

Voter turnout 'disappointing:' mayor

Smith speaks to Plante, meets with councillors

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In her first functions as newly elected Westmount mayor, Christina Smith November 9 spoke with newly elected Montreal mayor Valérie Plante, who will chair the island-wide agglomeration.

"We had a very positive conversation by phone in which she said she will be willing to work with the suburban mayors in a collaborative approach," Smith said. "It's early days and we're going to sit down together as soon as possible. I talked about the need to make changes to the aggro and

about Westmount as a neighbour of NDG."

Interestingly, Smith noted, both she and Plante are the same age: 43.

Smith said she was also "trying to set up a meeting as soon as possible with [new Côte des Neiges-NDG borough mayor] Sue Montgomery, since we share a common border with NDG."

On the home front, Smith has been starting to meet with members of the new council to discuss commissionerships and possibly rejig these roles to reflect the individual backgrounds of the councillors.

She said naming a Finance commissioner was a priority in order to expedite the final

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A quiet assembly to mark Remembrance Day

A large crowd quietly assembled in front of the cenotaph before 2 pm November 12 to mark Remembrance Day. More photos, p. 3.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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Two Zambonis in, two out in WRC crane operation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In an operation that involved a crane and several flat-bed trucks November 1, the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) replaced its two older Zambonis that had resurfaced the underground ice rinks since their opening four years ago.

Coordinated by Public Works, the undertaking required closing off de Maison-neuve east of Lansdowne so the Zambonis could be hoisted up and down through the

WRC's ventilation shaft at the corner opposite Westmount Park Church.

"It was impressive," said Andrew Maislin, Sports and Recreation's operations manager. "There was about a foot clearance on either side."

Since the shaft is the only way the machines can access the underground rinks, the work required the removal of the steel grates over the top and the two steel beams that supported them,

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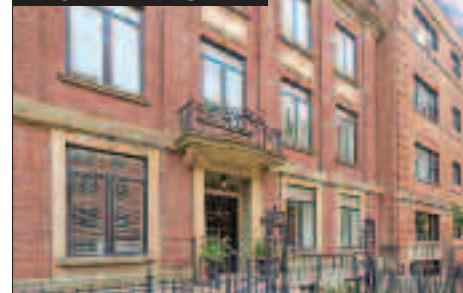
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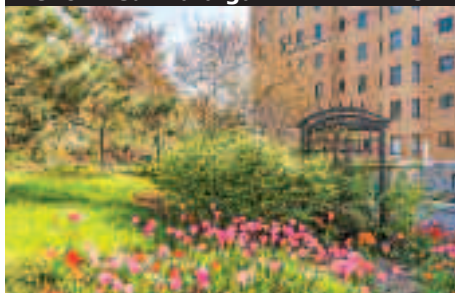
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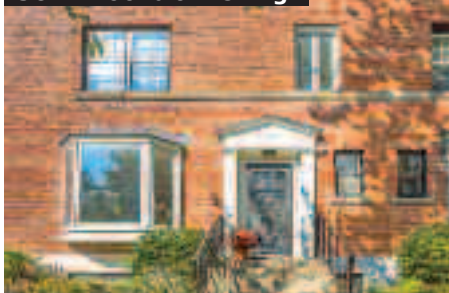
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Westmount marks Remembrance Day ceremony with exhibition

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A collection of war memorabilia was on display in city hall before the ceremony, including many newspaper clippings from wartime obituaries, among them "Westmount's Missing and Fallen." Many of these clippings were displayed side by side, with one reporting a missing soldier, the other a notice of the soldier's death.



Standing in silence.



Corporal Touchette, 6 Battalion, Royal 22 Regiment plays "The Last Post," followed by a minute of silence.

The city of Westmount's marking of Remembrance Day took place November 12 at 2 pm. People gathered at the cenotaph under an overcast sky and seasonal cool temperatures. An impressive line-up of military personnel were in attendance for the solemn ceremony. The master of ceremonies, Reverend Patrick Wheeler of St Matthias' Church, welcomed the assembly of several hundred people, including dignitaries, the newly elected city councillors and mayor, several older veterans and children. He introduced several speakers including Reverend Neil Whitehouse of Westmount Park United Church, who read the 23rd Psalm. Heather Barwick with the Girl Guides read John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields."



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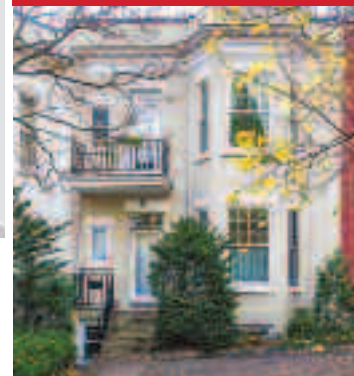


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Two candidates decry poster vandalism

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the aftermath of the election, mayoral candidate Patrick Martin said he had had a total of 44 posters stolen and another 11 defaced out of a total 160 hung. "I think it's disgusting," he said.

He had reported it by phone to Public Security, asking that patrollers be on the lookout for election vandalism, he said.

He wasn't the only one who contacted the *Independent* about it. Cynthia Lulham said 100 of her posters in District 7 had been either torn down completely or "ripped so as to be no longer visible." And all were done in the same fashion.

She said she had initially put up about 100 and had gone out of town. On her return, most were destroyed. She put up an-

other 25, some of which were also vandalized. She said she went to local police Station 12 to file an official report.

"I think it's shameful. I would never touch another person's posters," she added.

Lulham said she believed other candidates had actually had posters removed by authorities from around the advance polling station at Victoria Hall when candidates had not respected a map sent to them by the city's returning officer showing a much wider restricted area than usual. It went as far as away as Melville and Academy Rd.

"Those that weren't taken down by the candidates were removed by Public Security" and, she added, the trunk of the returning officer's car "was full of them."

Councillor training begins

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stages of the 2018 budget.

Smith also said Westmount's election turnout rate of 42.2 percent was "disappointing." Even though it rose above the 31 percent rate in the 2009 and 2013 elections, increases in participation are expected when a mayoral race is involved.

Voter turn-out

Of the city's 14,386 eligible voters, 6,025 valid votes were cast and 51 so-called spoiled ballots were rejected.

Westmount's rate was generally on par with 42.5 in the city of Montreal and in line within a couple of points recorded by a few neighbouring municipalities such as Côte St. Luc (43.9), Pointe Claire (44.1) and Beaconsfield (45.7). By contrast, however, Baie d'Urfé recorded a rate of 61.2 percent.

Smith said she would like to see a voter demographic for Westmount since it was still a challenge to get "younger people" out to the polls.

Swearing in to precede inaugural meeting

The city's new council was to be sworn in November 13 immediately before its first regular meeting but after the *Inde-*

pendent's press time.

Earlier in the day, the council was expected to be given its first training session. This one, Smith said, would focus on the roles and responsibilities of councillors and their relationships vis-à-vis the administration, "including being mindful of elected officials not getting 'into the kitchen.'"

She hopes a second training will take the form of a "tour de ville," in which councillors are taken around to the various departments and introduced to the staff and operations on the site.

In terms of the election results, Smith said she recognizes that some of the new councillors had been elected on specific district issues but said she plans to work "in a collaborative way" with everyone.

While women swept into key leadership positions in Montreal, Westmount had already preceded the trend in 1987 by electing its first woman, May Cutler, as mayor.

In 2013, it also elected its first predominantly female council (see "Women take council majority," November 5, 2013, p. 6).

After the recent election, the balance of councillors remains weighted 5 to 3 in favour of women but now with the addition of Smith as mayor.

Veteran and neophyte weigh in

Two campaigners reveal their recipes for success

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

What does it take to run for city council – and win? A lot of organization, knocking on doors and face-to-face contact with potential electors, agreed two newly elected councillors interviewed last week on their experiences in very different geographic and demographic districts.

One, Cynthia Lulham ran for her seventh term on council in her congested District 7 neighbourhood bordering the tracks. She won with a comfortable majority.

The other, Anitra Bostock, campaigned for the District 1 seat on the top of the mountain long known as a difficult and spread-out terrain to cover. For her first effort, she won by four votes.

Both focussed largely on the door-to-door interactions with residents at which Bostock as a new campaigner said she grew more comfortable the more homes she called at.

This is not only informative to the voter

but also to the candidate, Lulham, explained. “I find it very energizing to speak to so many people,” she said. One year that she was acclaimed and didn’t go door-to-door, she said, made her feel “kind of lost because I didn’t get to hear people’s concerns.”

This year, she also believes the role played by social media affected results. It provided a “word-of-mouth” aspect, and her website was referred to some people within the district by others who lived elsewhere.

Tracking her visits

Over the years, Lulham has developed a system whereby she tracks every home, who she speaks to and any special follow-up required.

“So many people welcomed me into their home and one super lady volunteered to work for me at one of the polls,” she said. “It’s important when you go door to door to know the issues well,” she said

adding, “Know the city budget and have attended council meetings.”

Lulham said she went to every door except for a few small apartment blocks where she couldn’t get in. And her district had 1,909 eligible voters of whom 773 cast ballots.

Bostock said she also valued residents’ gripes and concerns, learning how they were generally worried about their public security that included the dangers of marijuana use by drivers resulting from new legislation legalizing its use.

More French books

“One person told me the only thing she wanted was more French books at the library,” which Bostock said she was going to look into.

“One vote is all it can take to make a difference,” she pointed out. In her case, winning by four votes could have meant just one family, she said. So she was pleased she had *continued on p. 9*

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TURCOT MEETING

Concerning the article “Turcot half completed, but major demolition coming to Westmount’s southern border” (October 24, p. 12), covering the “Comité de bon voisinage” on October 16, I want to add some details that were missed.

Originally, the next “Comité” was supposed to be held on December 9 in NDG, but was changed to November 28 in Westmount. This change was made due to our request that residents of Westmount should have the opportunity to be informed and express their concerns concerning the demolition of the 720 westbound. Basically, if you can see the highway from your window like me, imagine having jackhammers instead of cars.

Another point that was missed was that KPH-Turcot confirmed it will be using the same schedule as they did for the demolition the 720 eastbound, which includes jackhammers being operational during the weekend until 11 pm.

Additionally, it has almost been a year since we heard that the highway will not be lowered south of District 7, and we have not received any confirmation when the court hearing will be held on the injunction demanding the construction of a

sound barrier.

The clock is ticking, and we are losing our window to build the barrier on the highway, which is the ideal solution. After that, it will be an uphill challenge.

As the article mentioned, our neighbours from Montreal West attended the meeting because they have been feeling left out of the process and are currently living through what we will be feeling for the next two years of the project. The next meeting located at Westmount city hall on November 28 at 7 pm will be dedicated to our area and will cover the impact of sound and vibration, as well as a major traffic issue due to the closure of the Fort and Lucien L’Allier entrances [to the 20 westbound] as traffic will be diverted into our area.

I hope to see you there and hear your questions expressing the importance of protecting our quality of life.

MICHAEL MOSSOP, COLUMBIA AVE.
AND CITIZEN-MEMBER OF TURCOT GOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
NDG-WESTMOUNT

COUNTING VOTES
PRESENTED CHALLENGES

In my capacity as returning officer, I would like to congratulate all those who

participated in the municipal election of November 5. Whether you participated as a candidate, a member of the electoral staff or an elector, you all contributed in making this past election a historical one. The participation rate, at 42.2 percent, was the highest since the 1990s.

Alas, there is a downside to everything. While 21 candidates had hoped to be elected so as to serve their community, only nine will have this honour. I believe that most Westmounters would join me in thanking all candidates for running and debating various issues. As a result, they made those who won more aware of what truly matters to Westmounters.

This past election, given its magnitude, brought with it a number of new challenges, including requiring 45 polling subdivisions, a large electoral staff and 12,152 ballots to be counted. Most of these challenges were tackled splendidly, thanks in large part to my staff. However, some were, unfortunately, not.

Should the next municipal election be similar to this past election, one of my recommendations will be to hold the advance poll in two different locations. Each district could then have two polling subdivisions (tables) and District 5 could have three polling subdivisions, with one dedicated to the subdivision in which the Manoir Westmount is located. These residents were forced to wait in line, in some cases for a long time, on October 29, and, for this, I sincerely apologize.

In response to the negative comments that were reported in the *Independent* of November 7 regarding the wait time for the election results on November 5 (“Smith elected, will lead a council of 6 first-time councillors,” p. 1), this was due to Westmount having, for the first time since 2005, a mayoral race. With 12,152 ballots to count, compared to only 3,308 in 2009 and 3,241 in 2013, results inevitably took longer to become available. With the exception of Districts 2 and 3, each polling subdivision had to count two separate sets of ballots – one for the mayor and one for the councillor. Furthermore, unlike the city of Montreal, which was able to begin counting the advance poll ballots as of 6 pm, we had to wait until 8 pm to count these ballots, which were significant in number. Finally, we were also slowed down by the fact that, as was explained, our website was unable to support thousands of people refreshing the results webpage at the same time.

Four years from now, should the election resemble that of 2017, the returning officer will benefit from the knowledge that we

gained during this election.

In closing, I wish to thank Westmounters once again for coming out to vote and say a special thank-you to my team, most notably Ms. Kenza Bouhaddi, Ms. Morgannis Graham and Mtre Nicole Dobbie, for all their hard work, as the success we had is also theirs.

Westmount, in four years, we will be ready to do it again, if you are!

MARTIN ST-JEAN, RETURNING OFFICER,
AND DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES AND
CITY CLERK, CITY OF WESTMOUNT

WOMAN-POWER

After the polls closed on November 5 and Westmounters had spoken, it quickly became apparent that the results were overwhelmingly in favour of women.* The biggest surprise was Rosalind Davis’s upset by Conrad Peart in District 4 by 125 votes. Otherwise it would have been a clean sweep by women.**

As the saying goes, “One should never underestimate the power of a woman.”

Christina Smith won 3,619 votes, almost double the 1,878 Patrick Martin received, with Beryl Wajzman trailing at 528. I believe Ms. Smith’s overall campaign strategy was responsible for her victory.

In retrospect, there did not seem to be a clear winner at the October 25 mayoral debate, even though each candidate had valid platforms. They distributed flyers, hung posters all around town, responded to interviews and made the odd appearance at Westmount’s usual watering holes, hoping this would be enough to somehow captivate the interest of the constituents.

In contrast, Christina Smith walked the extra mile. She literally hit the streets, reaching out to people almost on a daily basis. She attended many events, making herself very visible. Most importantly, she mobilized small groups of women to create mini-meetings to discuss the city’s issues and network on her behalf. They in turn inspired others to also volunteer time and effort to network and garner support for her. Word spread. This chain reaction continued and gained momentum. Personally, I was approached to join the circle on four separate occasions.

At the polling station where I worked on November 5, although not mandatory, Ms. Smith was the only candidate to ensure that throughout the day there was always at least two of her representatives present to monitor the voting process. At my table, only one other candidate’s representative showed up, and he stayed only two hours.

The message certainly came through that she

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cares for her city and its people. Quietly tenacious, she conducted an amazing campaign, so she deserved to win. The power of women was truly at work this election if one is to also add Valérie Plante's win in Montreal.

In the meantime, I wish our new mayor Christina Smith continued success and all the best, as well as to all the councillors, especially the women. Praise is also merited for all the women who volunteered time towards her campaign. Work well done, ladies.

ANDREA KLEIN, KENSINGTON AVE.

*Editor's notes: * Readers might be interested to learn a few more facts about women in political positions in Westmount. The number of women on this current council – six including the mayor – is a new high (beating a previous high of five, which was obtained in the previous council), but expressed as a percentage (67%) it ties Westmount's representation (Karin Marks, Cynthia Lulham and John de Castell) during Westmount's years as a borough of Montreal (2002-5). (The borough had only two councillors.) Also, before this election, Westmount had chosen a woman over a man (or men) as its municipal leader three times: May Cutler over Brian Gallery (1987), Marks over Richard McConomy and Lucien Parent (2001, to be "president," later "mayor," of the borough), and Marks over Gerald Glass (2005). This council is the second time that women have outnumbered men as councillors, the first being 2013. The first woman to sit on council was Muriel Kaplan (via interim election by the "aldermen," as councillors were then known, in 1977) and then by acclamation in the general election of 1979.*

*** Even if Davis had won, there still would have been men on council, given the victories by acclamation of Philip Cutler and Jeff Shamie.* – KM

NEW COUNCIL SHOULD FIND PARKING SOLUTIONS IN D7

The article "Permits, 'transparency,' approach questioned at councillor candidate debate" (October 24, p. 6-7) reported a

heated exchange between a citizen and an incumbent councillor. The citizen was told that neighbours were complaining because of where he parked. The citizen in question has the right to park in any zone that permits blue stickers (Zone A)

In this case, the citizen should not have been publically scolded for what he is legally allowed to do. The issue is that in District 7, parking is very hard to find and this is something that council should address in the new mandate.

The other issue mentioned in the heated exchange was hedge growth. There are some hedges in Westmount that are so overgrown that two people cannot walk side by side without one person stepping into the street. Taxpayers have every right to navigate sidewalks without having to step into the street to avoid growth from private property.

NIGEL GODDARD, IRVINE AVE.

BEEN AN HONOUR, EXCITED ABOUT 'NEW' MAYOR

It has been an honour to represent my fellow residents of District 4 for the last four years. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and thank them for having given me this opportunity.

One of my highlights was organizing the Canadian citizenship ceremony at the Westmount recreation centre to celebrate the 150th by welcoming new Canadians – a truly moving event I hope Westmount will continue every July 1.

The many committees that I have been on have allowed me to work with and get to know a lot of dedicated Westmounters and city employees. We are lucky to live in this city that is well run and cherished by so many.

I am very excited about Christina Smith's next four years as mayor of our city, and I know she will work for all of us.

Congratulations to Conrad Peart on becoming part of the team.

ROSALIND DAVIS, OUTGOING COUNCILLOR FOR DISTRICT 4

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

I wanted to send my sincerest gratitude to all those who supported me in my run for councillor in District 6 this municipal election. In my campaigning, I had the opportunity to meet many of you and to hear your terrific ideas for improving our city. I am still thrilled by the enthusiasm, commitment and passion shown by the many voters I encountered.

I would like to thank my family, and my daughter Jeanne for all her help in managing my run for council.

As a lifelong Westmounter, I cherish the relationships that weave our community together.

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JOANNE WALLACE, COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 6

DEAR PATRICK MARTIN

While your aspiration to serve as mayor was not realized, your campaign permanently changed the conversation in Westmount. No resident will ever think in the same way about infrastructure, taxes, transparency, renovation guidelines, permits and the whole idea of customer service from municipal employees. This discussion has floated around the periphery

for years, but it is now mainstream among all residents.

This is so important for the well being of our community. While the "machine" worked for the mayor, the impact of your campaign is readily seen in the greater number of new independent councillors.

There may have been only one "renewal" in the past, but there are several now. So your campaign, in many ways, was a big success. I hope that the city and its residents are able to continue, one way or another, to tap into your wisdom and expertise in the coming years. We certainly can use it.

Thank you for your contribution to the health of our city over the many years.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

OUTGOING D4 COUNCILLOR WAS COMMITTED

As residents of District 4, we should thank outgoing councillor Rosalind Davis for her hard work and devotion to the residents of our district during the last four years. Perhaps like no other resident, I was able to see how responsive she was to the many phone calls and emails that she received about a variety of issues. She always put great effort into trying to find a solution for the concerned resident. I know this, as I live with her.

Her commitment to continued on p. 19

I would like to thank all the Westmount residents who exercised their right to vote in our recent election. I am looking forward to working with our new Council on the challenges that lie ahead of us.

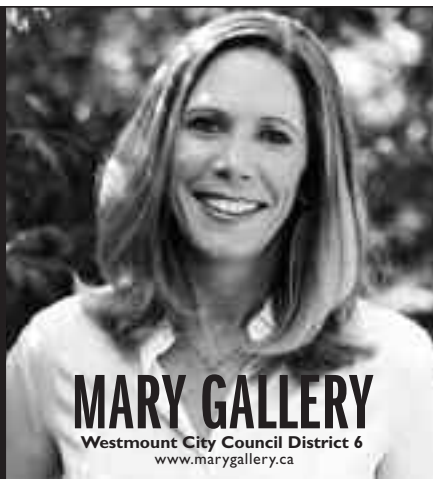
Je tiens à remercier tous les résidents de Westmount qui ont exercé leur droit de vote à notre récente élection et j'ai hâte d'aborder les défis devant nous avec notre nouveau conseil.

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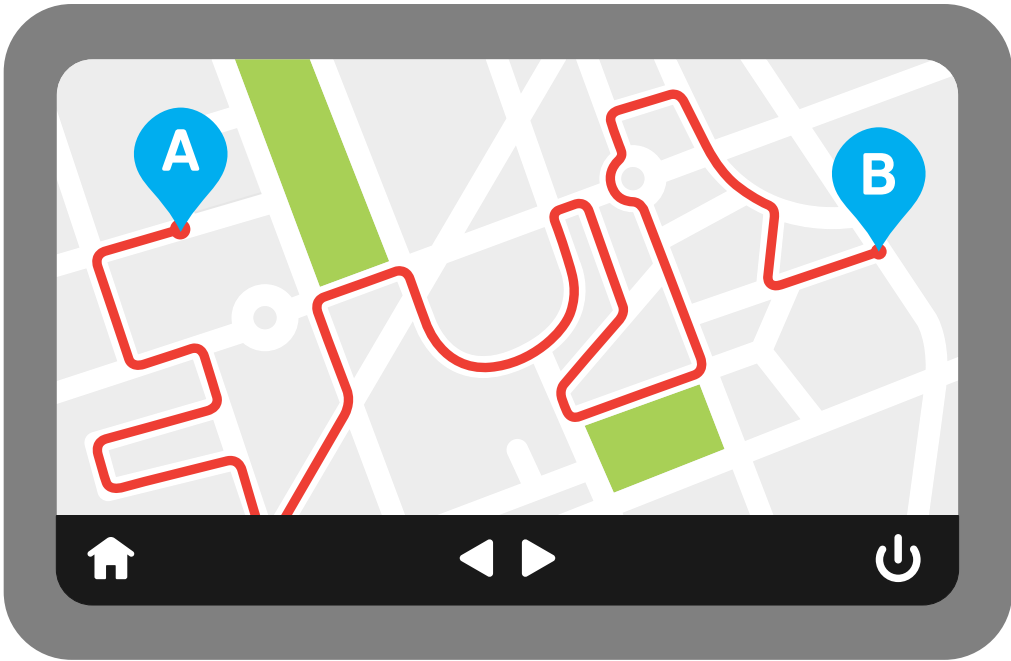
Thanks to all for your support and confidence in electing me to your City Council. Listening to you is my commitment ~ serving you will be my privilege.



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Campaigners cont'd. from p. 5

put a postcard through “every single door with the help of friends and had written hundreds of notes on [sticky notes] reminding people to vote.”

She said she met “a lot of housekeepers but I also met a lot of families, many who remembered me.” Bostock worked for 10 years for the city’s Sports and Recreation department and coached many young people, some of whom she met at the houses.

Bostock described how she had worked out a plan ahead of time, taking apart a *Lovell’s* directory and using Canada 411.

“On weekdays between 5 and 7 pm, I hit the streets like Upper Lansdowne where there are more houses in a small area.” Then she would canvass those harder to reach on the weekend.

“Yes. There were a lot of steps to climb,” she acknowledged. “I maxed out at 250,000.” Thanks to a phone app that counted her steps, she recorded about 20,000 to 30,000 a day, she said, adding “no wonder I’m tired!”

She said of 1,543 eligible voters, the turnout of 613 doubled that of the previous election in 2013. Noting the results on election night were a nail-biter, “I was definitely nervous,” she said, “but I felt I had fought a good clean fight.”

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Light standard knocked over in hit-run incident

A city Washingtonian light standard was completely knocked over at the base in a hit-and-run incident early October 29, Public Security officials said. They were notified by police at 4:59 am that a grey Mazda 6 reported damaged in the incident had been towed away from Westmount and NDG avenues. The driver appeared to have left the scene. He or she was believed to have driven very quickly around the curve at that location to have caused such damage. Even the base of the standard had been ripped out. Hydro Westmount crews were called to cut the live electrical wires at the base, which was covered with a cone.

Cars impede tree pruning work

Two cars parked in a tree-pruning zone on Grosvenor near de Maisonneuve November 1 ended up costing one owner a ticket for \$133, Public Security officials said. The car was already on the tow truck and the ticket written when the owner of the black Mercedes arrived on the scene. The owner of the second car was unable to start its engine and required a boost from the tow truck, for which he had a service charge to pay. The no-parking signs were reported to have been put up the night before. The city’s tree gang was reported to have been impeded in its work at 9 am.

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JOHN LITTLE’s first authorized exhibition in almost 40 years closes doors at Galerie Alan Klinkhoff Saturday, November 18th before heading to Klinkhoff’s Yorkville, Toronto gallery from November 23rd to December 9th. In his 90th year, John Little is the foremost Canadian Urban artist of the post WWII era.

“If we knock down all our old buildings and neighbourhoods, we’ll become a people without a past.” John Little told *Maclean’s* photographer Don Newlands in 1961.

The exhibition at Galerie Alan Klinkhoff pays tribute to Little’s unique painterly perspective. From the 1950s, John Little recognized the import of preserving our city’s heritage. While he was never an activist in the way of Jane Jacobs or Phyllis Lambert, Little is the only artist in Canada and conceivably in North America to have committed an entire career to the commemoration of downtown neighborhoods during this destructive period of urban renewal.

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John Little at the Alan Klinkhoff Gallery, Montreal.

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Online: www.klinkhoff.ca, info@klinkhoff.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, after having examined the complete results of the election, the following persons were declared elected to the offices mentioned below:

- ◆ Mayor: **Christina M. SMITH**
- ◆ Councillor of District 1: **Anitra BOSTOCK**
- ◆ Councillor of District 2: **Philip CUTLER**
- ◆ Councillor of District 3: **Jeff SHAMIE**
- ◆ Councillor of District 4: **Conrad PEART**
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Workers pack up their equipment November 1 after they had removed the two old Zambonis from the Westmount recreation centre through the large grid in the northwest corner of the grounds. They were replaced by two new Zambonis. “Time to update, like any vehicle. The new ones are more advanced and built stronger,” said Andrew Maislin, operations manager.

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Zambonis cont'd. from p. 1

The bike path was kept open during the operation except for intermittent closures. Maislin described the new ice resurfacing machines as “sleek, heavier-duty” electric models that replace the one electric Zamboni acquired when the rinks were opened and its gas-fired back-up. The difference between the old and new machines, he said, is like comparing an Oldsmobile to a Prius. “It was in our best interests to replace the older ones,” he explained. The Zambonis can’t be driven out for repairs and required refurbishment that could not be

done on site. The new ones are being rented on a three-year lease that includes maintenance. In this case, the city called for tenders for the rental of two “new ice resurfacers” maintenance included, for which the bid from Robert Beaulieu Inc. was approved at a cost of \$86,174 at the July 4 meeting of city council. The same supplier had sold the city the previous electric Zamboni in August 2013 for \$150,000. It was bought back along with the other one as part of the rental contract, according to Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

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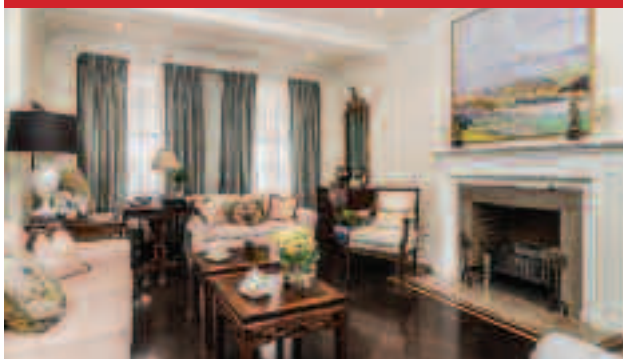
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Lexi is an affectionate six-year-old whose good looks reflect her part Bernese mountain dog heritage. Through no fault of her own, she has been moved from pillar to post many times since this past spring. She languished in two different humane society pounds before being taken in by Frontier Animal Society (FAS). When her time was up in the pounds, their compas-

sionate staff worked to find her another shelter, because they felt she deserved a chance and would find an adopter. And she has in fact more than once packed her knapsack and moved into a home. But, sadly, she has ended up back at the shelter once more.

Lexi is smart and friendly, loves belly rubs, walks well on leash, prefers leisurely strolls unless she has a ball to chase in a dog park, and gets along with most dogs (though she is not partial to pushy specimens with too much energy).

So, what are her flaws, you ask? Well, she suffers from anxiety, and not the sort that can be assuaged with soothing words, a tub of Häagen-Dazs or a glass of Zin-

fandel. Her anxiety makes her overcompensate by trying to take charge of the household. This is undesirable in any dog, and in one that weighs 80 pounds, it is entirely unacceptable.

Lexi's past adopters gave her love, then discipline, but what she really needs is discipline, then love. Her adopter must provide calm, consistent and confident leadership, teach her where she fits in and give her the sense of security she needs. Boundaries are essential, as is a structured and dependable routine, and her intelligence requires plenty of mental stimulation.

Lexi takes glucosamine for her joints, which are a little stiff when she first gets up, and she needs regular exercise in order to stay limber.

She may be able to live with cats; although she showed dominance towards one of her most recent adopter's cats, she is indifferent to the cats at her current shelter. She would do best in a home without small children. If you



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A parked car that blocked a driveway October 31 on Côte St. Antoine was moved to another location at 8:12 pm, Public Security officials said. It was issued a ticket for \$192, a warning to motorists on the approach of winter of just how costly the infraction can cost. Officials said it was easy with snow on the ground to park across a driveway without checking carefully to ensure the car was not blocking passage. The ticket comprised a fine of \$100 along with \$17 for administration costs and \$75 for towing.

Man checked out after fall

Public safety officers were called for medical assistance to a man who had fallen at the apartment building at 4501 Sherbrooke October 31, department officials said. He had apparently lost balance but other than a few cuts was unhurt. Urgences Santé was called to continue an evaluation.



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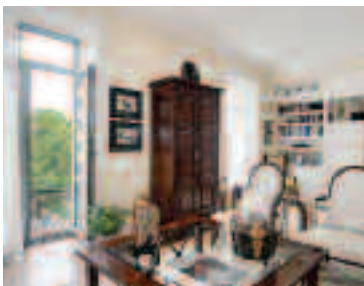
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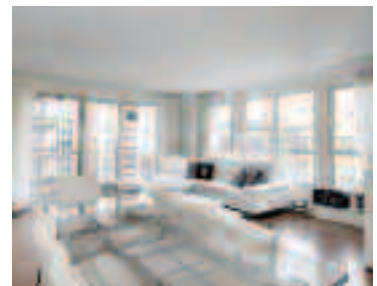
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Patio door left open

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First printing a hit for Chabad Westmount's Jewish year calendar

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The success of a 2017-2018 calendar (5778 according to the Jewish calendar) published and distributed recently by Chabad Westmount is prompting leaders of the local chapter in Westmount Square to plan a calendar for next year.

While the colourfully illustrated calendar lists all the important dates for Jewish holidays, celebrations and religious observances, it also provides a comprehensive list of events taking place at Chabad Westmount all year, said the centre's director, Rabbi Yossi Shanowitz.

Some 5,000 copies of the calendar were circulated in Westmount in September, a few days before the Jewish new year celebration of Rosh Hoshana. The calendar provides specific local times for the beginning and end of weekly Shabbat and is lavishly illustrated with photographs taken at Chabad Westmount events.

"This calendar is our way of giving back to the community," says Shanowitz. "It's a calendar that celebrates people of all ages coming through our doors."



Rabbi Yossi Shanowitz, director of Chabad Westmount, left, and Rabbi Ariel Stern, the director for youth and students, are seen here October 20 at the organization's offices in Westmount Square with some of the last remaining copies of their calendar, which was distributed in Westmount.

Local real estate broker Martin Rouleau played a key role by sponsoring the calendar.

Rabbi Ariel Stern, Chabad Westmount's

director for youth and students, said they will be publishing a calendar again next year with an even larger print run.



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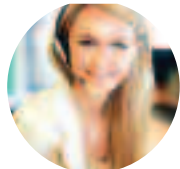
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History by Forden Cres. 'circle'



Real Estate
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One of Westmount's more respected mansions was "Forden," built on the north side of Côte St. Antoine Rd. on a large strip of farmland some time after 1828. The property was land reportedly owned by the Lacroix family that had been seized by the sheriff of Montreal and sold to Charles Bowman, a Scottish immigrant who was among the earliest settlers in this area of Montreal, which was eventually to become Westmount.

"Forden" was a lovely two-and-a-half-storey mansion built up the hill from Côte St. Antoine. In 1830, Bowman married Elizabeth Savage, and they had eight children, three of whom died very young. The wealthy Scottish entrepreneur died in 1848, leaving the home to his son, Charles Jr., who died in 1851, and the house went to his sister, Elizabeth, who was married to Capt. Robert Raynes. They moved in and had seven children, most of whom grew up in the mansion, which had grown large wings to the east and west of the main (1830) building. By 1882, *Lovell's* directory showed the residents of the Côte St. Antoine house included, besides Capt. Robert Raynes, "Charles Raynes of Monk & Raynes," and "William Raynes, bank clerk."

By 1890, *Lovell's* identified the address as "Forden, 135 Côte St. Antoine Rd." and four years later renumbered it to 179 Côte St. Antoine. In 1893, the directory identified the occupants to include Elizabeth (widow of the captain), as well as Charles and William; by now Charles had become

"B.A., B.C.L., advocate and commissioner for Ontario and Manitoba," while William was identified with Molson's Bank. It would appear the daughters were living there as well, but they are not mentioned in *Lovell's*; none of them ever married, according to the Westmount Historical Association.

In 1901, the address for Forden changed to 4475 Montrose Street (sic) as that street was extended through from Church Hill; not until 1906 did houses start appearing with addresses on the new Forden Ave. and those were for 25 and 30 Forden, elegant mansions on the south side of Montrose, well up the hill from Côte St. Antoine.

Elizabeth Bowman Raynes died in March 1915, and the *Lovell's* entry quickly changed to "The Misses Raynes," along with Charles and William, the latter described simply as "clerk." In 1918, the final brother, George S., appears to have moved into the sprawling mansion; a year later Charles, who had been promoted to king's counsel, died, but the rest of the family remained in the mansion.

As Westmount continued to grow, the family sold off most of the land surrounding the large house and the circular driveway became Forden Crescent in 1923, as well as the upper extension of Forden Ave. stretching to Westmount Ave. (which had been the long access to William Murray's Westmount estate on the northwest corner of what is now King George Park). Some 40 subdivisions were marked out, along with the new Forden Ave. and Forden Cres., leaving only the mansion in the circle now designated as Lot 239-82, with the civic number 5 Forden Cres. The developer was Montrose Realty Company Ltd., headed by Lorne C. Webster, another prominent Westmounter.
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site side of the original driveway eventually became number 50 Forden Cresc., and a recent *Gazette* article (December 12, 2014) suggested number 52 Forden Cresc. was a “carriage house” for the mansion, but this is not supported by the city valuation roll nor, frankly, by its appearance.

Still, while the construction was going on all around them, the siblings remained in the house, which was completely encir-

led by city streets. William moved downtown in the late 1920s, George’s name disappeared from *Lovell’s* in the early 1940’s and Mary’s in 1946, listing only Ethel and Norah B. Raynes as occupants of the house.

The fate of the Forden mansion, now surrounded by classic 1920s detached and semi-detached homes, will be the subject of an upcoming History by the House column.



“Forden,” the original Raynes mansion, as photographed by Alice Lighthall for the Westmount Historical Association archives.
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Poste de quartier 12 : Participez à l'élaboration du plan d'action 2018

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STM: Vendôme Project

The STM is undertaking preparations that will allow the construction of the new entrance building.

Turcot Project: Comité de bon voisinage

Tuesday, November 28, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., City Hall. To continue the dialogue initiated by the McGill University Health Center, the ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports set up a good neighbour committee (comité de bon voisinage) for the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce/Westmount district.

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Next Council Meeting Monday, December 4

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Neighbourhood police station 12:

Help elaborate the police action plan 2018
Wednesday, November 29, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Library. The commander of neighbourhood police station 12 extends an invitation to all citizens and local merchants to participate to a meeting where the 2018 police action plan will be elaborated. 514-280-0312.



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Westmount extended beyond the boundaries of the district, as she did her best to make sure that the Sports and Recreation department was meeting the needs of all Westmounters, worked tirelessly on the library committee and spearheaded a memorable Canada 150 celebration.

That said, the residents of District 4 have spoken, and I wish Conrad Peart well in his new role. It would, however, be remiss not to acknowledge Rosalind's contribution to our city and to the residents of the district.

TOM DAVIS, LORRAINE AVE.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC HAS CROWD PROBLEM

I attended the Westmount flu clinic held November 8 at Victoria hall, and I was very disappointed with the services. I went at 9:30 am only to see a hall almost filled up with clients. We were told that the wait was 60 minutes. I left and later returned at 2:30 pm. The seats were 99 percent occupied, and the crowd appeared larger than the earlier one. Three families [were registering] – mothers and their two to three children. This stressed the registration area as place was limited.

A volunteer called numbers for the registration. With the large crowd this was a

challenge. A second volunteer shouted numbers for the nurse giving the injections. Her voice was louder than the first volunteer and truly this reminded me of the town crier who I saw in Chester, England in October.

I spoke to three staff members, suggesting a screen (like one used at McDonald's) could be helpful. Two of them said the CLSC could not afford this. A third employee said that the CLSC and the city of Westmount could not afford this. Perhaps a flip chart of numbers could be helpful?

ful?

While waiting for my injection, several seniors were standing as no chairs were available. Behind me sat two young lads (ages 7 and 9?). They did not offer their chairs nor were they prompted to do so by their mother. In the past, youth were not vaccinated but young individuals having a chronic disease were. One nurse told me that all young children can be vaccinated. If all the children come for vaccination then the clinic services will be even more stressed.

On my way out after having been vaccinated, I counted 30 standing clients in the hall. Some were very elderly and fragile. One had balance problems. There were approximately 10 individuals in the hallway outside the clinic room.

This clinic has become too popular and consequently has problems with meeting the needs of the large crowd. The clinic services were unacceptable to me. May I suggest that this clinic be evaluated with a view to improving its services? Perhaps [make it] more than one day? Have an alternate method of calling clients?

ANGIE CANERS, KENSINGTON AVE.

Photo to the editor: Crows attack owl



For den Ave. resident Cary Kitner wrote the Independent: "This photo was taken November 4 at 8 am just to the left of the signpost in Summit Woods. A few moments before, the owl was defending its position against approximately 15 to 20 crows, and at one point was hanging precariously upside down, wings spread, with crows buzzing around and screeching. It managed to free itself and flew to this branch a few trees away where the picture was taken. Needless to say, the group of onlookers got quite a show."

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Police Report

Car thieves target popular vehicles, cyclist hit on path

By Martin C. Barry

The following news column is based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

Although police at Station 12 report fewer stolen cars and fewer vehicle break-ins in recent months, thieves working the Westmount area continue to target some popular vehicles.

On October 25, the owner of a Toyota Highlander SUV, who had parked the evening before in his driveway on Victoria Ave., filed a report at Station 12 that it had been stolen.

“There was no mention of any broken glass around the car that might have indicated they broke a window to get in,” said community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière. “But the Highlander is one of the most highly sought after when it comes to car theft.”

A second car theft incident, which was reported on October 31 around noon, illustrates the determination of car thieves.

In this case, a Toyota Rav 4, which was parked the evening before by the owner outside his home on Lansdowne Ave., was stolen after someone previously tried to steal the same car.

“At the end of September, there was an attempted theft on this car, too,” said Laperrière. “Somebody tried to steal it twice and succeeded the second time.”

The vehicle was stolen despite the fact it was protected by an intensive anti-theft marking system, through which the main components are etched with identifying alphanumeric-code numbers.

“If the car is sold in pieces, they’ll be traceable to find out where they’re turning up,” he Laperrière.

Turning vehicle strikes cyclist on bike path

A 24-year-old male bicyclist travelling eastward on the de Maisonneuve Blvd. bike path near the corner of Wood Ave. suffered light injuries after colliding with a car driven by a 60-year-old woman making a left-hand turn into the parking garage at Alexis Nihon Plaza on October 12 around 10:30 am.

“The vehicle cut into the path of the cyclist,” said Laperrière.

Although the cyclist was only lightly injured according to Laperrière, he was transported by Urgences Santé to the hospital as a precaution. The cyclist’s parents were summoned to the scene to pick up the damaged bike.

Car damaged overnight, driver leaves scene after parking incident

On the morning of October 24, a car owner who parked outside his home on Upper Roslyn Ave. learned the vehicle had sustained significant damage overnight.

Around 10:30 am, according to Laperrière, an alert neighbour came to his door to tell him.

“There’s ongoing construction in the area, so it’s possible it was done by work trucks in the area,” said Laperrière, while adding that there was extensive scratch damage along the length of the car body on the driver’s side.

On October 27 around 2:45 pm, a woman attempting to park a car near the corner of Victoria Ave. and Sherbrooke St. damaged another vehicle but left the scene before providing proper I.D. to the driver of the second car.

As the woman in question was backing into a parking space on Victoria just south of Sherbrooke, she struck a vehicle that was waiting behind her.

According to the police report, the drivers of the two vehicles got out and argued briefly about the extent of damage.

The driver who was attempting to park insisted there was none, then got back into her car and left without providing the other driver with her driver’s licence or insurance information, Laperrière said.

However, the second driver was able to provide police with a photo of the other driver’s vehicle and an investigation of the incident has been started.

Light standard struck at Claremont

A car with three passengers making its way eastward on NDG Ave. near the corner of Claremont Ave. climbed the sidewalk and struck a light standard at Claremont October 29 at around 3:45 am.

Though there was no mention in the police report of alcohol or drug impairment, Laperrière suggested the incident may have been the result of some momentary distraction by the driver.

Police target cycling scofflaws on de Mais. path

By Martin C. Barry

Complaints filed with police at Station 12 about cyclists heading along the de Maisonneuve Blvd. bike path not obeying a mandatory stop at the corner of Melville Ave. has led to a crackdown by police who have been handing out tickets to offenders.

“We’ve been receiving complaints from citizens about cyclists not respecting the stop at Melville and de Maisonneuve coming out of Westmount Park or going into it,” Station 12 community relations officer Stéphan Laperrière told the Independent.

Laperrière said the complaints were from residents of the area, as well as pedestrians passing through. There were also complaints from motorists heading north and south on Melville. All reported difficulty when they tried to cross the bike path.

As a result, Laperrière said, police patrolling on foot, by bike and in police cars have been watching the intersection more closely than usual for offenders.

Citing statistics compiled from September 1 to October 15, he said a “minimum of 68 tickets” were handed out during this period along the de Maisonneuve bike path.

He said the figure would probably have been higher but some officers hadn’t yet added their tickets to the department’s central system when the count was done.

According to Laperrière, a ticket for failing to obey a stop sign is a \$48 fine. As well, cyclist earn three demerit points, which increases the cost of their motor vehicle driver’s licence.

In addition, he said that police officers were also recently interacting with cyclists to advise them that it is mandatory for a bicycle to be equipped with a headlight and reflectors when operating at night.

The fine for being out at night on a bike without lights is also \$48 but without demerit points. “I don’t know if any tickets were given,” said Laperrière. “But I do know that they were conducting an operation to sensitize the bicyclists to the facts.”

Laperrière said that cyclists using the de Maisonneuve bike path can expect to see more enforcement of the rules as the path is now open year-round, and patrollers will be issuing warnings or tickets when they witness offences committed by cyclists.

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Westmount Park United obtains grant to set up natural space in church

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount Park United Church has been setting up a “nature niche,” allowing congregants to interact with and learn about nature, thanks to a \$1,500 grant obtained from the United Church of Canada’s Edge Ministry.

Every year, according to Westmount Park United pastor Reverend Neil Whitehouse, Edge Ministry holds a social innovation challenge for a prize. Westmount Park United was one of 10 churches that submitted ideas.

Whitehouse described the nature niche as “a space dedicated to teaching on nature and the environment.” It will be located in the transept of the church’s sanctuary.

“We’ve taken out pews to create the space,” he said, adding that a hydroponic system for growing plants is already in place. As well, Whitehouse continued, a variety of objects are being gathered to place in the niche as teaching aids.

Whitehouse said Westmount Park United has appointed church member Gabriel Lambert-Rivest as an animator/curator for the space. The job will involve



Seen here on October 31, Westmount Park United Church’s “nature niche” was beginning to take shape in the church’s transept.

teaching about nature, while caring for the living components of the niche.

In the meantime, he said the church would greatly appreciate donations of items that could be used in the nature niche, like stuffed animals, plants and fos-

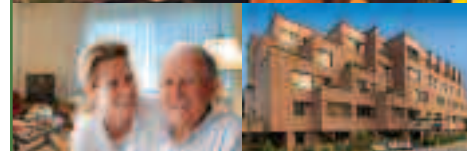
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Whitehouse expects the finished installation to feature audio-visual components such as slide presentations and pre-recorded music when it opens in the spring.

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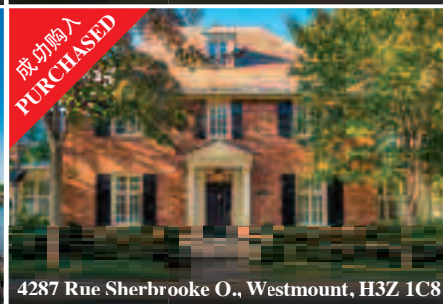
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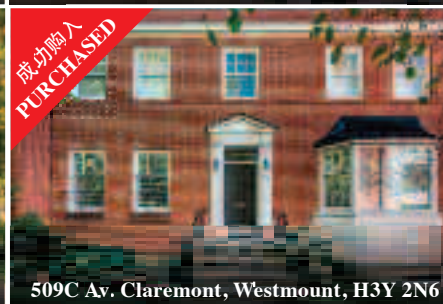


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BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount is full of style – and also full of interesting success stories. This July, Sal Parasuco was honoured in Sicily for just that. Immigrating with his family from Italy at age 4, he created – and now designs for and manages – an internationally recognized fashion brand, Parasuco Jeans. At the ceremony attended by Marianna Simeone, Quebec’s representative in Rome, he received the honorary citizenship award from the mayor of Capizzi. After expressing his thanks and talking about the necessity to follow one’s dreams, all this in three languages, Parasuco presented a video of his newest collection. In chatting with him, he taught me a new phrase: “La vita è come un gelato. Se non mangia, scioglie.” Life is like a gelato. It you don’t take advantage, it melts.

STYLE

How would you describe your own personal style?

I am like an aging rocker who can’t seem to grow up. Young at heart, I have remained incredibly curious about all things, and it seems to influence my style. Obviously I wear jeans 24/7, and I am fortunate enough to be able to wear my own designs: not only jeans but shoes, tops and outerwear. Today’s business attire has changed tremendously with Silicon Valley tycoons and celebrities, among others, wearing jeans daily. Not only in LA but in Italy I see men wearing jeans with shirts and jackets.

What do you like to wear on weekends?

On weekends when we are in the country, I still wear jeans, of course! In the cooler months I throw on a cashmere

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Sal Parasuco photographed October 27 in the lobby of the Parasuco Jeans office on Deslauriers St.

sweater. Being Italian, I love coloured sweaters – and of course, a scarf, cashmere as well.

Do you have favourite art or artists?

Funny you should ask. Three Montreal artists who are renowned today – Arturo Rotundo, Stikki Peaches and Michel Marques – are like my sons. They grew up working at Parasuco. The world is now discovering their talent, which we witnessed evolving while they were with us.

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Atwater Library holds story exchange about life in Canada



The Atwater Library conducted a story exchange for a "Canada in 150 Seconds" video project October 21. Anyone with a true story about their life in Canada could tell it in a 150-second video. Participants were encouraged to bring a small object or a document that could help tell their story. Isabel Cunningham, right, holds up and talks about a copy of a Cornelius Krieghoff painting her mother made long ago. From left: Atwater Library volunteers Julian Duarte and Karen Kennedy, while Peter Shaw (seated) waits his turn to tell a story. Those interested in recording an anecdote for the project can contact Eric Craven at eric@atwaterlibrary.ca.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

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HOME

Do you have flowers in your home? Do you have time to garden?

With my wife Rosie, who works with me, we have always landscaped our home with plants and flowers. Even though Montreal summers can be a challenge, we manage to cut beautiful bouquets throughout the season. Five years ago, we organized a vegetable garden at our Parasuco head office to bring together our culturally diverse staff. Working a garden makes you one with nature.

LIVING

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

I was born in Italy and grew up in Montreal – two of the best places on the planet. I have travelled almost everywhere, though, and consider myself a citizen of Planet Earth, which we must protect.

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

Our parents. I hope they're looking down on us knowing all they sacrificed for their kids was worthwhile. Rosie and I often entertain with our mothers' and grandmothers' recipes.

Who is your favourite designer?

I love the work of Giorgio Armani. He is a hybrid designer and businessman. He built his massive fashion empire, which includes furniture, hotels, restaurants, fragrance and clothing, from scratch. He's 83 and still insists on approving every detail of every item carrying his name.

What do you think of today's fashions?

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Each thoughtfully created and decorated Shoebox is filled with items valued at approx. \$50 that can enhance self-esteem and reduce feelings of isolation for women in crisis.

Community members interested in donating a Shoebox or participating can visit www.shooboxproject.com/Montreal for drop-off locations and how to complete a Shoebox.

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Westmount in Images exhibit on display at the Gallery



November 5 at the Gallery at Victoria Hall, from left, organizers of “Westmount in Images” Sylvia Rourke, Frances Cable, Diana Bruno, and Ann Pearson, with their photographs now on display.

BY HEATHER BLACK

The Montreal Camera Club pays tribute to Westmount in the exhibition *Westmount in Images*, which opened on November 8 at Victoria Hall. Photographs taken by members throughout the seasons include images of children playing in the park, heritage buildings and aerial views of Westmount neighbourhoods.

Organized by Westmounters Sylvia Rourke, Frances Diana Bruno and Ann Pearson, the exhibition celebrates the club’s 125 anniversary and its connection

to Westmount.

Not only are many Westmounters members, the club has met locally for the past 47 years, first at the Atwater Library and since 1985 at Westmount Park United Church.

To coincide with the exhibition, program chair Ann Pearson was to speak on “The Montreal Camera Club: an overview of 125 years” at the Westmount Historical Association lecture November 16.

Westmount in Images was curated by Victoria Leblanc and is to continue until December 8.



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Pyjama party fundraiser for Nazareth Community

Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

As instructed, guests invited to “come as you are” arrived in relaxed attire for the Nazareth Community cocktail at Dawson College October 11. The eve celebrated the success of the organization, which supports mental health, the homeless and people with addiction challenges.

Selwyn House head, Westmounter **Hal Hannaford**, was noted with his wife **Sue**



Hal Hannaford and Sue Doherty.

Doherty (Nazareth board member), Sue's sister **Donna Doherty Fraser** with her husband **Ross Fraser** and Sue's mother **Keena Doherty**. The fun night was a far cry from black tie/long-gown galas: Hal wore pyjamas! The comfy-cozy nighttime outfit was part of the fundraising. Guests brought a pair for residents of Nazareth Community. Other pairs were donated by the Hatley Store.

The spirited eve also supported Anne's House, a residence for 30 semi-autonomous women 18 and over struggling with homelessness or mental health is-



From left: Donna Doherty Fraser, Ross Fraser and Keena Doherty.



Liseanne and Carl Cirka flank Dominique Voyer.

sues. It provides assistance and offers programs and services that are adaptable to each individual.

Local distiller Cirka vodka was a gracious sponsor, represented by owners **Liseanne and Paul Cirka**.

Westmount res, musician **Callahan Ioannou** performed much to the delight of guests, including **Anthea Dawson** and **Ylang Ha**.

Helpful event organizer was **Dominique Voyer**, pharmacist at Alexis Nihon's *continued on p. 26*



Anthea Dawson, left, and Ylang Ha.

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Pharmaprix. The cocktail was held at Dawson because students from that school's social work programs are doing internships at the residences.

Penny Marie Lee, Anne's House resident since 2015, spoke about her experience as part of the Nazareth Community, which had helped her.

The night not only raised awareness but \$30,000 to support the non-profit charity organization.



Callahan Ioannou.



Penny Marie Lee.

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Archer honoured



Westmounter John Archer was honoured November 2 by the McGill University Health Centre Foundation for 12 years of service on its board of directors with a volunteer appreciation award. The ceremony took place in the MUHC amphitheatre at the Glen hospital. From left: Norman Steinberg, co-vice chair of the foundation, Archer and Anna Martini, chair of the foundation.

Photo courtesy of J. Archer.

Comin' Up

The Westmount Healthy City's November 15 lecture "The importance of your eyes" has been postponed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

"Treats & Treasures" bazaar and craft sale, 10 am to 4 pm at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Admission is free; light lunch available for purchase.

St. Matthias' church Christmas fair, 10 am to 2 pm, 131 Côte St. Antoine Rd. Crafts, baked goods, jewelry. Lunch available for \$10, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Friends of the library book sale, 10 am to 5 pm at Victoria Hall. Also, Sunday, November 19.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents "Canadian citizenship: Celebrat-

ing without complacency," with John Daniel, 12:30 to 1:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Cost for non-members: \$10. Sandwich lunch from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm for \$6.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Manoir Westmount annual bazaar 11:30 am to 2 pm, 4646 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.582.4387. Craft items, "nearly new" table, baked goods.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Victoria Village Merchants' Association's tree-lighting ceremony in Prince Albert square, 6 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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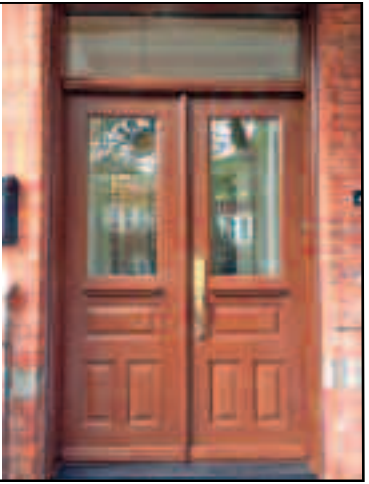
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