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'We will see' about aggro impact

Mayor commits to not raising local taxes beyond inflation

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount is still committed to "no taxes beyond the rate of inflation," Mayor Christina Smith said last week following increases in property valuations averaging 20.6 percent in Westmount in the new three-year valuation roll deposited August 11 for the island of Montreal.

"I don't imagine people are too shocked," by the increases if they follow the sales of Westmount real estate listed monthly in the *Independent*, she said.

In fact, the roll pegs the average valuation of a single-family dwelling in Westmount on the new roll at \$1.98 million.

This compares with the average amount used in the city's 2019 budget of \$1.59 million (see story January 15, p. 1).

Increases in the new roll based on market values in July 2018, do not translate into tax changes for 2020 to be set by Westmount for its own expenses, she pointed out. But they could affect taxes on the agglomeration apportionment for shared services such as police, fire and transit.

The new roll places Westmount's overall average increase as the fifth highest on the island.

In the last roll deposited in 2016, Westmount had the steepest increases. This led then *continued on p. 10*

Medical cannabis arrives in Westmount

Access to medical cannabis (prescription required) became a little easier for Westmounters last week, after licensed provider Santé Cannabis held its official opening at 4150 St. Catherine St. Erin Prosk, seen here on September 19, formed a partnership with two doctors in 2014 to found Santé Cannabis. The *Independent* will publish a full-length article on the company soon.

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Landscaping proposed for expanded site No one opposed to demolishing 62 Belvedere at hearing

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A request for complete demolition of a two-storey house at 62 Belvedere Rd. was approved at a city hearing September 16 to expand the neighbouring historic property at 55 Belvedere Place.

The decision was based in part on restoring a portion of the former historic estate of Noah Timmins to how it was before

it was subdivided in 1961, allowing for the building of 62 Belvedere and other houses as well as a physical split of the monumental stone mansion into two, one of which is 55 Belvedere Place.

The plan calls for improving access to the Category I stone house, creating a parking area, drop-off round-about and extensive landscaping, all of which was explained at *continued on p. 12*

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Welsh cakes being cooked up for Oct. 9 event

Welsh choir to mark 50 years with Vic Hall concert



Rehearsing September 17 at Mountainside United Church are, from left; front: Polina Gubnitskaia, pianist, and Claude-Marie Landré, musical director; behind: Alan Clevon, Peter Bisset, Rick Jones, Jerome Savoie, Leslie Heron, Andrew Golding, John Gradwell, Bryden Murray, Ian Knowles, Eugene Fudge, Richard Fortier, Tom Grant, Jim Connolly, Alan Roberts and Andrew Macdougall.

PHOTO COURTESY OF A. MACDOUGALL.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Westmount-based Montreal Welsh Male Choir will celebrate its 50th anniversary

sary by presenting a special concert Wednesday, October 9 at Victoria Hall at 7 pm.

Despite sombre predictions three years ago that the choir might not survive due to dwindling numbers, it has stayed alive, well and “stable” since then, according to its secretary Andrew Macdougall of de Maisonneuve.

The choir will perform “an eclectic mix of Welsh and English songs” he said, interspersed by readings of *The Outing*, which he described as a “hilarious” short story by Dylan Thomas. To mark the anniversary, homemade Welsh cakes are to be served during the intermission.

The program lists close to 20 different selections, which include hymns and arias, the *continued on p. 13*

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Mayor to join climate rally Sept. 27

Mayor Christina Smith plans to join the major Montreal rally and march September 27 to raise awareness of global climate change. The event is to take place in concert with ones in many cities around the world that day and a week earlier.

“I will be participating in the march in Montreal with many other mayors and Mayor Valérie Plante,” Smith announced at the council’s mid-month meeting September 16. They’ll be walking up the mountain.

The Montreal event is expected to attract thousands of people of all ages. The

Commission Scolaire de Montréal, the Lester B. Pearson School Board, Dawson College, Concordia and the University of Montreal are among those cancelling classes to enable participation.

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Lime reaches ‘middle Westmount’



Lime scooters have been seen in many places in Westmount below Sherbrooke, which is hardly surprising given the density there, as well as the bike path and shopping districts. These two scooters were seen on Montrose between Mt. Pleasant and Mountain (left), and on Côte St. Antoine near Strathcona, on September 17 and 18 respectively. The first was not parked in a designated zone; the second was.

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Doherty seeks non-medical response to schizophrenia

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

In her latest book, *The Ghost Garden*, Westmount author Susan Doherty makes a heartfelt plea for understanding of those who are afflicted with schizophrenia and psychotic disorders.

Doherty's previous published work, the 2015 novel *A Secret Music*, explored connections between schizophrenia and classical music.

She is on familiar ground with both, having studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, as well as having served for many years as a volunteer at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute in Montreal.

"Imagine how many of us have those pre-conceived ideas about psychiatric hospitals," Doherty said during a speaking engagement for her new book at the Atwater Library on September 5. "Being afraid is something I hope to dispel."

After having met a good number of psychiatric patients at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute in Verdun, whom she came to see and under-



Susan Doherty, seen here on September 5 in the auditorium at the Atwater Library, maintains in her book *The Ghost Garden* that mental health professionals should focus on humane aspects of treating mental illness and not focus so much on the use of medication as treatment.

stand as people and not just bundles of mental illness symptoms, Doherty arrived at the conclusion that "labels are for jars –

not people."

As a result, she started to write down some of her conversations and experiences as a volunteer, "always searching for the person underneath their inexplicable thinking."

Doherty said that when someone exhibits behaviour that shocks or frightens most people, "we always see crazy," while adding that "symptoms should not create a Frost fence around a person."

She pointed out that up to now no scientist or researcher has been able to pinpoint the biological origins of schizophrenia. "How then do we treat those who have lost their minds?" she asked. "I don't know either. But being a listening post and offering empathy go a long way to making sure that many far outside the social boundaries are accepted."

Doherty said that many of her perceptions of psychotic disorders were shaped by films and books, whether it was Jack Nicholson's lobotomy in the film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, or the mad Mrs. Rochester chasing a terrified Jane Eyre through the moors in the 19th century

Gothic novel of the same name.

"If I was locked in an attic for years, I too might think of setting fire to the castle," she speculated, saying that she is advocating for more non-medical interventions for schizophrenia.

"Why do I say this? We do not know where or why schizophrenia happens. I'm not against neuroscience. I am certain there is a biological or genetic component. But we have so much of the science that has yet to be proven, it makes the current treatment model of medication speculative – trial and error."

She called the current hypothesis on schizophrenia's biological cause – excess dopamine – "an oversimplification of an immensely complex situation."

Doherty suggested that mental health professionals who treat schizophrenia should be paying more attention to the "human connection part," since doing so wouldn't cause serious side effects such as permanent movement disorders or obesity in the way anti-psychotic medications do.

"I'm not against drugs. They are the most expedient way out of a crisis. But they're not enough." But she insisted the use of psychiatric drugs remains speculative at best.

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Happy people, happy plants?

By RALPH THOMPSON

Rev. Neil Whitehouse along with colleagues Erica Follon and Jennifer Cook, was generating lots of interest in house plants September 5 outside Westmount Park United Church, located at Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve. Cyclists stopped, pedestrians paused and poked around a small collection of very healthy-looking house

plants presented under a white tent in front of the church.

Whitehouse was promoting the upcoming season of the Climate Café. He is taking the serious subject of “climate change” and making the solutions seem like fun.

“Last year, the Climate Café worked on vegetarian cooking and this year we’re promoting the benefits of house plants,” said



Rev. Neil Whitehouse (in the appropriately flowery shirt) explains the Houseplant Project to enthusiastic passers-by.



From left, Erica Follon curator of the Nature Niche, Rev. Neil Whitehouse and Jennifer Cook, the artistic creator of the logos promoting the Climate Café Houseplant Project, outside Westmount Park United Church.

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Whitehouse. “You grow it and pass it along, it’s like a form of meditation.” He explained that it’s all about community, peace and ecology, a theme that runs through many of his creative projects.

His associate Cook explained that a study has shown that plants do better in a happy environment.

The Climate Café is held at the Westmount Park United Church on the last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. This month, Westmount Florist will be on hand to provide advice (the theme is yet to be decided) and in October, Flore L’Atelier will explain how to keep your orchids alive and well.

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Westmount Park United holds consultation on its future

By MARTIN C. BARRY

More than 30 people attending a community consultation meeting on August 29 at Westmount Park United Church listened as a spokesperson for a Montreal business development agency pitched a plan to transform the church into an economically sustainable community centre based on peace and ecology as themes.

Jason Prince, a consultant for social economy projects with PME MTL Centre-Ville, was invited by church pastor Rev. Neil Whitehouse to help explore the feasibility of turning the church into the Westmount Park Centre for Community, Peace and Ecology.

The church is currently facing the challenge of seriously declining church membership, although a good number of community organizations and groups continue to rely on access to the building to pursue their activities.

While admitting he hasn't any direct experience in finding ways to reinvent churches, Prince said it has been done. "We can help you start with a small amount that can leverage other funds from the social economy – what we call the ladder of support," he said.

"That would get you past the first gate to get this non-profit organization started and have a business plan that shows how it's going to self-finance with the renting of the spaces. This sort of montage financier is the kind of thing we do all the time."

With that said, a potential challenge stands in the way: safeguarding the church's current tax-free status. As Whitehouse pointed out, ownership of the church building is shared between local trustees and the United Church of Canada's Region 13.

"It's certain that the nature of this not-for-profit will have to have support from the region," he continued. "And that will mean looking at the details of the constitution – looking precisely at how care has



Rev. Neil Whitehouse explains aspects of the plan for the church's future during the consultation meeting held on August 29.

been taken not to jeopardize the tax status of the building. And what we have as a challenge is the wish to keep that. And you keep that by keeping worshipping."

Whitehouse said it will be important to have no more than 50 percent of the church's square-foot-area dedicated to non-church activities if the tax-free status is to be conserved.

He provided a vision of what the Westmount Park Centre for Community, Peace and Ecology might look like should all the pieces fall into place. "Imagine this space with no pews," said Whitehouse.

He suggested the church's main sanctuary would be transformed into a gathering place like Webster Hall, the church's current general assembly room. "Open space, a beautiful floor and enough chairs

so that you could have whatever configuration you like."



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IS WESTMOUNT PARK CONSULTATION FOR REAL?

In response to the article “Citizens call for more info on public consultation” (p. 1, September 17), city councillor Cynthia Lulham mentions that Stantec will be doing different types of consultations, “the first being a general survey of residents to find out if people go to the park.”

Is this for real???

I don't think good money and time is needed to find this out. Any elected official, private citizen, resident etc. can walk by Westmount Park on any given day and notice that it is highly utilized. It is also incredibly neglected. Benches, garbage cans, pathways, gazebo and lighting, to name a few items, all need to be upgraded. No recycling receptacles have ever been added either. There has been no sense of urgency by the city council elected in 2017 to improve any public park, square or re-open the greenhouse, which has been closed for several years.

While the surveys, consultations and chatter continue, our public spaces continue to fall in disarray.

NATHALIE ALLARD, PRINCE ALBERT AVE.

BY-LAW SHOULD ALLOW SOME CYCLISTS ON SIDEWALKS

There have been frequent letters to the *Westmount Independent* about cyclists not observing traffic lights and riding on pedestrian sidewalks, etc.

I do sometimes go on the sidewalk but never ride fast or overtake pedestrians

without their being aware. Or when there are children playing or pedestrians coming towards me, I always get off the saddle.

I also use the sidewalk during the rush hour and for a good reason. I was once “doored” into the path of a speeding car and was lucky not to have been killed or injured, although my glasses were flung off my face and destroyed, and I had to buy a new bike.

I have never been stopped by the police although they pass me by every day. I would, and can, say that the police are very understanding and kind towards cyclists who use the sidewalk – kinder than the many writers demonizing cyclists in the *Westmount Independent*. Of course, the police should stop and fine any cyclist speeding on a sidewalk.

And, as there is an increasing number of cyclists during winter, I do think there should be a new by-law to allow careful cyclists to use the sidewalk – particularly during the snow-covered months of the year. And snow removers should, and must, clear bike paths of snow. And, they must, stop taking snow from car lanes to dump on bike paths.

Cars pollute the air in a city. Cyclists purify it. Can we hope that in the not too distant future a healthier quieter Montreal and Canada will have more cyclists than motorists? And Canada become the Netherlands of North America? And Montreal possess a bike park bigger and more beautiful than Amsterdam's?

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

WHAT'S UP WITH BLACK SPOTS ON LEAVES?

There are several maple trees on my street and elsewhere in Westmount that are currently losing their leaves prematurely due to an ailment. It looks like black tar drops on the leaves (see picture).

Perhaps there is a tree treatment that can be done if this ailment is damaging the trees? Maybe that this is not a serious ailment and might be just a temporary problem, however, I had noticed some trees also had it in the summer of 2018.

On my street, it seems to me that it is spreading. Not really sure of what it is but I suspect I am not the only person in Westmount that is wondering about this.

ERIC GRAHAM, METCALFE AVE.



Editor's reply: You are not the only one. Please see “Tar-spot leaf reminder, fall pickup starts Oct. 13” (September 9/10, 2008, p. 2). At the time, reporter Lauren Sweeney wrote:

“This is the third year that we're experiencing the fungus,” she [then city of Westmount horticulturist Claudette Savaria] says. “It's widespread over the entire re-

gion.” While it doesn't harm the trees, the leaves are unsightly and covered with the thick, round black spots.

The spots are caused by different species of fungi in the genus *Rhytisma*. *R. americanum*, *R. punctatum* or *R. acerinum* depending on the maple species.

See also October 17, 2007 p. 9, where late columnist Stuart Robertson advised people not to compost affected leaves themselves because home composting would not kill the fungus. Commercial composting would, in his opinion. – DP.

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L'Autre Choix Mini Marché celebrated 10 years in operation with a festive barbeque on September 18. At the event, held behind the store at 330 Victoria Ave., owner Clara Kwan, her mother Vickie, and staff members Sarah Dellaportas and Patrick Marler greeted guests with homemade delicacies. Kwan, who manages the store's product sourcing commented, "Consumers are becoming aware that they have choices and we offer a large variety of farm-fresh products from Guernsey A2 dairy from the Eastern Townships to Montreal honey. I'd like to thank the community for the endless support that I've received over the years." From left, Kwan and Dellaportas.

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Local Terry Fox run raises \$5k



At the starting line with Maharli Musgrave in the lead and mum Checka, behind and left.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Organizer Spencer Halickman told the *Independent* that the September 15 Terry Fox run in Westmount raised approximately \$5,000. Around 100 participants took part.

As of May 2016, the Terry Fox Founda-

tion had raised over \$715 million for cancer research, according to its website. An email

requesting a more recent figure was not returned by press time.

Taxes, cont'd. from p. 1

mayor Peter Trent to predict Westmount could get “clobbered” in its share of agglomeration costs (see story September, 2016, p. 1).

These typically account for 50 percent or more of Westmount’s overall costs and are calculated in a complicated formula for the suburban municipalities.

New roll not shocking

Because the roll “is so very new,” Mayor Smith said, the only news she had on the possible impact from a meeting September 13 of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), of which she is an executive member, is that president Georges Bourelle “wasn’t shocked,” to which she said, “We will see.”

Interestingly, Bourelle is the mayor of Beaconsfield, whose valuations increased 25.9 percent. This was the second highest on the island compared to Westmount’s fifth place.

While Mayor Smith also sits on Montreal’s finance and administration committee, she said she had no news about agglomeration portions other than to say that executive committee chair Benoît Dorais was reportedly trying to keep Montreal’s to an average of 2 percent.

Westmount’s Finance department is now busy working on the Westmount budget for 2020 to be brought down at the end of this year. “We’re sticking to our plan for no taxes beyond the rate of inflation,” she reiterated.



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de Courcy-Ireland wins 'A Flight' event

Westmount croquet players win at Quebec Open

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Several Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club members were among the winners at the 2019 Quebec Open Croquet Championships on the weekend of September 14-15 on croquet and lawn bowling greens in the Town of Mount Royal and Westmount.

It was the 25th time the Quebec Open was contested. The winner of the Championship Flight Association rules event was Stuart Lawrence of New York.

He defeated past Quebec Open champion and long-time rival on the court Brian Cumming of Elora, Ontario in the best two-of-three-games final match played on the morning of September 15.

Westmount victories

Westmount resident An-



Seen here on the grounds of the Westmount Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club on September 15 are Championship Flight Association medalists, from left, Jim Field of England (3rd), Stuart Lawrence of New York (1st) and Brian Cumming of Elora, Ontario (2nd).

drew de Courcy-Ireland, undefeated in all his games during the tournament, won the A Flight event.

Another Westmount club member, Kam San Tsang, won the golf croquet event by defeating fellow club member Ian MacLaren. Jim Field of England finished in third place.

The Championship Plate award was presented to another past Quebec Open champion, Patrick Little of Saint Catharines, Ontario. He defeated Webster Bull of Massachusetts and Jim Erwin of New York was third.

The Quebec Open Croquet Championships have been played annually in Westmount and Town of Mount Royal since 1994. The TMR and Westmount clubs have hosted the tournament jointly since the beginning.



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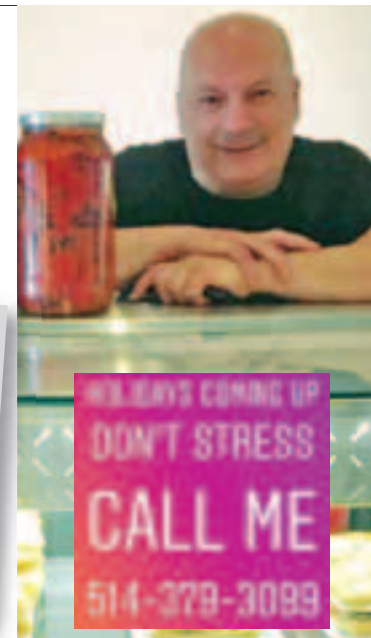
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Belvedere demo, cont'd. from p. 1

the hearing.

There had been no letters or comments of objection to demolition of the Category II house built in 1963. Of the few members of the public attending, one asked about the implications of possible tax losses to the city, while another favoured the demolition but not the proposed landscaping.

The demolition and replacement landscaping had been recommended by the city's Planning Advisory Committee.

The hearing led off with a presentation by Nathalie Jodoin, the city's assistant director of Urban Planning, describing 62 Belvedere as a two-storey modest single-family dwelling of stone and stucco scarcely visible from the street and accessed at the top of a steep driveway (see story August 20, p. 1).

This was followed by a lengthy presentation by landscape architect Éric St-Pierre of Agence Relief Design on the landscaping, reuse of material from dismantling the house and answers to some questions from the demolition committee, which comprises all members of council.

Previously briefed

All had been previously briefed on the project.

Councillors asked about soil stability, water and trees to be planted (Marina Brzeski) and future changes that could be foreseen following the amalgamation of the two lots (Conrad Peart).

In a similar vein, while the idea of the demolition was to increase the green space, how would this be affected by future additions to the house at 55 Belvedere Place (Cynthia Lulham).

While the demolition is contingent on a cadastral operation to amalgamate the two properties, the goal is to do the landscaping, explained architect Andrea Wolff, who had worked on the demolition application.

A former member of the Planning Advisory Committee, Wolff said that if there were to be an addition it would, by law,

have to be smaller than the house being demolished so there would still be more green space.

Wolff later told some of those attending – including Gabrielle Pilot, whose father had had the house built at 62 Belvedere Rd. – that the project follows the aims of the city to reduce density on the mountain.

Two residents took advantage of the question period before the demolition committee adjourned briefly to make its decision.

Côte St. Antoine resident Bruce Anderson, a well-known local architect, said he thought the proposal to remove the house "quite meritorious" but found the landscaping plan was "not very comprehensible." He was not asked to explain.



Bruce Anderson of Côte St. Antoine comments during question period.



The plan for a new garden at 55 Belvedere Place and on the site of the current 62 Belvedere Rd. Cardinal points added by *Independent*.

Denis Biro, of Burton, on the other hand, asked how much in tax revenue the city would lose from demolishing the house, which has tax value. Mayor Christina Smith said she did not know. "So if the building comes down, do the rest of the residents make up for the loss? Who benefits and who pays?" he asked.

He was told that the tax implications weren't taken into account at the hearing, which was to deal with the architectural and urban planning elements.

(Under the newly deposited property valuation roll, the valuation of the building at 62 Belvedere Rd. is \$837,000 while the land is valued at \$2,331,500. This compares with the house at 55 Belvedere Place of \$3,827,200 and the land of \$6,103,600.)

When the demolition committee returned from deliberating, Councillor Peart, as Urban Planning commissioner for permits and architecture, announced the approval.

A resolution was adopted unanimously by the council "to carry out an exterior landscape adjacent to the neighbouring building located at 55 Belvedere Rd., since it is convinced that the proposed demolition is advisable."

Among a number of standard conditions governing demolitions was a monetary guarantee of \$233,150 (representing one tenth the value of the immovable) and a cadastral operation to combine the two properties involved.

The house at 62 Belvedere has not been occupied for some time.

The demolition request is reminiscent of one in 2010 for 20 Aberdeen to make way for a side garden at the neighbour's home (see January 12-13, 2010, p. 1 and April 13-14, 2010, p. 3).



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Welsh, cont'd. from p.3

“Soldiers’ Chorus” from *Faust* and Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah.”

The 15 members of the choir rehearse every Tuesday at Mountainside United Church, including the longest standing member Alan Roberts, who joined in 1978.

Roots go back to building of Victoria Bridge

The choir traces its roots back 150 years when a large group of Welsh quarrymen came over to Montreal to work on construction of the Victoria bridge.

They quickly organized themselves into a choral group and performed at the opening ceremony of the new bridge in 1860. These choristers became part of the Welsh Speaking Union. In the early 1900s, this

became the St. David’s Society of Montreal, which “resurrected” the choir in the 1960s.

Macdougall, who is well known for his leadership roles in Scouting in Westmount, joined the choir six or seven years ago when the Montreal West Operatic Society ceased to hold its Gilbert & Sullivan performances, in which he sang. While he is not Welsh, he says his Scottish heritage provides a Celtic connection.

He organizes the choir’s concert readings in a theatrical way to try to make them entertaining and is the main reader.

The more he thinks about it, he says, “the more I realize it is quite an achievement” for the choir to have survived 50 years.

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Police Report

Home burglars had a busy week in Westmount

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A series of household break-ins in Westmount kept officers and investigators from the Montreal police's Station 12 busy over a period of around a week.

Around 8 pm on the evening of September 13, a caretaker who was watching over a house near the corner of Carleton Ave. and The Boulevard during the owners' absence noticed that the front door wasn't locked as it normally would be.

Police officers who were called to the scene noticed a state of disorder within the home, including household items that had fallen to the floor.

On closer inspection, they came upon what appeared to be a burglary tool: a screwdriver on the floor. A later inventory revealed that money and jewellery were missing.

A second-storey window was shattered and traces of fresh blood were found – believed to be the suspect's. The Montreal police department's identification unit was sent to gather forensic evidence.

As fingerprints could possibly also be found on the screwdriver, the investigators are optimistic that DNA from the blood can be matched and used to find the perpetrator through the police department's identification database.

Motion detector disabled

Sometime between September 16 around noon and September 17 around 9 am, a home on Rosemount Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St. was broken into and robbed of a safe.

A maintenance worker contacted Station 12 to report that a rear patio door was half-open when it was supposed to be locked and shut.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, the worker entered the house and found that things didn't look normal.

"While he was in the house, he noticed that there were footprints," he said, while adding it also appeared to the maintenance man that the someone had been dragging some large object.

Among other things, a carpet was upset and had evidently been displaced. Later, the investigators noticed there were marks on the wooden floor where dragging seemed to have taken place.

In the end, they concluded a safe had been dragged on the floor and taken away. It contained an expensive watch as well as other valuables. Further investigation found that the perpetrators had managed to disable the alarm system's motion detector.

Apartment robbed

An apartment in a building at the corner of Mountain Ave. and Sherbrooke St. was robbed sometime between 10 am September 19 and 5 pm September 20.

According to police spokesman Adalbert Pimentel, the perpetrator probably gained entry to the building by waiting in the lobby for someone to open the main door and go in at the same time.

Once in, the suspect forced the door of an apartment open. Stolen during the robbery were a gaming console and a laptop computer.

Tough corners are everywhere



Last issue (p. 6), letter writer Alfred Edel decried the city's sidewalk extensions and the way that one of them pushes buses making the turn at Lansdowne and Westmount Ave. into opposing traffic. A large trailer truck had the same issue at Sherbrooke and Claremont, where there is no sidewalk extension, on September 17.

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Bright imperial purple hydrangeas and fabulous fuchsia orchids added pop to the night. The most amazing smoked salmon ever, sushi and spring rolls were part of the

evening’s easy-to-eat-morsels.

On behalf of her husband, **Mia** welcomed guests and introduced speakers **Marc Weinstein**, vp university advancement, McGill University (there with his wife **Dany Meloul Weinstein**) and **Dr. Morag Park**, director of the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre, and holder of the Sal Guerrera Chair in Cancer Genetics.

Also attending were principal investigators *continued on p. 18*

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Summer sports awards – with pizza and pop

By RALPH THOMPSON

The city’s semi-annual sports awards were held September 11 at Victoria Hall. Over 400 athletic kids and their parents flooded into the hall at 6 pm, and insatiable appetites were quickly satisfied with pizza served by city staff, volunteers and city councillors. Thirsts were quenched with pop served up by Bruce Stacey and his helpers.

Dave Lapointe, Sports and Recreation director, quietened the room for a few opening remarks by Mayor Christina Smith. She thanked staff and, in particular, the volunteers whose help and hard work is paramount to the success of the sports programmes.

Interim sports coordinator Amra Kubat read out the names of the winning teams and sportsmanship awards, while Andrew Maislin and his team organized the medals and trophies.

Mayor Smith, councillors Anitra Bostock, Mary Gallery and Cynthia Lulham, and city director general Benoit Hurtubise handed out the awards to the eager recipients. With the usual military precision, Dave Lapointe closed the event at precisely 7 pm.



Enthusiastic young soccer players patiently awaiting servings of pizza (left). Sharing a few laughs with the help of a smartphone (right).



Girls Bantam Soccer champions, “Vancouver,” from left, Tatiana Tiede, Zoe Wang, Mikayla Chetrit, Mayor Christina Smith, Jade Leber, Valerie Tellier.



Over 400 kids, parents, volunteers and staff in a standing-room-only extravaganza celebrating the past summer's achievements.



Sportsmanship awards, Peeewe wings baseball, from left, Mayor Christina Smith, Louis Wolf and John Sargeant.

Boys Bantam Soccer Champions, "Venezuela" from left, coach Pete Wiazowski, Raymond Tiede, Lucas Richards, Antonio Chiasson, Owen Peters, Dimitri Xipoleas, Ryan Clark and Pedro Henrique Amaral Stussi.

Girls Peeewe soccer champions, "Toronto" from left, Emilie Nelles, Mary Cundil, Mayor Christina Smith, Alexandra Chomski and Alice Lalonde.



Sportsmanship awards, Peeewe boys soccer, from left, Councillor Anitra Bostock, Jack O'Keeffe, Fangrui Xu, Thomas Jans and Matteo Leblanc.

Sportsmanship awards of Novice Girls Soccer; Lucielle Vincent (left), Romy Gravenor, Councillor Mary Gallery (commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation), Lexi Pathy, Sarah Turcotte.

Sportsmanship awards of Atom boys soccer; from left, Elliot Bel, Blaise Amlfitano, Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Farouk Kayali and Andrew Abdo.



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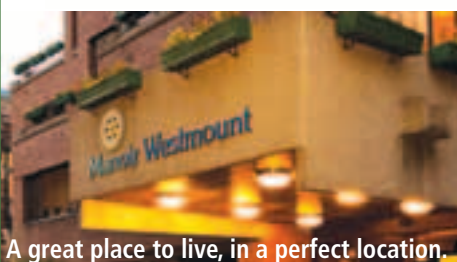
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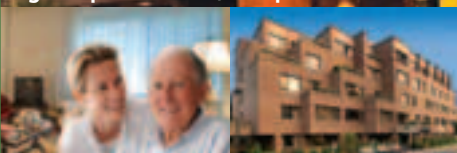


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from the centre, and colleagues and collaborators in town for a conference of Canadian Thoracic Surgeons. Noted were **Dr. Patrick Ford** from Johns Hopkins (Maryland) and **Dr. Mara Antoniff** from MD Anderson (Texas).

Westmounters seen enjoying the Goodmans' garden were **Marlene and Joel King**, **Carol and Calvin Melmed**, **Shirley Stern**, **Margaret and Sylvan Adams**, **Katrin Nakashima**, **Michael Corber**, **Dominique McCaughey**, **Jewel and Paul Lowenstein**, **Joan Vogelesang** and **Freed Heese**, **Naomi and Eric Bissell**, and **Carol Melmed and Joel Raby**.

Also noted were **Sandy Martz**, **Beverley Ashmele**, **Sue Carol Isaacson**, and **Lillian Vineberg Goodman and Morris Goodman**.



Carol Melmed and Joel Raby.



Sandy Martz and Naomi Bissell.



Eric Bissell, Lillian Vineberg Goodman, Marc Caplan, Beverley Ashmele and Sue Carol Isaacson.

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► Presentation by Doug Bellevue, co-author of *Montreal's Golden Square Mile – A Neighborhood*. \$5. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 10:30 am.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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► The Westmount Historical Association presents a lecture on the late former mayor of Westmount (1987-91), May Cutler by her son, Adam Cutler, and former mayor Peter Trent (1991-2001, 2009-2017). \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

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Montreal's Beaver Hall Group women often found their painting opportunities commonly around the corner from their home, country house or studio. For reasons peculiar to her physical handicap "Kay" Morris' painting places were even more limited than those of her colleagues. Protected from Montreal's harsh winter elements, Kathleen Moir Morris found outstanding subject matter in the comfort of her dentist, Dr Winston Bushell's office, located on the 10th floor of Medical Arts Building with a view looking up Côte des Neiges. Her home was located over and down the hill near St Joseph's Oratory. A larger format Kathleen M. Morris work painted from this sketch was featured in the MMFA 2014 exhibition titled *1920s Modernism in Montreal, The Beaver Hall Group*.



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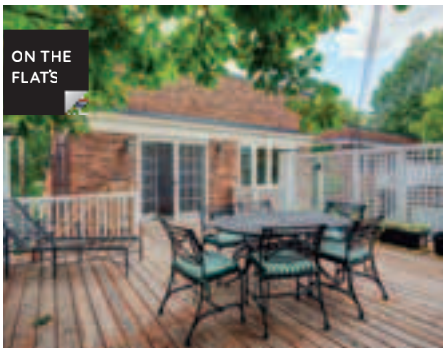
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