

## Up to \$5M spent by city over 21 years

# MTQ to take over fuel removal on Glen site in return for city land

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount taxpayers may soon be off the hook for the city's shared cost with the Montreal transit commission (Société de transport de Montréal or STM) to decontaminate land straddling Hydro Westmount's power house on Glen Rd. and the

former bus depot and garages to the south, now occupied by Home Depot.

The joint project to pump out hydrocarbons has been going on since 1992 at a cost to Westmount at between \$4 million and \$5 million based on some \$200,000 a year the city has been allocating to the project, according to director general Duncan Campbell.

Both parties claimed the other was responsible for hydrocarbons found on the water table in the area though the original source is still not known (see separate story, p. 5).

"The Quebec ministry of Transport (MTQ) is now willing to take over the responsibility for the decontamination along the *falaise* (embankment) ..... in exchange for a portion *continued on p. 5*

## Westmount's Sochi connection



For millions of people around the globe, Sochi has become synonymous with the 2014 Olympic Games, but one person working in Westmount recalls a different Sochi. Iriona Igonatova was born and grew up in the now famous venue.

When she was growing up, Sochi was renowned for its spas, subtropical climate, beaches and souvenirs. "Sochi was the Florida of Russia," said Igonatova, "Most people were employed in the tourist industry, the spas and hotels."

"We had one factory and it made souvenirs. It's nice to see all the development, especially to the infrastructure, the roads and rail."

Igonatova left Sochi 15 years ago with her husband and came to live in Montreal. She has been a hairdresser at Salon Sophie, on Sherbrooke east of Claremont, for the past seven years.

She hasn't returned to Sochi, but would like to visit it again one day.

Photo & story: Ralph Thompson

## Gainey wins

Westmounter Anna Gainey was elected president of the federal Liberal Party on February 22. She has been campaigning since October 9 (see "Gainey runs for president," October 22, 2013, p. 1). She garnered 1,477 votes against Brian Rice's 880.



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## Steps spelled out to re-energize city utility

# Hydro identifies need for multi-million-dollar investment

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As Westmounters keep using more and more electricity, Hydro Westmount is faced with the need to replace aging equipment and an antiquated billing system, and to plan for a multi-million-dollar increase in electrical capacity. The price tag: at least \$6 million to \$8 million.

This is all part of a long-term plan to secure the revenue base and reposition the utility within the city operation to develop an investment strategy, director Benoit

Hurtubise said last week.

"It's somewhat of a hidden jewel," he said of the small utility, "because it's a vital part of daily life and contributes to society. But it needs a lot of polishing."

Since Hurtubise joined Hydro Westmount almost a year ago from a career in the electrical industry, he says he has been trying to introduce best practices from the private sector into the government environment to increase efficiency and profitability.

"The key goal is to *continued on p. 8*

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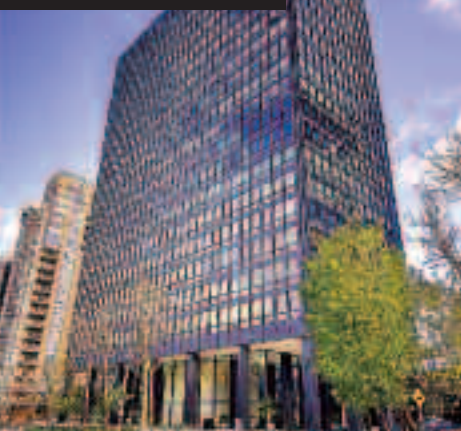
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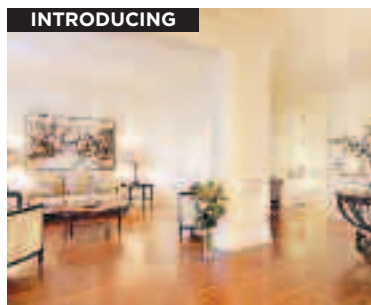
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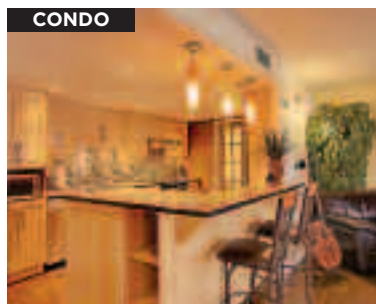
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## Eberwein turns 105



From left, Theresa Eberwein and Theresa Ellis.

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Theresa Eberwein turned 105 on February 20. A small party was held for her at the Château Westmount seniors' residence, which approximately 25 well-wishers attended, including her daughter Theresa Ellis. Eberwein has lived at the Château for a little over three years, hav-

ing moved there after the closing of the Griffith-McConnell in Côte St. Luc. Her friends joked that daily champagne was the secret to her longevity, but Eberwein was mum on the subject. As her daughter pointed out, if she divulged her secret, it would not be one any longer.



Well-wishers included the queen, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Governor General David Johnston and MP Marc Garneau.

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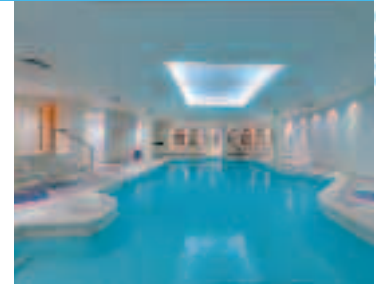
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## Police Report

# Westmouter helps subdue Metro robbery suspect on Prince Albert

BY MICHAEL MOORE

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

A 32-year-old Westmouter helped subdue a man who had allegedly stolen beer and attacked a security guard at the Sherbrooke St. Metro grocery store on February 20, according to Station 12 Constable Adalbert Pimentel.

The 42-year-old suspect reportedly walked into the store at 5:40 pm, picked up two 660 ml beers and then proceeded to walk outside without paying.

When approached by a security guard, the suspect began to throw punches at his upper body and head, breaking free from him and eventually running from the store, said Pimentel.

The security guard caught up to the man as he neared the corner of Prince Albert Ave. and Winchester Ave., leading to a second altercation.

Witnessing a stand-off, the Westmouter decided to lend a hand to the security

guard, enabling them to subdue the suspect and handcuff him, said Pimentel. With the Westmount resident watching the downed man, the security guard called police to arrest the suspect.

Pimentel applauded the resident for helping to defuse the situation, but believes a better course of action would have been to call 9-1-1 while tailing the suspect instead of creating a second altercation.

"When you see an incident, call as soon as you can because you never know if the suspect is armed. You don't know his mental state. There are a lot of variables you don't know. These things go quickly and a lot of bad things can happen," said Pimentel.

The suspect is a non-Canadian resident, so immigration officers will be brought into the process to help decide the suspect's punishment, if convicted.

"When you're not a Canadian citizen, your case is under study when there's an incident with police and when there's a criminal charge, Immigration has to be informed. At that point, an immigration officer takes over the file," he said.

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# Pumping out the hydrocarbons, a 21-year saga recalled

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Discovery of hydrocarbons in adjacent land parcels owned by Westmount and the Montreal Urban Community transit commission (now the STM) was initially reported in May 1992 after residents in St. Henri complained to Montreal's department of the Environment about odours of fuel from the sewer.

The transit commission argued it came from Westmount while the city maintained its usage of fuel oil from an old snow melting plant was small compared with some thousands of litres of diesel used at the bus depot and garages.

It was even suggested the contaminants could have come from the Glen rail yards, now the site of the super-hospital, a theory held by some, including city director general Duncan Campbell.

When the Quebec Environment ministry required the contaminants to be cleaned up, an agreement was struck between Westmount and the transit commission to split the costs 50-50.

After extensive boring of holes, pipes were installed through which the water and contaminants are still being sucked up and separated. The sludge is removed and the cleaner water disposed of in the sewers.

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of the land that belongs to Westmount," Campbell said last week.

This offer is to enable work to start on the Turcot project and lower the Ville Marie expressway where the pumping is under way, he said.

"The MTQ wants to add additional pumps to aggressively take out all the contaminated material. They are willing to acquire our land for \$1 in exchange for the termination of the decontamination agreement that has been going on for many years."

Having received authority from city council February 17 to negotiate with the MTQ, Campbell said the issue is time sensitive since the MTQ requires approval from the Environment ministry before starting the Turcot work.

## Significant impact foreseen

The loss of the land, however, "will have significant impact on Hydro Westmount's operations," he said. The Westmount land is 4,393 square meters beneath the Ville Marie expressway used by the utility for storage and parking.

In 1999, the pumping was accelerated to prepare for the sale of the transit property. The installation of more pumps and equipment cost Westmount \$350,000, according to the city's annual report for that year.

The actual site of a "cabane" housing the pumps, separators and other equipment is located at the northwest section of the Home Depot parking lot under the highway, said Andrew Duffield who was in charge of the dossier at Public Works before his departure in 2012. Duffield is now Public Works director for Beaconsfield.

## In everyone's best interests

"Access to the pumps will become difficult as the highway is lowered and the land is banked up at that location," he explained. The pump lines would have to be extended upward to remove the remaining contaminants, which would be very expensive. So accelerating the work "is in everyone's best interests."

Over the years, hundreds of thousands of litres of oil would have been removed, according to Bruce St. Louis who was city director general during much of the project. "It's been a very slow process in order to prevent the removal of too much water from the ground at one time."

After the remaining contaminants are removed under the MTQ's plan, Campbell said, the proposal calls for building a retaining wall and an underground "dam" to contain whatever residue might accumulate.

## Other issues

Regardless of the Westmount issue, decontamination is required for much of the St. Jacques escarpment area along which the lowered expressway is to be built. This is the result of years of dumping asbestos and other contaminants off the embankment, he explained.

Westmount was no stranger to the practice. In 1951, it acquired property as a dump site on St. Jacques, then called Upper Lachine Rd.

In 1980, the city began using it for dumping snow until, after three winters, the Montreal Urban Community prohibited the discharge of any materials, including snow, along the embankment. The city subsequently sold the property. Municipalities are now prohibited from owning land outside their borders.



A portion of the Hydro Westmount land under negotiation: looking south to Home Depot under the Ville Marie expressway, February 21.



The cabane in the northwest corner, of the Home Depot parking lot, top, and the sign on its door, bottom.



## No one opposes \$5M in loan by-laws to renew infrastructure

Two loan by-laws to refurbish city infrastructure failed to attract any opposition when referendum registers were open February 19 at city hall, according to city clerk Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza. Not even one signature was obtained. As a result, both by-laws were deemed to be approved, she said.

By-law 1458 provides for a loan of \$440,000 for restoration work on the aerial and underground Hydro Westmount networks. By-law 1459 allows the city to borrow \$4.4 million for roadway reconstruction, the refurbishing of water mains and rehabilitation of sewers.

Because each had the potential to lead to a city-wide referendum, a minimum of 500 signatures was required for each register. Details of work involved were not spelled out since all projects will require separate approval by city council.

## Co-founder of Double Hook

# Judy Mappin remembered by family, book community

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

Judy Mappin, the former owner of The Double Hook Book Shop, a pillar in the world of Canadian literature, member of the Order of Canada, passionate feminist, pacifist, environmentalist and Westmounter, died on February 14. She was 85.

"Her life was a triumph of gentleness in an age in which gentleness and generosity are not always understood," her son-in-law Nicholas Kasirer said at Mappin's funeral, held February 22 at St. Matthias' Church.

Kasirer said Mappin never raised her voice and "she never called attention to herself. She always championed people around her." Mappin was bashful about personal achievement, Kasirer said. "She would not have called them accomplishments." Yet "her public life was full of great moments of achievement," he said. These included The Double Hook Book Shop, where she spent 31 years, "the robust recognition of Judy as a pillar in the world of Canadian letters, awards and appointments to literary juries, an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, McGill University, the Order of Canada on the initiative of dear friends and more," Kasirer said.

"What better sign of a Montrealer who has made it than an Aislin cartoon in *The Gazette*?" Kasirer said. "And even that cartoon seems touched by Judy's gentleness and generosity."

Kasirer said there was "nothing weak" about Mappin's gentleness. "She had causes she cared about passionately and acted on with vigour. Women in science, of which she was one herself, women in literature, after all, among the many great things that The Double Hook was, it was a place to be a feminist. The municipal mergers, pacifism, the environment, the horse business at Windfields, in which she invested countless hours preserving the legacy of her father and of her late brother Charles and 10,000 charities, maybe more which she quietly and loyally supported."

### Nuclear-free Westmount

"One of the achievements that mum was most proud of is she was instrumental in having Westmount declared a nuclear free zone," Mappin's son, Jefferson Mappin said at the funeral. "The symbolism was as important as the sentiment." He said he remembered his mother gathering her children together with Double Hook co-founder Hélène Holden. "We were all under about 10 years old at the

## Selwyn's maintenance supervisor

# Remembering Marc Krushelnyski

Marc Krushelnyski, the longtime maintenance supervisor at Selwyn House School, died February 17, announced the school the same day. Krushelnyski began working at the school in 1980 and retired in 2007. In addition to his maintenance duties, he was well known for his work on the school plays, especially the sets. He was 72.

He is survived by his wife, Christine, who runs Selwyn's print shop and book room, and has done so since 1981.

In 2012 (see December 4, p. 9), the *Independent* reported that the couple had been made honorary Old Boys.

"When I started at Selwyn in the early 1980s, Marc was a ubiquitous presence at the school," said *Independent* publisher David Price. "It may have officially been run by the board and a headmaster, but Marc was someone whom we saw every day and who took an interest in everything. Even his office, right on the ground floor's busiest hallway, was the most central one."

time and we all marched on city hall chanting and met with Jean Drapeau to complain about the horrible things they were going to do to Île St. Hélène when they built La Ronde and Expo 67."

Jefferson remembered accompanying his mother to receive an award at a small writers' festival in southwestern Ontario. "Judy walked down every road greeting most of the bestsellers and publishers by name, and smiling and chatting and having a wonderful time," he said. "The premiere speaker of the day was Margaret Atwood, who was reading whatever book she had just released, published but just before Margaret Atwood spoke they presented my mother with this award. ... Margaret Atwood came onto the stage and said 'I would very much like to thank Judy Mappin for drawing such a big crowd.'"

"There wasn't an author, a young aspiring poet she didn't encourage and give her unfailing knowledge and time," Mary Keating, a former employee of the Double Hook said at the funeral. "I remember in the early years of the Double Hook, there wasn't a day that went by when a customer came into the book shop and said: 'What do you mean, these are all Canadian authors?'"

"When my first novel *The Descent of Andrew McPherson* was published in 1976, the Double Hook was a new bookstore, and it was with some hesitation that I approached Judy about doing a book launch there," Montreal author Mary Soderstrom said in an email to the *Westmount Inde-*



Marc and Christine in 2012. Photo courtesy of Selwyn House.

"Over the years, he got to know the students individually and took an interest in all parts of school life, especially the plays, where he was the perennial ally of Dr. Harker, their director. My condolences to Christine."

*pendent.*

Soderstrom said Mappin "was delighted at the idea and made me feel like I had really accomplished something. Thereafter she was consistently interested in my slow progress as a writer. Flash forward nearly 20 years when my second novel *Endangered Species* came out. There was no question about where to do a launch, and Judy was even more welcoming than before. She and The Double Hook were wonderful for writers and readers. What a generous, kind person!"

After Mappin retired and closed the Double Hook in 2005, Maya Byers, the founder and owner of Babar books, opened a bookstore in the house on Greene Ave. and rented the space from Mappin. Byers told the *Independent* she was a student at Sir George Williams when the Double Hook opened. "Margaret Atwood invited our class to the opening." Byers said she knew Mappin as a bookseller. "The book community is quite a close community."

Mappin's family said Mappin loved and honoured her husband John, who predeceased her, for over 50 years, that she modeled generosity and gentleness to her children, Hugh, who predeceased her and to John, Jefferson, Jane and Charles. Kasirer told Mappin's grandchildren, Benjamin, Antonia and Olivia that in the last chapter of her life "you should know that in this life of great achievement alongside all the books and awards and medals...she thought of you as her greatest prize."

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# Glen power plant, a Westmount first

BY DOREEN LINDSAY

On February 20, Benoit Hurtubise, the director of Hydro Westmount, presented some fascinating, little-known historical background on Westmount firsts going back to 1906, the year the power plant opened in the Glen.

Hurtubise explained that Westmount was the first city to set up a destructor plant to destroy garbage and produce electricity.

Before 1904, electric current was provided to Westmount residents by many different private corporations. They merged and a new company was formed that increased the charge.

Westmount citizens proposed that a municipal plant be constructed and operated by the city. The Light and Power Department opened in 1906 and reductions in rates were made over the years. The audience was delighted to learn that today we pay six cents per Kilowatt-hour, the same charge as in 1912.

The steam plant was designed with 4,000 Kilowatt turbo-alternators used for electricity production.

## Workers at PO building generate complaint

Investigating a complaint at 7 am about the use of construction equipment February 16 at 4895 Sherbrooke, public safety officers reported finding a woman chiding the workers inside the former post office building.

Public Security officials said the woman, who lived nearby, was told to leave and the workers were warned that construction was not permitted on a Sunday. They were described as cooperative and stated they were picking up their equipment.

Hurtubise explained that today Hydro Westmount operates out of the main station in the Glen and three other substations: Olivier, north of de Maisonneuve Blvd.; Park, beside the chalet in King George (Murray) Park and St. Antoine, under the lawn bowling clubhouse. The city is divided into 215 primary service blocks. The main cables are underground in conduits.

Great interest was shown by the audience when Hurtubise explained the distribution system. Pointing to a huge map, he indicated the underground cables and the above-ground electrical wires on poles behind houses.

### *Destruction of garbage, snow*

Meanwhile, the destruction of garbage had become a huge problem for the small city.

With the plant, the city coped with both problems.

This was also the main disposal point for snow removal in Westmount. Trucks dumped snow directly into tanks where the heat from burning garbage melted the snow. The plant was capable of disposing of 720 tons of snow per hour and the discharge was carried directly into the sewer system.

This lecture was the first of four talks on “firsts” in Westmount. The next speaker will be Duncan Campbell on March 20, who will explain how the position of director general was a first.

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

### Correction:

In a story regarding Eugénie Bouchard in last week's edition, it was incorrectly reported that Councillor Victor Drury was president of the Montreal Indoor Tennis Club. He is in fact the captain and a member of the board. Westmounter Bryan Fitzpatrick is president.

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Benoit Hurtubise.

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

make Hydro Westmount self-sufficient and financially autonomous," he said.

#### Extra capacity cited

Hurtubise has now completed his analysis of the operation and says "the biggest need is to increase capacity by adding another circuit." This would entail the \$6- to \$8-million investment and a one-to-two-year project to install it underground from Hydro Quebec's substation in St. Henri to Westmount's Côte St. Antoine substation under the lawn bowling clubhouse.

Hydro Westmount buys electricity from the provincial giant and redistributes it within the city network.

Hurtubise met with the city council's Finance and Administration committee last week to present his business plan for developing such an investment strategy

that includes repositioning the utility either as an independent business entity or a city department (see November 26, p. 1).

Over the years, profits generated by the utility have typically been added to the city's operating revenue rather than pumped back into the utility, with the result, contend some, that its development has not kept pace with growth.

The network now has a maximum capacity of some 100 megavolt amperes (MVA) provided by 12 "feeds" (circuits) from Hydro Quebec sub-stations.

Its one-percent annual growth is expected to continue, generated in large part by heating conversions. While the utility's peak demand this winter from its 10,000 commercial and residential customer accounts reached 86 MVA in January, last year the network hit a peak of 92 MVA.

#### New billing system

A key need in the shorter term, Hur-



Hydro Westmount's principal building on Glen Rd.

tubise said, is to secure the revenue base by replacing the more than 20-year-old billing system, which he calls a dinosaur. "We're still using an IBM mainframe."

#### Updating system

As a result, preparations are now under way to go out to tender this spring to obtain an up-to-date system on a budget of \$650,000. This would benefit both the utility as well as customers who have questions about their files. It would also have the potential to enable customers to access and pay accounts by internet.

"We're one of the few utilities that doesn't have this capability," Hurtubise said. And this includes other small independent utilities along with Westmount that form AREQ, the Association of Redistributors of Electricity in Quebec.

The other members are Alma, Amos, Baie Comeau, Coaticook, Coopérative St. Jean Baptiste (an electricity coop), Joliette, Magog, Saguenay and Sherbrooke. The rest of the province is served directly by Hydro Quebec.

Such a new billing system, he said, would have red-flagged an error in a bill sent recently to one homeowner for \$22,000 for one month (see story February 18, p. 4).

#### Restructuring, planning for succession

Over the last year, Hurtubise has organized the 35 Hydro employees into

three departments. The largest is Operations, which manages the underground and aerial network as well as street lights. Its manager is Salah Bouziane, who has become assistant director of the utility.

The other departments are Engineering under William Ta and Customer Service headed by Beatrice Simone.

Succession plans are being developed within each department and group which, according to Hurtubise, is critical given that many employees are nearing retirement.

"There is a lot to do here," he said. "But Hydro Westmount has a very strong and talented team that will do what it takes. And teamwork and collaboration are some of the key values we are promoting."

## Open door leads to discovery of theft

Public Security patrollers came across an open garage door at a house on Sunny-side at Bellevue February 12 at 9:32 pm, officials said. The garage led to an inside door that was wide open.

Tracks in the snow to one side were also noticed and police were called to verify the interior.

A friend of the owner arrived and it was determined that a theft had indeed occurred though no additional details were reported.

## A cold winter? Just check your Hydro bill

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

If you think this has been a long cold winter, "it's a fact," said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise. "Consumption of electricity has been 25 percent greater on average in December and January than the same period last year."

And this has been reflected in increases in recent electricity bills, he explained. "Residents have been calling in to ask about the increase."

February, on the other hand, has been relatively normal.

Regardless of the weather, however, rate increases are on the way, Hurtubise said. Increases have been requested by Hydro Quebec from the Régie de l'énergie, the province's electricity regulator.

Once the Régie approves a change in the fee structure, it will be passed down to Hydro Westmount when it buys in bulk from Hydro Quebec. In turn, the Westmount utility will be required to charge its customers at the approved rate. Hydro Westmount, he pointed out, has no control over the rates which are set by the Régie.

Hurtubise expects the new rates to be known in time for Westmount to present its new electricity by-law at the April 7 council meeting.

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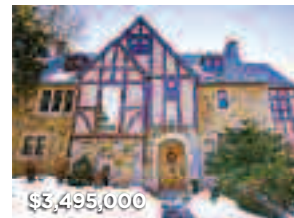
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## Bawdy Body comes to Vic Hall



The Teen Tour Theatre Group presented *Bawdy Body* at Victoria Hall on February 15. Over 50 people were in attendance for the play, which deals with body image and teen girls. The theatre group is directed by Aviva Wolman-Wener. A discussion with the actors followed.

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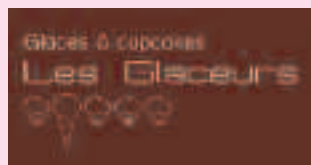
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## Westmount Square merchants reflect on medical clinics

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

As a by-law to limit medical clinics in Victoria village passes (see February 11, p. 1), one might ask what effect medical, dentistry and other health services have on retail businesses on the other side of the city in Westmount Square.

In the Vic village debate, some argued that patients use parking spaces, but do not shop. According to some local, independently-owned businesses, the experience on Greene has been nothing but favourable.

Asked if Westmount Square's medical clinics bring him business, Maurice Ingber of the women's clothing boutique Chic Paris said, "Of course. Thank God that we have the medical clinics."

Ingber said he's been in business 38 years, including 10 years at Westmount Square. "We do get a good response from the medical clinics." But customers also come from condominiums on Greene Ave., from Westmount Square and from Château Westmount Square. Passers-by, people walking on St. Catherine who come

inside Westmount Square, also discover the store, Ingber said.

What if the medical clinics left?

"It would affect us a lot," Ingber said. "This is a destination mall. Once they discover us they become regulars."

Sharon, an employee of the Westmount Gourmet kitchenware store who asked that her last name not be used, said the mall's medical and x-ray clinics "bring people in from all over the place. For us people have their medical appointments and while they're waiting, they wander around," Sharon said.

She said people living in the building also drop by the store, which has been at Westmount Square for 12 years.

Vicky Papazoglou of the Boutique Surprise gift shop said Westmount Square's medical clinics bring people in to the store. "While they're waiting for their appointments, because the wait is quite long, they do tend to walk around the mall and shop around," said Papazoglou, who has worked at the boutique for 15 years. "So I do think it has its benefits."

## Wires exposed when light post severed in KGP

A city light post in King George Park was broken in half on Saturday, February 15 when appearing to have been hit by some sort of vehicle, Public Security officials said. A large tire mark was found beside the damaged Washingtonian light standard when it was spotted at 4 pm by a

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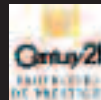


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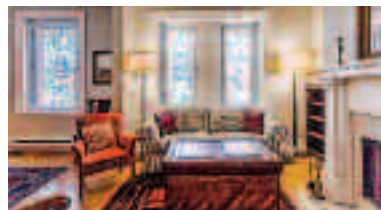
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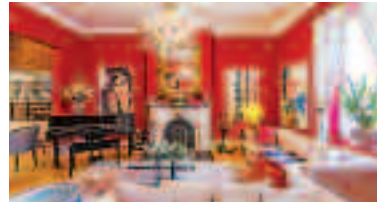
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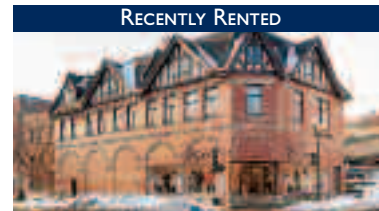
**VILLE-MARIE | RUE BERRI \$1,595,000**  
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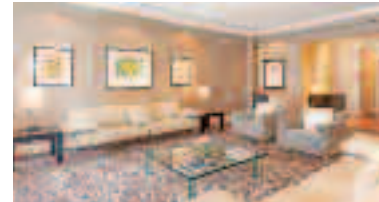
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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### Projet ville en santé : invitation aux bénévoles

Depuis 1991, le Projet ville en santé de Westmount a contribué de façon importante à la résolution de divers problèmes d'ordre matériel, social et environnemental au sein de la communauté. La ville est à la recherche de bénévoles désirant prêter talent et main forte à titre de membre du comité environnement et/ou du comité directeur. Si vous aimeriez participer, veuillez communiquer avec la conseillère Cynthia Lulham, Commissaire du développement durable et des parcs, au 514 931-9132 ou [clulham@westmount.org](mailto:clulham@westmount.org).

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Concours Littéraire M'Entyre 2014

Cette année, nous te demandons d'écrire sur : «Un nouveau départ!» Pour en savoir plus, consultez le dépliant M'Entyre au comptoir des enfants ou au [www.westlib.org](http://www.westlib.org).

### Juges bénévoles demandés

Compte tenu du nombre de participants l'an dernier, qui a atteint plus de 1400, nous avons besoin de nombreux juges pour évaluer les textes. Les juges sont divisés en groupes, chacun évaluant un niveau scolaire afin de déterminer trois gagnant(e)s. Les personnes intéressées sont priées de communiquer avec Wendy Wayling, bibliothécaire pour enfants, au 514 989-5357 ou [wwayling@westmount.org](mailto:wwayling@westmount.org).

### Ateliers de poésie avec Ann Lloyd

**Les mercredi 5 et 19 mars à 10 h 15.** Faites preuve de créativité lors de ces ateliers où vous pourrez vous exprimer en vers dans une ambiance décontractée. Info : 514 989-5299.

### Rencontre d'auteure : Sue Monk Kidd

**Le mercredi 5 mars à 19 h.** Venez rencontrer Sue Monk Kidd, auteure des romans *The Secret Life of Bees* et *The Invention of Wings*, au Victoria Hall. Billets requis. Info : 514 989-5386.

### Cercle de lecture

**Le mardi 11 mars à 10 h 15.** Aucune liste de lecture imposée et aucune date limite, seulement des discussions au sujet des livres que vous avez lus ! Info : 514 989-5299.

## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### La galerie du Victoria Hall : exposition

**Du 20 février au 15 mars.** La galerie est fière de présenter les œuvres de Helen Tarshis Shapiro. Info : 514 989-5521 ou [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org).

### Galerie : appel de dossiers

La galerie du Victoria Hall lance un appel de dossiers pour sa programmation de la saison 2014-2015 (septembre 2014 à août 2015). Ce concours s'adresse aux artistes émergents ou professionnels qui habitent Westmount. Les propositions doivent inclure 10 photographies ou images électroniques sur CD, DVD ou clé USB d'œuvres récentes (programmation

## Prochaine séance du conseil :

### le lundi 3 mars

générale) ou 5 photographies ou images électroniques (volet exposition de groupe estivale) ; une liste des œuvres présentées et les renseignements s'y rattachant (titre, médium, dimensions, etc.). Veuillez indiquer si vous posez votre candidature pour la programmation générale ou le volet exposition de groupe estivale, ou pour les deux.

### Période d'inscription annuelle : du 15 février au 15 avril.

Un dossier complet peut être posté ou déposé au Comité de sélection, Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, H3Z 1G1. Aucune soumission par courriel ne sera acceptée. Info : 514 989-5521 ou [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org).

### Atelier Jeunesses musicales : Brico musique - percussions (3 à 6 ans)

**Le dimanche 2 mars à 14 h au Victoria Hall.** Munis d'une boîte de céréales, de vieux crayons et d'autres éléments de la maison, les enfants créeront eux-mêmes un instrument rythmique à plusieurs sonorités. Entrez dans le monde des percussions et des cinq façons de produire un son! Atelier bilingue. Inscriptions 10 \$ ; billets en vente au Victoria Hall). Places limitées. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Concert Jeunesses musicales : L'expédition de la Rythmobile (6 à 12 ans)

**Le dimanche 2 mars à 14 h au Victoria Hall.** La Rythmobile est un bolide hybride tout-terrain surpuissant qui s'alimente de carburant à très haut indice rythmique. Quand la Rythmobile tombe en panne, notre aventurier embarque dans une aventure musicale à la recherche de ce précieux carburant, le rythme. Entrée : 5 \$. Billets disponibles au Victoria Hall. Les places sont limitées. Info : 514 989-5521.



### Défilé de la Saint-Patrick

**Le dimanche 16 mars à midi ; centre-ville de Montréal.** Participez au 190<sup>e</sup> défilé de la Saint-Patrick en compagnie d'officiers de la Sécurité publique et du groupe de Westmount. Le lieu de rencontre est au coin du boul. René-Lévesque et l'av. Crescent vers midi. Portez du vert et assurez-vous d'être habillé chaudement. Info : 514 989-5226.

### Une heure pour la Terre : éteignez vos lumières !

**Le samedi 29 mars de 20 h 30 à 21 h 30. Fête et foire écologique au Victoria Hall de 18 h à 22 h.** Kiosques d'information, présentations, observation des astres avec les membres de la Société royale canadienne des astronomes, musique du chœur *Burton Street Singers* et collations à prix modiques au Café Clair de lune. Présenté par le Projet ville en santé de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5226.



## CITY HALL

### Healthy City Project: invitation to volunteer

Since 1991, Westmount's Healthy City project has made many contributions to addressing physical, social and environmental concerns in the community. The City is currently seeking residents interested in joining the HCP Environment Committee and/or Steering Committee. If you are interested in being part of the HCP, please contact Councillor Cynthia Lulham, Commissioner of Sustainability and Parks, at 514 931-9132 or [clulham@westmount.org](mailto:clulham@westmount.org).

## LIBRARY

### 2014 M'Entyre Writing Competition

This year, we would like you to write about "A New Beginning!" For more information, please consult the M'Entyre brochure available at the Children's Desk or at [www.westlib.org](http://www.westlib.org).

### Volunteer Judges Needed

With more than 1400 entries last year, the M'Entyre Writing Competition needs many judges to evaluate entries. Judges are split into groups, each evaluating one grade level to determine three winners. If you are interested in being part of a judging team, please contact Wendy Wayling, Children's Librarian, at 514 989-5357 or [wwayling@westmount.org](mailto:wwayling@westmount.org).

### Poetry Workshops with Ann Lloyd

**Wednesdays, March 5 and 19 at 10:15 a.m.** Get creative in these light-hearted workshops that get you to express yourself in verse. Info: 514 989-5299.



### Author Event: Sue Monk Kidd

**Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.** Come meet Sue Monk Kidd, author of *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Invention of Wings*, at Victoria Hall. Tickets required. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Readers to Readers Book Club

**Tuesday, March 11 at 10:15 a.m.** Join our morning book club to talk about great books recently read. Info: 514 989-5299.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall: Exhibition

**February 20 to March 15.** The Gallery is pleased to feature the works of Helen Tarshis Shapiro. Info: 514 989-5521 or [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org).

### Gallery: Call for projects

The Gallery at Victoria Hall announces its Call for projects for its 2014-2015 exhibition season (September 2014 to August 2015). Emerging or professional artists who are residents of Westmount are invited to apply. Submissions should include 10 photographs or electronic images on CD, DVD or USB key of recent works for a season exhibition, or 5 photographs or electronic images for the summer group exhibition category; a descriptive list of the photographs

## Next Council Meeting: Monday, March 3

submitted (including title, medium, size, year completed, etc.); a short résumé, and an artist's statement. Please indicate whether you are applying for a season exhibition, the summer group show, or both.

### Annual registration period: February 15 to April 15.

Please mail or deliver your complete dossier to: Gallery Selection Committee, Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, H3Z 1G1. Info: 514 989-5521 or [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org).

### Jeunesses musicales workshop: Do-It-Yourself Percussion (ages 3 to 6)

**Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall.** Using recyclable materials and other household items, children create their very own rhythm instrument that can produce multiple sounds. Enter the world of percussion and learn the five ways of producing a sound. The workshop is bilingual. Registration \$10; passes available at Victoria Hall. Places are limited. Info: 514 989-5226.



### Jeunesses Musicales Concert: The Great Rhythmobile Adventure (ages 6-12)

**Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at Victoria Hall.** The Rhythmobile is a super powerful all-terrain vehicle that runs on a very special type of fuel : rhythm. When the clumsy driver runs out of fuel he sets out to replenish the tank which becomes a musical adventure searching for 'rhythm'. Admission \$5; spaces are limited. Info: 514 989-5226.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

#### Sunday, March 16 at noon, downtown Montreal.

Join Westmount's Public Security with the city's contingent in the 190<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day Parade. Meet on René-Lévesque Blvd. and Crescent St. by noon. Be sure to wear something green and dress warmly. Info: 514 989-5299.



### Earth Hour 2014 : Turn off your Lights!

#### Saturday, March 29, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Eco-Fair event at Victoria Hall from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Information tables, presentations, stargazing with members of the Royal Canadian Astronomical Society, music with the Burton Street Singers and snacks on sale at the Café Clair de lune. Organized by the Westmount Healthy City Project. Info: 514 989-5226.



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## Footballers play basketball at Priory



The Priory School welcomed Montreal Alouettes team members Éric Deslauriers, Kyries Hebert, S. J. Green, Josh Bourke and Jerald Brown on February 13. They spoke to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 about keeping a positive attitude, perseverance and the importance of a good education. Hebert said, "Your attitude determines your altitude." The visit culminated with a friendly Alouettes vs Priory staff basketball game.

Photos courtesy of The Priory.



## Kent honoured by Finance et Investissements



From left, Katherine, Joëlle, Bruce and Victoria Kent.

Bruce Kent, portfolio manager at RBC Dominion Securities, was recently honoured as a conseiller émérite in Quebec by *Finance et Investissements* during a cocktail held February 4 at the St. James Club. The Bruce Kent Group manages \$2.2 billion

and is the largest private client discretionary portfolio management group for Dominion Securities in Canada.

His wife, Joëlle, and daughters Victoria and Katherine accompanied him to the reception.

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## Hockey player hit in face on Stayner rink

A 31-year-old hockey player was hit in the face by "an errand stick" February 15 at the rink in Stayner Park, Public Security officials said.

The man, who had scratches on the nose and a swollen eye, sought help at 4:47 pm from a patroller in the park who drove him to an optometrist on Greene, then to his home in St. Henri to pick up his wallet and back to the rink where his friends were going to take him to a clinic or hospital.



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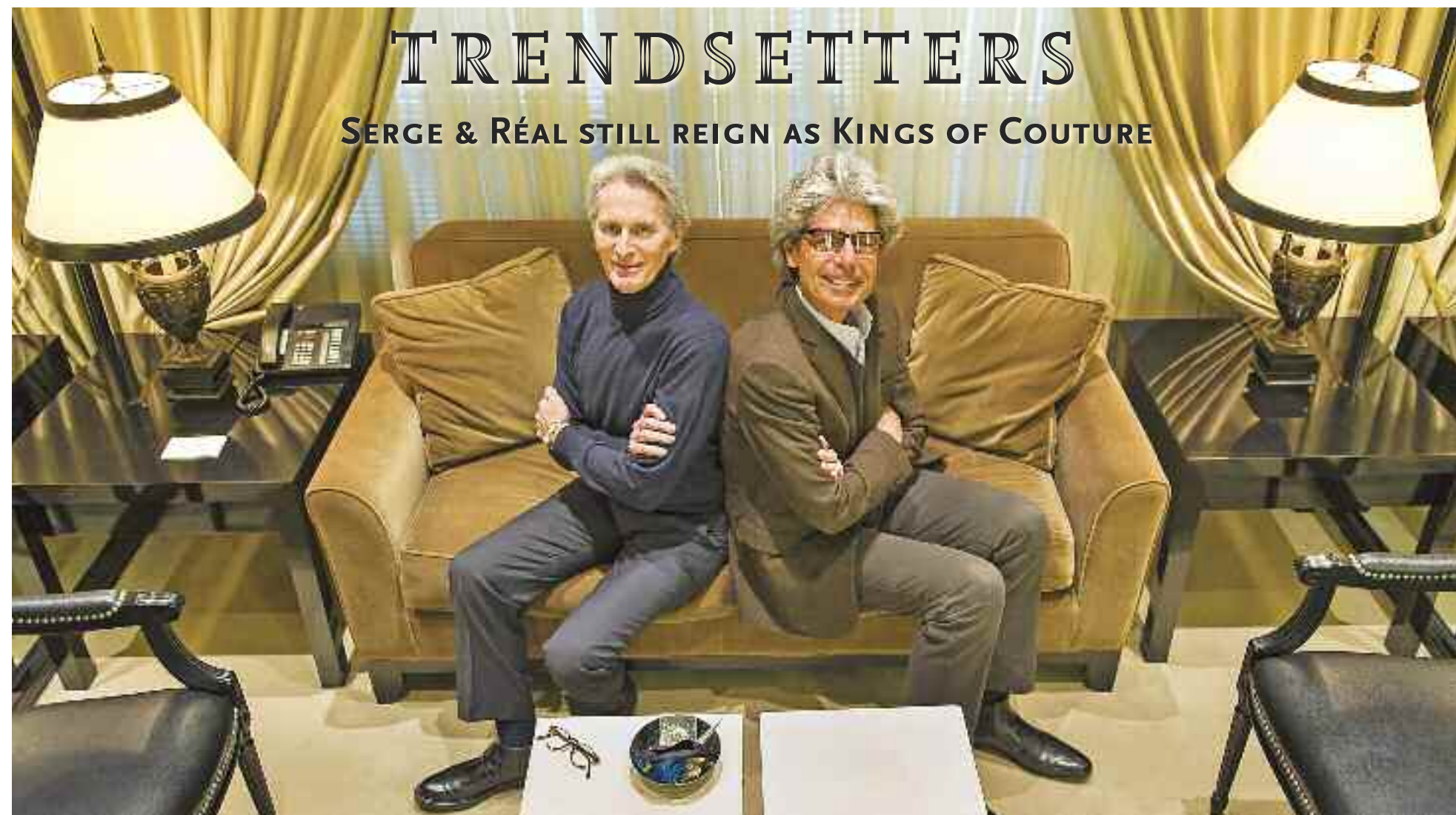
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# TRENDSETTERS

## SERGE & RÉAL STILL REIGN AS KINGS OF COUTURE



BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON

*Serge & Réal, referred to as “the kings of couture,” were a prestigious presence on Greene Ave. from the moment their beautiful boutique launched. (Full disclosure: I handled PR for the opening). Attended by le tout Montréal (then-governor-general Jeanne Sauvé and Jacqueline Desmarais, to name but two) the evening is still remembered today as one of the chicest the city has ever seen.*

*Now their shop is closed; their elegant era but a memory. But it will be recorded in history as the McCord Museum will hold its archives and some of their precious creations.*

What are your favourite fabrics?

*We love to work with wool and cashmere, as well as crêpe, and silk gazar, which is like a stiff organza. But today’s microfibers are fantastic, and suit a contemporary lifestyle.*

What kind of outfit is your favourite to design?

*Cocktail dresses.*

On week-ends, what do you like to wear?

*Usually jeans, actually. They are comfortable for when we walk Massimo/Max, our dog, a bichon-poodle mix. In New York, corduroys, a turtle neck and a European-style loden jacket. And of course, everything depends on the weather!*

Who are your favourite designers?

*Today, we would have to say that we admire Raf Simons and his designs for Dior.*

Your clients travel a great deal. Do you give them “packing secrets”?

*Life today is much simpler. Some clients may travel by private jet, which obviously makes things easier. But many take a few beautiful, simple outfits and then accessorize, which makes packing very easy.*

You launched in Palm Beach a while ago?

*Yes. Jacqueline Desmarais hosted our*

*trunk shows in her outstanding home there. It was an exciting time!*

So your styles have changed?

*Indeed. In the 90s, in Palm Beach or in Paris, for example, outfits were more detailed. We were very busy, and had to open a showroom in New York for our Palm Beach clients who lived in Boston and New York. And whatever the season, in that era, clothes were “busier.”*

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

*Roma! We love Rome and visit at least twice a year.*

Whom would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, and from any era?

*Lucino Visconti, Lauren Bacall, Katharine Hepburn, Silvana Mangano and Angela Lansbury – whom we recently had the pleasure of meeting at the Metropolitan Museum in New York.*

What is your favourite flower?

*Without a doubt, white orchids. We always have one simple plant in the house.*



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## Chicken-Couscous meatloaves

*Couscous is rolled granules made from crushed and ground semolina. Cooking it with water binds the granules. In this recipe, couscous replaces bread crumbs, which are usually used in meatloaves, as a binding agent, and it keeps the mixture moist and juicy.*

### INGREDIENTS:

½ cup (125 mL) couscous  
1 medium zucchini, grated  
1/3 cup (75 mL) finely chopped red onion  
¼ cup (60 mL) finely chopped sage  
1½ tsp (7mL) kosher salt

½ tsp (2 mL) pepper  
1 lb (500g) ground chicken  
1 large egg, lightly beaten  
¼ cup (60 mL) light brown sugar  
2 tbsp (30 mL) Dijon mustard  
2 tsp (10 mL) tomato paste

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small saucepan, bring ¾ cup (185 mL) of water to a boil. Stir in the couscous, cover, remove from heat, and let stand for 5 minutes.

Transfer the couscous to a large bowl and fluff with a fork. Stir in the zucchini, onion, sage, salt and pepper. Add the chicken and egg and mix well. Shape into 4 oval

meatloaves and place on the prepared baking sheet.

In a small bowl, whisk the brown sugar, mustard and tomato paste until blended and smooth. Brush the mixture over the meatloaves. Place in the oven and bake for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve.

Best served with roasted greens with Tahini sauce (pg180)

To purchase *Mosaic*, please visit the website, [www.mosaiccookbook.com](http://www.mosaiccookbook.com)

## Batshaw Children Needing Homes

### Affectionate Jake may have speech delay

Jake is an active, adorable and charming three-year-old who likes to play. He loves being around people and seems to enjoy the movement and the interaction of children playing outside or indoors with their toys. He is very affectionate and shows it. Jake is in good health, but he appears to have a speech delay and is on the waiting list at the Montreal General Hospital for audio and speech therapy.

Jake is presently in an emergency foster home and has demonstrated that with attention, nurturing, patience and a clear routine he can adjust well to the place-

ment. However, he is in need of a long-term foster family. Jake will not initially trust people in his life. He needs patient, active and committed foster parents who can be open and understanding of his situation.

Jake's parents are unable to take care of him. The ideal family would be that of an Ojibwa, Algonquin or an aboriginal family.

For more information about this child, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.923.7161, local 1139. Information sessions are held every two months.

## Comin' Up

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Atwater Library Lunchtime Series: musicians John Kerkhoven and Paul Serralheiro present "The Blues in Jazz: a historical interpretation with harmonica and guitar." Free, donations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

The Atwater Poetry Project, coordinated by poet Darren Bifford, presents readings by poets David McGimpsey, Jason Camlot and Jon Paul Fiorentino. Free. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

3X3 Daytime Series with Rabbi Grushcow explores The Book of Esther. Join us as we prepare for Purim by delving into the story of its heroine, Esther, beauty contestant turned queen. Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 10:30 am. Also Wednesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 19.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Atwater Library Lunchtime Series: publisher and author Linda Leith discusses Mavis Gallant, the Montreal-born writer who gained international renown for her work, especially her short stories. Free, do-

nations invited. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 12:30 pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

"First Fridays" Family Shabbat Service and Birthday Celebration. Special Oneg Shabbat and cake for children celebrating birthdays! Free. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. 5:45 pm.

ONGOING:

Tumbling Tots. Centre Greene. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am to 11 am. Indoor/park playground for parents and children under 5 years. \$3.50/morning drop-in. Coffee and cookies provided.

## Traffic light hit during snow removal

A loader hooked an overhead traffic light February 15 at the northeast corner of Sherbrooke and Lansdowne while emptying snow into a dump truck, Public Security officials said. Patrollers, who came across the damaged light at 12:37 pm were told a Public Works employee had witnessed the incident. The driver of the loader was a subcontractor for the city.

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### APPEL DE PROPOSITIONS : WRC-2014-001 CAFÉ / CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT

La Ville de Westmount sollicite des propositions concernant l'exploitation d'un café dans le nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount (CLW) au 4675, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, et ce, pour une période initiale de cinq (5) années.

Les documents relatifs à l'appel de propositions seront disponibles au bureau du greffe de la Ville de Westmount, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, à partir du 25 février 2014 et jusqu'à la date d'ouverture des propositions, pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Les documents d'appel de propositions mentionnent toutes les exigences et tous les critères qui seront utilisés pour évaluer les propositions, notamment le pointage intérimaire minimal de 70, ainsi que les méthodes de pondération et d'évaluation des propositions fondées sur ces critères.

Une proposition doit être transmise dans une enveloppe contenant une première enveloppe avec tous les documents de la proposition et une deuxième enveloppe, scellée, contenant le loyer proposé.

Seules les propositions déposées au bureau du greffe au plus tard, **le 20 mars 2014 à 12 h 00** seront acceptées.

Les propositions seront ouvertes publiquement dans la salle du conseil de la Ville de Westmount, le même jour, à 12 h 05. Subséquemment, un comité de sélection étudiera les propositions.

La Ville de Westmount ne s'engage à accepter ni la meilleure ni aucune des propositions reçues, et n'encourra aucune obligation ni aucun frais d'aucune sorte envers les soumissionnaires.

M<sup>e</sup> Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza  
Greffière de la Ville

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WRC-2014-001 CAFÉ / WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE

The City of Westmount solicits proposals for the operation of a café in the new Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC) at 4675, Sainte-Catherine Street West for an initial term of five (5) years.

The documents regarding the call for proposals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Westmount located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, as of February 25, 2014 and up until the date of the opening of proposals, during regular business hours from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The specifications mention all the requirements and all the criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals, in particular the minimum interim score of 70, and the bid weighting and evaluating methods based on those criteria.

The proposal is to be submitted in an envelope containing a first envelope with all the documents of the proposal and a second, sealed envelope, containing the proposed rent.

Only the proposals received at the Office of the City Clerk **by 12:00 p.m. on March 20, 2014**, at the latest, will be accepted.

The proposals will be opened publicly in the Council Chamber of the City of Westmount on the same day at 12:05 p.m. Subsequently, a selection committee will study the proposals.

The best or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted, nor shall the City of Westmount incur any obligations or costs whatsoever with respect to the person making the proposal.

M<sup>e</sup> Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza  
City Clerk

## Cleo has a new hair-do, needs new family



Himalayans have mesmerizing eyes and stunning, full long-haired coats. So it's understandable that they would be a bit funny and pouty when they have had a trim! As you can see, Cleo is still getting used to her short 'do, but is quite the beauty no matter what her style.

Her light blue eyes are such a contrast against her cream and white coat that she is showstopper. Cleo's owner fell ill and is now hospitalized, so Cleo was taken in by Gerdy's Rescue for adoption in a new family.

She is lonely and would be happiest being fussed over, as she always was, and offering all her devotion and affection in return. She enjoys resting in a sunny spot where she can look out the window at the world walking by, and hopefully some sightings of birds and squirrels to add interest.

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If you would like to find out more about her, please contact Gerdy at Gerdy's Rescue and Adoptions on her pager at 514.203.9180 or email her at [info@gerdysrescue.org](mailto:info@gerdysrescue.org). If you go to their website at [www.gerdysrescue.org](http://www.gerdysrescue.org), you will find out more about the rescue and additional information on Cleo.

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Singer co-founded company with Gavizon

# Workhoppers: A dating site for workers and companies

BY STEPHANIE O'HANLEY

Linda Singer, a Westmount resident, and Vera Gavizon of Côte St. Luc spent over a year in coffee shops carefully planning Workhoppers, a matching site for flexible and casual work.

Though Workhoppers (workhoppers.com) launched in August 2012, the website has only been online for six months. Workhoppers helps companies find local professionals during busy periods or when they don't have the necessary in-house skills.

The site operates globally in English and French (a Spanish site is planned for the end of 2014), with companies finding local people in neighbourhoods, for the most part, across Canada but also in the United States and in other parts of the world. Over 3,000 freelance members have joined so far. Of these, 61 percent are female and 54 percent have a university degree.

For small and medium-sized businesses offering work on a part-time, temporary, contract or freelance basis, "it's an extra hand," Gavizon explained. Instead of using a temp agency, "you can go direct and find somebody you need." Gavizon said many companies can't afford to pay full-time workers and hiring temp agencies two-to-three times a year is expensive.

"We have about 200 companies right now," Singer said. "Most of the companies understand easily the concept of hiring a part-time person. The challenge is for them to understand that they can easily hire a local person even for just a few hours to help them."

Gavizon said she and Singer met when their children were in daycare. The inspiration for Workhoppers came from their experiences as working moms. Both Gavizon and Singer hold MBAs, but struggled to balance their "dream jobs" with raising children, they said.

Once a full-time management consultant, Gavizon said she found it "impossible" to give her two children the attention she felt they deserved while also working hard at a glamorous career. So she started



Linda Singer and Vera Gavizon.

Photo by Andrew Belding.

working on a project-by-project basis. "I liked the flexibility," she said.

It was a similar experience for Singer, who has a Master's degree in information science and business administration.

Gavizon said when they dreamed up Workhoppers they thought about the talented and well-educated mothers they knew who wanted to work, but whom full-time hours didn't suit. "We thought it was a mom issue, but it's not," Gavizon said.

With talk of a flexible work revolution, stay-at-home mothers aren't the only people seeking flexible work arrangements and a better work-life balance, Singer and Gavizon said. Generation Y (people born between 1978 and 1989) tends to embrace opportunities to balance work and life, there are semi-retired people looking for work and even moonlighters, for instance lawyers who like to blog or human resources folks who enjoy writing and who don't mind working outside their regular

work hours. Students are looking for work experience and chances to build up their CVs, Singer said, pointing to Workhoppers' ties with universities and with Youth Employment Services.

Wanting flexibility doesn't mean people work less or perform poorly, Gavizon and Singer said. "They want to work very hard," Gavizon said. "They just want to work when they can." Added Singer: "That's what sets freelancers apart, they want to do an amazing job."

Singer called Workhoppers "a dating site for freelance workers and companies

to find each other." Freelancers post online profiles listing their location, résumé, education, skills and availability (mornings, afternoons or evenings; onsite, offsite or virtual) and companies post jobs or projects stating who they're looking for. Only members can browse profiles and posts, receive matches or contact other members. "It's a community and you find each other," said Singer, stressing that Workhoppers is not a job site but a skill site. Sometimes positions aren't advertised and companies find people by browsing profiles, she said.

The site uses 10 categories and "each category has many different skills," Gavizon said. Work is geared to professionals and involves such skills as translation, HTML coding, blogging, legal work, preparing taxes, website development and marketing. But there's ..... also shopping, data entry, *continued on p. 22*

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Although this has been a frosty winter here in Westmount, Aurel has brought out his plush alpaca overcoat and we are planning a spring renovation.

Aurel and I are working on a lovely home in Uppity Westmount...freshening up a period 60s master bath. So, after taking all the measurements and photos of all the walls and details to create a 3-D virtual view of the entire space, we are out scouting for the right tiles.

Aurel's architect and best "techie" Tarcisio Cordoso works up our 3-D plans of the existing retro bathroom. Always make measured plans, my dear design fiends! They will always save you time and money, especially when you discover just enough square feet of a really elegant marble tiles, with a companion border that is on sale for 30 percent off! The cost of the design and measuring time was offset by this saving.

**Hall closet surprise**

Oh, another nice surprise: we discovered that the hall closet that was on the other side of the bathroom had a vacant space behind it that allowed us to hide a little safe – for some of the family jewels.

It is accessible only from the false back of the new pharmacy that we designed. The only problem is that we had to banish the contractor to Ungava Bay so he would not tell anyone. This is a true story, but I have sworn not to tell the address!

Now off to shop! What a thrill to search for the special items that will make this bathroom the delight of our clients. With our plans and square foot totals clutched in our elegantly manicured hands, we first stop at Ciot headquarters at St. Lawrence just above the 40.

Wow, what a difference! Radical reno-

**Trendy Tilmar tiles for Westmount**

vations have added a complete Kohler porcelain showroom, with a veritable panoply of colours and shapes.

Rather than repeat the same colours of the 60s era, the new version has a lighter, almost juicy glaze: aqua rather than turquoise, pale butter yellow rather than ochre, peach blush rather than orange... the retro colours are back!

Also, pattern and shape have returned. We saw a superb printed porcelain for our bathroom in a *faux* birch bark rectangle with a matte glaze. As we mentioned before, grey is the new beige. A light warm grey-taupe can be lovely, but be aware that it can be chilly and a bit unflattering to skin tones.

Colour to the rescue! Paint the ceiling a soft peach or pale yellow. Consider a rose tint that will make a lovely warm balance for the cooled greys. We also saw an amazing example of new technology: porcelain panels only 6 mm thick, 2 meters by 3 meters, and *printed* in a totally believable symmetrical motif of veined warm grey on white Calacatta marble.

The flawless detail totally fooled Aurélien! The equivalent panels in real Calacatta would be triple the weight and much more fragile. We endeavor to use natural materials, but in this instance, we are sold on this new technology.

**Tilmar tiles**

Moving farther eastward, Aurel and I slide over and upward to Lacordaire, past Montreal's best *gelateria*, Radikal Dezzerts, near St. Leonard's city hall, up to Couture and there over to Tilmar, beautifully refreshed with the best LED lighting in the city: totally colour corrected, easy on the eyes, true nuance of all colour tonality.

Upstairs, we find the special order department there, motion sensors turn on the lights as we move through the space. The Volpato family, father Tony and son Sal, finally listened to Aurel and me muttering about the old fluorescent tubes and

their bad colour rendition.

Sal showed some of the giant sizes of meter square tiles in porcelain with *rectified* edges. A new vocabulary word, my dears, but one worth remembering! This means that the edges are so exactly made that the fine sand grout joints are barely visible. Here we find some marvelous glass mosaics for the accent border we are creating at the countertop level.

Aurel's adopted *nipote* Sal tells us that it is his 17th voyage to Hong Kong next month. He is planning on a huge new selection of colours and retro hexagon tiles. Tilmar will have special textures and those one-inch hex matte porcelains for the real retro look. As the design pundits say: "What goes around comes back around." Things return with new twists and new technology.

So my dear design friends: there is life after Westmount. Explore our city and find the best for your homes.

Bye for now, Greta has to rush to her favourite chair and start on a restorative martini. Please do keep us in touch with your questions and remarks. Tell us all @ Aurel's e-mail: aurelien@coloursbyaurelien.com. Look for me soon, when I will tell you our thoughts on the future of furniture shopping.

Colourfully,

YOUR GRETA VON SCHMEDLAPP

**Car makes U-turn,  
collides with another**

A car driving west on Sherbrooke between Vignal and Wood collided February 14 with an eastbound car making a U-turn, Public Security officials said. When patrollers came across the accident at 10:40 am, the driver of the westbound car told them the other driver had left her coordinates but had to leave. A tow truck was called since the car could not be driven. The driver was not injured.

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# Viennese Ball waltzes back into town

## Social Notes

from Westmount  
and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Debutantes with dance teachers, at left, from left: Astri Prugger and Carole Brown (Arthur Murray); and, at right, Birgit Erdan.

Photos courtesy of Fuschia Productions.

Soucie, and Suzanne Crawford and Paolo Renzi.

The ball opened with an Austrian Champagne ("Sekt") reception and a wine-tasting event sponsored by the Austrian Trade Commission.

Head table guests entered the ballroom to the tune of Austrian composer Michael Zehrer's *Faecher Polonaise*.

Dignitaries included Suzanne Fortier, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and her husband Doug Babington; Robert Luck, Austrian trade commissioner for Canada; past Austrian Society president Elizabeth Wirth and husband Lou Fauteux; ball president Harold Scheer and his wife Ewa; Austrian vice-consul Elisabeth Canisius; Boris and Ardyth Brott; Gisella Steinle, continued on p. 22

The annual Viennese Ball is more and more Cinderella-like each year. It harks back to an era of elegance – shades of *Downton Abbey*.

The Austrian Society of Montreal held the 2013 gala at the Marriott Château Champlain. The ball was under the patronage and in the presence of guest of honour the Austrian ambassador to Canada Arno Riedel, attending with his wife Loretta, as well as the Austrian consul general in Montreal Ulrike Billard, with her husband Bernard.

Arriving from Vienna for the prestigious party were Vienna municipal councillor Elisabeth Vitouch, attending with her husband Peter, and Manuela Figar, from Vienna's press service, which supports Viennese balls worldwide.

Westmounters included Anna Kratochvil, Claudette Dagenais and Lionel Collins, Diane Fowler Leblanc and Guy



Harold and Ewa Scheer, Peter and Elisabeth Vitouch; Peter and Eva Hill; Loreta Loria-Riedel and Arno Riedel; Ulrike and Bernard Billard.



Martha Difrancisco, Alexis Hauser, Elizabeth Wirth and Kelly Rice.



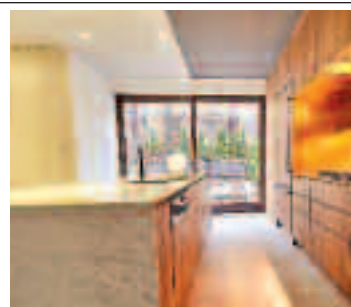
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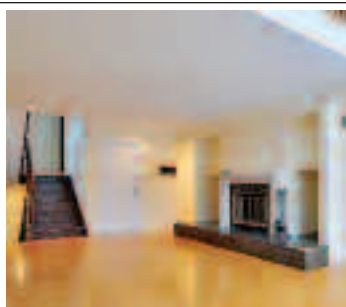
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**Ball, cont'd. from p. 21**

president of the German Society, and her husband **Richard Darling; Sherry and Sean Ferguson**, dean of McGill's Schulich School of Music; **Kelly Rice, Susan Vivian**, and **Cristina and Maestro Alexis Hauser**, who led the Pronto Musica Orchestra.

The Hausers' daughter was a deb. Ladies of the ball committee who helped train the debutantes included Westmounter **Astri Prugger** and her husband **Jon McGaughey** (daughter **Katrina** was a debutante), and **Birgit and Jeff Erdan** (daughter **Leyla** was an usher).

Debs wore identical white gowns and

sparkling Swarovski coronets – and long white gloves, of course. Their partners were resplendent in white tie and tails.

They were officially presented to the visiting dignitaries before performing their opening waltz. After all the magic moments, a more modern mood was created by the Peter Freeman Band, whose music packed the dance floor.

Proceeds from the gala go to SOS Children's Villages, the largest orphan-focused charity in the world; the Schulich School of Music of McGill University; General Romeo Dallaire's Child Soldier Initiative; Leave out Violence (L.O.V.E.); and DSQ (German Language Schools of Quebec).

**St. George's wins Weizmann slot**

From left, front row, students **Etienne Molgat Laurin, Severn Swift, Nikita Nonnenman, William Hirsch, Rebecca Letourneau-Duynstee, Jonathan Antebi, Alexandra Cohen, Matthew Stendel**; back row, teachers **Mark Driedger and Danielle Delhaes**.

Photo courtesy of Weizmann Canada.

St. George's School won Weizmann Canada's 19th annual Shalheveth Freier Physics Tournament, competing against four other high schools at Bialik High School on February 12.

It will be competing in the finals at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel on March 25 and 26. St. George's has one campus in Westmount and one just east of city limits.

**Workhopper, cont'd. from p. 19**

organizing, bookkeeping and event planning work.

Non-profit groups are welcome to post volunteer positions, Singer said. "A lot of our Workhoppers are willing to volunteer their time," Gavizon said.

Membership is free for freelancers. As for companies, "what we offer is a 'freemium' model," Singer explained. Companies may post one job free and be seen and contacted by candidates, she said.

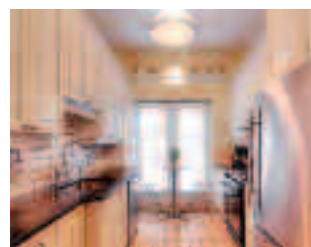
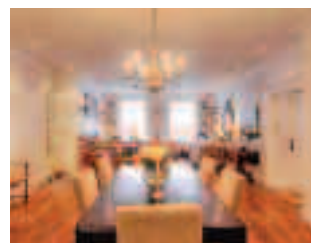
To post more than one job and receive "all the extra perks such as full access to the database, targeted networking of their jobs and matches based on our unique algorithm, which finds candidates to a fine degree of specification" Singer said companies pay an "extremely competitive" membership fee, that starts at \$49 for one month. That cost, Gavizon said, is a far cry from the \$600 a company pays to list on Workopolis or \$350 it costs on LinkedIn, where "it's

very expensive for short-term help."

Companies can rate workers and the reviews serve as recommendations and help in matching freelancers with companies. Singer said she and Gavizon vet companies to make sure they're legitimate.

And unlike answering an ad on Kijiji, where candidates often don't know who they're approaching, with Workhoppers candidates can create a profile and target companies. "We find that having a photo can help them sell themselves," Singer said. "A graphic designer can put an image of something they've done."

Unlike sites such as ODesk or Elance, where freelancers bid for contracts and work virtually, at Workhoppers companies and workers often meet in person and decide together how they want to work, Gavizon and Singer said. "When you take an Elance or ODesk job, you can't talk to the company in person," Gavizon said. "We want people to make decisions based on a connection," she said.



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**WESTMOUNT:** mid-level; FIRST AD! 4+1 bdrm, 3 baths, family room, super bright, gracious home. Lg terrace, deck, garden, pkg. **\$1,398,000**



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**OLD HAMPSTEAD:** Elegant detached stone residence on quiet crescent. 4 bdrm, great playroom, huge garden, garage, **\$1,095,000 or \$5,500/mo.**



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**RENTAL:**

**WESTMOUNT**

3 bdrm country home in the heart of Westmount.

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**WESTMOUNT – The Boulevard:** Gracious executive home w/stunning views to the river. Large sunny, totally renovated, amazing entertainment space. 2 car gar., priv. garden, A/C. Avail. immed. **\$1,789,000**



**Hampstead:** Spacious Sunny 4+1 BR Detached Cottage on Gorgeous Pool Size lot on the best street north of Fleet. Lovingly Maintained – Enjoy Central A/C – 2 Car Garage. **\$1,495,000**



**CONDO**

**Snowdon:** Bright 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, eastern exposure. Updated with hardwood floors, custom doors. Well managed bldg centrally located. **\$399,000**



**RENTAL**

**Adjacent Westmount:** Fab. executive cottage. Large Sunny 5+1 BR, 4½ BA Totally Renovated – Private Garden, A/C + Garage Great Location – Close to all amenities. Avail. Immed. **\$5900/mo**

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**WESTMOUNT, CLARKE AVE:** Very exclusive building. Top location. Impeccable 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 garages. Pool. mls 9365164 **\$1,050,000**



**DOWNTOWN, LINTON:** Elegant & spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Garage. Totally renovated w/quality & good taste. Top floor. mls 769946 **\$815,000**



**OLD MONTREAL, 1 MCGILL:** 9th floor, fabulous views, superb 3 bdrms, 2 baths, garage. Prestigious building, impeccable move in unit! mls 18161874 **\$1,150,000**



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**DOWNTOWN: Newly Listed... don't delay!**

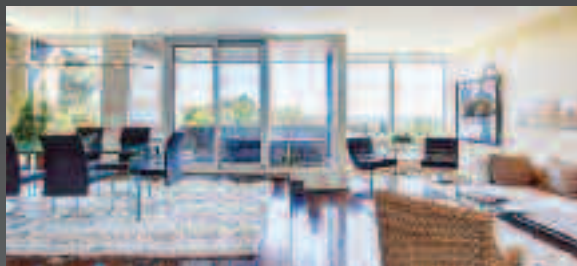
2 bedroom condo in well-maintained 'boutique' 9 unit bldg., steps to McGill University, hospitals, transport. 2 baths, sauna, hardwood floors, garage.



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**WESTMOUNT 627 Clarke** \$3,395,000  
Modern 4 bedroom residence by Max Roth, astonishing views, open concept. MLS 26285951

### ACCEPTED OFFER



**WESTMOUNT 333 Elm Ave.** \$1,549,000  
Beauty on Elm!! Classic brownstone full of charm, renovated to today's standards, 3 bdrms, 2 fireplaces, 2 car prkg. MLS 22826019



**WESTMOUNT ADJ. 3022 Trafalgar** Listed Price \$1,850,000  
Elegant 1923 detached, 5 bedroom, pool, garage, steps from Beaver Lake and schools, great opportunity!

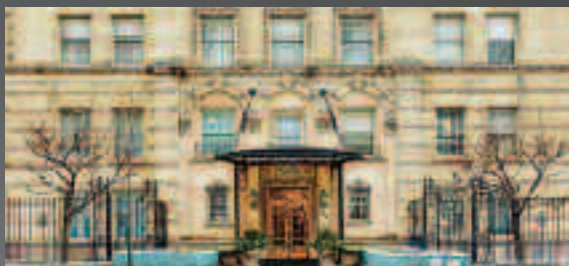


**SUD-OUEST 1713 St-Patrick, #301** \$3,200/mth  
Superb open concept in Redpath Lofts, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, fireplace, 2 interior parkings. MLS 9066662

### INTRODUCING



**C.D.N 6301 Northcrest, #3P** \$899,000  
Le Sanctuaire: Beautiful renovated 2+1 bedroom condo, 1,942 sf, very large terrace, 2 car garage. MLS 12706314



**DOWNTOWN 1227 Sherbrooke W, #44** \$795,000  
Prestigious 3 bedroom condo in the ACADIA, 24-hour security, wood floors, indoor parking. MLS 16250732



**T.M.R. 1960 Kildare** \$1,395,000  
Beautiful 4 bedroom home on 6000 sq.ft lot, renovated, heated floors, solarium, garden. MLS 13890850



**IVRY-SUR-LE-LAC Lac Manitou** \$475,000  
Rare occasion! 3 acre lot on a pristine lake, 200' waterfront, 1 hour from Mtl. MLS 14203761

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**WESTMOUNT 5 Grove Park** \$1,325,000  
Semi designed by P. Nobbs, 3+1 bedrooms, renovated, garage, superb location! MLS 13012284

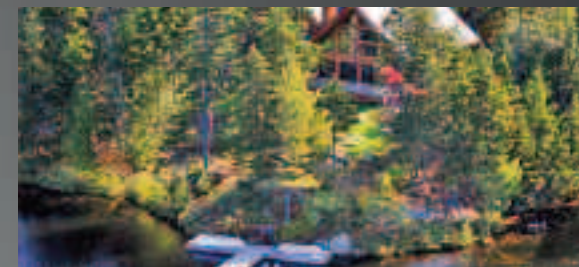
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**LE PLATEAU 4235 de la Roche** \$450,000  
Fabulous 2 bedroom ground floor condo. Renovated, furnished, wood floors, garden. MLS 22731061



**TREMBLANT 123 Dicaire** Listed Price \$719,000  
Panoramic views, access to Lake Moore, spa, sauna, gym, fireplace, 4 bdr, 3+1 bth, cycling path & more!



**HARRINGTON Ch. du Lac** \$4,995,000  
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