

Greenhouse closes indefinitely, to all

Falling pane 'showers' man with glass

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's historic conservatory and connecting greenhouses have been closed to the public and employees for an indefinite period of time for safety reasons, the *Independent* learned last week.

A man sitting in the conservatory area was reported to have narrowly escaped being hit September 20 when a glass panel fell from the top of the roof, prompting the building's immediate closure.

Contingency plans are under way to salvage some of the plants, open a couple of work areas and find a specialist to assess

the safety and integrity of the complex, Public Works director Patrick Raggo confirmed October 14.

The 88-year-old conservatory and its greenhouses were shut down by the city and the Quebec workplace safety board, said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Sustainability. No one was injured, she said.

"I understand that a gentleman sitting on a bench at the time, though not injured, was showered with glass as it fell right beside him," explained Councillor Patrick Martin, Public Works commissioner. "It's terrible."

Since the "lockout," none of the plants have been watered, the missing window remains open to the elements and a way is being

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Remaining chained and locked October 16 after more than three weeks, the closed conservatory and greenhouses bear a tag on the door saying "pending structural investigation." More photos on p. 25.

Two Westmounters involved

Public Security apprehends 3 in overnight surveillance

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two young Westmount men and one from NDG were apprehended by public safety officers October 13 in an overnight surveillance operation to reduce vandalism and thefts involving cars, Public Security officials said.

Two of the trio were issued curfew tickets for being in King George (Murray) Park and were turned over to police in connection with the smashing of a car's passenger

mirror on Westmount Ave.

The third was issued two tickets for: "loitering" on a property on Belmont without the consent of the owner; and for obstructing the work of a municipal official in the line of duty by fleeing the scene until caught on Douglas Ave.

The incident began unfolding just before 2 am when a patroller became suspicious of three people walking north on Roslyn, explained Public Security director Greg

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Turcot work to close Greene Oct. 26, then Glen Rd.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount motorists may have to find new north-south routes to and from St. Antoine and St. Jacques as work related to the Turcot project is set to close off the southern section of Greene followed by Glen Rd., city officials said last week.

Greene is expected to be closed for two weeks from Monday, October 26 to Monday, November 9 followed by Glen Rd. for at least four to five weeks – probably lasting until the end of December, though specific dates have yet to be announced.

The Greene closure is required for drainage work on the street at Selby Park. Traffic is expected to be re-routed along Dorchester, where Greene will be blocked to all but local traffic. The work needs city council to approve a connection into the

Westmount sewer, according to Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise. This was expected to be given at the mid-month meeting Tuesday, October 20. Mayor Peter Trent confirmed the item based on the agenda.

Some of the work “took us completely by surprise,” Hurtubise said October 13 in announcing details.

While some Transport Quebec notices refer to the street closure as officially starting October 25, this in fact takes effect at 11:59 pm on that date or essentially October 26.

Dam to be built under Glen

Once the Greene work is complete, plans call for Glen Rd. to be closed to through traffic at St. Catherine for a longer period. This is for construction at the

south portion of the Ville Marie expressway at the Glen entrance to Home Depot of an underground retaining wall or “dam” to hold back seepage of hydrocarbons, Hurtubise explained.

These hydrocarbons had been continuously pumped out during the last two decades in a joint project by Westmount and the Montreal transit commission.

This work, along with the building of the underground dam, is now being taken over as part of the Turcot project (see story

February 25, 2014, p. 1).

During the blockage of Glen Rd., traffic – which already backs up during rush hours – is to be diverted along St. Catherine St.

Access to Glen Rd. will remain open to Hydro Westmount offices, however, as well as to the users of the bike path and pedestrians for whom a deviation is to be built around the worksite to the west, allowing them access to de Courcelle, St. Antoine and St. Jacques.

CPR, defibrillator revive shopper at local SAQ

Quick work by a public safety officer, an SAQ employee and Urgences Santé appears to have saved the life of a customer in the store on Sherbrooke at Victoria October 3, Public Security officials said.

Public safety Officer Philippe David had been patrolling nearby at 2:16 pm when he was flagged down and told a woman had collapsed inside. He ran in to find her lying on the floor unconscious while SAQ employee Jean Sébastien-Poirier per-

formed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Sébastien-Poirier asked the officer to take over, which he did until the arrival of Urgences Santé, who revived her using a defibrillator.

Paramedics were reported to have stated that the CPR helped the woman “come back” with the defibrillator. She was identified as a 74-year-old resident of Peel St. – LS

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McBain.

When the three arrived at Westmount Ave., they turned east along the south side, one walking ahead of the other two. The officer parked on Lansdowne and kept watching them as one of the two smashed the side mirror of a parked Dodge Journey and then ran off with the other into King George Park, heading south.

Other officers were advised, a search ensued but neither could be found at that point.

Third one pursued

Meanwhile, however, the third member of the group who had been walking ahead, was spotted by a patroller at the intersection of Westmount Ave. and Murray Hill. He was observed as he went north on Belmont and began walking around on a private property, raising suspicions.

As he was intercepted and asked to identify himself, the suspect suddenly took off running and was apprehended on Douglas Ave. The 17-year-old contacted his fa-

ther who arrived and identified the youth. He was ticketed \$119 for obstruction and \$119 for “loitering,” both under the nuisance by-law

“If he had simply identified himself the first time, he would have only received the one ticket,” McBain noted.

Original two resurface

Later, at 2:55 am, an officer saw a green Toyota Echo driving around the area and suspected “something was up,” McBain said. The car was followed to the dead-end of Grenville at Douglas, where officers parked their patrol vehicles.

When they asked the two inside the Echo if they were lost, officers immediately recognized them as the pair who had run into the park. They were detained and told to wait for police, who arrived soon after.

The two – an 18-year Westmount resident living close by and a 17-year-old NDG resident – were identified, issued the curfew tickets for \$76 and \$69 (the amount for a minor) respectively and turned over to police for possible mischief charges.

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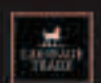
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Police Report

Police respond to pot smoking complaint at Dawson College

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.

Despite pledges by some of Canada's leading politicians to relax or even do away with the country's marijuana laws, police at Station 12 in Westmount continue to enforce the rules as they now stand.

Responding to a complaint from a Dawson College employee about marijuana smoking taking place outside Dawson's de Maisonneuve Blvd. entrance, officers from Station 12 issued warnings around 11:20 am on October 14 to several students gathered there.

"There was a complaint that there were some people outside who were smoking drugs," said the station's community relations officer Stephan Laperrière. "Three people were identified, all males 18 years old, and they had with them a small quantity of marijuana while standing outside the school."

According to Laperrière, it wasn't the first time by any means that the police responded to complaints about marijuana smoking outside Dawson College.

"It's frequent in that area and it's happened before," he said. "We know there are people in that area who are doing that, and that's why our patrols pass there more often."

Although the police didn't make arrests, they demanded to see identification from the students. Although they were given

formal warnings, Laperrière said the ID information will be kept on hand by the police in case similar complaints are received in the future and the same individuals are involved.

Enforcing marijuana laws

"We could arrest them anytime if we want," he said regarding the way the police are now empowered to enforce the marijuana law. "But if there is a certain cooperation, and depending on the quantity, the police officers will often destroy it [marijuana], but the people will be identified and they will be put in our database as being involved in this situation."

"But if it does happen again," he added, "say a couple of weeks or a couple of months later or even years down the road – because after one or two years they're still in our database – and they're involved in a similar incident, this will establish that they haven't quite learned, and the police will have to make a stronger decision then as to whether there will be an arrest or whether they'll get another chance and another warning."

Small amounts versus large

Laperrière pointed out that while possession of small amounts of marijuana is usually an indicator to police that they're dealing with a user, larger amounts will suggest they're dealing with a trafficker and that a more serious offence is involved.

He also noted that while formal warnings are documented in the police database, verbal warnings are not.

Work stopped on legal holiday

Work at three locations was stopped following noise complaints on October 12, Thanksgiving Day, Public Security officials said. All workers complied when told it was a legal holiday in Westmount. One was operating a small digger on a driveway at 534 Victoria at 8:45 am. Another was cutting paving stones at 58 Church Hill at 10:15 am. Officers also found floors being re-finished at 4656 Sherbrooke at 12:10 pm.



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JOANNE GIBBS, KENSINGTON AVE.

OPEN LETTER TO CAR
VANDALIZERS

I hope you can help me publish an open letter to those teenagers who are having fun vandalizing everywhere they can without showing remorse or responsibility for their actions. On October 13 at 3 am, I was awakened by Westmount Public Security telling me that the side mirror of my Dodge Journey was vandalized while parked in the driveway of my employer. [Security] got the kids but later I was informed by the police officer that they have clean records, [are] going to school and were issued tickets. I'm only a housekeeper, working hard to help my family back home for education and medication. The money that I will pay for the repair is the money I need to send back home. They got a ticket for their parents to pay, get away from their wrong-doing and leave me, the victim, paying for their two minutes of "fun," doing mischief in the neighbourhood. I hope they realized that people work hard to earn a living, and they don't have the right to take it from people back home who are depending on us.

If you are asking me to claim it from my insurance, I can't because of the deductible. I hope they not only got a ticket from the city but be [held] responsible to pay for the damages they made. JEYPHINE VILLARUEL, WESTMOUNT AVE. Editor's note: Please see story, p. 1. – KM

**METAL SHINGLES ARE
SUITABLE IN WESTMOUNT**

Further to Jeffrey Katz's dilemma that the Westmount Planning Advisory Committee will not approve his wish to install metal (steel or aluminum) shingles on his roof ("My problem with the PAC," October 6, p. 8), I would agree with him that they should be an acceptable material for use in Westmount, not only on roofs but as a very suitable material for the vertical surfaces of secondary elements, such as the lower section of bay windows, sheds and small rear additions. Such treatment is suitable architecturally because it introduces a visual texture, which can be further enhanced when done on copper. BRUCE ANDERSON, FRAIC, CÔTE ST. ANTOINE RD.

grip over municipal spending. THOMAS LAPIERRE, CHESTERFIELD AVE.

MORE IS NEEDED FROM CITY
ON 'SPOT ZONING'

There appear to be many unanswered questions regarding the proposed by-law that would permit council, under certain conditions, to spot zone a specific site for a non-conforming development. ("Legal" spot zoning by-law tabled for non-conforming projects," October 13, p. 2). I can only assume that the upcoming redevelopment of the Metro [grocery store] property at Sherbrooke and Victoria has added some urgency to the matter. So far, Westmount residents have been given no compelling reason to support that request. It gives council virtual *carte blanche* in deciding what is appropriate for Westmount and what is not. At the last council meeting, we learned that the current zoning system, which has served the city well for decades, had, to date, not prevented any worthwhile development from proceeding. We were also told that present zoning by-laws were just too confusing for residents, another reason for the proposed change. I followed the recent extensive rezoning of the south-east of the city, and I can assure council that the changes were clear to everyone, and the process was easy to follow.

First of all, council has to tell residents how Westmount will be better off after granting council a major increase in discretionary authority. Secondly, the by-law should lay out in far more detail the criteria of evaluation under which a proposal will be judged and approved. The conditions in the draft by-law are so broad, council could authorize just about anything. Finally, the process governing the protection of resident rights including referendums should be fully outlined in the by-law. This assurance may be buried someplace in the by-law but at the last

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COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD
BE MUM ABOUT CANDIDATES

Re: "Trent weighs in on federal vote by endorsing individuals," (October 13, p. 1), should council members support candidates? Yes, most certainly, but they should keep their mouths shut about it and shouldn't appear *en masse* in photos that imply: "Hey! The mayor and Westmount city council support this candidate. Vote for him." Congratulations to Councillor Patrick Martin for raising this issue at a council meeting. I'm glad to see a councillor putting the bar high as to appropriate behaviour for elected officials. My council member, Rosalind Davis, is clearly in the same boat as she politely declined to attend a meet-and-greet I hosted at my house for one of the candidates (notice I'm not naming the person). It's too bad the mayor and some of Westmount's elected officials think differently. In my opinion, using your position of influence in a blunt attempt to sway voters in an election is shameful, and when you listen to or read the news, it's disappointing to see just how many people do it. Now, it's about lowering our property taxes and getting back to the good old days when Westmount's city council had a firm

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Osborne closes Westmount showroom after 28 years, stays in business

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount's Greene Ave. has had iconic presences over the years. After many years of dressing Canada's elite in couture creations, Serge & Réal closed their eponymous shop in 2014. And now, Kathryn Osborne – her name is also that of her business – has also left Westmount as of September 30.

Kathryn Osborne is still operating but by appointment only.

"I opened at the same time as Serge & Réal," she recalled. "Clients don't come to showrooms as much as they did years ago. I realized that I was always going to someone's home to bring samples, so, really, nothing has changed," Osborne explained.

"My subcontracting team of 50, which has been with me all these years since the

beginning, remains, as I am working on many projects. Luckily this continues smoothly as I managed to keep my telephone number and email address."

It took Osborne a month to pack up her former Greene Ave. space of 28 years, renowned for its pretty bolts of fabric always placed on the street to mark the address.

"Interiors have changed also. Now there are fewer valances, and yards and yards of different patterns. Today, décors are simpler. For example, we deliver lots of Roman blinds. We work to scale, so our large items like sofas are delivered to quickly fit in the designated room."

Osborne had many books, 300 of which she gave to charities. She kept her favourites, including those written by international designers as reference and inspiration for her clients.

"I am now unpacking daily and commuting to Tremblant, where I am finishing a project."

Cyclist can't recall falling

A 19-year-old Westmounter was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé after falling off his bicycle October 10 at Sherbrooke and Grosvenor, according to Public Security reports. Patrolers found him sitting on the sidewalk about 6:10 pm asking what had happened to him.

He was treated for injuries to the face and a lost tooth. It was not known whether he had been wearing helmet.

Water problem fixed by longer hose

A private contractor pumping water out of a house on Mount Pleasant October 11 was asked to use an extension hose and direct it into the sewer, Public Security officials said. Officers had been called to the scene where a neighbour was concerned that water being removed through a basement window would enter the neighbouring home. The problem was reported resolved at 2:30 pm. The source of the water was not reported.

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The goal is to harass and stalk me.

This is why, after showing my picture under those false pretences, this person will ask you to send a text specifying my location whenever you see me. When any of you do that, you are making it possible for this person to harass and stalk me, and putting me at risk. Those of you who have been approached know who I am.

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council meeting there already was a discussion among councillors regarding what these protections actually meant. No one wants to be debating this in the future.

I trust that Westmount residents will get full answers during the public discussion on October 22. This by-law will shape our community for generations to come. Let's get it right.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

PAC=BUREAUCRATIC

Amazingly, I finally managed to overcome an adverse decision rendered by Westmount's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) when I applied to replace two badly damaged concrete parking strips installed on the lawn in front of my house – more than 50 years previously – with a paved parking apron that was only a fractional size of the paved-over area installed the year before in front of an identical house next door with approval from the PAC (a prime example of an inconsistent judgement rendered by the PAC).

For more than 50 years, no grass had ever grown on the lawn area beneath my parked car, therefore I argued that a fully paved parking area was preferable to an unpaved area of mud between two parking strips. However, the PAC's bureaucratic

rationale was that I had installed the original parking strips more than 50 years previously without a city permit, therefore the damaged parking strips could only be replaced with two identical grandfathered concrete parking strips.

My *pièce de résistance*, which finally gained PAC approval to install a paved parking apron was the question "Why did the city originally install a ramp across the sidewalk to access the parking strips if their installation had not been approved?" Obviously things actually managed to be accomplished in Westmount more than 50 years ago with less bureaucratic intervention.

JOHN DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

Call of nature costs \$220

A Public Security patroller spotted a man urinating outside the McDonald's outlet at 5011 Sherbrooke October 10 at 3:08 am, department officials said. An 18-year old from downtown Montreal was issued a ticket for \$220 under the city's nuisance by-law.

'Something wanted for a while:' Cardella

Booklet makes its debut detailing 6 months of library, cultural events

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A colourful booklet outlining some 80 programs and events provided this fall and winter by the city's Library, Cultural and Community Events department is a new initiative that sets out a calendar of what's taking place at the library and Victoria Hall. It came out September 15.

"Our activities have always been included in a special section in the Sports and Recreation booklet," department director Julie-Anne Cardella explained.

But when the fall and winter registration for Sports and Rec was advanced to June this year, it came too early for the type of programming involved in Cardella's department. "It's difficult on our side to nail down speakers so far ahead," she pointed out.

So in effect, the early Sports and Rec registration became the catalyst for the separate booklet, which she said, "is some-

thing we had wanted to do for a while – and which I think the community, with its cultural interests, deserves."

The illustrated booklet in English and French provides background and information on various programs such as the McEntyre Writing Competition, how to arrange group visits to the library by schools, day camps and daycares and a teen volunteer program.

Having a dedicated booklet also allows for information on the conservatory and the Gallery at Victoria Hall to be included.

"We've printed 2,000 copies but are not delivering directly to every household. We're encouraging people to refer to it online," Cardella said.

While preparing the booklet "became a nightmare" over the summer holidays, she recalled, now that it's done, she says a similar booklet for spring and summer programs will follow.

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A box containing the new booklets is opened October 7 by Councillor Nicole Forbes, commissioner of Cultural Events.



Saginath (Jackson) Baskaran, far right, oversees a game of Bulle soccer in Westmount Park, October 11 around 1 pm. Employees of a Montreal restaurant were involved in a team-building exercise.

'Bullying' plays out in Westmount Park

BY RALPH THOMPSON

At first glance, it looks like a scene of carefree, young adults having fun, laughing and shrieking – but without the scare of an activity like bungee jumping. But after a short conversation with Saginath (Jackson) Baskaran, referee, coach and co-owner and co-founder of Quebec-based Bulle Soccer, the story runs much deeper than just having fun.

"The name Bulle is a play on the word 'bully,'" explained Baskaran, who grew up in Little Burgundy. He said it was a rough area, and he saw lots of bullying. "Many of my friends got into trouble. Some are in jail, and some are even dead. I saw lots of people being bullied and lots of bullies as I grew up."

A passionate but serious Baskaran continued, "My colleague and I lost our jobs earlier this year, and at the same time we

decided we wanted to do something about bullying." They started the company Bulle Soccer last June. Their services include referees, the large inflated balls that can be worn by the players, instructions and various optional games for schools, companies or community groups for team-building or just plain old fun.

Though the wearable ball-like apparatus looks very similar to that used in the bubble football games that have been cropping up lately, co-founder Wahab Ud-Din, Baskaran's childhood friend, said the company is not related to bubble football or any other organization.

"Our concept is simple," Ud-Din said. "We turn people on our field into bullies to make them feel [animosity], all by having a great time. After four minutes in the bubble, you don't feel any different than someone who gets bullied year long." But, he explained, the brand not only sensitizes

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Trees being cut in Selby Park for Turcot project



Photo of Selby Park taken May 1, 2014 shows the trees lining the sidewalk and lane that on October 13 were left standing to screen the proposed noise construction barrier.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Turcot project crews began work October 13 to remove a number of trees in Selby Park, city officials said. By October 16, most were gone and a road bed was already in place where the park had been.

While 28 trees were listed for removal, it was not known whether that included a row left along the lane at the request of the city to shield part the construction noise barrier.

The work began even as the city was

seeking a legal opinion on the ownership of the park, according to Councillor Cynthia Lulham.

While the park is listed on a city inventory of municipal properties, it was reported to have been expropriated by Quebec for the building of the Ville Marie expressway some 50 years ago but later “returned” to the city (see story May 6, 2014, p. 34).

It turns out the property was returned to the city for use only (usufruct), according to city director general Mike Deegan.



A construction crew from the consortium rebuilding the Ville Marie Expressway was on hand on October 16 at the site of Selby Park in lower Westmount to build a “deviation” route and a barrier which will be in place while the reconstruction is under way over the next few years. Selby Park will be closed until 2019 while the expressway work takes place.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

The park, which runs between Greene and Atwater just south of the expressway, was closed at the end of September (see story, September 29, p. 9).

The removal of trees clears the way for the installation of a retaining wall, a construction noise barrier to run just north of the east-west Brooke lane behind the houses on the north side of St. Antoine, and a deviation route for the Ville Marie expressway (see story October 8, p. 3).

“While we weren’t too pleased about finding out about this at the eleventh-hour,” said District 8 councillor Theodora Samiotis, “we’re at least acknowledging that the KPH-Turcot consortium has been working with us on the construction noise barrier.”

As a result, she said, “We’ve been able save a row of trees on the residents’ side of the barrier.” She said the insulated wood barrier is to be three or four meters high.

Loud music disturbs at 4:40 am

Public Security officials said a 20-year-old woman on Belmont was ticketed \$148 October 10 after officers received two noise complaints from the home less than an hour apart. She was warned to lower the music after the first complaint at 4:40 am, which she did. When a patroller passed by again at 5:13 am, he could hear it again, and it wasn’t long before a second complaint was received at 5:29 am.

Examiner to close

The *Westmount Examiner* weekly newspaper will cease publication this week with a final edition on October 22, it was announced last week. The paper was founded by Hugh E. McCormick in 1929 to cover Park Extension and the “north end” of Montreal. He changed its focus to Westmount with its February 1, 1935 issue. Investors from the United Kingdom, led by William Aitken, nephew of Lord Beaverbrook, purchased McCormick’s Monitor Publishing Group in 1957. The paper was subsequently owned by John Sancton and family (from 1968 to 1989), Cogeco (1989 to 1996) and finally TC Transcontinental. See “Examiner turns 75 years old” (February 2, 2010, p. 14) for more.

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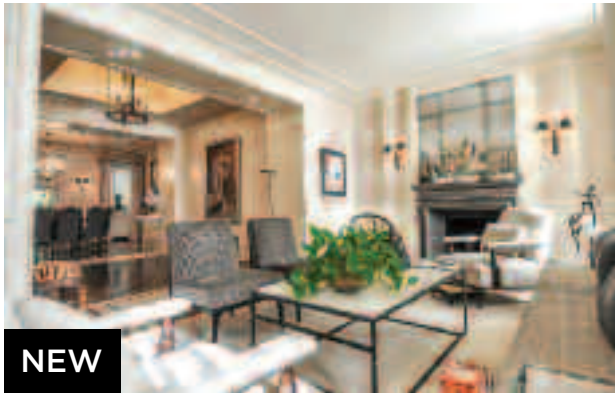
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Sculptor Martha Townsend with "Lux Domum" October 8 at Cedars Cancer Centre in the new MUHC hospital.

BY HEATHER BLACK

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Westmounter and sculptor Martha Townsend introduced her art installation at an MUHC vernissage on October 8.

Townsend was on hand to introduce her wood mural "Lux Domum" (house of light) at the vernissage of new art installations at the new hospital at the Glen site.

Installed at the Cedars Cancer Centre, the work consists of two embedded concave domes, one of yellow gold and the other of white gold. For Townsend, inspired by her two sisters' experiences with cancer, "the work remains open to interpretation, based on the viewer's imagination."

"Lux Domum" is one of 11 new art installations – murals, paintings, photography or sculpture – found inside or on hospital grounds. Funded through the percent-for-public-art initiative, each installation was selected for its potential to engage the public as well as to reflect the MUHC's spirit of hope, healing and innovation.

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Prince Albert now one-way south as Bell work starts this week

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Just as one may have thought the work on Prince Albert was over for the year came as last-minute news October 16 that work by Bell would start October 19. This involves replacing its underground conduit between Chesterfield and Côte St. Antoine lasting until November 6.

As a result, the street between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine becomes one-way south with parking prohibited on the west side. Notices were reported to have been delivered to residents of the street and cross streets October 16, providing information including on-street parking modifications.

“Bell’s contractor, TCI, plans to abandon a chamber at the corner of Prince Albert and Chesterfield and reconstruct their underground conduits” from there to Côte Rd., the notice states.

District 4 Councillor Rosalind Davis said that “the most important part is that the work will be done this year, and Prince Al-

bert will revert to one-way south for the duration of the work.”

This keeps the two-year project on schedule for the reconstruction of the roadway in 2016.

The Bell work had originally been expected to lead off the infrastructure renewal project last summer followed by Hydro Westmount and then the Public Works’ relining of the water main (see story April 18, p. 4). When the city could not obtain a schedule from Bell, however, it started off with its own two projects now complete.

At that time, the Bell work was described as requiring eight weeks, rather than the currently proposed three, to lay a new conduit into which the current cable would be lowered and inserted through a slit.

The city will also remove the “no-parking for maintenance” zones on Prince Albert north of Sherbrooke, St. George’s Place, and on three streets between Victoria and Claremont (Chesterfield, Windsor and Côte St. Antoine).

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Residents can participate in the Westmount Public Library’s Halloween event by bringing in a decorated pumpkin (not carved) to the library before Friday, October 23. Pick up a ticket for the “Halloween Extravaganza” for ages 6 and up. 7 pm.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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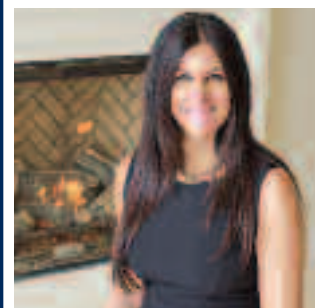
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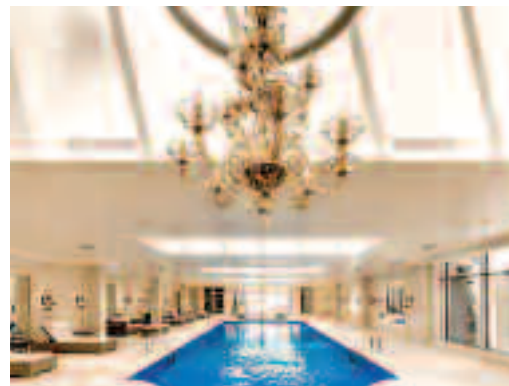
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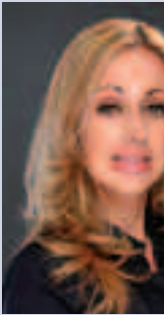


Akiva alumnus Jonah Rosen helps current student Dylan Dyan cast his vote in a federal election mock-up October 13. The school participated in the Student Vote program aimed at building the habits of informed and engaged citizenship. Grade 6 students studied different forms of government around the world, rights and responsibilities, the history of voting and Canada's electoral system, explained Cindy Warren, the school's director of communications. Participants learned about, and voted for one of the actual candidates in the current federal election through small group work, online research and class discussions.

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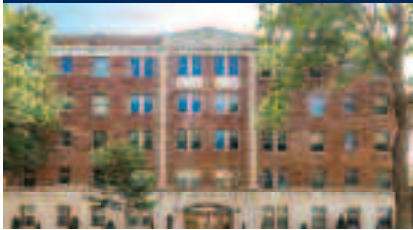
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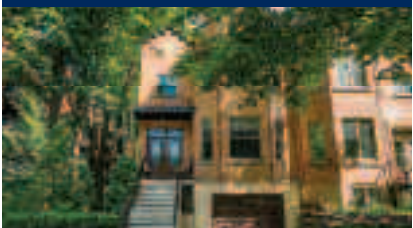


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By TED SANCTON

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trict and see two Tesla Model S fully electric sedans parked within a block.

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stations throughout North America that can supply a charge capable of 270 kilometres in 30 minutes. Charging can be done from a standard home outlet or more quickly from a special 240-volt unit. Delivery in December if you order now.

Chevrolet's Canadian website describes the Chevrolet Volt as a front-wheel drive, five-door hatchback with a starting price of \$40,345. It can run on pure electricity for small trips and switch to gas for longer ones.

Nissan has a fully electric vehicle called

the LEAF, that on its Canadian website claims to get the equivalent of 1.9 litres per 100 kilometres (153 MPG) with a range of up to 120 km. When contacted by phone, Nissan Canada could not tell us if there are any LEAF owners currently in Westmount.

The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec provides a specific nomenclature for plug-in hybrid or all-electric vehicles, as well as distinct plates featuring green lettering and the electric vehicle pictogram.

More photos, p. 17.



A gas/electric hybrid BMW i8 seen on Greene Ave. recently. BMW also has the i3, a fully electric car with a range of 130 km.



A gas/electric hybrid BMW i8 seen on Sunnyside. BMW also has the i3, a fully electric car with a range of 130 km.



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Le samedi 24 octobre, 19 h à 21 h. Décore une citrouille à la maison (sans la découper). Viens la porter à la Bibliothèque entre le 1^{er} et le 23 octobre et obtiens ton billet d'entrée à la 18^e édition de la Grande fête de l'Halloween. N'oublie pas d'enfiler ton costume! Info : 514 989-5300.

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Le mardi 27 octobre, 19 h. *The God of Small Things* (1997) d'Arundhati Roy. Info : 514 989-5300.

Prochaine séance du conseil le lundi 2 novembre

Conférences de 14 heures : Monique Polak
Le mercredi 4 novembre, 14 h. Titre : *Rediscovering Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventure in Wonderland on its 150th Anniversary*. Info : 514 989-5300.

Rencontres d'auteure : Elizabeth Abbott
Le mercredi 4 novembre, 19 h. Rencontrez l'auteure de *Dogs & Underdogs: Finding Happiness at Both Ends of the Leash*. Billets disponibles à la Bibliothèque et au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5300.

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Film : Cowspiracy
Le mardi 20 octobre, 19 h, Bibliothèque. Projection et discussion du documentaire *Cowspiracy* de Kip Anderson et Keegan Kuhn. Événement présenté par le Projet ville en santé de Westmount. Gratuit.

Exposition: Sam Kasirer-Smibert
Du 22 octobre au 13 novembre, Galerie du Victoria Hall. La galerie est fière de présenter *Atro Versiamo* - une exposition dess œuvres de Sam Kasirer-Smibert. Venez rencontrer Sam et la conservatrice de la galerie Victoria LeBlanc le jeudi 29 octobre à 19 h. Info : 514 989-5521.

Halloween : Bateau Pirate Hanté - La malédiction du Capitaine Squelette
Le samedi 31 octobre de 17 h à 20 h. Club du boulin-grin de Westmount. Soirée géniale et terrifiante pour les jeunes de tous âges, présentée par des membres de l'équipe de la sécurité publique. Info : 514 932-5468.

Cérémonie du Jour du souvenir
Le dimanche 8 novembre, 14 h, cénotaphe de Westmount. Joignez-vous aux élus municipaux devant le cénotaphe pour commémorer les Westmountais décédés sur les champs de bataille.

Salon des métiers d'art de Westmount
Le samedi et dimanche 14 et 15 novembre de 10 h à 17 h, Victoria Hall. Trouvez le cadeau parfait parmi une sélection impressionnante d'objets confectionnés à la main par des artisans du quartier. Entrée : denrées non périssables ou 2 \$ pour la collecte annuelle des fêtes du Service de la sécurité publique.

TRAVAUX PUBLICS

Collecte de feuilles mortes
Au cours des mois d'octobre et de novembre. Placez vos sacs de feuilles et de résidus de jardin en bordure du trottoir avant 7 h les jours de semaine en vue de la collecte par les équipes de la Ville. N.B. : seuls les SACS EN PAPIER sont acceptés. Info : 989-5390.

CITY HALL

Community Events Advisory Committee: call for volunteers

The City is looking for resident committee members for its Community Events Advisory Committee. Nominated and appointed by Westmount Council, successful candidates are expected to volunteer their time and expertise towards the planning and preparation of community events. Committee members are appointed for one year.

Please submit your letter of interest to the attention of Cr Nicole Forbes, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W., H3Z 1E2 (nforbes@westmount.org) by **Friday, November 6th, 2015**. Info: 514-989-5386 / 514-989-5429.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Change the clock, change the batteries
Sunday, November 1st. The Westmount Public Safety team reminds you to take advantage of the return to Eastern Standard Time the night of Saturday, October 31st to Sunday, November 1st to replace batteries in all smoke detectors as you adjust the clocks. This small action could save your life!

LIBRARY

Public Library Week
October 17 to 24. To kick off the 17th annual celebration of public libraries, come take a selfie with our owl mascot!

Music and Words with Eric Siblin
Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Come and meet Eric Siblin, author of *Studio Grace: The Making of a Record* and special guest Jo Simonetti. Free tickets available at the Library and Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5300.

Reading group for Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*
Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m. Join the circle skimming the surface or sifting through the layers of James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. Bring an open mind and a copy of the book. Info: 514 989-5300.

Halloween Extravaganza
Saturday, October 24, 7-9 p.m. Decorate a pumpkin at home (no carving please) and bring it to the Library between October 1 and October 23. Then pick up your ticket for the 18th annual family Halloween Extravaganza. Don't forget your costume. Info : 514 989-5300.

English Book Club
Tuesday, October 27, 7 p.m. *The God of Small Things* (1997) by Arundhati Roy. Info: 514 989-5300.

2 O'Clock Lecture Series: Monique Polak
Wednesday, November 4 at 2 p.m. *Rediscovering Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventure in Wonderland on its 150th Anniversary*. Info: 514 989-5300.

Next Council Meeting Monday, November 2

Author Lecture Series: Elizabeth Abbott
Wednesday, November 4 at 7 p.m. Meet the author of *Dogs & Underdogs: Finding Happiness at Both Ends of the Leash*. Tickets available at the Library and Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5300.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Film : Cowspiracy
Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. Library. A screening and discussion of the documentary *Cowspiracy* by Kip Anderson et Keegan Kuhl. Presented by the Westmount Healthy City Project. Free.

Exhibition: Sam Kasirer-Smibert
October 22 to November 13, Gallery at Victoria Hall. The Gallery is pleased to feature *Atro Versiamo*, an exhibition of works by Sam Kasirer-Smibert. Meet Sam and Gallery curator Victoria LeBlanc on Thursday, October 29th at 7 p.m. Info: 514 989-5521.



Halloween Haunted Pirate Ship - Curse of the skeleton captain
Saturday, October 31, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Westmount Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. A bone-chilling evening for kids of all ages, organized by the Public Safety team. Info : 514 932-5468.

Remembrance Day ceremony
Sunday, November 8, 2 p.m., Cenotaph. Join Council members at the Westmount Cenotaph to commemorate Westmounters who fell in battle.

Westmount Artisans' Festival
Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria Hall. Find the perfect gift; choose from a wide range of quality handcrafted items made by local artisans. Admission: \$2 or non-perishable food items for Public Security's annual holiday food drive.

PUBLIC WORKS

Autumn leaf collection
Throughout October and November. Place your bagged leaves and garden waste behind the sidewalk by 7 a.m. on weekdays for collection. N.B.: only PAPER BAGS are accepted. Info: 514 989-5390.



September sales: Prices humming along, volume up

Mood of the Market

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The following article relates to offers to purchase Westmount residential dwellings that were reported by local real estate agents as having been accepted in September 2015. Because they are not final registered sales, the addresses cannot be made public but give a good idea of current trends in local real estate activity. The graph offers a picture of these trends over time.

Westmount real estate continued to draw strong interest in September, as 11 sales with prices between \$783,000 and \$1,800,000 have been posted, along with five more in late August, which touches the record volume for that month, including a \$4,200,000 sale, the fourth highest price negotiated this year.

In fact, volume so far this year is at its highest level since 2012, and before that 2008, harking back to the days when Westmount homes were averaging \$1 million to \$1.2 million, rather than the \$1.58 million as they are this year. The lower Canadian dollar means new money should be moving into the local market and helping boost

prices as it circulates from the big houses – four in August for more than \$2 million – down through the smaller ones and the condominiums.

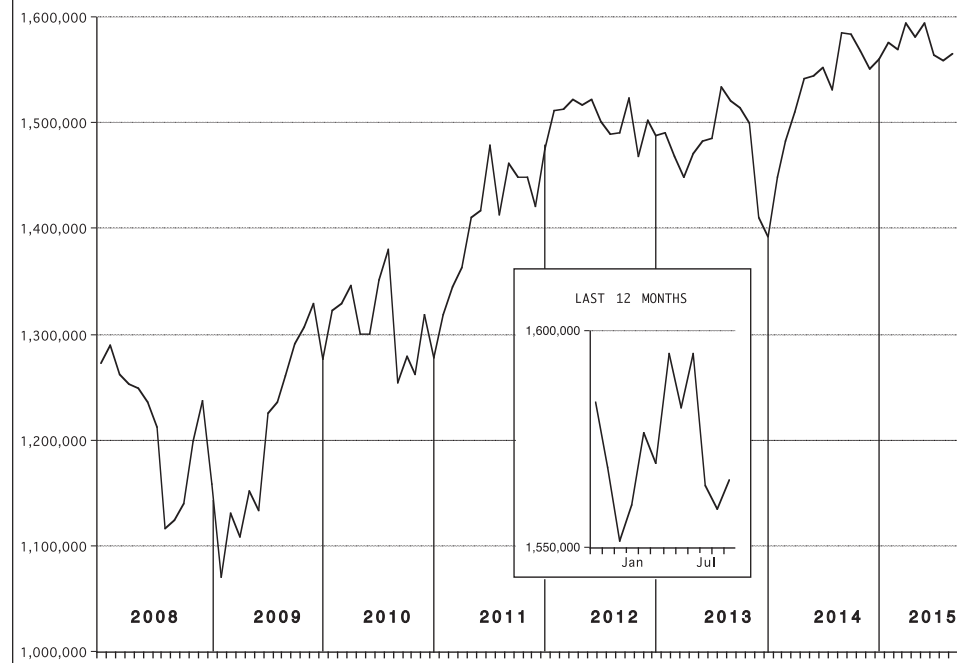
Despite a slight increase in the average mark-up over city valuation, from 6 per cent in August to 9 per cent in September, five of the 11 sales last month were actually lower than municipal value, including two houses that had been on the market for the better part of a year.

In fact, the average days-on-market dropped from 216 in August to 121 in September, with four houses selling in less than a month. The lowest price was \$783,000 for a house that came on the market asking \$769,000 and got into a bidding war among bargain-hunters, certainly not the first time that has happened.

The highest price of \$1,800,000 was one of only three houses to sell above \$1.5 million, and makes that month only the second since August of 2014 that the top price was less than \$2 million.

Only one condominium *continued on p. 20*

Average adjusted price of a 'typical' Westmount home by month, Jan. 2008 to Sept. 2015, based on accepted offer dates



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Real estate cont'd. from p. 19

– part of a converted duplex – sold in September but brought the total for the third quarter of 2015 to six, in a fairly tight range from \$485,000 to \$927,500, with the average mark-up at 9 percent, same as for one- and two-family dwellings. That average mark-up has remained constant throughout the year, and in fact there is little variation in mark-ups of individual condos, which have all sold in a range of -4 to +16 percent in the last two quarters.

Car damaged by falling branch

A branch from a city tree fell October 6, damaging the roof and hood of a car parked outside 425 Elm Ave., Public Security officials said. Public Works was called to remove the branch and another threatening to fall. The damage to the Toyota was discovered at 9:41 pm.

Business really picked up in the area just north of Westmount city limits, with four house sales, a triplex and a duplex-condominium in the last two months south of Queen Mary Rd. The houses have sold between \$689,000 and \$1,165,507, and in fact mark-ups this year have improved in all six adjacent-Westmount districts we have been following.

Listings jumped

As of mid-October, the number of listings for Westmount homes has actually jumped by four since mid-September, to 164, of which 18 are for \$4 million or more, up by two from September. The 164 listings is the highest number we have recorded in the past year, but there are more now in the \$1-\$2-million range than there were a year ago.

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PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 2016-2017-2018

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, QUE :

1° le programme triennal d'immobilisations pour les exercices financiers 2016, 2017 et 2018 sera déposé pour adoption lors d'une séance extraordinaire du conseil municipal qui se tiendra le lundi 2 novembre 2015, à 19h30, dans la salle du conseil de l'hôtel de ville situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount; et

2° lors de cette séance extraordinaire, les délibérations du conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur le programme triennal d'immobilisations.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 20 octobre 2015.

**2016-2017-2018
PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, THAT:

1. the three-year programme of capital expenditures for the fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 will be tabled for adoption at a special sitting of the Municipal Council to be held on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount; and

2. at said special sitting, the Council deliberations and the question period shall deal exclusively with the three-year programme of capital expenditures.

GIVEN at Westmount, on October 20, 2015

Martin St-Jean
Greffier de la Ville / City Clerk

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Shelby: The comeback kid



The Underdog Club

JANE DAVEY

Shelby, a lovely two-and-a-half year-old long-haired shepherd just can't seem to catch a break. Since her arrival at the Frontier Animal Society in late June, she's had to undergo three difficult surgeries resulting from vaccine-related complications. And her ordeal isn't quite over yet.

She was prescribed Prednisone to speed up the healing of her surgical wounds and that's when the trouble probably started. Sent to a foster home to recover from her various operations, she managed to alarm her new foster mom by staking claim to an entire bag of dog food and showing a lot of attitude towards certain dogs. In other words, she was channelling her inner timber wolf just a little too much for civilized company.

Steroids can up the aggression factor considerably and even completely change a dog's personality. It's more than likely that Shelby's normally loving character, as reported by a number of her caretakers, is getting compromised by the treatment.

German shepherds are often described as "self-assured" and apparently rank third in intelligence in the canine kingdom after border collies and poodles. The breed is



marked by a willingness to learn and its purposeful outlook on life. They are curious, which makes them optimal guard dogs and suitable for search missions. They can sometimes become over-protective of their family and territory, especially if not socialized correctly.

Back to Shelby. This means she will need a strong leader, someone who understands the breed and its needs. Her caretakers cannot make any definite rulings on her current behaviour until she's out of pain from her surgery and off the steroids. But if you sense that Shelby might be your canine soul mate, contact the Frontier Animal Society at 819.876.7747 or frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com

And for more information about Shelby's surgery along the opportunity to help her rescue offset her vet costs, visit https://www.gofundme.com/shelby_shepherd.

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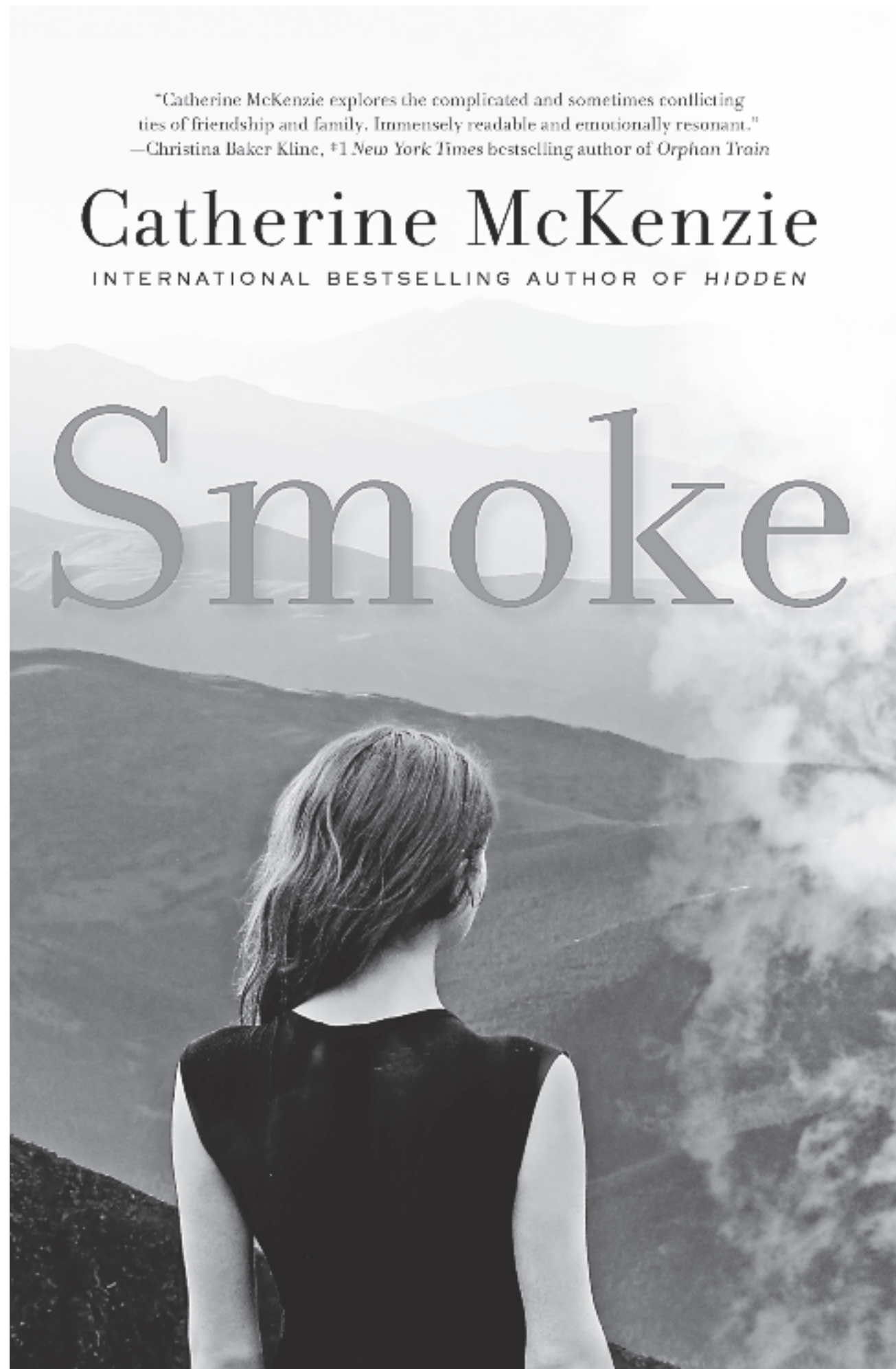
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Indie's fall social calendar, Part 1

By VERONICA REDGRAVE

October

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Montreal Neurological Institute presents A Brilliant Night, a benefit supporting the Institute's latest brain tumour research. Inaugural evening in the presence of journalist Charles Tisseyre, neurosurgeon Kevin Petrecca and former Rio Tinto Alcan president /CEO Jacynthe Côté. 6:30 p.m., Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium, 4801 Pierre-de-Coubertin Ave. Tickets abrilliant-night.ca.

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The Residences at the Ritz-Carlton Montreal, and Holt Renfrew, co-host The Great Reunion. Fashion and trends eve to benefit the Cedars Foundation. Tickets \$75 (cash) evening night. \$25 given to the Foundation. \$50 Holts card. 6 - 9 pm. Ritz Residences, 1280 Sherbrooke St. W. RSVP montreal.events@holtrenfrew.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cummings Westmount features Behind the Scenes at the Montreal Contemporary Museum. The archival tour is led by international art historian Mimi Caouette. 1:45 p.m. Musée d'art contemporain, 185 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$20 members. \$30 non-member. Optional pre-tour lunch available. To reserve contact Michelle Lander 514.342.1234, local 7216.

Tune Into YES (Youth Employment Services) presents Benefit Concert and Silent Auction, supporting young job seekers, entrepreneurs and artists launching their careers in Quebec. Chairs: Tanja Gehring, Cherine Zananiri. 6 to 10 pm Olympia Theatre, 1004 St. Catherine St. E. Live entertainment from Hellbound Hepcats. \$125. Table packages also available: \$1,750. Tax receipts issued. 514.878.9788, Local 307. fa@yesmontreal.ca tuneintoyes.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Trafalgar School for Girls Homecoming Reunion Weekend. Traf Family House Carnival and Traf Then and Now self-guided tours. 1 to 3 pm. Alumnae reunion cocktail/dinner, 6 pm, St. James Club, 1145 Union St. Includes presentation of Alumna Award to Leticia Artola Cox, '48, founder of Argyle Institute of Human Relations. All to benefit Trafalgar Ross Foundation and bursaries. Information Sharon Cozens, 514.935.2644, local 237 or cozens@trafalgar.qc.ca.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Donald Berman UP House presents Touched with Fire. Canadian Première produced by Spike Lee. Starring Katie Holmes. Dessert reception follows screening. 7 pm. Maxwell Cummings Auditorium, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379 A Sherbrooke St. W. Tickets \$85. www.acff.ca.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

McGill Chamber Orchestra presents Un Ballo in Maschera. Gala honorary chair Éric Bujold, president, Banque Nationale, Gestion privée 1859. Master of ceremonies Richard Burnett. Chair Sharon Azrieli Perez. Artistic director Boris Brott. Black tie and mask suggested. 6:30 pm. Picasso Ballroom, Sofitel, 1155 Sherbrooke St. W.

Tickets \$275. 514.487.5190. evenements@ocm.mco.org.

Château Ramezay Museum's 120th Anniversary Gala. Honorary co-chairs Desjardins Wealth Management and Desjardins Financial Security. Cocktail reception 6:30 pm, dinner 7:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$200; tables of 10 \$2,000. Formal attire. Valet service \$20. 514.861.3708. chateauramezay.qc.ca.

Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital's La soirée À Votre Santé! part of Montréal Passion Vin, with support of the SAQ and major partner Vidéotron. Benefiting the future Integrated Cancer Centre. 6 pm, Salon Urbain, Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine St. W. Networking 6 to 8 pm (three Champagne tastings and original bites by caterer.) Chairs: Manon Brouillette, Vidéotron president/CEO; Jean-Michel Bigou and Dominique Michel. 514.252.3435, local 5620. jmbigou@foundationhmr.ca.

DESTA Black Youth Network presents Desta Masquerade, in partnership with the new Le Salon 1861 (Quartier d'Innovation). DESTA stands for Dare Every Soul to Achieve. The fundraiser features open bar and food stations from restaurants such as Tuck Shop, Le Kitchen, Bonney, Boon J's Cuisine, Satay and Rasoi. Starring pop diva Michelle Sweeney. Masks at the door. 6 pm. Le Salon 1861, 550 Richmond St. www.lesalon1861.com Tickets \$125. Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/DESTAMasquerade>.

November

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Atwater Library and Computer Centre 2015 benefit cocktail party. Honouree: Lionel J. Blanshay. Featuring MC Dennis Trudeau, Dave Turner Jazz Trio, smoked

meat, silent auction. 6 pm, Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Tickets \$150 (\$125 tax receipt). Tanya Mayhew, 514.935.7344. tmayhew@atwaterlibrary.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Tyndale St. Georges Community Centre holds a sushi fundraising dinner – all you can eat sushi, one glass of wine and partial tax receipt. Aikawa restaurant, 55 Brunswick Blvd, Dollard des Ormeaux. Tickets \$80. susanbell@tyndalestgeorges.com. 514.931.6265, local 25.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Montreal Alzheimer Society's annual A Night to Remember's Got Talent Gala. 7 pm to 1 am. The Wave Event Centre, 5524 St. Patrick St., Suite 110. \$100 (full tax receipt). David Gold, 514.262.8470 davidthegold@gmail.com Nighttoremember.ca

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Shield of Athena Family Services' annual art auction. Spokesperson former NHLer and current TSN 690 host Chris Nilan. Exhibit and silent auction from 3 to 4:30 pm, live auction 5 pm. La Maison Ogilvy, 1307 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$75. (Includes exhibit, silent and live auctions, eligibility for door prize, cocktail.) Polly, 514.274.8117. Shieldofathena.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Festival du Monde Gala for Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada. Honouring Dr. Richard Beliveau. Cocktail dînette. 6:30 pm. Marché Bonsecours, 350 Saint Paul, Old Montreal. Tickets \$375. Contact Cathie Jackson 514.875.7745, local 224. cathiej@colorectal.cancer.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

DIA-BEAT-IT Gala. Honorary president TVA hockey analyst and former Canadiens goalie José Théodore. Cocktail attire. 6 pm., St. James Theatre, 265 St. Jacques St. W. Tickets Katherine Digby, 514.744.5537, local 240. kdigby@jdrf.ca diabeatit.ca.

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim presents The Events Show, partially to benefit Bridal Gemach, donating wedding dresses to brides in need. Events trade show for planning of weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, corporate events, fundraisers. 5 – 9 pm. 425 Metcalfe Ave. Tickets \$20, \$13 for children. Stephanie@wildcherryevents.ca.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Canadian Cancer Society's Gala des Grands Chefs gourmet dinner. Dedicated to the Montreal business community. Featuring six gastronomic courses prepared by top chefs, with wine service by prominent sommelier. Honorary presidents: Benoit Durand, chief information officer, CAE; Anne Marchiori, Telus sales director. 5:30 to 10 p.m., Palais des congrès. Tickets \$440; tables \$4,400. Catherine Opdebeeck, 514.255.5151, local 2611. Catherineopdebeeck@quebec.cancer.ca.

JGH Gala 2015. Benefiting the Jewish General Hospital, Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research. Honouree: Monique F. Leroux, president/CEO, Desjardins. Honorary chairs: France Chrétien Desmarais,

Stephen Bronfman and the honourable Jean Charest. Gala chairs: Stéphane Achard of Desjardins and Tom Little of Bell. Black-tie. 6 p.m., Arsenal, 2020 William St. Annette Goldman, 514.340.8222, local 4602. agoldman@jgh.mcgill.ca.

St. Justine UHC Foundation benefit, Ogilvy en fête 2015. Shopping, cocktails, fashion show, entertainment and gastronomy. 15 percent discount offered in participating boutiques. 7 to 10 pm., Ogilvy, 1307 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$125, available at Ogilvy post office (fourth floor), ogilvyenfete.org, Marie-Eve Pichette, 514.345.4710, local 3836. Chantal.soly.hsj@ssss.gouv.qc.ca 514.282.1552. ogilvyenfete.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

55th Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) Museum Ball – Live Art Loud, organized by the MMFA Volunteer Association. Co-presidents: Victor Dodig, CIBC

president/CEO; Calin Rovinescu, Air Canada CEO; Richard Speer, Attraction president. Honouree: Caisse de dépôt du Québec chair Robert Tessier. Ball president: Tania Dupont. 6:30 pm. cocktails, photos; 8 p.m. dinner, dancing. Jean-Noël Desmarais Pavilion, 1380 Sherbrooke St. W. Black tie / evening gown. Tickets \$1,000. 514.842.7436. baldumusee@mbmtl.org.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ICRF / Pink Lady presents the 10th Annual Women of Action Brunch. Keynote speaker Gloria Allred, advocate for women's rights. Honorees are Nathalie Bondil, Anne-Marie Boucher and Mireille Silcoff. Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe, Westmount. 11:30 am. Tickets \$150. 514.481.2723.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Tributary Cocktail Reception to the Max Stern Art Restitution

Project. Featuring Clarence Epstein, director of the project, and introduction of upcoming documentary film Stolen. 6 to 8 pm. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke St. W. 514.932.2133. cfhu.org.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Éditions esse's VENDU–SOLD 2015. 7th Benefit auction of contemporary art. The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 2200 Crescent St. (use this entrance due to construction.) Cocktail reception 6:00 pm. Auction 7:30 pm. Tickets and information on the artworks encan.esse.ca 514.521.8597.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Cedars Cancer Foundation Kids for Kids Gala. Featuring music, open bar and more. General 9 pm. \$125; VIP 7 p.m. \$200 (includes cocktail and dinner). St. James Theatre, 265 St. Jacques St. W. Anna Burgos, 514.934.1934, local 71241. Cedars.ca.

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The Study's centennial campaign kicks off



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On September 17, Westmount's famed The Study school launched a book on its 100 years *No Ordinary School* by Westmounter **Colleen Gray** at the same time as its Dare to Dream campaign. The tropically hot night did little to deter the enthusiasm of guests, who reminisced while enjoying MAD Catering's canapés.

Archival material about The Study was displayed throughout the performance hall, transformed into a museum of times past. Gray read excerpts from her 200-page book and The Study's head of school **Nancy Sweer** congratulated all who had contributed to the coverage of the school's history.

There with his wife **Helgi**, Westmounter **Ian Soutar**, former Study board chair, past Study parent and current Study grandparent, reminded the crowd of the positive impact the private school has had on the Montreal community and the exciting future that lies ahead. Soutar expressed delight with the progress to date of the Dare



From left: Brian and Leslie Dunn, and Susan Orr-Mongeau



Tom, left, and Westmount city councillor Rosalind Davis.



Sisters Jill Hugessen, left, and Lys Hugessen stand on either side of Ian Soutar.



Barbara Whitley, left, and Helgi Soutar.

to Dream Campaign. With a \$8.75-million goal, the campaign, led by Study parents and Westmounters **Jean-Guy Desjardins**, **Scott Jones** and **Randy Kelly**, has already raised \$5.2 million.

Notable guests at the event were Westmount mayor **Peter Trent**; local MP **Marc Garneau**; president of the Westmount Historical Association **Doreen Lindsay**; executive director of McGill-Queen's University Press **Phillip Cercone**; Westmount city councillor **Rosalind Davis** (with husband **Tom**, a former Study board member); and professor and provost of McGill University **Christopher Manfredi**, a Study board member and past parent.

In the crowd were many Westmounters and Study alumnae including **Karma Hallward** along with husband **John**; **Samantha Hayes**; **Sarah Ivory**; **Brenda Bartlett**; **Sarah Tobias**; **Erika Flores**; **Arabella Decker**; **Jill Hugessen** together with sister **Lys Hugessen**; **Barbara Whitley**, a grad of 1936 and former chair of the Study's foundation; and **Susan Orr-Mongeau**, the Study's director of communications and proud past parent.

A long-time resident of Westmount, who just moved out of the community, she attended with her husband **Jean-Pierre Mongeau**.

Greenhouse plants unwatered, city tries to salvage many

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sought to arrange some of the planned fall chrysanthemum display in the Gallery of Victoria Hall.

Raggio said he believed no other glass panes had fallen but that several had “slipped.”

At this point, he said, the complex is chained and locked, and only one person has a key. “We’ve had an engineer prepare a procedure that allows us to get inside in certain areas and under certain conditions.

“We’re working on multiple fronts to be able to replant some of the plants from the main greenhouse [conservatory] into at least two of the other greenhouses.” The conservatory contains two banana trees as well as a number of other favourites.

In deplorable condition

Martin said he had been “complaining about the lack of maintenance at the greenhouses for over two years, including gaps in the windows. We need to put more money into them. I wouldn’t expect a piece

of glass would fall but the buildings are in deplorable condition.” In this climate, he said, wood would not be used today for

such construction.

“We’ve had panes of glass falling from the sides before,” Lulham said, “but never



Banana tree bearing fruit September 18.



The leaves of the banana tree, brown and withered, as seen through the window October 16.



The fallen pane can be seen in the same row of overhead windows where several others are seen slipping October 16.



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one falling from the top. Right now, Public Works is working very hard to find an expert to assess the greenhouses. “The status of the conservatory can change from day to day.”

Since Westmount’s conservatory, and one in Toronto, are the only two remaining examples of Victorian-style “cascade” conservatories in Canada, she said, the city has already widened its search for specialists to include the US.

This is focusing on the Lord & Burnham greenhouse builders in New York State that built the original Westmount conser-



City gardener Hélène Bazinet works outside one of the greenhouses October 16, where potted chrysanthemums await the annual fall exhibit, whose venue remained undetermined.

vatory, Raggo said.

According to the city website, the conservatory underwent a \$1-million restoration a decade ago during which “the upper glass and metal portions were removed, restored and rebuilt on site, fractured cast iron elements, corroded steel, and rotten wood windows were replaced...”

After a heavy hail storm May 29, 1987, when 2,000 windows were broken, a news report stated that the greenhouse was “now closed to the public for safety reasons while work to replace the [broken] windows with acrylic panes continues... The

work was done by the House of Plastics Inc. at about a cost of \$32,000 to be covered by the cost of insurance.

“The acrylic is reported to be protected against discolouration and to be superior in strength and durability to glass.”

Then-greenhouse foreman Howard Neill was quoted as saying that during the storm: “The glass came down like a guillotine, chopping [young chrysanthemum cuttings] to pieces.”

Right: Exterior of windows at the northwest side of the front entrance of the conservatory, October 16.



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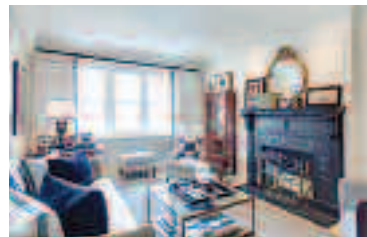
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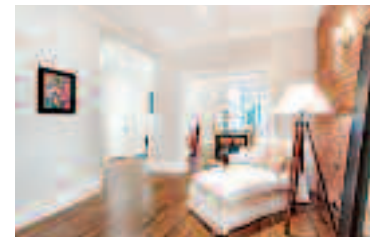
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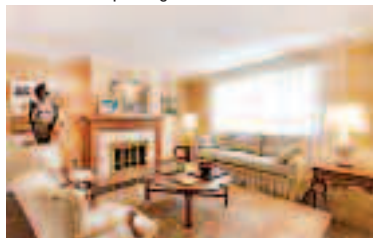
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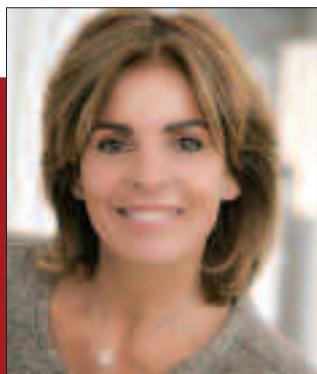
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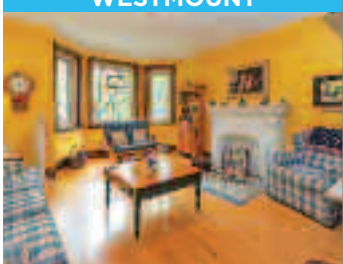
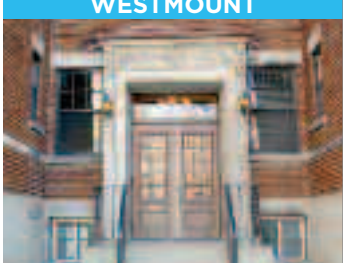


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