

## Water pressure increase affects half of Westmount

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Increases in water pressure from Montreal's water distribution system may require owners of houses and other buildings in a large area of Westmount to install pressure reducing valves, city officials said last week.

The area affected is the entire Westmount territory south of an east-west diagonal line formed by Sherbrooke to the

east and Côte St. Antoine to the west. This is the largest of the five water networks serving Westmount and designated by the orange tops of fire hydrants.

The increases in water pressure are "significant" and had "yet to be resolved" by Montreal at the end of last week, said Andrew Duffield, assistant director of Westmount Public Works.

Changes in pressure can cause pipes to break or leak while other signs to watch for are water dripping from the release valve on the tops of hot water heaters. Hoses from these should be directed into the floor drain, he said.

The increases in pressure are reported to be approximately 25 pounds per square inch *continued on p. 7*

## End of this Saison



Les 5 Saisons cashier Margot Charette, right, was ringing up some items for client Susan Wolfe on May 20, a few hours before the store was set to close for an extended period. For story, see p. 1.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

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## Roslyn students have the 'write' stuff



Roslyn School can boast of several young writers who were recognized recently with a McEntyre Writing Competition award. From left: Chloe Martin, Allan Narbonne-Stubbs, Erica Sun and Adrianna Florit. For story, see p. 7.

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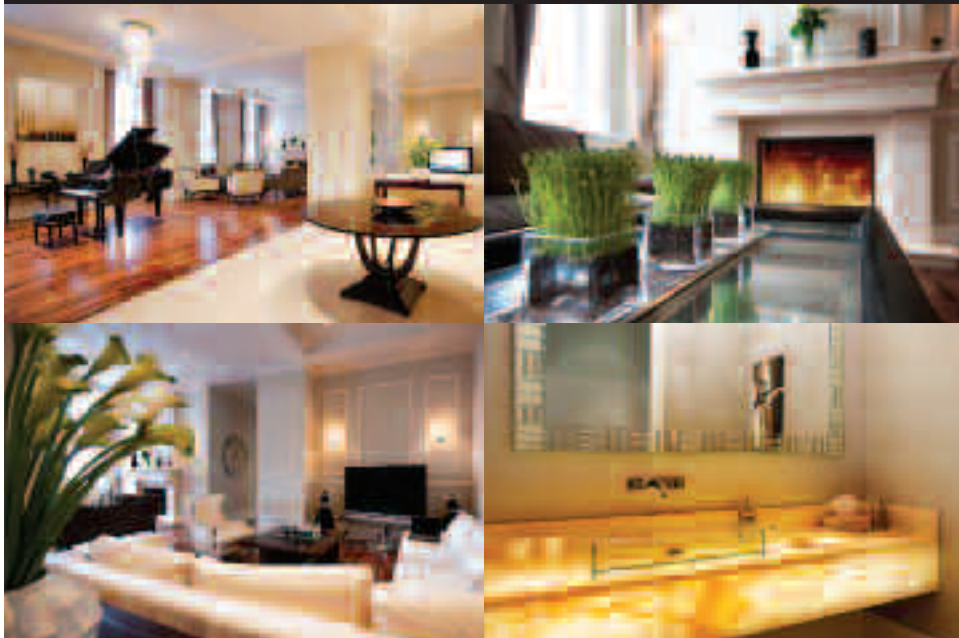
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## Plant exchange raises some green



Westmount resident Julie Hooton (right) hands over some of the 28 plants she brought in to the city's Perennial Plant Exchange May 18 at the arena. Receiving them is Susan Zegray, volunteer organizer of the annual event, one of many members of the Westmount Horticultural Society who helped it raise a record \$1,110 for activities at the greenhouse. The exchange is held annually by the city's Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC).

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## Aims to fight against urban sprawl, referenda-free zones

# Trent named to greater Montreal regional council

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount mayor Peter Trent was named Thursday by the agglomeration council as one of the 14 island of Montreal representatives to the regional council, the Montreal Metropolitan Community (Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal or CMM)

The council's other 14 members come from off-island communities – the so-called “exurbs,” including Laval, that together comprise this region of 82 municipalities.

At the same meeting, Trent was also confirmed as vice chair of the agglomeration's Finance and Administration standing committee.

Created by the Quebec government, the CMM is chaired by Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay. It oversees regional issues such as land planning, economic development, metropolitan transit and road network, waste management and air quality.

Trent assumes one of the two positions allocated by Tremblay to the island suburbs along with Pointe Claire mayor Bill

McMurchie. He replaces Dollard des Ormeaux mayor Ed Janiszewski.

Asked if he might take a leadership position on the executive, Trent said that would have to be decided by the CMM.

“The whole issue of urban sprawl has always interested me so this is one of the reasons I want to get involved and lend my voice to trying to rein it in,” Trent told the *Independent*. Areas such as Mascouche, he said, “are growing like mushrooms” to the

detriment of the central city.

It's also a subject he treats in his forthcoming book on the merger/demerger issue, a topic he describes as having wasted valuable time and energy that could have been devoted to building a stronger region.

He also finds “extremely worrisome” the CMM's latest land-use planning strategy that introduces the concept of referendum-free zones.

## ‘Public’ parking for clients only?

# 5 Saisons takes a break

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The sign on the door said it all. Les 5 Saisons closed May 20 to make way for demolition of the landmark grocery store at 1250 Greene and its eventual reopening in a condo development to be built at the site.

Work is expected to begin June 10 and is expected to last up to 16 months.

While the city still had not issued demolition and building permits as of May 17, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier, council approved the project April 4 by Ramco developer Joseph Attias, a Westmount resident (see story April 12, p. 1).

“The new Les 5 Saisons store will continue to be a fixture on Greene Ave. for many years to come,” states a press release May 16 from Metro Inc. on behalf of the store, a franchisee, in announcing the temporary closing last Friday.

The press release was also issued on be-

half of Ramco and Mayor Peter Trent.

“This is very significant,” Trent told the *Independent*. “It's the manifestation of a gentleman's agreement we had.”

It confirms that Ramco has reserved 10,000 square feet on the ground floor of the new building for the high-end grocery store. It also states that a public terrace “for which Ramco and the city will share responsibility” will be available to Westmount residents as well as “indoor public parking.”

Metro spokesperson Geneviève Grégoire told the *Independent*, however, that the “public parking” would be for the exclusive use of 5 Saisons clients. There is a separate parking level for condo residents.

The mayor's statement notes in part the cooperative effort of all three participants. “Not only have we saved 5 Saisons, not only will we have a superb new building, but we will have also gained a fine public square through the deal.”

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SOLUTION TO CITY'S FINANCIAL WOES

It's raining again and so my mind is working to solve the city of Westmount's financial crisis.

Well, it must be a crisis if it has to have a \$5-million fundraiser. I reflected on the night a dinner guest received a \$52 ticket for not turning her front tires into the curb, sometime between 7 and 10 that night.

So I donned my rain gear and counted the cars on Mountain and Clarke that hadn't turned their wheels: 14.

Then for nothing better to do, I counted the number of cars in a 20-minute span that went through any one of the three stop signs at Mountain and Anwoth: 18.

Then I made a fairly accurate count of the number of cars that park for most of an eight-hour day near our house: 8.

Now multiply these statistics by 200 working days and we begin to have some decent sums.

By my reckoning, the city is sitting on a gold mine. Dispatch a bunch of keen ticket agents and balance the books. Easy.

The good part about the stop sign violations is that the majority of the transgressors had Westmount stickers in their rear windows, so any fines would be sort of like keeping it in the family.

I will continue to peer out from behind my curtains for further instant solutions

to the impending painful penury.

MICHAEL ST.B. HARRISON,  
MOUNTAIN AVE.

### CAN YOU GET A FINE IF HAVE DOG LICENCE BUT NO CARD?

I have a concern, actually it's more of a disbelief, regarding the council's decision regarding these cards that are now going to have to be attached to leashes for dogs.

Does the council have nothing better to do than think up ridiculous things like this? Does this mean that if we have the license but not the card, we can still get fined?

Some people must have way too much time on their hands to come up with these idiotic ideas. Try using the money spent on getting these cards made to fix up the dog runs and parks. I would like to think my taxes are better spent.

BELINDA BOWES, ACADEMY RD.

### CARE TO TELL US ABOUT THE TOUR DE L'ILE, CITY?

We have just learned from our local newspaper (*Independent*, May 17, p. 3) that le Tour de l'île bicycle run will be passing by on Claremont on June 5. Our house is located on the corner of Chesterfield and Claremont, so this event will be held just outside our windows.

We would like to know why residents

from our neighbourhood were not consulted for this major inconvenience, including affecting local traffic on that Sunday, no permission to use our car on the street between 8 am and 1 pm, people standing or sitting on our lawns and much other public-related nuisance.

Will the city of Westmount compensate citizens for this inconvenience? Or should we move to have peace and quiet during the weekend? Has Westmount become a city managed like the city of Montreal? (This is the reason we did move out from Montreal by the way).

We object to such a decision from Mayor Trent, and we think that Westmount citizens should be consulted for such an event.

PIERRE MARC JASMIN AND  
PATRICE JUNOD, CHESTERFIELD AVE.

### BIXI + NO HELMET = FINE

In your most recent issue (May 17 letter to the editor, p. 4), Wilfrid de Freitas wonders about helmets for Bixi users. I wondered the same thing when I learned Westmount had room in its ever tighter budget for \$235,000 for this system.

I consulted the city's website under "community safety" and then "bicycle safety" and our sly mayor's plans became very clear.

According to westmount.org, safety helmets are mandatory and violators could receive fines.

Way to go Mr. Mayor! You can nail each one of those Bixi users with a fine (plus court costs) and make back our \$235,000 before the end of the summer.

Did you also have a back-up plan for our \$235,000 had Bixi declared bankruptcy as we have now learned was a real and true threat?

ANDREW GROVE, CLARKE AVE.

### HOPE WESTMOUNTERS WILL EMBRACE BIXI

The Westmount Walking and Cycling

Association thanks the city of Westmount for bringing Bixi to our community. Bixi appears to enjoy solid support amongst Westmount residents, so we hope it will be adopted here like it has been in Montreal and in other cities.

We see Bixi as just one component of a broader program to reduce traffic and encourage active transportation in our city. This will help reduce the negative impact of motor vehicles on our health (collision injuries, pollution-related respiratory diseases and obesity from inactivity), on the environment (air, light and noise pollution, displacement of green spaces) and on our pocket books (taxes for road infrastructure and health care). Less driving and more walking, cycling and public transit will improve our health and the livability of our community.

To help achieve that goal, the city recently awarded a contract to a consultant to prepare, over the next six months, a Master Traffic and Active Transportation Management Plan.

Our association fully supports that process to reduce the number of motor vehicles on our streets and, in particular, thinks the plan should ensure safer intersections for pedestrians, since most collisions occur at intersections, and more bike paths, since many people will not cycle without safe passage.

Keep up the good work Westmount!

To join the other walking and cycling members of WWCA, visit [acmw-wwca.org](http://acmw-wwca.org).

DAN LAMBERT, LANSDOWNE AVE.

### ARENA PETITION VIOLATION OF CIRCULAR BY-LAW?

I recently received a circular in my mail slot from the "Change Westmount Arena Plan."

Isn't that a violation of Westmount by-law 1032?

I think that this by-law ..... should be enforced by the *continued on p. 5*

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SEAN MAISLIN, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

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## SALTED STREETS WOULD SAVE MONEY, SUFFERING

On December 10, I crossed University St at Sherbrooke [in Montreal]. With the first step, I knew I was on sheer ice. Clearly no salt was used. I slipped, fell backwards, hit my head and became unconscious. When I came to, three gentlemen and a lady lifted me up, sat me down and called an ambulance.

I wish I could thank them. The ambulance came quickly. Attendants sprayed salt on the ice to get the stretcher out and me to the Montreal General. X-rays were taken, but no fractures were seen.

I was in terrible pain. Covered with blankets, I was still freezing. Shivering, I passed out. I thought, "This is my death."

Suddenly my feet felt warm, then my body. I felt immense joy to be brought back to life. My deepest thanks to the staff at the triage for their immediate reaction, giving me a blood transfusion at the last minute.

I was not ready to die. I had a busy life. A medic told me that blood had not been going to my heart due to my bruises.

He also said that the city wanted to save money by not spraying salt, but now they get hundreds of people with broken limbs to treat, which costs much more.

No fractures were seen even after the second wrist x-rays, so I was sent home. The pain got worse daily, until I was unable to walk. I collapsed and went by ambulance again to the Montreal General.

A CT scan showed sacrum, coccyx and right wrist fractures. I was in corridors until a bed was found at the Royal Victoria. I needed twice-daily injections against blood clots, as well as exercises with a walker or cane.

I came home February 10 still in pain. Today, almost five months later, I am not yet pain free.

This is a great city and should not subject people to icy, unsalted streets and suffering. I hope that "no salt on icy streets" will ever happen again. I send my deepest thanks to my wonderful friends, and all my kind doctors and nurses.

CAROLA MORTON, SHERBROOKE ST.

## Publisher's Note

Dear readers,

As the *Independent* went to press, a strike by our usual door-to-door distributor, Canada Post, loomed. Until we know that this labour conflict is fully resolved, we cannot take the risk of delivering thousands of newspapers to the post office knowing that they might be caught there should a strike actually happen.

So, even if the mail is operating as you read this, we have taken alternative measures. We have hired a private contractor to distribute our newspapers door to door, as well as enhanced the usual efforts of the distributor who supplies waiting areas and drop points in Westmount.

Service may be different, but should be as good, especially if this strike (or possible strike) continues and we have time to work out the kinks.

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## Impact on sloping roofs, garages, upper extensions

# Residents endorse building changes, call on city for more



Ron Friedman of Sunnyside Ave. speaks at the public consultation meeting at city hall.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Only a handful of residents and architects attended a public consultation meeting May 18 on proposed building changes with far-reaching effects on upstairs extensions, the future of garages and the design of sloping roofs.

But those who spoke to the proposals endorsed them heartily and called on the city to go even further in the area of acquired rights for vertical extensions and to clarify some of its architectural regulations.

It was time for the city to have another roundtable with architects such as one that had led to the current proposals, replied Urban Planning commissioner Cynthia Lulham, who chaired the meeting.

But the change that elicited the most comments was one to grant vested rights regarding lateral setbacks in the vertical addition of houses that had been built closer to the side property line than now permitted.

This would allow for a second storey or partial addition to be built upwards on an existing structure without having to satisfy

today's requirements regarding distance from the side property line, which otherwise could lead to "a very bad design," explained Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

She showed slides showing a "wedding cake" effect that could result otherwise.

An example is a house built seven feet from the side property line. Recent changes in R1 and some R2 zoning areas, however, increased this setback to 10 feet. The proposed change would allow the upper storey addition to be built out to the limit of the existing house without having to be recessed.

"One wonders if the city can extend this type of provision to backyards as well," asked architect Bruce Anderson.

Ron Friedman, of Sunnyside Ave., endorsed his suggestion saying that if it could be done at the side, why not at the back? "We certainly will look into it," Lulham said.

Another change calls for eliminating the city's current mandatory garage requirement as long as parking space is available behind the front building line. This means new houses could be built

without a garage if the owner so chooses.

Hand in hand with this change is a provision allowing interior and exterior garages to be converted into additional "legal" living space such as a playroom, gym or greenhouse. An exterior garage could not be converted into a separate dwelling, however.

Technical requirements for sloping roofs were also relaxed by allowing a larger flat area on top. The horizontal portion would now be increased from 15 percent to 40 percent of the total roof area to be covered.

Architect Adam Borowczyk said he had a few other suggestions including "making some laws clearer," prompting Lulham's suggestion to convene another roundtable.

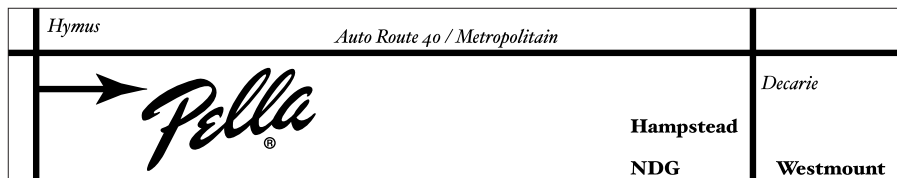
The meeting lasted less than half an hour, breaking up when no more questions were raised. It seemed unlikely from the tone of the proceedings that the proposals would be challenged during an ensuing legal process. At least 500 signatures would be required on a register to force a city-wide zoning referendum, said city clerk Mario Gerbeau.

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# Water pressure unresolved

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(psi) higher than their historical levels. This means that in some locations the pressure can be 135 psi.

This may need to be reduced so that the pressure does not exceed the 80 psi maximum stated in the Canadian plumbing code, according to city plumbing inspector Bill Sheckell.

Initial increases in pressure of about 15 psi began with the reactivation of Montreal's Lambert Crosse pumping station last November, Duffield explained.

## Closure of water mains by Montreal

They were further heightened by 10 psi with the closure of water main valves by Montreal following the burst main on Decarie April 17 (see April 26, p. 7). When these valves were re-opened, however, water pressure inexplicably decreased only minimally, some 2 to 4 psi, he said.

Some buildings may already have pressure regulators installed.

One building, the condominium com-

plex at 200 Lansdowne, has undergone major plumbing work as a result.

The building is in the process of installing a pressure regulator, which had never been done in its 24 years, according to resident Andrew Liebmann. (See letter, May 17, p 4). Because of the building's size and need to obtain more than one quote, however, it is taking time and will be more expensive than such a "fix" would be in a private home.

"It's really a simple solution," he said, adding: "We don't want to wait until Montreal fixes the problem."

And that building isn't the only one that has voiced concerns, Duffield said.

## Pressure fluctuates

The increase in pressure tends to fluctuate depending on times of day and the location of a house or building. Typically, like 200 Lansdowne, those further down the hill would be experiencing more elevated water pressures than those higher up.

## Supreme Court to hear Rossy case

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear an appeal of the case involving the death of Gabriel Rossy in 2006. The 27-year-old was killed when a Westmount tree fell on the car he was driving along Côte des Neiges Rd. in a summer storm.

No date was set for the hearing, said assistant city clerk Nancy Gagnon.

The Supreme Court's decision came down May 19 after the city's insurers, Lloyd's of London, asked the country's top court in January for leave to appeal an earlier ruling of the Quebec Court of Appeal.

The appeal court had cleared the way for a possible suit against the city (see February 1, p. 16). The victim's family had been seeking \$1.3 million damages.

The case is considered to be an interesting one, or even precedent setting, since it involves the issue of whether the mishap was a road accident covered by Quebec's no-fault insurance program or an incident capable of being litigated in the courts.

## Tax time

Don't forget: the second installment of the 2011 municipal taxes is due on Wednesday, June 1.

## Roslyn students win McEntyre writing contest

Four Roslyn School students have won awards for their writing in the recent McEntyre writing competition. Grade 1 student Adrianna Florit won a first-place award for "My Home," grade 4 Chloe Martin was awarded first place for "Life on Knox Street," grade 5 Erica Sun, a third place award for "Love My Home" and grade 5 Allan Narbonne-Stubbs a second place award for a piece, the title of which he asked not be revealed so as not to give the story away.

The McEntyre Creative Writing competition received over 1,400 entries this year and is sponsored by the city of Westmount. The winners will be presented with their awards at a special session with members of city council on Wednesday, June 1, 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

For photo, see p. 1.

## Can't dump on the street

A contractor was issued a \$146 ticket May 16 for dumping a load of sand on the street and sidewalk near 488 Mount Pleasant without a permit, Public Security officials said. The material was reported to be blocking most of the southbound lane.

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## City employees raise almost \$3,500 for breast cancer research

Ann McWhinnie, benefits officer with the city of Westmount, reports that the final amount collected from city employees' May 10 Denim Day donations and bake sales was \$3,400. This was almost \$600 more than was raised last year. "We have come a long way from the \$590 we raised in 1998," she said.

## Dawson's Filion tells WMA about Peace Garden plans



Dawson College executive director Richard Filion, left of Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) president Jean-Pierre Picard, was the guest speaker during the association's annual general meeting on May 18. He told the members about the college's plans to establish a "peace garden" on the lawn of its campus near Wood Ave., as a testament to those who suffered pain and loss in the September 2006 shooting attack. Featuring pathways built in the shape of infinity loops, the garden will have a variety of native flowers and shrubs.

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## Rec Centre Q & A

# Why a new arena and not more hours?

Councillor Patrick Martin, the chair of the recreation centre committee, has invited Westmounters to write him with questions and comments about the project and plan.

You can contact him with further questions at [pmartin@westmount.org](mailto:pmartin@westmount.org). Your questions and his answers will appear in subsequent issues of the *Independent*, space permitting. Please indicate whether you want your name published or not.

For reasons of space, Councillor Martin has paraphrased the questions.

### Why a new arena?

*Why do we need a new arena? Why can we not maintain and improve the one that we already have? Will we be able to maintain the new one? Does the current building have heritage significance?*

– Audrey Juras, Redfern Ave.

The existing arena was built more than 50 years ago as an outdoor rink with a roof, and later some flimsy walls were added to protect from snow and cold winds. It is a poorly constructed facility of little architectural quality, as charming as it may appear to some. Demand for ice time exceeds by far the available capacity. The building has no heritage significance whatsoever. The swimming pools also are 50 years old and should no longer be patched up. They need to be rebuilt, and it would be a shame to not take advantage of this reconstruction project to standardize their size for swim meets, and add pool and deck capacity to respond to popular demand from residents.

The arena was constructed in an area where there was once an old ravine, some 45 feet deep, one of many that had been carved by thousands of years of water flowing through to the Glen and down to the St. Lawrence River. The ravines were filled

in about 100 years ago to allow for housing development. The soil at this site therefore is of very poor quality, consisting mostly of fill material from the debris of old buildings in Montreal that were demolished 100 years ago to make way for the construction of downtown department stores and the like. Consequently, the existing arena was not built on normal foundations, and rather had to sit atop a series of steel piles driven to bedrock, about 105 feet below the surface (similar to the pile-driving necessary today at the new MUHC hospital site). This was a major undertaking at the time.

The existing building and pool have outlived their useful life. The arena is very difficult and expensive to maintain and to operate. It is thermally very inefficient and expensive to heat; the roof structure is decaying; the locker rooms and washrooms are a disgrace; there is no seating for parents and other spectators; it does not meet modern standards and building codes; and it is too small to meet today's demand. The pool often leaks, and the water filtration system is outdated. In short, the facilities must be replaced, and sooner rather than later.

The new recreation centre will be much more efficient to operate and to maintain, and will respond to the requirements of the larger community for decades to come. It will be built on soil that is much more stable, somewhat north of the existing site, and will not require piles to bedrock. It will include, at long last, meeting areas and a café for older residents, full handicap access, rooms for yoga and gymnastic activities, an expanded teen centre, and modern offices for staff. And the underground ice rink will create additional park green space for the benefit of all. – PM

### Why not more arena hours? Is the size right?

*If we need more ice surface for more ice time, then why is the current arena not open longer hours? Is the size of the planned arena consistent with arenas in other communities of similar size?*

– Audrey Juras, Redfern Ave.

The current arena is geared only to the requirements of the Westmount community, and must integrate into the fabric of the neighbourhood. It is not intended to be a commercial operation catering to demands from outside. Although there is an obvious desire for additional ice time, the city does not wish to extend the hours of operation into the night, out of consideration for the nearby residents.

The new facilities being built are completely in keeping with the requirements and standards that one would come to expect of a community of the size and quality of Westmount. They are fully consistent with the size of recreation centres in communities similar to Westmount. – PM

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Graffiti-ridden plywood fence on Glen Yards hospital site, May 19

# No one coming clean on MUHC graffiti clean-up

BY MARLENE EISNER

Driving along St. Catherine St. between de Maisonneuve and Victoria, it's easy to spot the graffiti tags scrawled on the green plywood fence on the McGill University Hospital Centre (MUHC) construction site near the CP rails. But don't expect the white paint to disappear any time soon.

Before that happens, Westmount and Groupe immobilier santé McGill (GISM), the partnership composed of SNC-Lavalin and Innisfree that oversees the construction of the public/private MUHC project, have to agree on who is responsible for the clean-up. Westmount says it wants GISM to do it; a spokesperson for GISM says no.

### Construction group: We won't paint

"We have no intention of repainting the fence to cover the graffiti that would undoubtedly come back the very next day," says Diane Rivard, head of communications for GISM.

"We started painting the fence two weeks ago and right the following day, graffiti started to appear."

Rivard points out that there is security for the parking area on the other side of the fence, as well as security agents patrolling the whole site and a surveillance camera system. However, in response to complaints from Westmount residents about the bright lights coming from the parking area, those lights are now turned off at 10 pm, which makes it difficult to catch taggers in the act.

"The fence being installed close to these lights, plus the fact that the opacity of the fence cannot allow us to see on the other side of it, make it difficult for us to prevent graffiti artists from crossing the fence on St. Catherine St., the CP rails and

fences on both sides of the CP rails when it's dark at night. Rest assured that we will increase our security measures around the wooden fence to prevent any intruders from coming onto the site," she said.

Dave Sedgwick, director of Westmount Public Security, said he is working with SNC-Lavalin to find an equitable solution, but was unable to say for sure who would pay for the clean-up.

"It's a problem, sure," said Sedgwick.

"It's not pleasant to look at for someone who has to look out their window. It's a matter of finding something that will be suitable to all parties."

### Solution: hedges?

One idea being considered is to plant high hedges against the fence.

"I don't know that there's a quick solution to it," says Sedgwick.

"The fence will be there for two or three years."

As for who will pay for this at the end of the day, the jury is still out on that one.

"That's being looked into," says Sedgwick.

"I think we have to decide what we have to do and then who will be responsible for it."

## Windshield smashed

A man seen breaking the windshield of a parked car outside 2090 Claremont Ave. took off down the street before officers arrived on the scene May 13, Public Security officials said. The owner of the car said nothing had been stolen.

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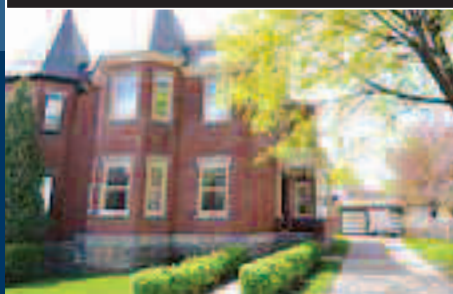
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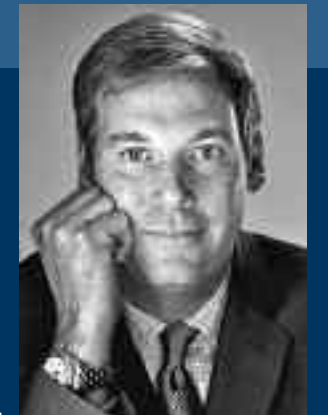
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## The Study raises funds for its science lab and Centre Philou



The Study's André-Philippe Gagnon Gala Fundraising event committee co-chairs and Study parents, from left: Rose Bichar and Josée Kaine; organizing committee member Lisa Smith; The Study's head of school, Mary Hebert; and head girl Alexa Kruyt, inside the Oscar Peterson Hall of Concordia University, May 11.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

The internationally-acclaimed impressionist and Westmounter André Philippe Gagnon put on a show May 11 at the Oscar Peterson Hall to support his daughter's school, The Study, and its new biology science lab.

\$60,000 being raised.

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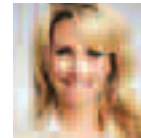


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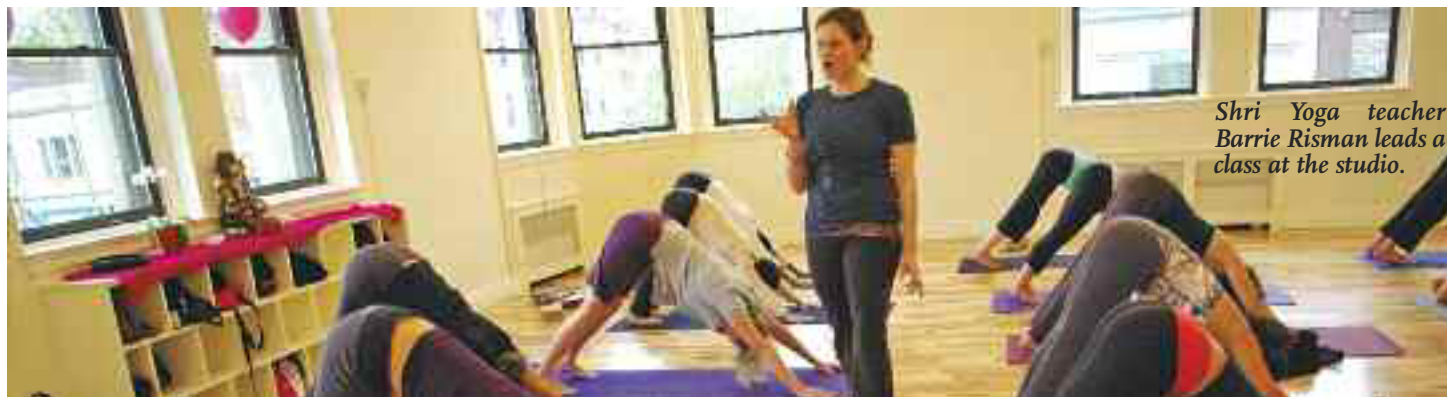
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# New Westmount yoga studio teaches Anusara method

BY MARTIN C. BARRY



Shri Yoga teacher Barrie Risman leads a class at the studio.

The Montreal region's first studio dedicated to the Anusara school of yoga officially opened for business in Westmount on May 14.

Located in a large space above the Laurentian Bank branch at Sherbrooke St. and Victoria Ave., Shri Yoga was founded by Westmounters Mona Keddy and Barrie Risman, both of whom have lengthy experience in the teaching of yoga.

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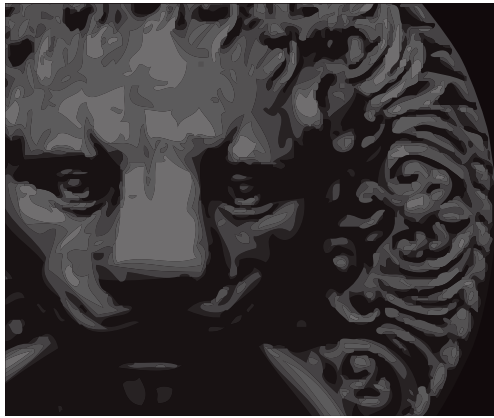


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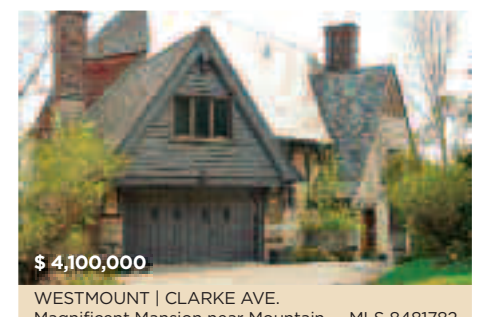
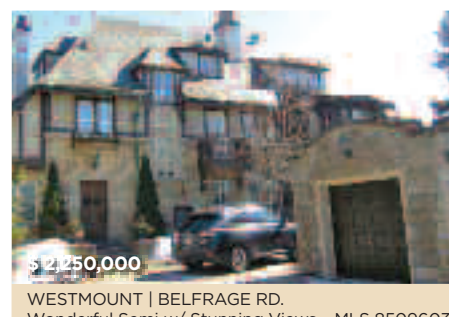
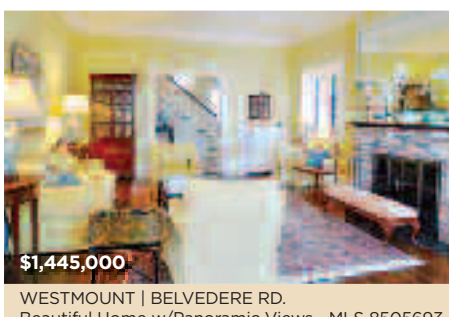
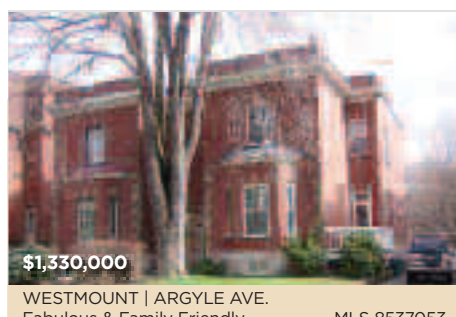
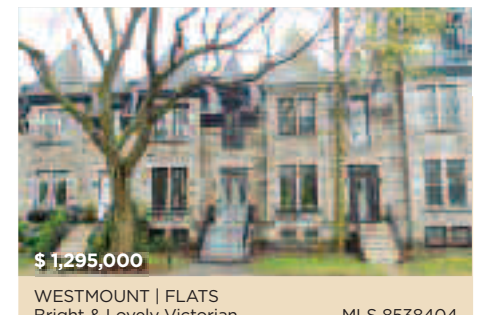
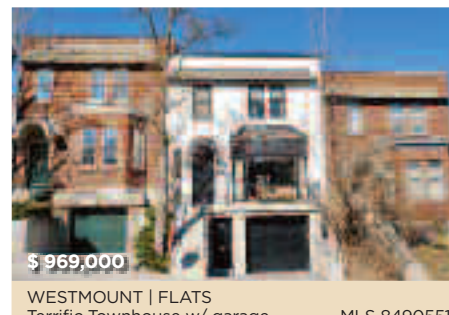
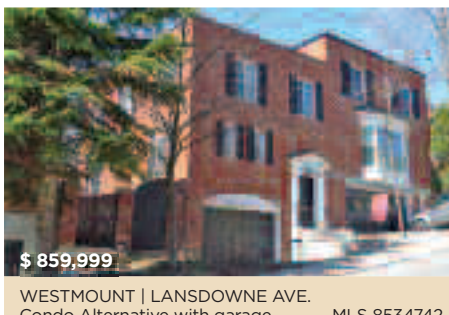
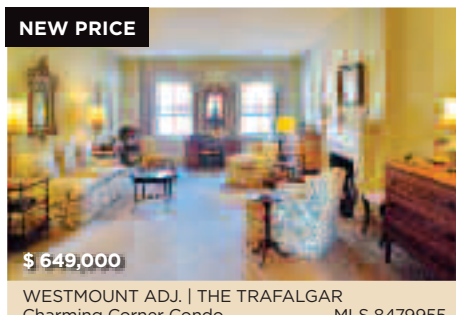
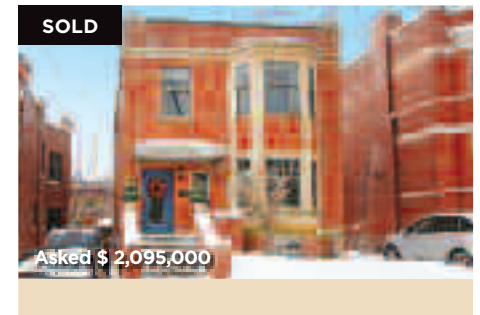
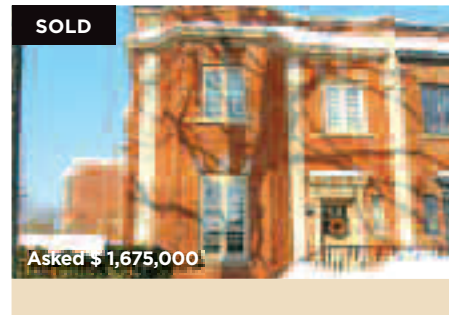
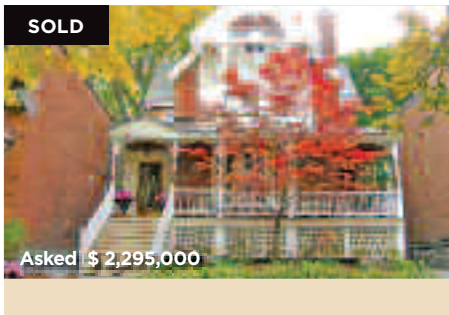
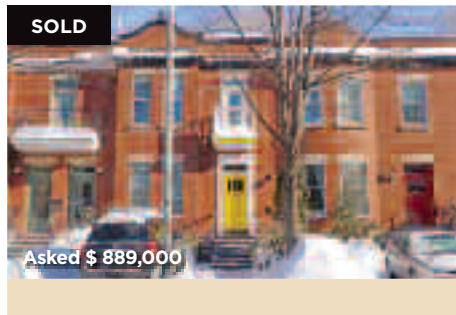
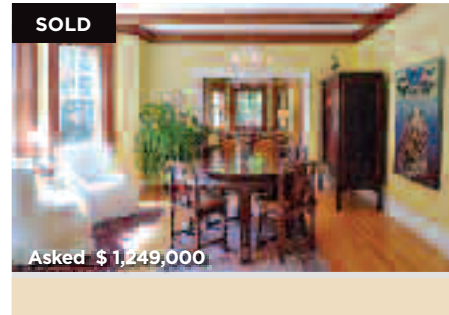
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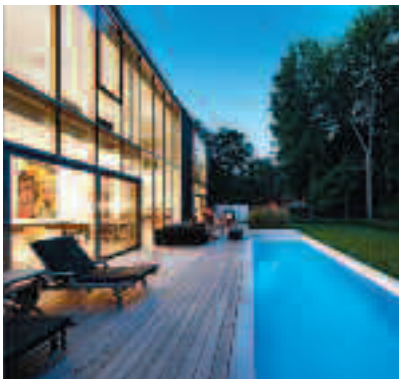
At Westmounter Linda Smith's fun Mother's Day event on May 8 kids were having almost as good a time as the adults. Well, almost!

Everyone basked in the sun (finally!) admiring the green leaves (finally!) and devouring hotdogs, hamburgers and French fries served from a mobile kitchen in a chuck wagon-style truck, parked right on



*Westmounters Shayne and Madison Tessler, with Maia Garfield.*

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the street. Chairs were set up on the front lawn with friendly Yorkshire terrier, Maggie, full of ribbons and adorable in her Damien-Hirst style skull coat (chicly knit

in black), mingling amongst the guests.

After munching on super fries, guests were then served the most amazing home-baked desserts: brownies, Rice Krispies squares (loved by all!) and the cutest tiny cupcakes, complete with itsy bitsy icing layers. The cupcakes were red and matched the many red rose bouquets around the dining room.

Party-goers enjoying the iPod tunes included Westmounters **Frank Niro** and his son **Nick** with **Yasemin Comert**, **Carole Wagram**, **Dale** and **Nick Tedesci**, and **Andrew Hops**.

Also noted were Impact general manager **Adam Braz** and **George Athans**, the former Canadian world champion water skier and CBC sportscaster, now managing his film production firm.

Guests were clad in ..... everything from jeans and *continued on p. 15*

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Brothers Max and Josh Shafter.



Impacts manager Adam Braz, Westmounters Sascha, Linda and Terry Smith.

t-shirts, to stylish suits, with boots and flip flops (one guest had a broken foot).

Young Westmounter **Madison Tessler** was completely contemporary in her knit Uggs! It's a fashion family: her brother Shayne had great green laces in his run-

ning shoes. But the best fashionista was the hostess, **Linda Smith**, in her over-the-knee black boots – Prada of course.

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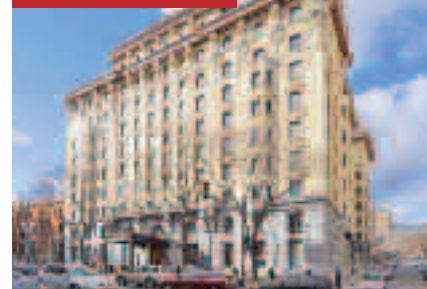
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# Vanilla – not plain at all



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

was brought to the shelter, which makes her an indoor-only cat.

If you would like more information on sweet Vanilla, please do not hesitate to contact the SPCA Montérégie at 514.704.3445 or email them at info@spcamonteregie.com. Thank you for helping us find a home for her.



Vanilla

Exquisite – that is my first impression of Vanilla. How could we not be fascinated by her wonderful long and silky calico coat, with its beautiful shades of black, brown and rust?

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• Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom presents novelist **David Brody** on "Growing up Gay and Orthodox." Register: 514.937.3575, ext. 217 or heidi@templemontreal.ca.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

**Ride to Conquer Cancer** fundraiser at Chez Nick Restaurant, 1377 Greene Ave. Donations matched by Chez Nick. All proceeds to benefit the Segal Cancer Centre of the Jewish General Hospital. Also on all day Saturday, May 28. Info: 514.935.9936.

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• **Family day** in Westmount Park, 9 am to 4 pm. Info: 514.989.5353.

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**Chœur des enfants** de Montréal presents "Celt Fête," in celebration of Irish-Quebec musical traditions, 4 pm at Eric Maclean Centre for the Performing Arts, 2477 West Broadway (corner Sherbrooke). Info and tickets: 450.458.7129 or info@choeurde-

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• The **Montreal Welsh Male Choir** performs at the Atwater Library auditorium, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors 65 and over and students. Info: 514.630.4360. Also on Sunday, June 5 at 3 pm.

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• Open house at the **Westmount Lawn Bowling Club**, 405 Kensington, 10 am to 4 pm. Instructors will be on hand to teach the basics. Wear flat-soled or running shoes. Info: www.bowlswestmount.ca or 514.989.5532.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

• "Music for a June Afternoon" at the Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve. Includes a varied selection of composers, and wine and cheese at intermission. Cost: \$20 adults; \$10 seniors, students; and children less than 12 years are free. Info: 514.484.5559.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

• The Montreal Branch of the **Royal Commonwealth Society** hold its annual general meeting at 6:30 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. To be followed at 7:15 pm by an illustrated presentation by Melanie Walsh entitled "Women Supporting Women's Education in India." Info: 514.935.1674.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

• Montreal author **Norman Ravvin** will read from his new novel *The Joyful Child* at 7 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Reserve: 514.989.5386.

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## New yoga studio

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to be found in all people and in all situations, Anusara is “heart-centered.”

“I like to say it’s like a workout for the body, the mind and the heart,” Risman said in an interview with the *Independent*.

“We use physical practice as a way of embodying qualities of the heart, so it’s not just physical. We integrate the teachings of yoga so that through the practice we learn how the teachings of yoga can benefit us in our lives. It’s all about how the practice can help us when we leave the yoga studio and get back to situations in our lives.”

### Importance of community

Risman said Anusara yoga also emphasizes the importance of community. She said the phrase “gather, practice and grow” sums up what Shri Yoga stands for.

“We’re all about people coming here and feeling supported, not just through the practice, but by being in good company with each other. We’re really excited about contributing positively to the community.”

A certified Anusara teacher, Risman has been teaching yoga full-time for the past 12 years all over Montreal, as well as in other parts of Canada.

Keddy, who was first initiated to yoga 15 years ago, is also a qualified psychotherapist. According to a biography on the Shri Yoga web site, Keddy’s background in psychology has influenced her yoga teaching.

## Chez Nick’s Callard to host fundraiser for Ride to Conquer Cancer

A fundraiser to benefit the Jewish General Hospital’s Segal Cancer Centre’s “Ride to Conquer Cancer” will be held Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 at Chez Nick Restaurant, 1377 Greene Ave. The restaurant will match donations up to a total of \$2,000, and tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$10 or more.

Owner Rob Callard has personally raised over \$18,500 and will participate in the two-day bicycle ride. He is currently in second place in the list of top fundraisers.

The ride takes place July 9 and 10. For more information, call Callard at 514.935.0946. To donate, go to [www.conquercancer.ca](http://www.conquercancer.ca). Click on “Quebec,” then find “Rob Callard” under “Top 10 fundraisers” in the right-hand menu.

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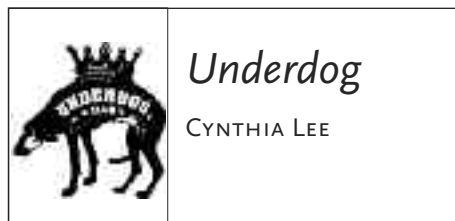
## Norma Morgan lectures launched at Visual Arts



Over 100 people packed the Visual Arts Centre for the inaugural lecture of the Norma Morgan Lecture Series, featuring the first Canadian artist said to gain an international reputation, James Wilson Morrice. The Norma Morgan Lecture Series is a bi-annual lecture series that honours the late Norma Morgan, her life-long interest in the arts and education as well as her significant contribution to the Visual Arts Centre. From left, Scott Morgan, Arielle Morgan, Vickie Campbell, John Morgan and Visual Arts director, Victoria LeBlanc.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

## Shagalicious, baby!



Shaggy

When Austin Powers, in the movie of the same name, declares a person “shagalicious,” one can safely assume that that someone is err...nice to look at, to put it mildly.

Not so with our man Shaggy.

He was absolutely frightful when he arrived homeless at Sophie’s Dog Adoption. And so, he was christened Shaggy.

His hair was a terrible mess but worse, he had severely infected feet from never being coat cared for. It was so bad that a severe fungus had formed between his toes and caused him to lick and chew them to the point of rawness. Thankfully, after treatment, everything is fine now.

But how did this eight-year-old shih tzu mix end up like this in the first place?

A common tale of crummy owners who got tired of caring for this little boy and were negligent in providing him with even

the most basic of hygiene needs. It’s sadder still that Shaggy is a very well-behaved guy, is fine spending time alone and not the type to demand loads of attention.

Free of anxiety issues that plague some dogs of this size, this one is quiet and rarely barks. Better still, Shaggy is suited for a life with other dogs, has no problems with cats and no aggression whatsoever.

Because of Shaggy’s age and mellow attitude, a home that would offer the same would be ideal.

Has the onset of summer lit a fire in your heart? Why not roast some marshmallows with Shaggy?

Please call Sophie’s Dog Adoption to know more at 514.523.5052.

View more of the old, the ugly and the unpopular on the Underdog Club website at [www.underdogclub.org](http://www.underdogclub.org), or drop us a line at [contact@underdogclub.org](mailto:contact@underdogclub.org).

## Dog owners ticketed in Summit Woods

Spot checks of Summit Woods by public safety officers May 7 resulted in two \$75 tickets being issued to dog owners letting their animals off leash, Public Security officials said. Dogs must be leashed in the nature reserve at all times during April 16 to June 15, the period when birds are typically migrating.

One ticket was given to a resident of Upper Lansdowne, the other to someone living in Verdun.

Officials said they would soon also be cracking down on the city’s new requirement that dog owners not living in the community obtain Westmount dog licences if they wish to use the city’s dog runs including Summit Woods.

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# Stir it up!



Elliott Cohen

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So let's pretend it's summer. I love using Quinoa in salads — it's a superfood. Great source of protein, low in fat and zero cholesterol. It's available in black,

white and red and cooks like rice.

Rinse it first for a minute. Use a two-to-one ratio of water to Quinoa with a little salt. Bring the water to a boil, add the Quinoa, then lower to a simmer and cover for 20 minutes. If there's still a little water left, simmer for two to three more minutes, then fluff with a fork and let cool to room temperature.

When it's cooked, it has these cool Sat-

urn rings around it. Remember that like rice, it triples in volume so 1 cup raw produces a little more than three cups cooked. Cover and keep it in the fridge for up to one week.

Now you can use it in so many ways. Mix it with Feta cheese, fresh mint, some toasted pine nuts, and a splash of lemon vinaigrette, and you have a yummy salad. Better still, invent your own and email me about it.

You can make great Quinoa fried or baked patties too, just Google it for recipes.

I love coleslaw in the summer. Here's a simple, beautiful looking, fresh tasty Asian spin on summer slaw.

## Asian Slaw

Serves eight to 10

2 ripe firm mangoes, thinly sliced

1 small head red cabbage, shredded or thinly sliced

1 head baby bok choy, core removed, sliced thin

1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced

4 carrots peeled and grated or julienned

2 cups bean sprouts

3 green onions, thinly sliced diagonally

Leaves from ½ bunch fresh cilantro, roughly chopped

½ cup dry roasted peanuts, roughly chopped

## Dressing

Juice of 4 limes

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4 tsp sugar

¼ cup vegetable oil

## Preparation

Combine first seven ingredients in a large bowl.



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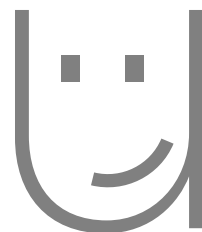
Previous experiences working with the elderly would be an asset. Call 514.484.7878, ext. 3146 for more information.

## Dog and light give owner away

A dog seen wandering around alone May 3 at St. Catherine and Victoria ran right into a house nearby when a public safety officer passed by at 9:30 pm on routine patrol.

Public Security officials said a light inside was immediately switched off after the dog entered.

A \$75 ticket for letting the dog run loose was issued to the owner who was reported to be on record for similar offences in the past.



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Conversion of the former Reader's Digest site into a condominium development is in progress.

While city Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier said she was not aware of the recent incident, it likely would have involved an existing office in the building.

**Leaf blowers still  
being used illegally**

Four different garden contractors received \$267 tickets between May 3 and 7 for using leaf blowers after the cut-off date of April 15 for the spring clean-up period. The work was spotted in progress on Westmount Ave., Chesterfield, Sunnyside and Côte St. Antoine.

**PSOs take injured  
wildlife to the SPCA**

Public safety officers drove a squirrel and then a pigeon to the SPCA in two separate incidents May 16.

The wildlife were described as either sick or injured.

Concerned residents called for assistance after the squirrel was found in front of 4824 de Maisonneuve around 9:20 am and the pigeon at 10 York shortly after noon.

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## Lawn Bowling plans open house June 4

# Two world-class lawn bowling events coming to Westmount in August

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

The Westmount Lawn Bowling Club will host both the Canadian Junior Lawn Bowling Championships and the World Junior Cup Selection tournament in August. Winner of the second event will represent Canada at the worlds in Australia.



Louis Touyz, Westmount Lawn Bowling Club president.

The events are being billed as attracting Canada's best young players and their families from across the country. Many will be making their first trip to Quebec and to Westmount.

"The mem-

bers of the Westmount Club are thrilled with the prospect of hosting these two events," said club president Louis Touyz in announcing the events at the May 3 city council meeting.

Inviting the council and members of the public to be "frequent spectators," he thanked the council "for providing us with a great facility that allows us to host world-class events such as these."

An estimated 20 of the country's best under-18 bowlers will compete at the first event, the Canadian junior nationals, from August 2 to 6, leading to the crowning of the best male and female players.

From August 6 to 9, some 20 bowlers aged 18 to 25 will compete to earn the right to represent Canada at the world championships in Adelaide in November.

Following the announcement, the organizing committee sent out a letter to merchants and "friends" of the club asking for community support to help ensure the visit of players and families "will be a memorable one," stated chairman Richard Menear.

With a budget of \$15,000 for both events, he explained, "we will be relying on the generosity of the community" to help provide monetary donations, sponsor meals or provide "gifts in kind" that can be raffled off.

"This is really a very great honour for our club and the community to be able to host these events," said Bruce St. Louis, the city's retired director general, who is vice chair of the organizing committee in charge of fundraising. He may be reached at [bruce.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.stlouis@gmail.com).

## Public invited to try it out

The Westmount Lawn Bowling Club will hold an open house June 4 from 10 am to 4 pm to provide visitors with an opportunity to try the game. Flat-heeled shoes are the only requirement. In case of rain, the event will take place the following day.

## Bussandri to perform in singing/songwriting contest

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmount-born Kristen Bussandri will be the featured performer during Acoustic Nights Montreal, a teen songwriting competition in which young aspiring talent from several Westmount schools have also been invited to take part.

According to its founder, Melina Soochan, the June 25 competition is based on a concept similar in some ways to *American Idol*, although it goes beyond that.

"They actually have to perform a song that they wrote, and they have to do it either by themselves or with an accompanist, and without using [pre-recorded] backing tracks," she said in an interview with the *Independent*. "It's a focus on real talent and song-writing skills."

The performers will be judged by four judges, who are active professionals in the Montreal music scene, and on four criteria: song structure, lyrics, performance and stage presence. Originality will also be considered.

The judges will assign marks to the performers and comment out loud in front of a live audience. There will be first, second and third place winners, as well as a peo-

ple's choice winner to be determined by the audience in a vote.

Among the schools invited to take part are The Study, St. George's, ECS and Sel-



Westmount-born Kristen Bussandri (pictured here May 18 at the Flower Conservatory) will perform June 25 during Acoustic Nights Montreal.

wyn House.

Prizes include a free music video, a recording session, a professional photo shoot and the opening spot at the gala event being held in late July.

The organization has issued a call to singer-songwriters, English or French, between the ages of 13 and 17, who write their own music to enter the contest. Online applications are being accepted before June 3 at : [www.acousticnightsmontreal.com/competition](http://www.acousticnightsmontreal.com/competition).

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## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### Bureaux administratifs – Horaire d'été

Les heures d'ouverture sont du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30. Du 6 juin au 4 septembre, les heures d'ouvertures de tous les bureaux administratifs de la Ville, soit l'hôtel de ville, le Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, et les Services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h. Veuillez noter que la bibliothèque sera fermée le dimanche du 12 juin au 4 septembre inclusivement.

Info : 514 989-5200. 🌿



## TRAVAUX PUBLICS

### Le Tour de l'Île de Montréal 2011

L'édition 2011 du Tour de l'Île de Montréal aura lieu le dimanche 5 juin. Le circuit comprendra un court tronçon à Westmount et nécessitera la fermeture des rues suivantes entre 8 h 40 et 13 h : Av. Claremont, entre l'Av. Notre-Dame-de-Grâce et le boul. De Maisonneuve, et la rue Sainte-Catherine, entre le coin De Maisonneuve/Claremont et le coin Lansdowne/Glen. Pour consultez la liste de fermeture de toutes les rues, visitez le [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).



## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Exposition

La galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter les oeuvres créées par des étudiants de niveau primaire de Westmount en collaboration avec les artistes du Centre des arts visuels du 27 mai au 17 juin 2011. Info : 514 989-5521.

### Concert « Replay The Beatles »

Revivez la magie des années Beatles avec le groupe « *Replay The Beatles* » le mercredi 25 mai à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Le spectacle-hommage inclura les grands succès des Beatles de la période 1963 à 1970. Pour un avant-goût du groupe, visitez [www.replaythebeatles.com](http://www.replaythebeatles.com). Billets en prévente : 20 \$ (25 \$ à la porte). Info: 514 989-5226.

### Journée familiale de Westmount

Passez une journée ludique entre voisins et amis au parc Westmount le samedi 28 mai de 9 h à 16 h. Jouez sur les surfaces gonflables, faites-vous maquiller, essayez la promenade aérienne, caressez un lama, nourrissez une chèvre, lancez des oeufs... il y aura des activités pour tous les goûts. De plus, c'est l'occasion de rencontrer des représentants des organismes communautaires et des services municipaux. Info: 514 989-5353.

## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 6 juin à 20 h

Séance du conseil  
Hôtel de ville

### Le 23 juin à 17 h

Fête de la Saint-Jean  
Parc Westmount



### Soirée de danse 2011

Clôturez votre journée le 28 mai avec un super spectacle au Victoria Hall, mettant en vedette les participant(e)s des cours de danse pour adultes du Service des sports et loisirs. Chorégraphie et interprétation par les étudiant(e)s de ballet, ballet jazz, danse contemporaine, claquette, baladi et autres le samedi 28 mai à 19 h. sous la direction de Sheila Lawrence, danseuse et chorégraphe vénérée. Billets : Adultes 10\$ / enfants 5\$. Info : 514.989.5393.

### Journée portes ouvertes au Club de bowling

Le Club de bowling de Westmount ouvre ses portes au public le samedi 4 juin entre 10 h et 16 h au 405, av. Kensington (à côté de l'hôtel de ville). Une invitation à tout ceux qui voudraient essayer ce fabuleux sport de bowling et se familiariser avec le Club. En cas de pluie, l'événement se tiendra le lendemain. Consultez [www.bowlswestmount.ca](http://www.bowlswestmount.ca) ou appelez au 514 989-5532 pour en savoir plus ou présentez-vous le 4 juin avec vos chaussures à semelles plates. 🌿



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Conférences à 14 h

Veuillez-vous joindre à nous pour un après-midi en compagnie de Lora Baiocco, bibliothécaire – Services en ligne et archives. Elle donnera une conférence le mercredi 24 mai à 14 h sur les technologies les plus populaires qui changent le monde dans lequel nous vivons. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Rencontre d'auteur – Norman Ravvin

L'auteur montréalais Norman Ravvin lira des extraits de son nouveau roman *The Joyful Child* le mercredi 7 juin à 19 h. Retrouvez dans ce livre l'envie de voir le monde à travers son récit de voyage *Hidden Canada*; Ravvin y explore les liens entre la vie urbaine, l'expérience du voyage et de l'abandon, et l'amour d'un homme pour les quartiers, le jazz et les voitures anciennes. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Club d'échecs et de Scrabble

La prochaine rencontre du club aura lieu les vendredis 3 et 10 juin à 14 h. Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de nouveaux joueurs. Info : 514 989-5386. 🌿



## CITY HALL

### Administrative offices – Summer hours

The business hours are from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As of June 6 until September 4, the business hours of all administrative offices of the City (City Hall, Victoria Hall, Hydro Westmount, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation) will be Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Library will be closed Sundays from June 12 to September 4 inclusively.

Info: 514 989-5200. 🌿



## PUBLIC WORKS

### The 2011 Tour de l'Île de Montréal

The 2011 Tour de l'Île de Montréal will take place Sunday, June 5. The circuit will include a short section in Westmount requiring the following street closures between 8:40 a.m. and 1 p.m.:

Claremont Avenue from NDG Avenue to De Maisonneuve & Ste-Catherine Street from De Maisonneuve/Claremont to Lansdowne/Glen. To consult the list of all street closures, visit [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org). 🌿



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Exhibition

The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present art projects created by elementary students in Westmount with the collaboration of artists from the Visual Arts Center between May 27 and June 17, 2011. Info: 514 989-5521.

### Replay the Beatles Concert

Relive the magic of Beatlemania with tribute band *Replay The Beatles* performing some of the Beatles' greatest hits from 1963 to 1970 at Victoria Hall on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm. Preview the band at [www.replaythebeatles.com](http://www.replaythebeatles.com). Advance tickets \$20 (\$25 at the door) Info: 514 989-5226.

### Westmount Family Day

Spend the day with your friends and neighbours in Westmount Park on Saturday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Play on the inflatable games, get your face painted, ride the aerial runway, and pet a llama, feed a goat, compete in the egg toss... there's something for everyone. It's also a chance to meet with local community groups and City departments. Info: 514 989-5353.

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## DATEBOOK

### June 6 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall

### June 23 at 5 p.m.

Fête de la Saint-Jean  
Westmount Park



### Soirée de danse 2011

Finish off the day on May 28<sup>th</sup> with a spectacular show at Victoria Hall by the adult participants of the Sports & Recreation dance programs. Presenting choreographers and dancers in an evening of ballet, jazz, modern, tap, belly dancing and more on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The event is presented under the direction of the venerable Sheila Lawrence. Tickets : Adults \$10 / Children \$5. Info : 514.989.5393.

### Lawn Bowling Club Open House

The WLBC will host an Open House Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 405 Kensington (adj. to City Hall). Everyone is welcome to try the amazing and fun sport of lawn bowling and learn about the Club. In case of rain, the event will take place Sunday. Find out more at [www.bowlswestmount.ca](http://www.bowlswestmount.ca) or at 514 989-5532 or just show up on June 4<sup>th</sup> with your flat-soled shoes. 🌿



## LIBRARY

### 2 o'clock series

Join Lora Baiocco, Online Services and Archives Librarian on Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m. for this presentation of the most popular technological trends that are revolutionizing the world we live in. Tuesday, May 24 at 2 p.m. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Author Event – Norman Ravvin

Montreal author Norman Ravvin will read from his new novel *The Joyful Child* on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Returning to the wanderlust of his travelogue *Hidden Canada*, Ravvin follows the inter-connections of urban living, the experience of travel and abandonment, and a man's love of neighbourhoods, jazz, and old cars. Info: 514 989-5386.

### Chess and Scrabble Club

Our club will meet on Friday, June 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. Drop by for a friendly game as we look forward to meeting new players. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿

# TRENDSETTERS

For Trendsetter column, please see paper copy.

## Circulars not wanted by resident

A \$75 ticket was issued May 6 for the distribution of a Publi-Sac bag left at a house on Westmount Ave., Public Security officials said. The house displayed a sticker requesting that the material not be delivered to that address. The resident called to complain about the violation of the city's anti-circular regulation.

## Stolen cars recovered the same day

Two stolen cars were recovered in Westmount May 4, Public Security officials report. One was a BMW taken from a house on Upper Lansdowne Ave. and left illegally in private parking behind the pharmacy at St. Catherine and Metcalfe. It was discovered at 8:30 am. The other was found in the parking lot at 1250 Greene, though no further details were available.



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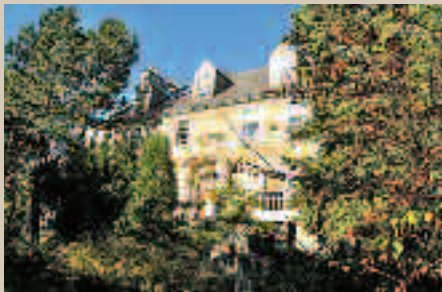
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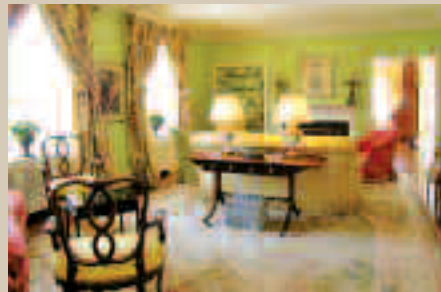


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