this public consultation meeting is to explain the draft by-law no. 1466, the object of which is to modify the Planning Programme of the City of Westmount so as to ensure the prevailing commercial use in the South-East Sector of the City by modifying the text regarding the South-East sector and by replacing Map No. 2 showing the general aims of land development policy, Map No. 6 showing land use and Table 1: Land use.

During this meeting, the person presiding will explain the draft by-law and the consequences of the adoption and the coming into force of the by-law and will hear every person or body wishing to express an opinion.

Any interested person may consult the draft by-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk, at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Québec, this May 13, 2014.

Nicole Dobbie  
Greffière adjointe / Assistant City Clerk

## The birds, and the bees, and the squirrels



During his spring yard cleaning, our photographer found a nest with three young squirrels inside a patio furniture cushion. One had already crawled out of the nest, but these two were photographed and left in place to grow up, "two angel faces, one with a turned-up nose."

Photo: Ralph Thompson.

### Waters, cont'd. from p. 19

"piped in by the city but does follow the same old pathway."

#### Somerville ravine

"Does anybody live on Somerville?" Allan-Rigby asked. "Do you find that they have floods? We'll show you a picture because right under Somerville is a huge ravine."

Construction workers excavating for the new recreation centre discovered a pipe leading to an area of Westmount Park next to the Westmount Park United Church, Allan-Rigby said. "They went 10 metres down here and found a huge bit of sewer so they dug further down and they put two pumps into it and made it much larger and directed the water out to Lansdowne where the main drain is that would take in all the water." The area the workers excavated is now covered with asphalt and a new manhole is in place.

Allan-Rigby said a map shows a small stream running near and behind Westmount Park Church. She pointed out the new Westmount recreation centre has a retaining wall for heavy storms and storm

"Doreen, have you got that map that shows the water under Somerville?" Allan-Rigby asked Lindsay. "You can see then how much water was coming down into the Glen," she said of the Westmount streams that converged into one. The Glen received its name from early Scottish settlers, Allan-Rigby said "That's a Scottish term for a ravine of water."

At the Westmount recreation centre, Patrick Martin said at the turn of the previous century the site of the recreation centre was originally privately owned land. "It's the worst land in Westmount because it was all swampy ravines." Martin said private developers used "complete crap" to fill in the land to build houses, materials that were discovered during construction of the recreation centre, which is located 30 feet below ground, nearly the same depth as a ravine. "There were large department stores being built downtown like the Eaton building and the Bay and Birks and Ogilvy's etc. around 1900 or so," he said. "So they demolished houses downtown and the people here invited them to 'come and dump your crap in this ravine.' It was filled in with all kinds of junk, brick and wood."

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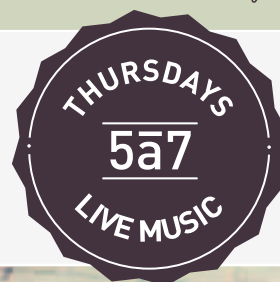
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# Centaur raises money with play and dance theatre



## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

As part of a fund-raising evening, Centaur theatre-goers recently enjoyed a sit-down dinner at the Bonaparte Restaurant before attending *4000 Miles*, a play by Amy Herzog, followed by a presentation of *Dance Me to the End ON/OFF Love*, an international dance theatre piece that celebrates the irresistible music of Leonard Cohen.

Guests were welcomed to the famed Parisian-style establishment in Old Montreal by Centaur's board members and staff.

Attending from the Centaur were **Roy Surette**, artistic and executive director, **Haleema Mini**, director of development and **Chuck Childs**, general manager.

Although it was a blustery early spring night, guests quickly warmed by the fireplace, happily basking in the heat from its hearth. Most ladies wore flats, the better to cope with the cobblestones of the historic streets of the area.

Guests noted included Westmounters **Angie and Tony Loffreda**, **Dana and Tom Velan**, **Beth Noel** and **Hartland Paterson**, chairman of the Centaur board, as well as **Peggie Hopkins** and **Fergus Keyes**, the evening's chair; **Hera Bell**, board member **Anthony Czaharyn**, **Andrea** and **Pierre Casgrain**, **Jo-Anne Strachan**, **Pat** and **Rhodri Harries**, **Mark Thompson**, **Klaris Vanliyan**, and **Freema Lander** and **Irving Ludmer**.

Bonaparte's marketing director **Michael Banks** assured a smooth soirée. White orchids sitting simply in glass bowls on the marble bar added a note of elegance to the evening, which raised \$13,000, which goes



Roy Surette and Chuck Childs.

towards producing theatre at the Centaur.

Porter Airlines was the sponsor, and lucky winner Stéphane Lefebvre, chief financial officer at CAE Inc., won the door prize of two tickets to anywhere Porter flies.

## Contractor ticketed \$1,250 for obstructing traffic

A contractor replacing a container at Alexis Nihon Plaza May 5 was noticed by a patroller to be obstructing traffic and blocking the already congested area on St. Catherine, Public Security officials said. The work at 1:50 pm involved pulling a full container out the building and replacing it with an empty one, all the while blocking cars parked at meters including a handicapped zone, and causing a dangerous situation. No permit had been obtained nor had a flagman or cones been used.



Michael Banks and Haleema Mini.



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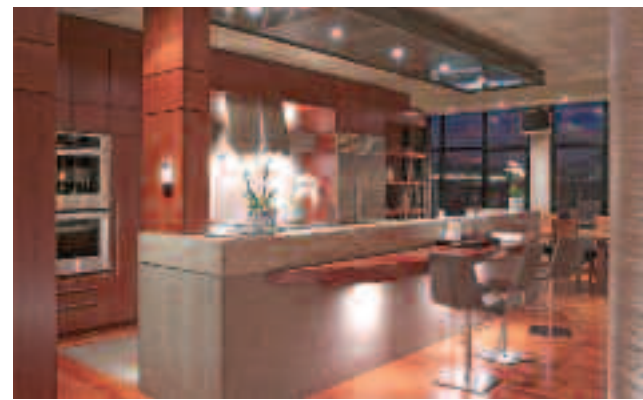
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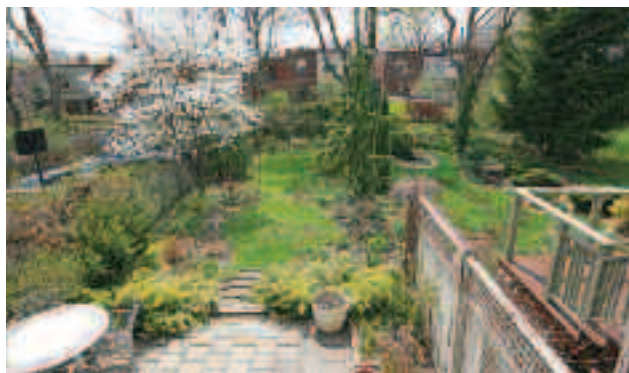
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