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## Work to re-do WAG starts early

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work began unexpectedly last week at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) to prepare for the planting of 30 large black poplar trees and new shrubbery along the train tracks as well to rebuild the two tennis courts this fall and refurbish the dog run.

Also planned is the screening of the railway fence and tennis courts using dark green windscreen fabric of the type used around the pool. The playground swing set is also to be replaced.

The current overall project was initially planned for next spring but was advanced unexpectedly to this fall "when funds became available," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham in announcing details September 14.

The work started with the removal of underbrush and shrubbery along the tracks to make way this week for taking out the stumps of the 22 dead or dying eastern cottonwood trees cut down last year along parts *continued on p. 8*

## First day of 5776



A small crowd gathered September 14 at 5:45 pm in Westmount Park for a short service conducted by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow from Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and Rabbi Adam Scheier of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Observers of Rosh Hashanah were there for an open Tashlich, an ancient Jewish custom to cast away sins on the first day of the Jewish new year. Bread was provided to throw in the pond for the symbolic gesture.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



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## City seeks seat at table in talks with MUHC, GSM over noise

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city of Westmount has requested a seat at the table in discussions between the MUHC and the McGill Healthcare Infrastructure Group on noise emissions from the super-hospital's ventilation system, the *Independent* learned last week.

The group, known by its French acronym of GSM, is the consortium that

built and maintains the facility.

The request from Westmount was made by Mayor Peter Trent in private talks with MUHC director general Normand Rinfret, District 5 councillor Christina Smith said September 15. An official reply is expected soon.

"As we work toward a solution, we feel we should be at the table, which would be an indi- *continued on p. 19*

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## Lower and more tender quotes sought

# City aims for early adoption of 2016 capital works budget

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In a departure from the traditional schedule, the city this year plans to adopt its 2016 capital works program before the operating budget, Mayor Peter Trent told the *Independent* last week. This could lead to getting a head start on other municipalities in the tender process.

"It's quite likely we'll adopt it a month earlier than the operating budget," he said. "We're trying to see if we can't do it for October 15." The eventual goal in future years is to adopt it by September.

Traditionally, both budgets are approved at the same time near the end of December or even in January once the city's share of agglomeration expenses is known. Since the capital works budget is independent of this delay, he pointed out, earlier approval will enable the city to launch tender calls sooner.

"I think this approach is more comprehensive and will get the bids in early," he

explained. "We'll be one of the first municipalities out of the gate." This could be expected to result in more bidders and lower cost submissions.

Having a separate deadline for the capital works budget will also lead to two budget seminars for council members, which he called "a good thing."

Trent said the capital works decision was made September 15 at a meeting of the Finance and Administration committee. No guidelines regarding the operating budget were made at that time. "We discussed the larger picture of the city's net debt," he said. "It's important not to put the cart before the horse."

In a letter to taxpayers in June, Trent reported the city's net debt at \$9 million. This was calculated using the \$12-million surplus from 2014 and accumulated surpluses from other years of \$20 million to offset the city's \$41-million debt. Another "significant" surplus is expected for this year (see story June 23, p. 1).

## Dawson hockey starts season at WRC



The Dawson Blues hockey team (left) opened its season September 12 at the Westmount recreation centre, its new home ice. The team played against the Rebelles of CEGEP Sorel-Tracy in a game that ended in a 7-4 loss for the Blues. Seen above, players line up for the singing of the national anthem led by professional singer Cherylyn Toca, a Dawson alumna. Dave Lapointe, director of Westmount Sports and Recreation, and city director general Mike Deegan, as Blues alumni, were presented with Blues jerseys before the game started by Richard Filion, director general of Dawson College, and Raymond Boucher, director of student services.

Photo: Matt Faigan

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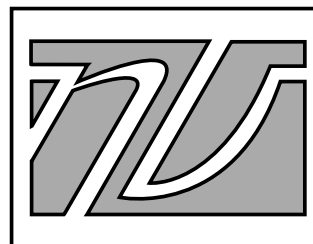
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# Merchant upset by street work, no parking day before Rosh Hashanah

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work to install a new water entry for a store on Sherbrooke east of Claremont for the morning of September 12 reduced traffic through the shopping area to one lane each way.

It also removed parking from both sides of the street.

Public Works director Patrick Raggo said the decision to allow the privately contracted work on the Saturday was made because of the higher volume of traffic on a weekday.

The unexpected removal of parking on both sides of Sherbrooke without prior notice, however, upset merchants “on one of the busiest shopping days of the year for

many of us,” said Denis D’Etcheverry owner of Flore, 4932 Sherbrooke.

“It was the day before the start of Rosh Hashanah.”

He said that “If we had been notified about it, we could have been able to tell our regular customers to place their orders earlier,” he said. “It’s not like it was urgent work like a broken pipe. So here we had traffic congestion, no parking and no walking on some of the sidewalks.”

D’Etcheverry said he had spoken to a city supervisor at the scene, who explained

that the work involved installation of a separate sprinkler system pipe for La Canadienne and Restaurant Lea.

## Screamer calmed

Public safety officers “calmed down” a homeless man screaming at 3:50 am September 10 just north of St. Catherine St., Public Security officials said. Patrollers answering a complaint about the individual behind 1217 Greene reported he was known to them.

## Centennial monument to get facelift



The Canadian Confederation Centennial Monument in Westmount Park is to undergo restoration at a total cost of \$34,934, city council

agreed September 8. The work includes resurfacing concrete and repainting the provincial and territorial coats of arms. The monument was erected alongside Melville Ave. near Melbourne, by the 3 Field Engineers Regiment (see inset). This unit, now named the 34 Combat Engineer Regiment, moved last year from the Hillside armoury to the brigade headquarters in Longue Pointe (see story April 1, 2014).

Photos: Laureen Sweeney



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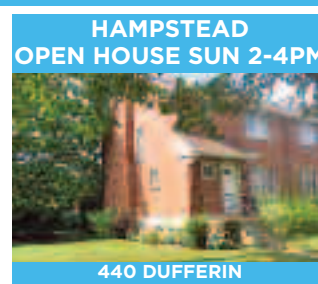
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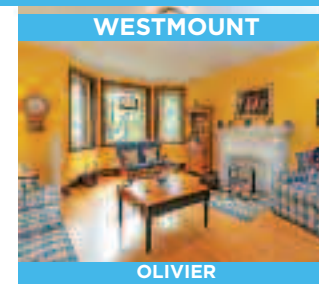
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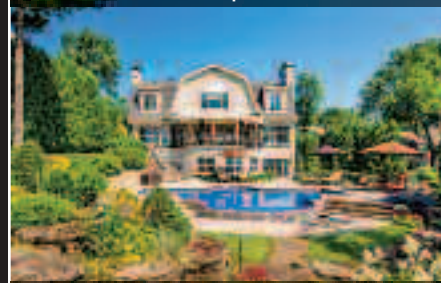


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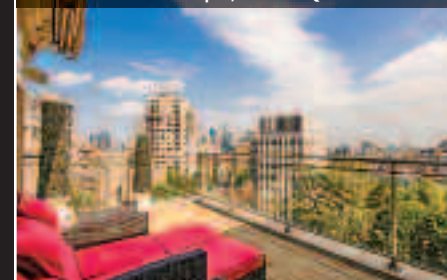
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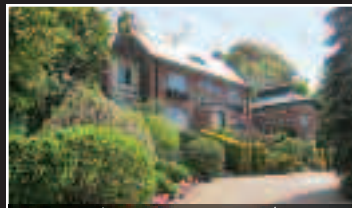
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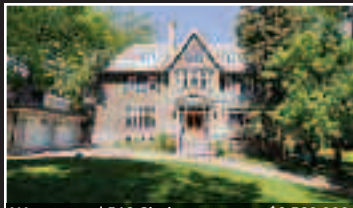
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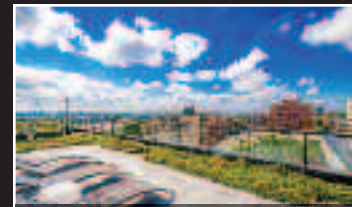
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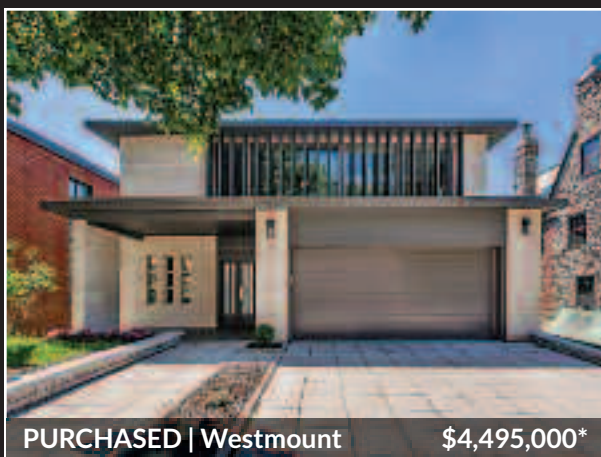


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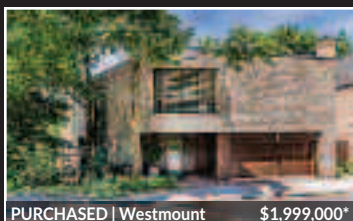
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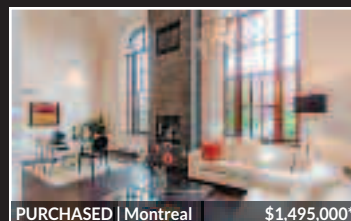
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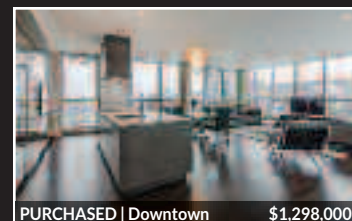
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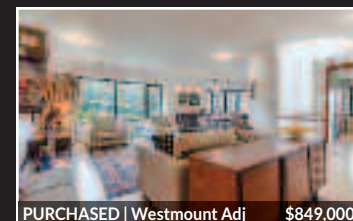
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT HAPPY TO SEE PIT BULL  
IN UNDERDOG COLUMN

Re: The Underdog Club's column "A 'pit' by any other name," (September 15, p. 22), I am sorry to see a pit bull promoted for adoption in your pages.

The column suggests that the well-documented impulsive aggression of fighting dogs is based in human misuse, not genetics.

Pit bulls – and that includes American Staffordshires [terriers], which are genetically 100 percent pit bull \* – were designed for fighting, just as greyhounds were designed for speed and bloodhounds for tracking. They have a talent for attacking with force and persistence; no amount of nurture or training can dissuade a pit bull that is bent on attack from doing so.

The column claims pit bulls are victims of media demonization as Dobermans used to be. A bad analogy. In the past 60 years, 11 people have been killed by Dobermans. Eleven people in North America are killed by pit bulls every four months – that is, a death by pit bull in North America about every 12 days. Half of the victims are members of the loved dog's household and half again are children.

No other breed of dog comes even close to the human predations caused by pit bulls. They are also responsible for 95 percent of the domestic pet deaths in North America. Their unpredictable, random violence is the reason that they are banned on all army bases in the US, banned in 41 countries (all doing independent research on them), and banned in 500 jurisdictions in North America.

It might be better understood about people who look at pit bulls "as if they'd just seen a ghost" after interviewing people, as I have, who have lost children or mothers to a savage attack by pit bulls raised from puppyhood with loving care. A breed ban would have prevented these tragedies.

BARBARA KAY, KENSINGTON AVE.

\* *Editor's note: The American Staffordshire terrier is a breed in its own right, according to the American Kennel Club. On its webpage dedicated to the breed, the connection to pit bulls is explained: "As the [American Staffordshire Terrier] breed moved to America the names pitdog and pitbull terrier stuck. However, American breeders wanted an animal heavier than the British breed, hence the name American Staffordshire terrier."* – KM

MORE SENIORS FEEL  
THREATENED WALKING

We thank Clara Gutsche for the thoughtful and accurate account in her recent letter of the dangers posed every day to pedestrians in Westmount by cyclists who consistently ignore traffic rules ("Not feeling safe as pedestrian," September 15, p. 6).

We would like to add that those dangers are especially threatening to Westmount's high proportion of senior residents, many of whom must walk daily on the flat to shop.

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## Paddling his own canoe



Conservative candidate Richard Sagala was spotted putting up his own federal election signs, alone, on Victoria near Somerville on September 18.

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## Correction, re: letter

Regarding the letter to the editor about the construction at the Lansdowne/Sherbrooke crosswalk "Observing street work," (September 15, p. 6), "steel mesh was pres-

ent and was also re-installed as per best practices for this type of construction," according to the Public Works department.

## Rafolisy made permanent, Dobbie receives added role



*Congratulated by Mayor Peter Trent, Andry Rafolisy was appointed by the city council September 8 as assistant treasurer and financial controller on a permanent basis. He had been serving in the position on a two-year contract ending September 11. Rafolisy had been mandated to establish the city's financial management system across all city departments. It went into effect last year (see story October 28, 2014, p. 19).*



*Nicole Dobbie, left, shakes hands with city director general Mike Deegan at the council meeting September 8 on her appointment as assistant director of Legal Services. She also continues in her previous role of assistant city clerk. Councillor Victor Drury said the appointment was "testament to her hard work in heading the department on an interim basis" before the recent hiring of Martin St-Jean as its director. It was his first council meeting in the position.*

Photos: Laureen Sweeney

## City a finalist for special Communities in Bloom award

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount has been named a finalist among municipalities competing for an outstanding achievement award in environmental action, it was announced last week by the Communities in Bloom selection committee. The city's submission is the Westmount recreation centre (WRC).

The winner is to be named at the organization's annual seminar taking place from September 30 to October 3 in Kamloops, BC.

In a letter of notification to the city, the other finalists were not named nor was the city's standing mentioned in the national competition's "class of champions" (large population category). In this class, Westmount is competing against Charlotetown and the Alberta municipalities of Leduc and Wood Buffalo.

Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability, was authorized by city council September 8 to represent the city at the Communities in Bloom annual seminar at a cost of up to \$2,500. Also planning to attend is city horticulture and arboriculture inspector Jayme Gerbrandt.

Westmount has consistently been awarded the competition's "five blooms" designation in its population category, the maximum number.

This is based on national judging, which took place this year July 24 in Westmount (see story August 4, p. 5).

At that time, the judges visiting Westmount also encouraged the city to submit the WRC for the special environmental award, Lulham said.

## Woman falls on wet cement

A woman slipped and fell on wet cement at 4036 St. Catherine, outside Bureau en Gros, September 9, Public Security officials said. Her clothing and a school bag were covered in cement. Officers treated her for a bruised forearm and advised her to contact the subcontractor doing the work for Bell Canada.

In the absence of construction cones, the contractor was called to secure the area though patrollers stated it was "obviously not safe to pass through." The woman lived in NDG. The incident occurred at about 11:40 am.

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# Tennis courts, dog run to be ready this fall

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of the railway (see story November 18, p. 4). As a result, the tennis courts, dog run and playground were closed last week.

According to Public Works director Patrick Raggo, on tap for this week is stump removal and a possible start on the tennis courts.

The courts and dog run are expected to re-open by the end of October. "We're pushing hard to get the courts done as quickly as possible before the colder weather," he said.

"The trees and shrubs may be delayed to the spring if large enough ones can't be obtained now," said Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability.

The project is part of the city's "catch-up" plan to refurbish city parks and other infrastructure, she said.

Some of the work is subject to the approval of tenders to be submitted at the October 5 council meeting she said. The total cost of the various components to the city was estimated by Raggo at around \$300,000.

The stump grinder depended on the start of work to redo the tennis courts since that space was needed for the operation of



This plan for upcoming work in the Westmount Athletic Grounds looking northwest shows new poplar trees in green, shrubbery, new tennis courts, dog run and playground. Three of the 30 new poplars are missing from behind the playground to the lower right.

Image courtesy of Public Works.

the stump grinder in the restrictive area close to the tracks.

### Surprise timing for courts

Excavation and rebuilding of the tennis courts was awarded at a total cost of \$244,000 at the September 8 council meeting. At that time it was expected the work would be carried out next spring (see story September 15, p. 4).

The new courts are to have a seven-layer acrylic surface and new 12-foot-high fencing, covered with dark green windscreen fabric similar to the black fabric used around the pool. They are also to be re-lit.

The same fabric is to be used on the railway fence, Lulham said.

The dog run is to be dug down 18 inches for the addition of the same type of specialized sand mix that has been placed on

the new run in Westmount Park. It will also have the same five-foot high fencing, expected to be awarded October 5, and a new front hedge. "The old hedge has become too thick," Lulham explained.

Trees in the dog run are to remain, Lulham said. "We'll just work around them as we did in Westmount Park." A dog water fountain will also be included to provide "all the bells and whistles."

### Poplars' screening effect

The selection of the 30 new poplars, a variety of cottonwood (*populus nigra*), was made for the tree's straight, columnar growth, Lulham said. The limbs branch out from the bottom providing a screening effect while presenting little danger to overhanging the railway track.

The new shrubs are to be planted the en-

tire length of the tracks, according to city horticulture and arboriculture inspector Jayme Gerbrandt.

Six new trees of various types previously planted are to be moved to the back of the playground and to the front of the tennis courts.

While the entire WAG is located in Lulham's District 7, many of its users and residents of Hallowell in District 8 are expected to be directly affected by the work, Lulham pointed out.

Because some residents facing the WAG voiced concern last year at losing the screening effect from the tracks and Ville Marie expressway provided by the 22 cottonwoods, they were to be advised of the work last week by District 8 councillor Theodora Samiotis, Lulham said.



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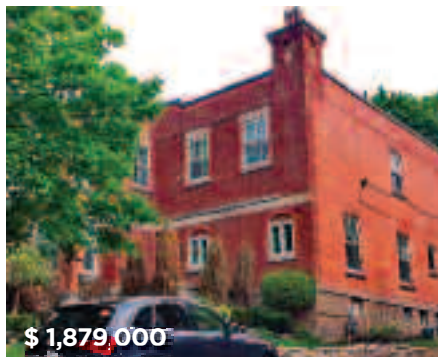
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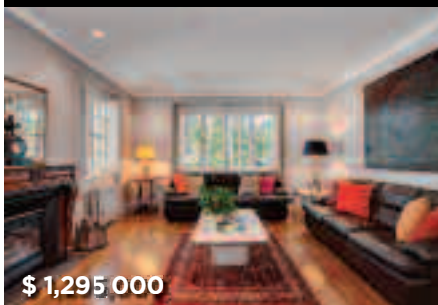


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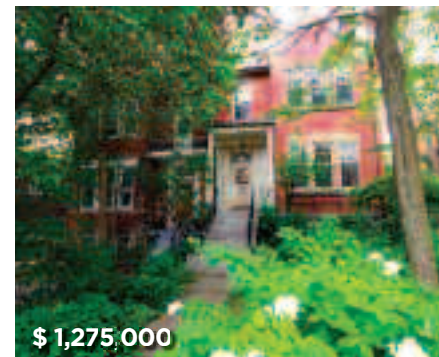
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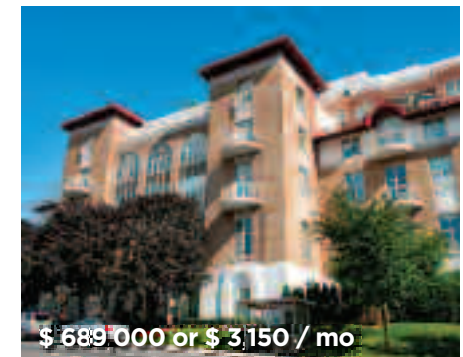
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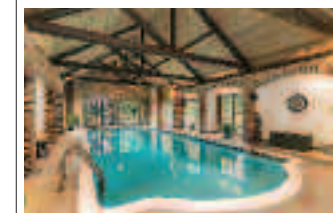


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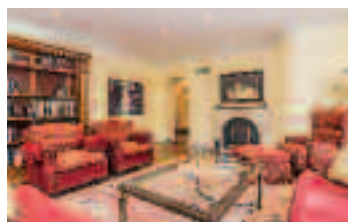
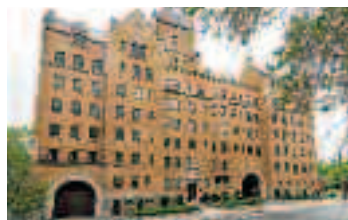
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## Car hits large rain-filled pothole

A car's tire was damaged September 13 when it drove into a pothole at Côte St. Antoine and Argyle, Public Security officials said.

The hole was described as measuring two feet by two feet. Filled with water, it had not been visible to the driver.

She was given a claim form to file against the city, and Public Works was called. The incident occurred at 10 am. Residents have been urged to report potholes to Public Works (see story September 8, p. 9).



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## Police Report

# Station 12 issues warning to merchants about 'pinpad fraud'

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

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

Police at Station 12 believe it is dealing with a new type of criminal activity involving handheld electronic payment terminals used by merchants. It is tentatively being referred to as "pinpad fraud."

On September 2, two male suspects committed two such frauds at businesses located at 1 Westmount Square on St. Catherine St.

Another was committed at a St. Catherine St. address just outside Westmount.

"They showed up to do a purchase with their debit card, and as one person was distracting the salesperson, the other – by a means we have yet to determine – had a special code that he was able to put into the pinpad," said Station 12 community relations officer Stephan Laperriere.

"But instead of making a purchase, he ended up making a money reimbursement with an amount significantly higher than what was authorized for the transaction," he added.

According to Laperriere, the merchants who were defrauded would not have been immediately aware that an amount much higher than the purchase transaction they authorized had instead been transferred out of their system as a customer reimbursement.

"The people don't realize it until they've

received their bank statements a couple of weeks later," he said.

While the suspects succeeded in completing fraudulent transactions at the first three locations, a final attempt at the Bureau en Gros, also on St. Catherine St. in Westmount, failed when a security guard spotted something in their behaviour he thought unusual, and they were scared off.

In recent years, numerous incidents of pinpad theft, sometimes forcible, have been reported in the media. Pinpad manufacturers have reacted by tethering or physically securing them in place. As well, many smaller businesses now keep their pinpads hidden beneath the counter to be taken out only when a transaction takes place.

But, Laperriere said, this is the first time he's heard of anyone being so brazen as to manipulate a pinpad on a merchant's premises to commit a fraud.

He pointed out that normally when a merchant is processing a pinpad transaction, he or she can monitor the process from a main console and see if any changes in the instructions for the transaction have been made.

He said a key element of the pinpad fraudsters' strategy is for one to keep the targeted merchant diverted, while the other alters and completes the transaction without being observed. He said merchants "should keep an eye out for this type of fraud. If they have two clients in a situation like this, they should try not to be distracted while one is doing a transaction using a pinpad."



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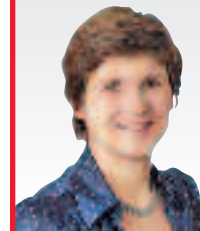
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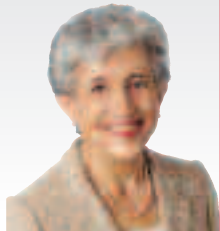


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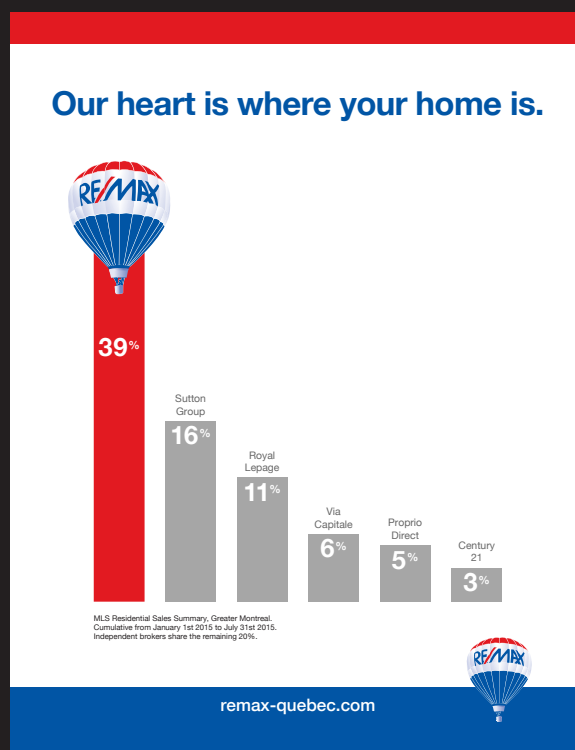
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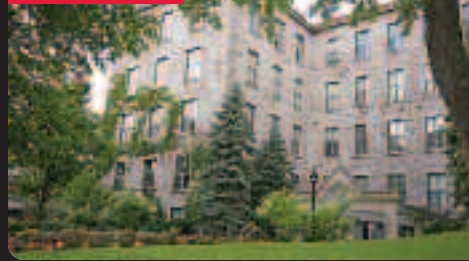


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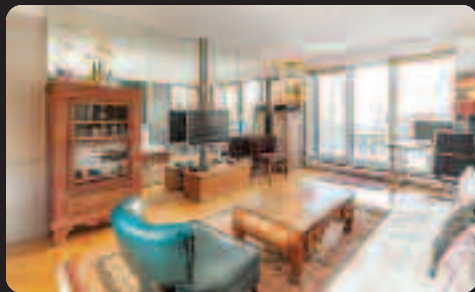
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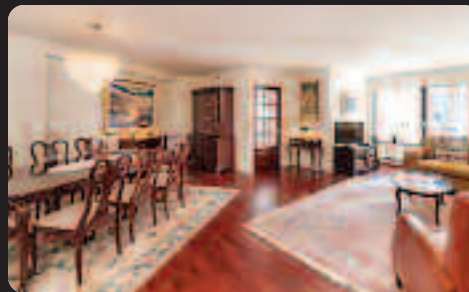
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## After-hours incidents reported at QE park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's not just party-goers and people hanging out at Summit lookout who are receiving tickets for drinking or using city parks after the midnight curfew, Public Security officials said last week.

Six young men and women from Westmount, Montreal West, Montreal and Laval were found drinking beer in Queen Elizabeth Gardens at 12:15 am September 12. They were spotted by a patroller as they sat with their bottles in plain view at a picnic table. They were described as cooperative and were each ticketed \$76 for violating the curfew.

On the other hand, an 18-year-old Westmount man spotted at 3:35 am the same day at the same place initially denied he had a bottle of beer in his possession. He had been seen placing it on the ground by his feet and was ticketed \$76 for alcohol possession. Others in his group were not seen with alcohol.

Three young Montreal men had also been given curfew tickets at the park five days earlier at 12:15 am.

## Ticket issued for early work at condo site

Numerous construction workers were found already on the site of the condo development at 175 Metcalfe at 6:30 am September 13, Public Security officials said. When a resident called to complain about work starting before the permitted 7 am start-up time, the dispatcher could hear the sound of hammering over the phone. Officers found the workers raising a scaffold. A \$270 ticket was issued to EMD Construction.

## Side by side not a cozy arrangement

Two-way traffic on Clarke at de Maisonneuve was reduced to one lane September 8 when a city contractor parked a backhoe and a 12-wheel dump truck side by side, Public Security officials said. On checking out a resident's complaint at 2:28 pm, patrollers had the vehicles repositioned to improve traffic flow and unblock a crosswalk. The vehicles were involved in road work.

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# Momenta raises money for Chez Doris in year 2 exhibit

BY ISAAC OLSON

Members of Momenta Photography Group, for the second year in a row, hosted a photography exhibit to benefit Chez Doris. It ran from September 10 to September 13 at the Centre d'art E.K. Voland on St. Ambroise St., just west of de Courcelle St. It raised \$3,945.

This year, six members of Momenta Photography Group exhibited their work with images captured from around Montreal and the world.

In the fall of 2014, eight women from Westmount, NDG and TMR created Momenta Photography Group after meeting in a digital photography class at the Visual Arts Centre. "We took multiple classes together," said Josée Houde, an NDG resident. Hosting an exhibition was the main project of the last class and, she said, "After that, we continued to meet and shoot together every once and a while. In 2014, we decided, let's do it again. Let's host an exhibition and pick an organization we would like to support."

At that time, Chez Doris had announced that the shelter could no longer stay open on the weekends. Momenta raised nearly \$4,000 for the group, which played a role in

the shelter re-opening its doors on the weekends.

Beyond the charitable work, Houde said, artistically speaking, it is always "very stimulating" to work with people that share the same passion.

Frances Cable, a Westmount resident, said she had a lot of fun being involved in the student exhibition at the Visual Arts Centre and described the experience of being part of the group as "amazing."

"The bonus is, we're not only developing as artists and friends, but we're supporting a great cause that is dear to our hearts as women," said Cable. "It's a cause we truly believe in."

Executive director of Chez Doris Marina Boulos-Winton said, "It's nice to have women who want to help other women. It's amazing that amateur photographers were able to raise \$4,000 by selling their photos. We feel really privileged. It also gives us the opportunity to talk about Chez Doris with all their friends, families and colleagues."

Chez Doris is a women's day shelter that has been described as a "no questions asked" safe haven for those struggling with poverty, homelessness, mental illness and addiction.



From left: Frances Cable, Silvia Lebensztajn, Marina Boulos-Winton, Laurie Bucci, Josée Houde, Florence Jean and Cindy Canavan. On September 10, the Momenta Photography Group's exhibition benefited Chez Doris. Boulos-Winton is the executive director of Chez Doris. The others are members of Momenta.

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# 66 York – what used to be Dorchester



*History by the house*  
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inal farm of Joseph Hurtubise on the west side of what is now Victoria Ave. caught the eye of Richard Warminton, a Scottish manufacturer, and Campbell Bryson, an Irish immigrant and leather merchant. Bryson purchased the Hurtubise farm (along with another from Jackson Rae) on the south side of Côte St. Antoine and set about subdividing it and planning streets on the west end of what is now Westmount.

By 1877, the two divided the land between them and Bryson took over various lots, including some land overlooking the escarpment at the bottom of the farm, which they had defined simply as Lot 208-75.

A year later, in December 1878, Bryson was forced into insolvency as the world was caught in its first major depression of the modern era. His Westmount property was picked up by Edward and George Greene, partners at Greene & Sons, a downtown wholesaler and manufacturer of dry goods. It is not known what was their relationship to Lucy Huntington Greene, who married Edwin Atwater and managed much of the land in eastern Westmount.

According to the deed of sale, all of Bryson's land, which would be about half the area of the city south of Côte St. Antoine and west of Victoria (with streets either planned or in the process of being built) was picked up by the Greene brothers for \$3,000, then immediately turned over to Warminton for \$97,800. The balance of sale, or \$94,800, became a loan from the Greenes, which Warminton honoured for five years before turning it over to La Banque du Peuple, which had developed a particular interest in western Westmount (it was involved in other deals above Côte St. Antoine).

The streets established in the 1878 deed between the Greenes and Warminton included Claremont, Victoria, Windsor,



66 York St., photographed September 2.

Chesterfield, Sherbrooke, Somerville, Western and Dorchester avenues, the last six in that order going down the hill.

Dorchester, it turns out, was the name given to what is now York St., with lot divisions on both sides. The lower section experienced very little development as the depression continued into the next decade, though there is some hint of action by

1882 at the corner of Sherbrooke and Victoria, and on "Dorchester Rd." or "Dorchester Pl.," as opposed to Dorchester Ave., which was the extension of Montreal's Dorchester St., as we have seen in a previous History by the House column (August 25, p. 7).

By 1892, three names had appeared in *Lovell's Directory* on what it then called "Dorchester Ave." before the city renamed it York St., perhaps to clear up some of the confusion with the street to the east. In the 1894 *Lovell's Directory*, six residents are listed on York, four on the north side with civic numbers 15 and 39, 73 and 75, and two on the south side, ..... numbers 76 and 84, which *continued on p. 23*

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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

**Projet Turcot : construction d'un mur de soutènement longeant l'autoroute 720**  
**Septembre 2015 à mars 2016.** Le MTQ entreprendra la construction d'un mur de soutènement au sud de l'A-720 entre les rues Ste-Marguerite et Rose-de-Lima. Info : [www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca) / [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

**Parc canin du TAW fermé pour rénovation**  
**Du 16 septembre à la mi-octobre 2015.** Le parc canin situé au Terrain d'athlétisme de Westmount est fermé en raison des travaux de rénovation.

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**Collecte de résidus domestiques dangereux**  
**Le samedi 10 octobre de 9 h à 17 h, stationnement de la bibliothèque.** Apportez peinture, solvants, piles usagées, pesticides, etc. Info : 989-5390.

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

**Club de lecture en anglais**

**Le mardi 22 septembre, 19 h.** Avec Carly Vandergrindt. Discussion: *Sweetness in the Belly* de l'auteure Camilla Gibb. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Atelier de poésie avec Ann Lloyd**

**Le mercredi 30 septembre, 10 h 15, Salle de conférence.** Le Groupe de poésie de Westmount compose des poèmes à partir de thèmes proposés par les membres. Bienvenue à tous. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Lecture d'auteure : Robyn Sarah**

**Le mercredi 30 septembre, 19 h.** Rencontrez Robyn Sarah, poète et auteure de *My Shoes are Killing Me*. Événement présenté en collaboration avec la *Quebec Writers' Federation*. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Conférences de 14 h : Nicole Peretz et Mireille Guyonnet**

**Le mercredi 7 octobre, 14 h.** Rencontrez Nicole Peretz, auteure de *La petite fille de l'appartement 10* et

## Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 5 octobre

Mireille Guyonnet, auteure de *La vie est comme le jus de pomme, meilleur avec du brandy*. Info : 514 989-5299.

**Soirée cinéma : Vertigo de Hitchcock**

**Le mercredi 7 octobre, 19 h.** Gary Evans, professeur en Études cinématographiques à l'université d'Ottawa, présentera le film. Info : 514 989-5299.

## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

**Exposition: Dialogue avec la pierre**

**Du 24 septembre au 7 octobre, Galerie du Victoria Hall.** La galerie est fière de présenter *Dialogue avec la pierre*, une exposition mettant en vedette les œuvres de quinze sculpteurs du Zimbabwe. L'artiste invité, Walter Mariga, sera présent pour parler de son travail et faire des démonstrations de sculpture sur pierre. Info : 514 989-5521.



**Visite de la maison Hurtubise**

**Le dimanche 27 septembre à 13 h, 561, ch. de la Côte-Saint-Antoine (intersection Victoria).** Venez visiter une des plus vieilles résidences de Westmount. Des visites guidées seront offertes en anglais et en français par les membres de l'Association historique de Westmount. Organisé en collaboration avec la division de l'Aménagement urbain de Westmount et Les Journées de la culture. Gratuit. Info : 514 989-5219.

**Concert: les classiques de l'opéra**

**Le dimanche 27 septembre, 14 h, Victoria Hall.** La soliste Judee Lalonde, accompagnée du pianiste Jacques St-Jean vous présentera une sélection de musique d'opéra tirée des répertoires de La Bohème, Madame Butterfly, *The Merry Widow*, ainsi que Faust et Tosca. Billets 20 \$ (pré-vente 15 \$). Info : 514 989-5226.

**Élection : rencontre des candidats**

**Le mercredi 30 septembre, 19 h, Victoria Hall.** L'Association municipale de Westmount et le journal Westmount Examiner vous invitent à entendre les candidats qui se présentent à l'élection fédérale canadienne dans la circonscription de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount et leur poser des questions. Gratuit. Info : [www.wma-amw.org](http://www.wma-amw.org).

**Soirée dansante avec Ballroom Blitz Big Band**

**Le samedi 3 octobre à 20 h, Victoria Hall.** Passez une soirée à danser en compagnie de 22 musiciens : swing, ballroom, rumba et salsa, de 20 h à minuit. Billets : 20 \$ (pré-vente 15 \$). Info : 514 989-5226.

## CITY HALL

**Turcot project: construction of a retaining wall along Autoroute 720**

**September 2015 to March 2016.** The MTQ will start work on a retaining wall south of the A-720 between Ste-Marguerite and Rose-de-Lima. Info: [www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca) / [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

**WAG Dog Run closed for renovations**

**From September 16 to mid-October 2015.** The dog run located at the Westmount Athletic grounds is closed for renovations.

## HYDRO WESTMOUNT

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## PUBLIC WORKS

**Free compost for residents**

**Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. Public Works Yard, Bethune Street.** Bring a container and a shovel. Quantities are limited. Info: 514 989-5390.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

**Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library parking lot.** Bring paint, solvents, pesticides, used batteries, etc. Info: 514 989-5390.

## LIBRARY

**English Book Club**

**Tuesday, September 22, 7 p.m.** With Carly Vandergrindt. Discussion: *Sweetness in the Belly* by author Camilla Gibb. Info: 514 989-5299.

**Poetry workshop with Ann Lloyd**

**Wednesday, September 30, 10:15 a.m., Board Room.** The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together working with themes proposed by members. Welcome to all. Info: 514 989-5299.

**Author event: Robyn Sarah**

**Wednesday, September 30, 7 p.m.** Meet poet Robyn Sarah, author of *My Shoes are Killing Me*. Presented in collaboration with The Quebec Writers' Federation. Info: 514 989-5299.

**2 O'Clock Series: Nicole Peretz and Mireille Guyonnet**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2 p.m.** Meet Nicole Peretz, author of *La petite fille de l'appartement 10* and Mireille Guyonnet, author of *La vie est comme le jus de pomme, meilleur avec du brandy*. Info: 514 989-5299.

## Next Council Meeting Monday, October 5

**Film event: Hitchcock's Vertigo**

**Wednesday, October 7, 7 p.m.** Gary Evans, Professor in Film Studies at University of Ottawa will introduce the film. Info: 514 989-5299.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Exhibition: When the Stone Talks**

**From September 24 to October 7, Gallery at Victoria Hall.** The Gallery is pleased to present *When the stone talks*, an exhibition of contemporary stone sculptures showcasing fifteen Zimbabwean artists. Featured artist Walter Mariga will be in attendance to talk about his work and demonstrate the art of stone carving. Info: 514 989-5521.



**Tour of the Hurtubise House**

**Sunday, September 27, 1 p.m., 561 Côte-Saint-Antoine Road (corner Victoria).** A guided tour of Westmount's oldest residence is offered in French and in English by members of the Westmount Historical Association. Presented in collaboration with Westmount's Urban Planning Department and *Les Journées de la culture*. Free. Info: 514 989-5219.

**Concert: Opera Classics**

**Sunday, September 27, 2 p.m., Victoria Hall.** Soloist Judee Lalonde, accompanied by pianist Jacques St-Jean, will present a selection of the most alluring opera selections from *La Bohème*, *Madama Butterfly*, *The Merry Widow*, *Faust* and *Tosca*. Tickets \$20 (\$15 in advance) Info 514 989-5226.

**Election : meet the candidates**

**Wednesday, September 30, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall.** The Westmount Municipal Association and the Westmount Examiner invite you to hear the candidates running in the federal election in the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount riding, and to ask questions. Free. Info: [www.wma-amw.org](http://www.wma-amw.org).

**Ballroom Blitz Big Band Dance**  
**Saturday, October 3, 8 p.m., Victoria Hall.**

22 musicians present an evening of rumba, swing, waltz and salsa from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets \$20 (\$15 in advance). Cash bar. Info: 514 989-5226.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

"When the Stone Talks," an exhibition of contemporary Zimbabwean stone sculpture at The Gallery at Victoria Hall until October 7.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

A "Meet the Candidates" evening hosted by the Westmount Municipal Association, 7 pm in Victoria Hall. Info: [president@wma-amw.org](mailto:president@wma-amw.org).

## Comin' Up

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Also, Saturday, October 3, the screening of an old silent film with live music. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Casavant organ at Westmount Park United Church, 6:30 pm at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Tickets: \$13; \$9 for students and people over 65. Info: 514.738.3456.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

"Escape to the Caribbean" fundraiser to benefit the Westmount Baptist Church, 5:30 pm. Meals from the Philippines, Ja-

maica, Trinidad, Guyana, Barbados and the Lesser Antilles. Tickets: \$5 for each meal sample; five tickets for \$20. Info or to reserve: 514.937.1009.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5,

The Montreal Camera Club (MCC) presents Michelle Valberg, who will speak on travel and adventure photography, 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. MCC meetings are open to the public Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. Info: [montrealcameraclub.com](http://montrealcameraclub.com).



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rect step closer to a solution,” she explained.

Smith said the city had Urban Planning expertise to contribute “so we want to help and add value to the discussions.” While an engineering solution to the problem is believed to be known “it’s not up to us to tell them how to pay for it,” she added.

She also said that Côte des Neiges-NDG, where the super-hospital is located and whose noise by-law has not been enforced, did not have a seat at the table either.

On the other hand, the Neighbours of the Glen Campus Group, which is requesting a class action suit on the noise, is understood to be involved in the discussions. Its representative, Marc Felgar of York St., however, refused to confirm or

deny this “because of the legal case” (see story May 19, p. 1).

**Caught drinking on Côte Rd.**

A 17-year-old Montreal resident walking at Côte St. Antoine and Argyle at 1:10 am September 13 was cautioned against drinking from a container of beer he carried, Public Security officials said.

When the patroller spotted him again, this time in the throes of drinking, he was issued a ticket for \$119.

**Street work blocks driveway on Mount Pleasant**

A contractor doing road work on Mount Pleasant set up a large metal plate and a long piece of wood blocking a driveway September 9, Public Security officials said.

The annoyed resident called at 8:10 pm to complain she could not move her car out. Public Works was called to reposition the material.

**Store broken into on Victoria through door window**

The front door window of Avenue des Arts on Victoria was found smashed at 8:57 am on September 10, Public Security officials said.

When police were unavailable to attend, patrollers were requested to provide details. They waited for the arrival of the owner, who reported nothing appeared to have been stolen.

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**PRÉAVIS D'EXERCICE D'UN DROIT HYPOTHÉCAIRE  
(ARTICLES 2791 et suivants du C.c.Q.)****DATE ET LIEU**

Le 18 septembre 2015, à Montréal.

**NATURE DE L'AVIS ET DROIT EXERCÉ**

Préavis d'exercice d'une vente sous contrôle de justice en vertu des articles 2791 et suivants du Code civil du Québec.

**PERSONNE DONNANT L'AVIS**

Marc-André LECHASSEUR, avocat, de l'étude LeChasseur avocats Ltée, ayant sa place d'affaires au 393, rue Saint-Jacques, bureau 258, à Montréal, province de Québec, H2Y 1N9, étant l'avocat de la créancière, Ville de Westmount.

**DÉSIGNATION DE LA CRÉANCIÈRE**

La créancière est VILLE DE WESTMOUNT, corporation municipale dûment constituée en vertu de la Loi sur les cités et villes, L.R.Q. c. C-19, ayant son hôtel de ville au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, à Westmount, province de Québec, H3Z 1E2.

**DÉBITEUR**

Sakher Mohamed EL-MATRI, domicilié et résidant au 70, place Belvédère, Ville de Westmount, province de Québec, H3Y 1E2.

**QUALIFICATION ET NUMÉRO D'INSCRIPTION DU DROIT VISÉ**

L'hypothèque de la créancière résulte d'une hypothèque légale résultant d'un jugement publiée au bureau de la publicité des droits de la circonscription foncière de Montréal sous le numéro 20 191 238.

**DÉNONCIATION DU DÉFAUT, INDICATION DU MONTANT DE LA CRÉANCE ET NATURE DU DROIT HYPOTHÉCAIRE**

Le débiteur est en défaut de la manière suivante :

- a) Refuse ou néglige de payer à la créancière, conformément au jugement rendu le 19 juillet 2013 dans le dossier de la Cour du Québec, district de Montréal, numéro 500-22-189637-138, la somme de 50 583,98 \$ en capital avec intérêts sur ladite somme au taux de 9% l'an et pénalité de 0.5% par mois de retard n'excédant pas 5% par année, à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> mars 2010 et l'indemnité additionnelle prévue à l'article 1619 C.c.Q., pour des taxes impayées;

Par conséquent, le propriétaire est sommé de délaisser l'immeuble ci-après décrit dans les soixante (60) jours à compter de l'inscription du présent préavis au bureau de la publicité des droits de Montréal afin que la créancière le vende sous contrôle de justice.

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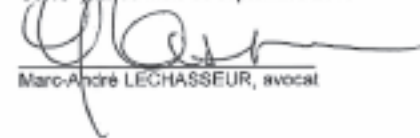
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EN FOI DE QUOI, J'AI SIGNÉ

Ce 18<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de septembre 2015



Marc-André LECHASSEUR, avocat

**ATTESTATION**

RE : Préavis d'exercice d'un droit hypothécaire de vente sous contrôle de justice par Ville de Westmount, à Sakher Mohamed El-Matri signé à Montréal, le 3 août 2015, par M<sup>re</sup> Marc-André LECHASSEUR, avocat à Montréal

Je soussignée, M<sup>re</sup> Catherine Rousseau, Montréal, atteste que :

1. J'ai vérifié l'identité, la qualité et la capacité de la partie créancière;
2. La présente réquisition d'inscription d'un préavis d'exercice d'un droit hypothécaire selon les articles 2791 et suivants du Code civil du Québec, traduit la volonté exprimée par la partie créancière;
3. Le document est valide quant à sa forme;
4. Le titre du titulaire du droit a été valablement publié.

ATTESTÉ À MONTRÉAL

ce 18<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de septembre 2015



M<sup>re</sup> Catherine Rousseau, avocate  
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**AVIS D'HYPOTHÈQUE LÉGALE**  
(Articles 2724 et 2730 C.c.Q.)

**DATE ET LIEU**

Le 19 août 2015, ville de Montréal, province de Québec.

**NATURE DE L'AVIS**

Avis d'hypothèque légale résultant d'un jugement pour les sommes impayées pour les services d'alimentation d'électricité en vertu d'un jugement rendu le 26 mai 2015 conformément au Règlement numéro 742 prévoyant l'établissement de tarifs et certaines conditions applicables à l'approvisionnement d'électricité, dans le dossier de la Cour du Québec, district de Montréal, numéro 500-22-215838-142, le tout, suivant les articles 2724 et 2730 du Code civil du Québec.

**DÉSIGNATION DE LA PERSONNE DONNANT L'AVIS**

Marc-André LeChasseur, avocat, de l'étude LeChasseur avocats ltée, ayant sa place d'affaires au 383, rue Saint-Jacques, bureau 258, à Montréal, province de Québec, H2Y 1N9, étant l'avocat de la créancière, VILLE DE WESTMOUNT.

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**DÉSIGNATION DU DÉBITEUR**

SAKHER MOHAMED EL-MATRI, domicilié et résidant au 70, place Belvédère, Ville de Westmount, province de Québec, H3Y 1E2.

**MONTANT DE LA CRÉANCE**

Le débiteur doit à la créancière, conformément au jugement rendu le 26 mai 2015 dans le dossier de la Cour du Québec, district de Montréal, numéro 500-22-215838-142, la somme de 17 017,15 \$ en capital avec intérêts sur ladite somme au taux de 14,4% l'an à compter du 13 août 2014 et l'indemnité additionnelle prévue à l'article 1818 C.c.Q., pour des services impayés.

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Me Marc-André LeChasseur  
Procureur de la créancière

**DÉCLARATION D'ATTESTATION**  
(Art. 2991 C.c.Q.)

Je, soussignée, Catherine Rousseau, avocate, exerçant ma profession au 383, rue Saint-Jacques, bureau 258, à Montréal, province de Québec, H2Y 1N9, atteste que :

1. J'ai vérifié l'identité, la capacité et la qualité de la partie;
2. Le document traduit la volonté exprimée par la partie;
3. J'ai vérifié la validité de l'acte quant à sa forme;

Attesté à Montréal, province de Québec, le 19 août 2015.



Me Catherine Rousseau

## Taking shape between the paths



Looking west from the east end of the new dog run in Westmount Park September 18, its configuration was taking shape between the new bike path to the left, a new east-west pedestrian path through the park to the extreme right and a north-south pedestrian path in the foreground. The fence and hedge around the dog run remain are to be added.

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# Miriam Foundation reception high on a hill



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On July 13, local art collector, business titan and philanthropist **Herbert Black** hosted a reception in his elegant hilltop home with his wife **Véronique Saint-Pierre Black**, radiant in an off-the-shoulder dress with seaside patterning and a Hermès-orange obi-style belt. Sea-green earrings added the final touch. Held after the Miriam Foundation Lori Black Memorial Golf Tournament, the cocktail dîatoire was packed with admirers of rooms with a view. Under the sweltering sky, guests milled about on Black's extensive balcony, sipping champagne and discussing scores from the day of golf held at Hillsdale Golf and Country Club.

Arriving ladies were determined not to



*Liza Kozloff, left, and Alta Levenson.*

let the heavy humidity make it into a "bad-hair day." Everyone looked stunning. Some lasses wore platform stilettos, others duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton-



*Véronique Saint-Pierre Black*

style wedge sandals and ballerina flats. Voguish outfits ranged from long and cool (**Sheryl Black**), short and sweet in licorice-black leather and accessorized with a Chanel clutch (**Melissa Schacter**), to pretty summer frocks (to use that lovely English expression) seen on **Lisa Kozloff**, **Alta Levenson** (with hubby **Harvey**), **Jenae Lake** (with dad MP **Mike Jaden** in from Edmonton, and brother **Jaden**) and **Elyce Minogue**.

Noted in the much-appreciated air-conditioned indoors were **Ricky Black** and **Jill Kessner**, **Rosemary** and **Gary Mintz**, **Evelyn** and **David Kozloff** and daughter **Liza**, **Sylvia** and **Alan Vogel**, **Andrew Hops**, **Nancy Rosenfeld**, **Sylvia Cardin** and **René Douville**, **Diane** and **Sal Guerrera**.

Nine o'clock dinner-time received hungry compliments as guests oohed and awed over lobster, crab and an amazing octopus salad as well as mouth-watering lamb. The Miriam Foundation was represented by CEO **Warren Greenstone** and board members **Joel Paquin**, vice president,

and chair **Diane Proulx Guerrera**, attending with **Sal**. The annual golf event raised over \$520,000 this year.

## Looking for social events

The *Indie* fall social calendar will be published soon. Please send information concerning your upcoming fundraiser, including day and date, address, ticket price and contact information to: [redgrave@videotron.ca](mailto:redgrave@videotron.ca).



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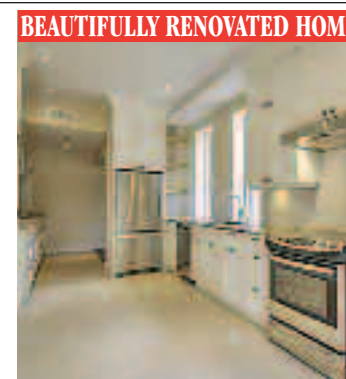
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## Retail watch



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and the little doggie dish outside.

Agent Tonic is located at 1308 Greene Ave. Open seven days a week.

### **Pilates at Contrology**

Opposite Second Cup on Greene is Contrology, a newish space teaching and offering classical Pilates. From London, owners Charlie Michael and his wife Lorraine Kelly explained that “classical Pilates” means the original method espoused by Joseph Pilates himself. Kelly is a level 5 Pilates teacher, of which there are only 550 in the world, she says. Mats and machinery are laid out, along with a few bright exercise balls. The space also offers an exercise collection called Wellicious, which ties in with their mission of authenticity. “It is made of organic cotton.” A school for instructors as well, Contrology is a Pilates and wellness studio.

*What I loved:* The lovely calm and the inviting sign “Kindly remove your shoes.” Contrology is at 1373 Greene Ave. Open six days a week.

### **Giorgio opens 2nd shop**

Tony Elian opened a second Giorgio

menswear shop last February, extending his wares from the Peel St. location. Here in the Westmount store, Wall St.-type striped ties lie with an extensive array of colourful prints. Shirts from Italy are matched with cashmere sweaters. Suzette Solon, working the day I popped by, showed me suits, jackets and trousers as well. The shop is inviting with couches for weary shoppers – something one usually only sees in a ladies’ shop.

*What I loved:* The huge birdcage display adorned with butterflies and the hats complete with vintage hat boxes.

Giorgio is located at 1359 Greene Ave. Open six days a week.

### **Sushi Crystal where Kaizan used to be**

Sushi Crystal has taken the old Kaizan spot at the corner of St. Catherine and Wood. It claims it is different from other local sushi restaurants because it offers “all-you-can-eat” lunch and dinners. Week-end dinners offer menus that include oysters and grilled scallops. Memories of Nova Scotia! A huge chandelier hangs above a large black marble-topped bar, complete

with mega-sized bottles of the best spirits. There are still loads of chairs outdoors for lunch-time late summer enjoyment. The restaurant is open seven days a week.

*What I loved:* The large fountain has a soft rushing sound. Perfectly relaxing after Sunday cinema.

Sushi Crystal is located at 4075 St. Catherine St.

### **Mink’s closes**

Closing due to retirement after so many elegant years is Mink’s, the shop that supplied couture fabrics to the city’s top designers. Now vintage chunky plastic brooches adorn the marble window sill. Fabrics are \$20 a yard. Those with a passion for fashion should go...soon.

Mink’s is at 1355 Greene Ave.

### **Nobody at home at Scalini**

Scalini restaurant at 4894 Sherbrooke St., corner Prince Albert appears closed. On September 21, old newspapers were piled up at the locked door, and menu holders were stuffed into the entrance niche. Inside, all looked dusty and emptied out with furniture piled up.

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**66 York St. cont'd. from p. 16**

would put them very close to Claremont Ave.

La Banque du Peuple divested itself of a group of lots to Thomas C. Bulmer, a lawyer living at 286 Côte St. Antoine Rd., for \$30,000 in November 1888. It took another eight years for Bulmer to find a contractor who would be interested in constructing a number of houses. Finally, in April of 1896 when the streets were well established – including Prince Albert Ave. – he sold the land from York St. stretching back to the railway tracks (there was no St. Catherine St. there at the time), west of Prince Albert, to Gregoire Meloche, a local contractor. Meloche set about reconfiguring the lots and started to build, including 66 York St. and its attached neighbour at 64 York.

**Yorke or York?**

The first buyer of the new house was William Hogg Hope, a “picture framer and gilder, dealer in engravings and etchings,” with a store at 2255 St. Catherine St. in Montreal, according to *Lovell's Directory*. Hope's new home was described in the 1897 directory as “66 Yorke, Westmount.”

Even the directory had trouble determining the spelling of the small street, at times calling it “York” and at times “Yorke.” Lot 208-75 measured 23 feet by about 114 feet, reaching back to the Atlantic & Northwest Railway Company property, with a lane at the back of the lot leading to Prince Albert. The purchase price was \$6,000, with a down payment of \$500 and a \$5,500 balance of sale (at 5.5 percent).

As it turns out, Hope was unable to meet his obligations and finally had to release the house back to Meloche in exchange for the \$1,900 outstanding balance.

**Willis of Willis pianos**

A year later Meloche was able to sell the house for a second time, this time to Alexander Parker Willis for \$5,500. Willis was a trading merchant who was just beginning (in 1903) to make his way into the piano manufacturing and distribution business (many homes in Westmount now have Willis pianos). It turns out that Willis, a resident of 382 Olivier Ave., rented out the house for a decade before finally selling it in 1914 to George L. Duncan, an accountant, for \$4,000.

Duncan moved in with his wife, Laura Castle, and they lived there for 24 years un-

til his death in September 1938. Three months later she turned over the house to her daughter, Mayford Duncan-Roth, who stayed there through the next three decades and more. During this time (in 1958), the city shaved off the back part of the lot, including its garage, buying about 475 square feet for \$4,000, in order to extend St. Catherine St. through to the Claremont-de Maisonneuve intersection. The daughter died in September 1973, and her daughter, in turn, held on to it for another four years before finally selling to William M. Tait and J. Gary Mulrone, in November 1978, for \$30,000. It appears that by now Beverly-Ann Roth-Zerbin, granddaughter of George Duncan, was renting out rooms in the house.

**Rapid-fire selling**

Once the Tait-Mulrone team had made considerable improvements during almost 20 years of ownership, they sold to Brian Cox and Wendy Christiano, starting a rapid-fire selling and reselling of the house through the next eight years as the price nearly tripled from \$172,000 to \$469,000. The final vendor, Carmen d'Elia, held on to it for eight years and then sold to the current owners, Marc Felgar and Trisha Goren, in March 2013, for \$789,000.

The 2014 municipal evaluation is \$715,500.

**History of 66 York St.**  
(since construction)

Date	Buyer	Price
11 Jan, 1897	William Hogg Hope, picture dealer	\$6,000
22 May, 1902	Gregoire Meloche, contractor	cancellation
23 Sep, 1903	Alexander P. Willis, piano merchant	\$5,500
17 Jan, 1914	George L. Duncan	\$4,000
21 Dec, 1938	Mayford Duncan, wife of Herman Roth	\$1 & cons.
8 May, 1974	Beverly-Ann Roth, wife of Arthur Zerbin	transmission
28 Nov, 1978	William Murray Tait & James Gary Mulrone	\$30,000
29 Sep, 1997	Brian Cox & Wendy Christiano	\$172,000
2 Feb, 2000	Josy Forget & Christopher Devito	\$240,000
24 May, 2002	Benjamin Eric Robin	\$367,250
3 Mar, 2005	Carmelina d'Elia	\$469,000
22 Mar, 2013	Marc Felgar & Trisha Goren	\$789,000.



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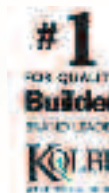
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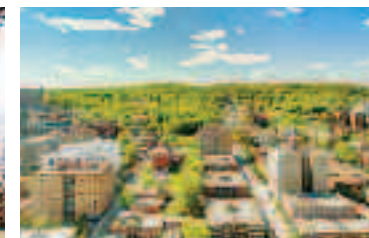
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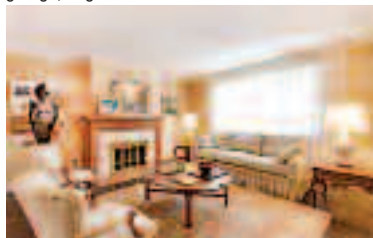
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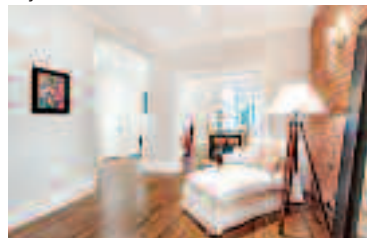
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