

Council adopts audited statement

City's 2013 surplus confirmed at \$4.5M on \$93M budget

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount ended its financial year for 2013 with an operating surplus of \$4.5 million, according to the audited statement approved by city council June 2.

An amount of \$3.8 million was immediately appropriated for six items including \$500,000 toward tree replacement in the wake of potential emerald ash borer damage. The other items are infrastructure, the actuarial pension fund deficit, debt repayment of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC), Hydro Westmount pay-as-you-go and the utility's new billing system.

The remaining \$663,633 was unappropriated for future use.

More than half the city's operating

budget of \$93 million – a total of \$51 million – went to pay for Westmount's share of island-wide services provided by the agglomeration and to metropolitan regional costs.

The surplus was generated largely by tax revenues from the impact of large construction projects, higher welcome tax from last year's strong real estate market, and permits and licences stemming from building and renovation activity. Lower interest rates also reduced financing costs.

Higher than expected expenditures resulted from snow removal costs.

The audited statement lists Westmount's debt as of the year end at some \$56 million, boosted in 2013 by the WRC. While the federal government has paid its \$10-mil-

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A group of about 50 people paid its respects to the fallen RCMP officers June 14 around 7 pm outside the RCMP C Division headquarters at 4225 Dorchester. Constables Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, 45, Dave Joseph Ross, 32, and Douglas James Larche, 40 were killed in the line of duty June 4 in Moncton.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

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Hillside hit-and-run under investigation, driver disappears

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Public Security official reported driving down Hillside Lane June 4 at 6:15 am when he heard a vehicle's horn and turned the corner to find an unoccupied car with airbags deployed resting against the rear of a car parked outside 11 Hillside.

The driver's door was open. On the street lay lipstick, condoms and other contents appearing to have spilled out of a purse as if the driver had fled in a rush. The windshield was shattered on the passenger side and because the car appeared

to be "smoking," possibly from the airbags, the car's engine was turned off.

The fire department arrived to disconnect the battery and silence the horn. Police were also called to carry out an investigation of what appeared to be a hit-and-run incident.

Damage to the other car did not indicate that it had been hit with enough force to deploy airbags.

This led to speculation the moving car may have actually been damaged somewhere else nearby and driven to Hillside where it was abandoned.

Greene Ave. sidewalk sale coming June 19-21, see p. 17

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Benefit for Children's Hospital

Investors Group, RBC join 27 other groups to ride the 'Mighty Bike'

BY MARTIN C. BARRY
AND INDEPENDENT STAFF

Staff at Investors Group Westmount were among the last sponsors to ride the "Mighty Bike" to raise funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital before the MCH moves next year to its new home at the McGill University Health Centre's Glen campus.

Despite rain that fell for much of the day, June 13, 30 people from Investors Group rode the attention-getting custom-made bike from the starting point outside the MCH's current building on Tupper St. for about an hour through some of the busiest streets of downtown Montreal, while being cheered on by well-wishers.

Ina Pollack, a Lansdowne Ave. resident who is a senior consultant with the company, said she's right behind the cause. "I

spent seventeen or eighteen years here at the bedside of my daughter, who was a severe asthmatic. I have a lot of attachment to the Montreal Children's Hospital," she said.

"It's been very exciting for us to be part of this," said Investors Group regional director for Westmount Fadi Ephtimios, who rode in the Pedal for Kids event along with the rest of his staff. Investors Group and the 28 other corporate teams that also took part raised \$425,000 for the Children's over the course of a week.

The staff at Westmount Square's RBC Bank also participated in the event, on a sunnier June 9. Led by bank manager David Cristofaro and joined by Westmounter Willem Westenberg, they raised \$10,000 for the charity from RBC clients and other supporters.

Part of the amount raised this year will



The team from Investors Group on June 13.

Photo: Martin C. Barry



The team from RBC on June 9.

Photo courtesy of Willem Westenberg/RBC.

fund the acquisition of life-saving equipment and projects so that children at the MCH can be diagnosed more quickly, treated more effectively and sent home earlier. One of the Montreal Children's

Hospital Foundation's longest-running events, Pedal for Kids has been an annual Montreal tradition since 1992. Since then, it has raised more than \$10.5 million.



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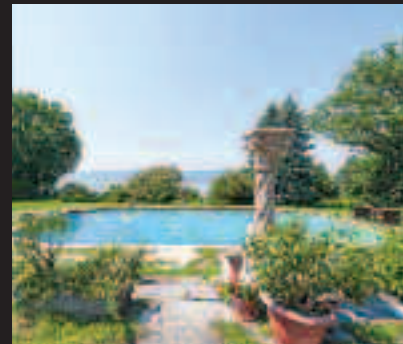
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Wins \$5,000 from Library and Archives Canada, TD Bank Library's summer reading club takes top national award

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Children signing up for this year's summer reading club at the Westmount Public Library will be able to take pride in knowing it's the top program of its kind in Canada. And because of its success, the library has become \$5,000 richer.

The local effort has just won the 2013 first prize among English participants in the nation-wide summer reading program sponsored by Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and the TD Bank. The Outremont library won in the French category.

"It was a great surprise," said children's librarian Wendy Wayling. The award was presented May 31 at the closing day of the Canadian Library Association convention in Victoria, BC.

The program aims to provide children aged 3 to 13 and their families a fun way to enjoy reading during the summer, and was judged on being the most innovative and effective, she said.

In 2013, the summer reading club increased its participation by 22 percent to 350 members over the previous year and their hours of reading by 14 percent to 3,993. It won honorable mention in 2012.

"The library staff and volunteers at the Westmount Public Library combined creative programming with good literary practices in implementing the program," states an announcement from LAC.

"Their efforts produced strong readership statistics and earned them a positive feedback from participants and their parents."

While its creativity was not spelled out in winning the award, Wayling said she believes it stemmed in part from the theme of "Bon Voyage," based on *The Amazing Race* TV show, and the way the staff, costumed as world travelers, had



Children's librarian Wendy Wayling is presented with first prize May 31 by Cecilia Muir, CEO, Library and Archives Canada, and Alan Convery, national senior manager of Community Relations, TD Bank Group.

gone into elementary schools to promote it (see July 9, 2013, p. 14).

This year's theme: 'Eureka'

This year's program was launched June 9 with a theme of "Eureka!" based on creating and inventing.

Older participants – those aged 7 to 13 – will be part of a "Great Inventions Hunt" in which they "step" into a time machine travelling back to discover what year will be theirs to research and recover a lost invention.

"The parents can work with the children to gather clues and talk to them about inventions," Wayling explained.

The club is based on the do-it-yourself concept that allows kids to read at their own pace or while away on holiday even though the library carries out a number of related ongoing activities to stimulate interest. Participants may sign up at any time during the summer.

As a winner, the library cannot compete again for a year. Now the challenge is to decide what to use the money for, Wayling said. "We want to do something special with it."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU, WESTMOUNT AND PUBLIC SECURITY

Coming back home from the Montreal Children's Hospital June 7, I failed to look behind me as I veered into the adjacent bike path lane on my Bixi trying to avoid a pedestrian. Unluckily, the passing cyclist's purse strap hooked onto my handlebars and jackknifed my bike. I fell, luckily did not hit my helmet-clad head, and, though I did not know it at the time, shattered my knee.

Fortunately, the other cyclist was not injured. The pain was excruciating but I was quickly surrounded by many good Samaritans, two of whom happened to be physicians, as well as Westmount public safety officers. I just wanted to thank all of you for helping me out that day.

The physicians kept me calm and looked at my injury. The PSOs cleaned my abrasions and helped stabilize my leg for ambulance transport. The other cyclist kindly called my wife and still others called 911. My wife later told me a PSO had come to our house to enquire how I was doing while I was in hospital! Incredible service!

I am humbled and so very grateful for all the help I received that day.

Thank you Westmounters and PSOs!

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THANK YOU, VIC VILLAGE

A big "thank you" to all the merchants, food people, organizers, participants, shoppers, dog walkers and everyone that I can't list because I can't think of them all.

It was a great street fair on June 6 to 8! The weather cooperated, there were many fun things to watch and do, everyone was happy... and I found a bargain or two as well!

Well done!

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PUT DOG RUN AT TENNIS COURT

The tennis courts behind the library are fully packed with players, while (after the construction of the Westmount recreation centre) the single remaining court between Academy Rd. and the bike path has no players at all.

I trust players will agree that it will not be missed as Westmount has certainly enough courts.

The single unused court would make an ideal dog run. The fences are certainly high enough. The location is far enough from Academy Rd. The bike path does not run along its north fence. All that remains to be done is the construction of double-gated entrances and exits at the east and west, and planting green creepers to beautify the fence before winter sets in.

STEPHEN CHIN, SHERBROOKE ST.

IS 'THANK YOU' ENDANGERED?

I am in my middle 40s, have four youngish children of my own and I have nephews and nieces aged in their middle 20s.

Very often we invite our nephews and nieces and their friends home for celebrations (e.g. Christmas, Easter) or simply for family gatherings over mealtimes.

My question to readers is this: am I just being old-fashioned at feeling peeved when, after the said events, I receive not one word of thanks for the time spent together?

I always enjoy inviting guests for good food, good wine etc. I go to great efforts to make sure everyone is comfortable and happy - and yet I tend to feel somewhat disappointed when I get no feedback from my young guests whatsoever.

In this day and age, when the 20 something spend almost every free moment typing away furiously on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, sharing any news from their choice of breakfast cereal to their hairstyle, am I not justified in thinking that they could simply send a short SMS just to say "thank you"?

When this subject is mentioned to the

young ones, the reaction is often one of total surprise at being asked.

I get the feeling that the 20-something generation expects respect towards themselves, which is fair enough, but it does not seem to occur to them that they can, and I believe, should, be expected to show some respect to others in return. Is it not ironic that the so-called "social media" to which so many are addicted, is not in the least social - quite the opposite.

It is a medium that claims to create a sense of community, but appears instead to be creating a generation of narcissistic, self-congratulatory individuals who fail to recognize and acknowledge existence beyond themselves.

The generation Y-ers are the next parents. What manners (after all, that is what this boils down to) are they going to teach their children if they lack some fundamental ones themselves?

Older generations have sadly come to accept that the young generation just does not show much gratitude any longer. It is a sad fact that basic courtesy - a simple thank-you - for something as social as sharing a meal together, seems to be the hardest word.

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Down from \$270K two decades ago

City's library grant dwindles over time to zero last year

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Provincial funding assistance to Westmount Public Library has been dwindling over the years, it was noted as city council once again authorized the library June 2 to apply for the annual grant.

"We used to get a lot more," Mayor Peter Trent said at the council meeting as Councillor Nicole Forbes, commissioner of Cultural Events, moved the resolution to reapply.

Although the city had budgetted \$26,000 for the subsidy for 2013, in fact the audited financial statement submitted at the meeting shows the city did not receive any cheque during the year although it reportedly had received notice it could expect some \$55,000 over three years.

Trent later told the *Independent* that as he had "suspected," the Quebec library grant had dropped considerably over the years. It is budgetted for 2014 at \$18,300.

"The average yearly grant for the period

1998-2000 was \$110,000, or about \$150,000 in today's dollars," he explained. Going back to 1990-1992, Westmount received about \$185,000 per year, the equivalent today of some \$270,000, he added.

Library director Julie-Anne Cardella said that the criteria keep changing. The grant was once calculated as a portion of the amount a municipality contributed; then it was based on the municipality's property valuation, which worked against Westmount.

The reduced amounts now aren't surprising to Cardella given that Westmount's library is a relatively small English one in competition with so many requests for funding.

But why should this be? Trent asked. He said he intends to bring it up the next time he meets Jacques Chagnon, Westmount's representative to the legislative assembly. "I find him very quick and responsive," Trent added.

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Meeting on Prince Albert Square planned for June 26 at WRC

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A city information meeting for residents and merchants of the Victoria village area to view and discuss plans for the creation of the Prince Albert Square will take place June 26 at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) at 7 pm.

“It’s been a while since the last meeting and I think it’s important for residents to be informed of the details and timeline,” said Councillor Christina Smith.

At the previous meeting, April 8, 2013, the work was announced to take place that fall but it was postponed to this year, again in the fall.

Initial plans showed converting Prince Albert Ave. into a square from Sherbrooke where it is blocked off south to the lane behind the commercial buildings where there is currently space for about six cars to park (see story April 16, 2013, p. 12).

The issue of needed parking spaces was raised at the council meeting June 2 by Denis Biro of Burton Ave., who asked that the square project be postponed until after parking plans are in place to deal with a potential influx of cars from the opening next year of the super-hospital.

City director general Duncan Campbell told the *Independent* after the meeting that he believed a draft of the CIMA+ consultants’ report on parking was ready to be reviewed by council.

“We just went through the parking issue with the doctors,” Brio pointed out, referring to the limiting of medical offices. He said he had been talking to merchants in the area and the spaces to be taken up by the square were a major concern.

Went through red light looking for street sign

A red Mustang hit a Volkswagen Jetta June 5 at St. Catherine and Greene, Public Security officials said. The driver, a man who lives in England, stated he was searching for a street and went through a red light. There were no injuries but the Jetta had to be towed. The accident occurred at the southeast corner around 9:48 am.

Parking is an issue, agreed Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who told Biro that six new parking spots plus another three had been found to replace those that would be lost.

Pierre Le Gourriérec, of the Victoria Village Merchants’ Association and owner of Avenue des Arts, said last week that “I don’t have any trouble going on record to say that the association is in favour of the square as a way to improve the neighbourhood and benefit everyone – residents and merchants alike.”

Even though there may be some who might disagree, he said, “all the people we consulted were happy and we have to give the city credit for addressing the need.”

Association representatives walked around the neighbourhood last year with Councillor Lulham and then Public Security director David Sedgwick, he pointed out. “We found more than enough parking spaces to make up for the ones that will be lost.”

All, he said, were nearby – between Claremont and Victoria, Sherbrooke and Somerville – limiting distances to those typically found at parking areas at a mall.

On a separate but related issue, up to 150 spaces are needed, “to really serve the neighbourhood properly,” he said. But that was a major parking challenge for the city “to take ownership of” in both the Victoria and Greene districts. “I haven’t seen that will to resolve the problem,” he added.

He said many people, himself included, go elsewhere to shop if they have circle the block a few times looking for parking.

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Garneau, Miller to be ‘dunked’ at Aquafest this Saturday

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Regular Saturday swimming schedules at the new pool will be interrupted Saturday, June 21 for the daylong Aquafest event taking place from 8 am to 4 pm. Regular use of the pool, however, is slated to resume for the remainder of the day.

The aquatics festival includes many events and races during the day for which registration is required, but is open to spectators also wanting to celebrate the opening of the new pool.

“We hope everybody will come out,” said Councillor Rosalind Davis, Sports and Recreation commissioner, a member of the organizing committee.

She and volunteer committee chair Helen Campbell are among those who will be dunked in the Dunk Tank.

Others confirmed by press time were Marc Garneau, Westmount’s MP, for 11:30 am and Marc Miller, Liberal candidate in the new downtown federal riding of Ville Marie, at an unspecified time.

Notables from the swimming world who will participate include Westmount resident Olivia Chamandy (bronze medalist from the International Youth Diving Championship this spring in Germany),

Barbara Jardin, who swam for Canada at the London 2012 Olympics, and Xavier Desharnais, a member of the Canadian open water swimming team.

There will also be a demonstration by the Dollard des Ormeaux synchro team (Canadian age group champions).

Advanced registration will take place June 18 from 6 to 8 pm at the pool desk for Westmounters who wish to sign up ahead of the event. Further information is available at www.westmountdolphins.org/wrc-aquatics-festival.

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10th 25k for St. Léon



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A group of 43 grade 5 students from École St. Léon de Westmount and a dozen parent-teacher volunteers participated in the school's 10th annual bike ride May 23 to the Lachine Canal bike path.

With the help of two Montreal police-

men on bikes, who controlled traffic at key intersections, the group made its way from Kitchener Ave. to St. Ambroise St. From there, participants biked to René Lévesque Park in Lachine to eat their lunches outside.

On the return trip, as per tradition, the children were treated to ice cream, "which gave them enough energy to climb de Courcelle-Lansdowne prior to rejoining the de Maisonneuve bike path," said one organizer.

The annual excursion was initiated by gym teacher François Bouchard in 2004. Grade 5-6 teacher and avid cyclist Sylvie Blouin partnered with him in 2007.

As she puts it: "Physical activity is a high priority at St. Léon. With this bike trip, we are trying to demonstrate to the kids that cycling is not only a fun way to exercise but also a healthy mode of transportation. Another bonus is they get a better understanding of the importance of cycling safely on city streets."

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VILLE MARIE

In recent months, the important issue of a pedestrian link between the MUHC and Vendôme Metro station has been brought to my attention. I welcome the opportunity to speak about it.

The MUHC super-hospital is slated to open in the spring of 2015 without a universally accessible link for persons with disabilities or limited mobility. Citizens in NDG and Westmount have been actively pursuing this issue at the MUHC's quarterly Good Neighbourly Relations Committee.

On January 24, borough mayor Russell Copeman invited 22 elected officials from four levels of government to consider key issues of concern to residents of the borough. There was unanimous consensus that the Vendôme link to the MUHC was the priority.

Mayor Copeman noted at our meeting "(that) it is not reasonable to construct a \$1.3-billion super-hospital, adjacent to one of Montreal's key intermodal public transportation hubs, and not fund the planned construction of a universally accessible link between Vendôme and the MUHC."

I prepared a letter addressed to the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) as they were responsible for the 2008 settlement agreement that outlined the Vendôme link project.

Unfortunately, the agreement did not include a cost apportionment for the Vendôme tunnels assigned to each of the project partners.

My letter referenced a clause in the

agreement that gives the CTA a role to mediate and detailed the issues that I believed required their intervention; the absence of funding commitments from project partners; the safety concerns for commuters transiting Vendôme station as expressed by the fire marshal; and anticipated significant increases to commuter traffic once the super-hospital opened in 2015.

The CTA acted promptly, and contacted the city of Montreal and the AMT to discuss how they might offer assistance to find a solution to the Vendôme link funding shortfall. CTA recommended that we encourage the government of Quebec to reconvene negotiations to assign cost apportionment for the project. The CTA is prepared to assist and commence mediation if a negotiated agreement to come up with the \$67 million needed to build the second Vendôme link does not materialize.

I will keep you posted.

I commend Mayor Copeman for his initiative to encourage the collaboration of four levels of government to resolve complex infrastructure development issues in our community. I remain committed to our continued collaboration as we tackle issues related to the Turcot interchange redevelopment and the expansion of AMT rail services along the Westmount corridor.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Music lowered at Summit grad party

Music from a graduation party on Summit Crescent June 7 was toned down following a noise complaint at 8:26 pm, Public Security officials said.

A second complaint turned out to involve another party outside Westmount. The next day, a loud party was quietened on Roxborough at 10:02 pm

No beer, park curfew enforced

Two young people in Westmount Park June 9 at 1:20 am were warned about the midnight curfew and about taking alcoholic beverages into the park, Public Security officials said.

One was a male Westmounter; the other a woman from Calgary.

Two bottles of beer were emptied.

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The Montreal Children's Library celebrated its 85th anniversary June 3 at the Rialto Theatre on Park Ave., with Grammy Award winner Jennifer Gasoi and Grammy nominee Jonathan Emile headlining the program. Westmounters author/cartoonist Alan Silberberg and library contributor Hainya Wiseman (left), and author Monique Polak were there in support of the work the library does with literacy, pre-literacy and after-school programs for children.

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Surplus, cont'd. from p. 1

million share of the building grant, the Quebec government will be repaying its equal share, with interest, over the long-term.

This amount cannot be accounted as a receivable, however, stated Councillor Victor Drury, Finance commissioner, in presenting financial statement. It's a way the province can mask its debt, he later said.

Westmount indicators 2013

The following *pot pourri* of figures were extracted by city Finance commissioner Victor Drury from the city's report on "municipal indicators" required by Quebec and tabled by city council June 2. He considered the selected ones to be of special interest.

Remuneration	\$17,459,163
regular employees	290
Total property valuation	\$7,639,852,042
residential property	\$5,672,200,910
Cost of fire services from Montreal	\$7,249,722
Cost of snow removal per km	\$4,048,431 \$31,777
Cost of garbage collection per address served (10,912)	\$933,926 \$85.59
Km of conduit, potable water	50.7
Number of water leaks	12

Work on library under way to end perennial leakage

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Passers-by and users of the Westmount Public Library may have noticed a rare sight last week as the ground around the Sherbrooke St. foundation was dug up. And it hasn't come a moment too soon for employees and volunteers plagued by water leaking into the front of the basement.

"It's excellent news," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella. "Every spring when the snow melts and in the summer after heavy rains, we've had water coming in through the (northeast) corner."

The affected area, while unfinished, is used by the Friends of Library for cartons of donated books awaiting the next semi-annual sale. It is also where the library stores rare books and where the Westmount Historical Association archives irreplaceable documents and historic photos.

The work started at the beginning of last week and is to be continued to August, Cardella said.

Magnolia trees to be spared

At first "we were concerned about our lovely magnolia trees but we were assured that care would be taken to see they were preserved," Cardella said. These are either side of the original Findlay entrance where the work started.

Targetted is the foundation around the original 1899 portion of the library. It starts just south of the entrance from the park and continues around the corner and along the Sherbrooke façade to the entrance next to the conservatory.



Work began last week to waterproof foundations of the library, seen here along the Sherbrooke St. façade looking west.

Photo courtesy of Patrick Martin.

Once exposed, the foundation is to be covered with a waterproof membrane before the creation of French drains to channel ground and rain water away from the building. Landscaping will slope the land away from the foundation rather than toward the building.

Repairs to the Findlay foundations and drainage work were undertaken in 1994 as

part of the restoration project but, said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works, "I was surprised to see no membrane had been added."

The current work was approved at the May 5 council meeting when a contract for \$63,757 was awarded to Construction & Expertise PG Inc. The only other bid was for \$165,694.93.

Advice follows 2 incidents of falling masonry City: Time to inspect chimneys and other masonry

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Since the city no longer provides a chimney sweeping service, it is particularly important for all building owners to have their chimneys and other masonry inspected, according to Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier.

Her advice follows two incidents in little over a month in which parts of a building façade in one case and a chimney in the other fell off and narrowly missed passersby (see June 3, p. 7). Bricks also fell recently from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (June 3, p. 30).

Decades ago, the city's contracted chimney sweep not only cleaned chimneys at a nominal price, but also inspected their condition while on the roof, she recalled. Deficiencies were reported to the city, whose inspectors followed up.

"Now, in the context of what has hap-

pened recently, and the likelihood that few people go up on the roof," she explained, "building owners should be aware they have the duty under the RBQ (Régie du Bâtiment du Québec) to have their buildings inspected with respect to the integrity of the façade and chimney."

While the recent incidents involved large buildings, houses are not immune to similar mishaps. Over the years, water seeps into the mortar, causing it to crumble, she explained. "I'd hate to see someone hit by a chimney."

The city's contracted chimney sweeping service that operated under the Westmount Fire Brigade for many years was suspended in 1992.

The city subsequently followed the lead of other municipalities at the time and discontinued the service following alleged irregularities, complaints and numerous oversight problems.



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Vintage Recall celebrates third annual success

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

Once again the Alzheimer Group's (AGI) Vintage Recall fundraiser was a fashionable success. Celebrating its third annual event, this year the sale of gently used designer and vintage clothing had a glamorous opening eve.

A special pre-sale cocktail party was held, with tickets at \$75 selling out to 120 women who came and shopped, and shopped.

Over the next three days, when entrance was free, 500 women rushed to the showroom. Excitement was high as vintage Louis Vuitton pieces were snapped up, along with much-loved silk Hermès scarves, Christian Dior suits and gowns, and other designer pieces. The event is the brainchild of Westmounter Dorothy Reitman, who, when noting so many beautiful clothes in her closet and thinking she might not wear them again, contacted her friends who might have the same.

Together, and with the help of local res Claire Webster, AGI president, they formed a committee, which gathered glam garments from all their friends, all for an important cause.

It is predicted that one in five baby



Photo courtesy of C. Webster.

boomers will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's during their lifetime – a disease that has an exponential impact on partners, friends and families. AGI is committed to augmenting the wide range of

services and support programs that exist for both the caregivers and those diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Programs include stimulating recreational and therapeutic activities at the AGI Activity Centre, as well as private consultations and counseling. The \$66,000 raised by the Vintage Recall event will go to support these AGI services.

Glen, WAG hit by graffiti

Five locations on Glen Rd. were found to have been spray-painted in yellow and black over June 6 and 7, Public Security official said. They included a sign and shed at the city's power station and three spots in the tunnel.

The back of the comfort station at the Westmount Athletic Grounds also was reported defaced June 9. It was believed to have occurred overnight.

Thunder storm brings down branches on cars, house, wires

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Large branches were brought down on cars, a house and electrical wires during a violent thunderstorm June 3, Public Security officials said.

The first report of damage came at 2:42 pm after a branch from a city tree fell on two parked cars outside 354 Olivier. The windshield, hood and bumper were damaged on one while the other sustained damage to the bumper, hood, left fender and a mirror. Both owners were notified. One lived in Westmount, the other in the town of St. Catherine's on the South Shore.

Officers responding to a home on Lansdowne just north of de Maisonneuve at

4:25 pm found a large branch from a city tree leaning on "a good part of the house." The city's tree gang arrived, but could not work on it because of the danger posed by lightning. Parked cars were removed and preliminary reports indicated no known damage had occurred to the house.

Nearby on Roslyn at 6:34 pm, a branch was found covering the backyard patio after pulling down electrical wires leading to the house. When the resident could not be reached, police were called after a neighbour expressed concerns for the woman's safety.

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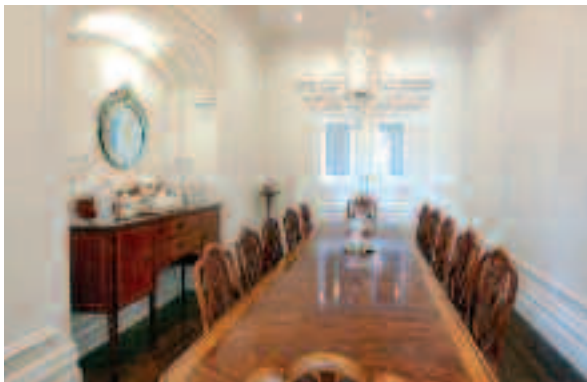
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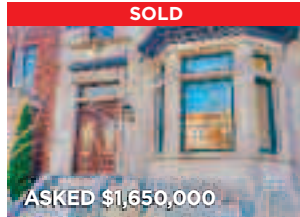
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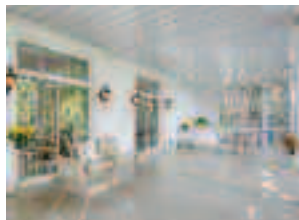


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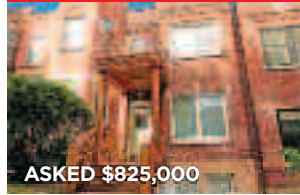
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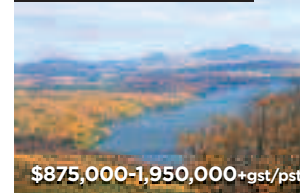


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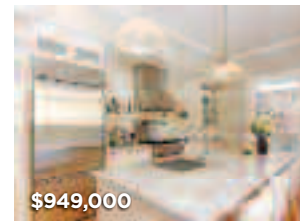
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Automated ticket system launched, linked to court network

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount Public Security is set to roll out its new automated ticketing system this week that relegates the traditional handwritten parking ticket to history.

Parking inspectors and patrol officers are now being equipped with handheld computerized ticket-writing devices and printers fastened to the belt that spew out plasticized waterproof tickets in English and French.

At the end of every shift, the information is automatically downloaded from the charging terminal, synchronized and integrated by internet into the police ticketing system linked with Montreal municipal court, which collects the fines for Westmount.

The system is designed not only to accelerate, streamline and track the ticket process, but is expected to reduce the number of ticket cancellations and contestations arising from omissions, errors or illegible handwriting.

"It's a very useful and efficient tool," said Public Security director Greg McBain.

It will allow Public Security to retrieve data on the status of tickets issued along with a wealth of other information dealing

with numbers issued, locations, dates, times and types of parking infraction as well other variables.

The system's launch makes Westmount the first of the demerged municipalities to acquire the system, which has already been in use for some time by Montreal police, McBain said.

Long-awaited, it was first authorized by city council some 18 months ago. At that time, it was foreseen as having the potential to generate a 30-percent saving over the purchase cost of some 60,000 tickets estimated to be issued a year (see story November 27, 2012, p. 3).

The purchase includes 12 handheld automatic ticketing units (PDAs), 12 printers, three terminals (to download data), chargers, accessories and related services such as installation.

How it works

Issuing a ticket under the new system, the agent punches in the offender's licence plate number, the type, colour and model of the car from a convenient list that pops up on the display, along with the location, meter number if applicable, and time and code of the parking infraction.

The device automatically tabulates the



Parking inspector Pierre Thibault and PSO Patrick Genest demonstrate Public Security's new handheld computerized ticket writers going into operation this week.

amount of the fine and administration fee, which are also printed out on the ticket. The system includes a geo-map feature to ensure that addresses, locations and meter numbers jive.

To parking inspector Pierre Thibault, the plasticized ticket is one of the big benefits to the ticketer on the road as well as the recipient.

"On a rainy or slushy day, no plastic bag will be required," he explained. "We used to have to open the bag and then try to get the ticket inside." Chances were, everything was already soggy and a challenge just to get the ticket into the bag.

It is not yet known whether the auto-

mated system will be used in the future for issuing other municipal by-law tickets such as violations of dog, park or noise regulations, McBain said.

No work on Sunday

Masonry work was stopped Sunday, June 8, at 8 am at a residence on de Maisonneuve near Redfern, Public Security officials said.

The removal of mortar involved the use of a compressor. The workers were told they could return the next day.



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The front steps and surrounding masonry of the Ascension of our Lord Catholic church at Sherbrooke and Kitchener received a sprucing-up last week. The work, seen here on June 9, had been completed by June 13, according to Monsignor Sean Harty. Approximately \$120,000 will be spent on the project.

Photo: Independent.

'Focus on Greene' June 19, 20, 21

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The store owners of Greene Ave. are inviting shoppers to get the season off to a summery start this weekend when the Greene Avenue Summer Festival takes place.

"Focus on Greene" is what the Greene Avenue Merchants Association is calling this year's event, which is happening on June 19, 20 and 21.

It will be a "celebration of the street," says West End Gallery owner Michael Millman, who has been encouraging the store owners to take pride in Greene Ave.

According to Millman, some merchants will be out on the sidewalk displaying their wares, while others will simply

Delivery brings \$1,250 ticket

A ticket for \$1,250 was issued to the general contractor at the condo work site, 215 Redfern, for using the public street June 3 for a lengthy delivery of materials, Public Security officials said. A flatbed truck was found parked on the west side of the street at 12:27 pm by a parking inspector. The driver estimated it would take about an hour and a half to off-load 21 pallets of the building material. The required permit had not been obtained.

be inviting customers inside. Either way, he adds, "it'll be a fun day for all ages."

Tony's Shoes will be doing a barbecue for charity while other merchants will be staging events of their own for charitable causes. There'll also be music, either in the form of a jazz ensemble that moves about or that performs in a fixed location, possibly at the corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve.

And it's sure to be a special time for children. "We will have live appearances from the one and only Winnie the Pooh courtesy of our book store," said Michael Major of Oink Oink Toys.

Oink Oink will also offer free face painting, friendship-bracelet making, and free candy-tasting courtesy of Montreal-based candy maker Squish.

Information on the "Focus on Greene" Summer Festival and a listing of store owners who are members of the Greene Avenue Merchants Association is available at the association's web site: www.avenue-greene.org.

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Heavy equipment used after hours on Upper Lansdowne

Work involving a circular saw, crane, small tractor and a back hoe was found under way June 9 at 7:23 pm at a house on Upper Lansdowne, Public Security officials said. Workers said they were unaware of the required 6 pm deadline.

They were given 15 minutes to remove a pile of gravel from the street, which they had no permit to occupy.

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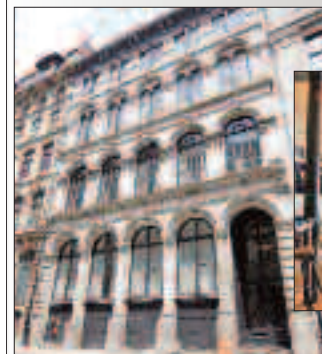
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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Bureaux de la Ville fermés les 24 juin et 1^{er} juillet

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville seront fermés le mardi 24 juin en raison de la Fête nationale du Québec et le lundi 1^{er} juillet en raison de la Fête du Canada. Les collectes des résidus alimentaires et des ordures s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Club d'échec et de Scrabble

Les vendredi 20 et 27 juin de 14 h à 17 h. Venez jouer une partie amicale, nous sommes toujours à la recherche de nouveaux joueurs. Info : 514 989-5299.

Panadream Theatre : atelier de marionnettes pour ombres chinoises

Le jeudi 19 juin, 16 h à 17 h 30, Salle Westmount. Découvrez l'art des silhouettes pour ombres chinoises dans le cadre de cet atelier interactif avec un spécialiste de marionnettes. Info : 514 989-5229.



Club de lecture d'été TD

Cet été, le Club de lecture d'été TD est à l'heure de la connectivité et de la créativité. Tout au long de l'été, la section des enfants de la bibliothèque propose une série d'activités conçues pour inciter les enfants à la lecture. Demandez ta trousse au comptoir des enfants ; il y a des prix fantastiques à gagner !

ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition : Au Galop !

Du 12 au 20 juin au Conservatoire de Westmount. L'artiste montréalais Bruce Roberts expose sa murale de 10 mètres intitulée *Au galop!* jusqu'au 20 juin. Le public est invité à voir cette installation novatrice qui célèbre l'année chinoise du Cheval et sert à promouvoir l'alphabétisation. Horaire: lundi-vendredi, 10 h à 21 h, samedi et dimanche, 10 h à 17 h. Info : 514 989-5226.

Festival aquatique du CLW : retenez la date

Le samedi 21 juin à la piscine de Westmount. Soulignez le début de l'été et l'ouverture officielle de la nouvelle piscine avec une journée amusante au profit de la campagne de financement du CLW. Rencontrez des athlètes aquatiques d'élite, participez au Nage-o-thon, aux jeux à l'aire de jets d'eau, à l'AquaFête, ou aux Relais en folie et essayez de faire plonger des célébrités de Westmount dans le Plouf ! Renseignez-vous au www.westmount.org.

Fête de la Saint-Jean à Westmount

Le mardi 24 juin de 16 h à 22 h, Victoria Hall et parc Westmount. Célébrez la Saint-Jean avec une soirée d'activités pour tous, couronnée par le feu de joie traditionnel. Au programme: l'Orchestre des jeunes de Westmount et l'Orchestre des jeunes Peabody, le magicien Blair Marshall et Bal Moderne. Jeux, bricolages et gâteau de la Saint-Jean. Apportez votre pique-nique ou achetez des collations sur les lieux. Info: 514 932-5226.



Prochaine séance du conseil :

le lundi 7 juillet

Fête du Canada à Westmount

Le lundi 30 juin et le mardi 1^{er} juillet; parc Westmount



et Centre des loisirs. Célébrez le 147^e anniversaire de notre pays avec une foule d'activités : camping et petit-déjeuner de crêpes dans le parc Westmount (réservez votre site en appelant au 514 989-5226),

et dîner BBQ et « Splash Bash » à la piscine le 1^{er} juillet. Info: 514 932-5226.

Les concerts d'été au parc Westmount

Tous les dimanches à 14 h du 6 juillet au 24 août, près du Gazebo. Concerts gratuits de musique jazz, classique et populaire. Info: 514 989-5226.

Shakespeare en plein air : *Harry the King:*

The Famous Victories of Henry V

Les 7, 8, 9 25 et 26 juillet à 19 h 30 au Parc Westmount. Cet été, la troupe *Repercussion Theatre* présente une adaptation de pièces historiques de Shakespeare pour raconter l'histoire rocambolesque d'un prince rebelle qui devient l'un des rois les plus estimés de l'Angleterre. Un événement spécial est prévu le 8 juillet pour marquer le 25^e anniversaire de la troupe. Entrée gratuite; dons acceptés. Info : 514 916-PARK (7275) ou www.repercussiontheatre.com.

SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

Rappel : chiens en laisse au Bois Summit : nouvel horaire du 16 juin au 30 novembre

Du 16 juin au 30 novembre, l'horaire suivant est en vigueur pour les chiens : sans laisse de 5 h à 9 h et de 18 h à minuit ; en laisse de 9 h à 18 h à tous les jours. Info : 514 989-5222.

Sièges d'auto pour enfants : vérification

Les petits-enfants sont en visite? Votre famille s'agrandit? Appelez l'équipe de la Sécurité publique de Westmount et prenez rendez-vous pour faire installer ou vérifier vos sièges d'auto pour enfants. Service gratuit. Info : 514 989-5222.

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Vous partez en vacances ?

Contactez le Service de la sécurité publique de Westmount; des agents vérifieront la maison pendant votre absence. Info : 514 989-5222.

CITY HALL

City offices closed June 24th and July 1st

The City's administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, June 24th for the Quebec National Holiday and on Tuesday, July 1st for the Canada Day holiday. The kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.

LIBRARY

Chess and Scrabble Club

Friday, June 20 and 27 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Drop by for a friendly game; we look forward to meeting new players. Info : 514 989-5299.

Panadream Theatre : Shadow Puppet Workshop

Thursday, June 19, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Westmount Room. Learn about the art of shadow puppetry at this interactive workshop with a puppet expert. Info : 514 989-5229.

TD Summer Reading Club

This year's theme focuses on connectivity and creativity! Throughout the summer months, the Children's Department will host a number of events designed to inspire kids to read. Ask for your Reading Kit at the Children's Desk – you'll earn great prizes this summer!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: Running Horses

June 12 to 20 at the Westmount Conservatory.

Montreal artist Bruce Roberts has created a 10-metre mural "Running Horses" on display until June 20 in the Conservatory. The public is invited to preview this innovative installation to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Horse and to promote literacy. The Conservatory is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 514 989-5226.

WRC Aquatics Festival: save the date

Saturday, June 21st at the Westmount Pool. Celebrate the first day of summer and the official opening of the new swimming pool with this "Fun-raiser" (proceeds to the WRC Capital Campaign). Meet top aquatic athletes, participate in the Swim-a-thon, the Play Party at the Splash Pad, the Aqua-Party or the Relay Madness events, and take your shot at some Westmount celebrities in the Dunk Tank! Find out more at www.westmount.org.

Fête de la Saint-Jean in Westmount



Tuesday, June 24 from 4 to 10 p.m., Victoria Hall and Westmount Park.

Celebrate St-Jean with an evening of activities for everyone, ending with a traditional bonfire. Entertainment by the Westmount Youth Orchestra, the Peabody Youth Orchestra, Magician Blair Marshall and *Bal moderne*. Enjoy games, crafts, activities and St-Jean cake! Bring a picnic or purchase BBQ food on site. Info: 514 932-5226.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 7

Canada Day in Westmount Monday, June 30th and Tuesday, July 1st; Westmount Park and the Recreation Centre. Celebrate our country's 147th

birthday with activities for everyone: camping and pancake breakfast in Westmount Park (reserve your tent site by calling 514 989-5226), and a BBQ lunch and Splash Bash at the Pool on July 1st. Info: 514 932-5226.



Summer Concerts in Westmount Park

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. from July 6 to August 24, near the Gazebo. Hear live jazz, classical and popular music in the park. Free. Info: 514 989-5226.

Shakespeare-in-the-Park : *Harry the King: The Famous Victories of Henry V*



July 7, 8, 9, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park. This summer,

Repercussion Theatre takes on a brand new challenge, adapting three plays by William Shakespeare into one tale of rebellious prince rising to the occasion and uniting a nation. Admission free; donations accepted. A special event to mark the company's 25th Anniversary will take place the evening of July 8. Find out more at 514 916-PARK (7275) or www.repercussiontheatre.com.

PUBLIC SECURITY

Reminder : new schedule for on-leash hours in Summit Woods June 16 to November 30

From June 16 to November 30, the following dog-leash schedule is in effect daily: off-leash from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to midnight; on-leash from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Info: 514 989-5222.

Children's car seats : have them inspected

Grandchildren in town for summer vacation? Expecting an addition to the family? Make an appointment with Westmount's Public Safety team to have your child seat installed or verified by trained personnel. This service is free. Info: 514 989-5222.

CodeRED Emergency notification system

Receive emergency notices on your mobile device, your residential land line, or by email through the CodeRED automated notification system. Sign up at www.westmount.org.

Going on vacation?

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GRETA VON
SCHMEDLAPP, MUSE TO
AURÉLIEN GUILLORY

Dear readers, and all of my design friends and fiends,

Your Greta has been a stowaway again! Aurélien was asked to return to the Peru-Moda & Gift Show again this April. We also went to the Lima International Fair.

This time, we returned with Aurel's partner for CasaAurelio: Daniel Santos. Daniel met Aurel and me more than two years ago at the Canadian Centre of Architecture where there was a special showing of the startling photos by Martin Chambi of Machu Picchu.

So began the first of many conversations that are now the basis of their CasaAurelio – curated home furnishings from Latin America.

We predicted back in 2008 that Peru would soon become more prominent in fashion, design and cuisine. Our intuition has been validated!

Peru arrives

We can see the influence in fashion with *Vogue* français commissioning Mario Tesino for the entire April 2013 issue.

Police Report

No car break-ins reported last week

BY MICHAEL MOORE

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

The car break-in epidemic that had been plaguing Westmount this spring appears to have slowed considerably, according to Station 12 Constable Stephan Laperrière, who says no incidents were reported in the city last week.

The problem, often spurred by a bag left in sight in the empty vehicle, had become an all-too-common occurrence for Station 12 in recent months.

“When it was at its worst, we used to have up to five or six a week just in Westmount and even more when you factor in Ville Marie, which is also covered by Station 12,” said Laperrière.

Two car break-ins were reported in Ville Marie last week, he said.

Quashing the epidemic had become priority for Station 12 investigators and the number of incidents in Westmount had petered down to one or two a week before flat lining last week.

According to Laperrière, the decrease

Our beloved Musée de Beaux Arts produced a world-class exhibit commemorating the 2011 centennial of the re-discovery of the ancient palace that is Machu Picchu. Many Montrealers devoured the exhibit, and consequently have discovered the thriving restaurants here with Peruvian influence.

The delightful ceviche, the giant corn kernels and colourful potatoes cultivated for millennia are enticing us to discover their *mezcla* (“mix” in Spanish).

Today's interior designers are searching Latin American sources for inspiration in weaving techniques. Peruvians also discovered the cochineal beetle, which produces a rich colourfast carmine rosy red, as well as the astounding fibre of the llama, alpaca and vicuña and the world-class Pima cotton, which is as old as the better known Egyptian variety.

Aurel, Daniel and I are importing these two fibres to North America to satisfy their clientele's desire for the silkiest luxury bedding with embroidery inspired by a *mezcla* of Andean influences.

Alpaca is five times warmer than wool, dyes beautifully and is non-allergenic. Modern looms interpret the weaving techniques and use the brilliant colour combi-

could be the result of an increased police presence on the streets. With the dawn of summer-like weather, Station 12 is utilizing bike patrols to cover more ground in the city, providing a deterrent to car break-ins and similar “crimes of opportunity.”

In early June, Station 12 hired two cadets, students enrolled in police technology programs, to aid with visibility patrols and provide “more eyes on the road” until the end of the summer.

“It takes some of the pressure off the

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Greta finds colours, fibres in Peru

nations for lovely and practical throws perfect for our chilly nights.

Just notice in today's design expos how much Latin America is eclipsing Europe's cautious colour. Rose, lime, turquoise, cobalt blue and chrome yellow are becoming prominent in fashion.

There is always a year or two time lag before a change is evident in home furnishings.

Look at Ciot's freshly coloured porcelain from Kohler and Décor Louis George's 1960s and 1970s retro furnishings. Elegant Grange and Roche Bobois are both using surprising Latino colourings with their fine French craftsmanship.

Bringing Peru home

To achieve a fresh Latino-Peruvian atmosphere, follow your intuitive bliss. Perhaps add accent colour walls to the vestibule, dining and family room.

Too often Canadian vestibules are drab and unwelcoming. Remember this is a brief passageway. So dare to have a pop of colour to say *Hola!* to your visitors.

Mix primary and secondary colours with some blacks and whites for contrast. Remember: clear colours, no mud or soot tones added. Please Google images of Pe-

ruvian costumes to see how their natural *mezcla* is achieved. Most people only think of llamas, pan flutes and Machu Picchu.

I must close now. I will settle back in my favourite chair, with a pisco sour within reach, and plan my next trip of exploration for CasaAurelio.

Hasta pronto mis amigos, your ever curious Greta von Schmedlapp.
PS. Do keep in touch with your comments: aurelien@colorsbyaurelien.com.

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'Operation Cyclist'



Montreal police had their ticket books out June 7 on the de Maisonneuve bike path near Olivier.

Photo: Independent.

Companion flees over the train tracks

Woman ticketed \$638 for climbing pool fence at 6 am

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A lifeguard was preparing the Westmount pool for the start of day June 12 at 6:10 am when a man and woman at the northwest side of the fence asked to go swimming, Public Security officials said.

When she refused, the pair was reported to have become confrontational and began climbing the fence. Both appeared inebriated.

The lifeguard called Public Security, whose officers arrived within a minute to find the woman already inside. After a brief discussion, the man fled toward St.

Catherine St. pursued by two officers. He managed to escape by jumping over the railway fence.

Meanwhile, the woman was told she could be charged under the Criminal Code, but was described as taking the incident nonchalantly.

Escorted out of the pool area, she was handcuffed and read her rights after refusing to identify herself and appearing to pose a "potential for flight," said Public Security director Greg McBain. She was described as putting her hands in and out of her pockets as if concealing a weapon.

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Comin' Up

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

MUHC board of directors public meeting. 5100 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West in the Salon Glen located on the main floor, 6 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Public consultation meetings, city hall, St. Catherine rezoning of commercial to residential 6:30 pm, and ban on medical offices, 7 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Aquatics festival, Westmount pool, 8 am to 4 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Opening of the beehive, Westmount library, 2 pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Public information meeting on Prince Albert Square, Westmount recreation centre, 7 pm.

ONGOING:

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

Contactivity Centre walking group for 60+. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 am. Meet at the Greene Ave. entrance to Westmount Square. Free. Info: 514.932.2326, karen.evoy@gmail.com

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Batshaw Children Needing Homes

Matthew and Anne have history of under-stimulation

A long-term foster home is being sought for three-year-old Matthew and his one-year-old sister Anne. The siblings are presently in an emergency foster home and are in need of a permanent one where they can be together. Matthew, coming from an unstructured home life (i.e. lack of stimulation), is functioning below his age level but has made some gains with stimulation, nurturing and is learning to follow basic routine. He is adorable with lots of energy, eats and sleeps well.

One-year-old Anne is charming and bubbly. She has a history of under-stimulation and is struggling with developmental delays. She is not walking but has made

some gains since placement. She is sitting up much better on her own, spins around on her tummy and tries to move her legs to crawl. Anne is able to say a few words but babbles a lot, thus, a referral has been made for speech therapy at the Montreal Children's Hospital. She eats and sleeps well. Annie will require more stimulation to continue her gains.

The siblings' parents are unable to take care of them. The ideal family would be that of a two-parent black family or a two-parent family that speaks Spanish.

For more information about the siblings, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, local 1139.

Bouziane appointed assistant head for Hydro Westmount



Salah Bouziane, left, was appointed assistant director of Hydro Westmount at the city council meeting June 2, accompanied by director Benoit Hurtubise. He has been filling the position of deputy head on an interim basis since it was created last year. An engineer, Bouziane has been with the city's electrical utility since 2009 and has been working in planning and development.

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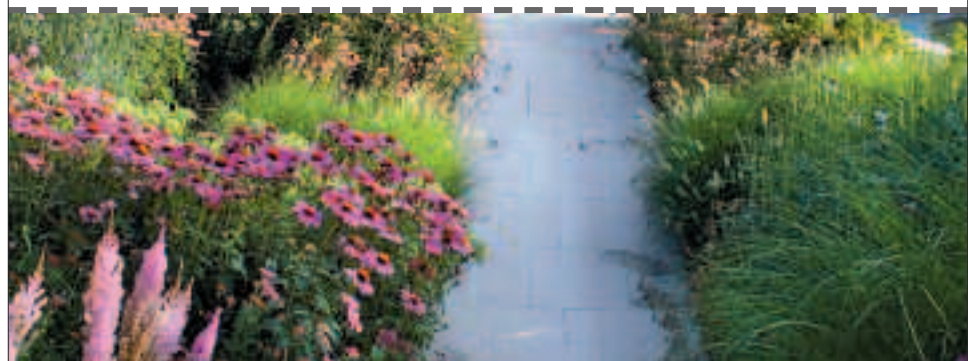
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Leith outlines city's demise as literary capital

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Blue Met literary festival founder Linda Leith, who has been a Westmounter for four years, launched the French translation of her 2010 book, *Writing in the Time of Nationalism*, on June 3 at Le Port de Tête bookstore on Montreal's Mount Royal Ave.

According to Leith, *Écrire au temps du nationalisme*, which was translated by Alain Roy, has been well received by several of Montreal's French-language media, including *La Presse* and *Le Devoir*.

Special event

The launch of the work was part of a special event on anglo Quebec writing organized by Leith's publisher, Leméac Éditeur. It took the form of an on-stage conversation before an audience of about a dozen.

It was "a highly unusual event that would have been inconceivable 20 years ago," Leith said in an e-mail to the *Independent*, when the notion of "anglo Quebec literature" was not on the radar of the francophone literary community.

During an interview on the book's theme with event animator Marie-Andrée

Lamontagne, Leith gave an overview of modern Canadian literature and publishing, and of the seismic shift that occurred at the end of the 1960s when Toronto seized the mantle as Canada's literary capital from Montreal.

"During the 1940s and 1950s, Montreal was like the literary capital of Canada," she said, describing the francophone literary community, but also the anglophone literary community that included Hugh MacLennan, Mavis Gallant, Brian Moore, Mordecai Richler, Irving Layton, Ralph Gustafson, A. M. Klein and others.

Rise of Toronto

She noted that Montreal's anglo literary decline coincided with a drop in novelist Hugh MacLennan's popularity, while Toronto's rise as Canada's new literary capital coincided with the emergence of Margaret Atwood, who would become the country's leading literary icon.

"Follow the money," Leith said, agreeing with Lamontagne's observation that Toronto was becoming the nation's financial capital at the same time. "But even now it's beginning once again to move westward in Canada," Leith added.



Linda Leith (seated at desk on the left) is interviewed on June 3 during the launch of the French translation of her 2010 book, *Writing in the Time of Nationalism*.

Pool, cont'd. from p. 20

Police were called, arrived at 6:24 am and identified her as a 29-year-old resident of St. Henri. Her companion was unknown.

Rather than being charged, however, the woman was issued a ticket for \$638

under the municipal by-law prohibiting swimming in a public pool between 11 pm and 7 am.

"We take this very seriously," McBain explained. Climbing the fence and swimming outside of permitted hours presents a risk to both offenders and the city should someone fall and injure themselves.

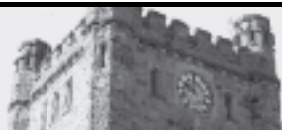
Bloomsday celebrated in Westmount



Bloomsday, a celebration of Irish writer James Joyce's life that is held around the world each year on June 16, was marked at Westmount's Victoria Hall on June 14 with a musical gala paying homage to Joyce's passion for music. The day was chosen because the events of his novel *Ulysses* are set on June 16, 1904. The evening, which was sponsored by McGill University's School of Continuing Studies, featured performances by Celtic folk band Solstice (seen here with the Bloomsday Chorale) and other artists.



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BUREAUX ADMINISTRATIFS FERMÉS Le mardi 24 juin et le mardi 1^{er} juillet 2014

Les bureaux administratifs de la Ville de Westmount, soit l'Hôtel de ville, Hydro Westmount, la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount, le centre communautaire Victoria Hall et les services de la sécurité publique, des sports et loisirs et des travaux publics seront fermés le mardi 24 juin en raison de la Fête nationale du Québec et le mardi 1^{er} juillet en raison de la Fête du Canada.

Les collectes des résidus alimentaires et des ordures s'effectueront selon l'horaire normal.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED Tuesday, June 24th and Tuesday, July 1st, 2014

The administrative offices of the City of Westmount, including City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Westmount Public Library, Victoria Hall Community Centre, Public Works, Public Security and Sports & Recreation, will be closed on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014 for the Quebec National Holiday and on Tuesday, July 1st for the Canada Day holiday.

The kitchen waste and garbage collections will take place according to the regular schedule.

Stella ready for adoption



9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

Isn't she delightful, with her little white booties and blouse?

Stella is a 7-month-old short-haired domestic golden tabby who came to Gerdy's Rescue as a young kitten. She is now ready for a forever home, having received all her inoculations and been spayed.

She is perfectly healthy and hilariously playful. Hopefully, she can be adopted by a family in our neighborhood to have her favourite spot in the house and entertain everyone with her kitten curiosity.

For more information on Stella, please contact Gerdy of Gerdy's Rescue on her pager at 514.203.9180 or email her at



info@gerdysrescue.org. You can also refer to the rescue's website at www.gerdysrescue.org.

Pet awareness on Greene Ave.

If you would like to find out about Stella in person, it would be wonderful to chat at the next pet awareness day for Gerdy's Rescue on Saturday, June 21.

Gerdy and members of her devoted rescue group will be joining us for an awareness day to benefit adoptable pets they have saved.

Join us then at Little Bear Pet Supplies located at 4152 St. Catherine St. (corner Greene Ave.) for a bake sale, crafts presentation (of which the wonderful hand-knitted catnip mice in summer colours), home-made pet snack bar, and information day with pet health information and documentation from Hôpital Vétérinaire Général MB (located at the foot of Greene Ave. on St. Antoine St.).

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Bridge results

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative scores for the best two sessions in May were:

Lise Beauchemin 9,320 points
Don Huffman 8,770
Sheila Notkin 8,630
Lucie Kirmoyan 7,460
Michael Montaganeau 7,050

Dog owner flouts leash law, ticketed \$76

A dog owner received a \$76 ticket June 5 at Summit Woods when he and his off-leash poodle were spotted at 8:31 am "right by" a sign depicting the leash requirement, Public Security officials said. The Ottawa resident stated he was aware of the law.

En quête d'engrais gratuit ? Looking for free fertilizer?

Commencez à composter maintenant, et en très peu de temps, vous obtiendrez gratuitement de l'engrais de qualité supérieure pour votre pelouse ou votre jardin, tout en réduisant la quantité d'ordures enfouies dans les décharges !

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Westmount simplifie le compostage en offrant des composteurs domestiques au prix modique de 30 \$. Téléphonez au Service des travaux publics pour en savoir plus.

Composteur Soil Saver

Dimensions : 28" x 28" x 32" (h)
Capacité : 11,5 pi³
Fabrication en plastique noir recyclée
Coût : 30 \$

N.B. : Maximum d'un composteur par foyer; preuve de résidence requise. Le composteur doit être installé à l'adresse présentée au moment de l'achat.

Un composteur dans la cour est complémentaire aux services de collecte des résidus alimentaires et des jardin. Consultez la liste complète de matières suggérées pour le composteur domestique et pour chacune des collectes municipales sur le site Web de la Ville : www.westmount.org



Service des travaux publics
Public Works Department



Start composting today, and within no time you'll have free, high-quality fertilizer for your lawn or garden, while reducing the amount of garbage going into landfill!

Get your composteur today.

Westmount makes composting even easier by offering backyard composters for the low price of \$30. Contact the Public Works Department for details.

Soil Saver Composteur

Dimensions: 28" x 28" x 32" (h)
Capacity: 11.5 ft³ capacity
Black recycled plastic construction
Cost: \$30

Please note: One composteur per household; proof of residence is required. The composteur must be installed at the address supplied at the time of purchase.

A backyard composteur is an excellent complement to the kitchen and yard waste collections. For a complete list of the materials recommended for home composters or for the municipal collections, consult the Environment section of the City's website at www.westmount.org

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Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Finally, a new venue for a black tie gala! Thanks to event planning guru **Dick Walsh**, who designed the divine décor for the 10th annual Gala Benefit Eve for the Canadian Red Cross, Quebec Division, (CRD-QD) the evening was held at New City Gas, an out-of-the-way building transformed by Walsh's creativity.

Honorary chair of the eve was Westmounter **Michèle Dionne**, a volunteer with the Quebec Division of the Canadian Red

Cross. Elegant in white and black, she attended with husband **Jean Charest**, past premier and current attorney with McCarthy Tétrault.

Co-chairs were **Martin Thibodeau**, president Quebec headquarters, RBC Royal Bank, there with his wife **Caroline Desrosiers**; and **Martine Turcotte**, vice chair, Quebec, at Bell.

Attending from the CRD-QD were president **Mylène Turcotte**, and director general

Black ties for Red Cross



Jean Charest and Michèle Dionne.



Justin and Samantha Vineberg.



Conrad Sauvé and Mitsou Gélinas.



Valerie Taillefer, Colette Roy-Laroche and François Lambert.



Michel Léveillé, Martine Turcotte, and Martin Thibodeau.

Michel Léveillé and his spouse **Nicole Laplante**, as well as **Conrad Sauvé**, CEO and secretary general of the Canadian Red Cross.

Noted admiring Walsh's red and white theme, the iconic Red Cross colours, were Lake Megantic mayor **Colette Roy-Laroche** and husband **Yvan Laroche**; **Micheline Brazeau** and **Raymond Bachand**, former Quebec Finance minister and recently appointed board chair of Tourism Montreal; **Alexandra Dionne Charest** and **Thomas Vallières**; **Ruby Brown** and fiancé **Richard Speer**; **Marc DeSerres** and his wife **Céline Blanchet**; **Michelle Setlakwe** and **Michael**

M. Fortier, RBC Capital Markets vice chair; **Sandra Chartrand** and **Alain Bouchard**, president/ CEO Couche-Tard; **Monika** and **Mike Yuval**, and Westmounters **Samantha** and **Justin Vineberg**. Noted amidst the glamour were media celebs **Mitsou Gélinas**, with **Iohann Martin**, **Valérie Taillefer** with **François Lambert**, and emcees **Mireille Deyglun** and **Jean-François Lépine**.

Tickets were \$1,250. The evening raised just over \$1 million to support local Red Cross efforts, which were greatly praised during the aftermath of the Lake Megantic train explosion.

Open House, Sun: June 22, 2 to 4 pm



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TRENDSETTER

SYDNEY ROBBINS

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON

On Westmount's streets, often crowded with designer purses and ballerina shoes with tight jeans, vintage store owner Sydney Robbins stands out as a wonderfully original dresser. Fashion bloggers would love her style! As did I.

Her shop, Jack Lux, is at 3678 St. Denis.

STYLE

How would you describe your personal style?

It's sort of a collection of every style phase I've ever gone through – punk, boho, chic, grunge, all put together somehow. It's pretty eclectic!

What is your favourite way of dressing?

I feel the best when I'm wearing ripped-up boyfriend jeans, old Doc Marten boots or Converse shoes, and a nice blouse. I have a lot of vintage Holt Renfrew brand blouses from the 60s. They are some of my faves.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

I definitely switch into "party gear." For me, that's platform sneakers or heels, leather jackets and cute bright clutches.

What kinds of vintage do you personally like to wear? Dresses? Hats?

I like leather and denim that's worn in. I love embroidery and crochet, common in vintage clothing and practically non-existent now.

LIVING

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

I would have to say Paris. The eye candy is just too damn delicious. The infrastructure is so magnificent. Also, all of the couture houses are there... I want to be there!

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?

I like cacti, 'cause they're so cute but so mean.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could invite any artist from any era, whom would you invite?

I would love to wine and dine with Elton John, Elsa Schiaparelli, Princess Diana, Giorgio Moroder, Stanley Kubrick and Francis Ford Coppola.

Who are your favourite designers?

I love Vivienne Westwood, Jeffrey Scott and Issey Miyake. I like when humour and architecture are infused into clothing, and not just sexuality or a trend.

Music on your iPod?

Right now there's Modular, Roxy Music and Ghostly – because it reminds me of Soft Cell and New Order.

What do you think of today's fashions?

I'm pretty bored and disappointed in Montreal fashion. I walk everywhere and am always hoping that something – a shoe, a pattern, an outfit – will catch my eye, but this rarely happens. Maybe the winter makes people lazy year round? I've been to many European cities and it's always a blast to people-watch. They seem to be more concerned with how they put themselves together.



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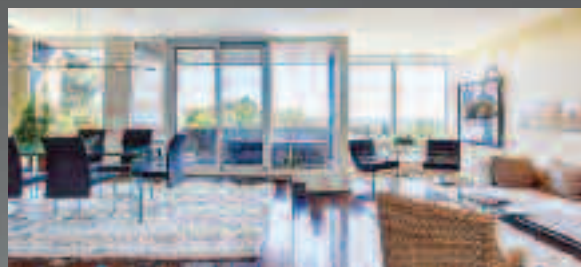
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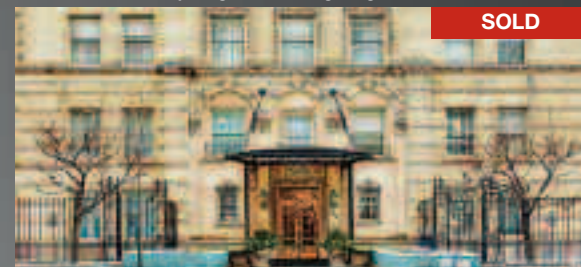
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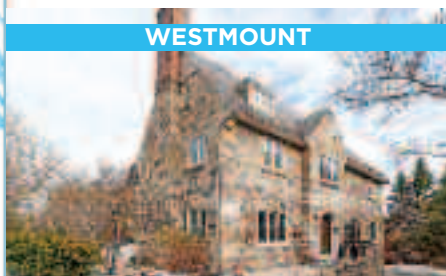
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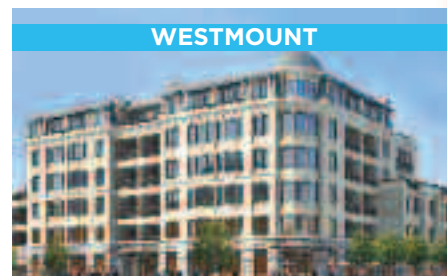
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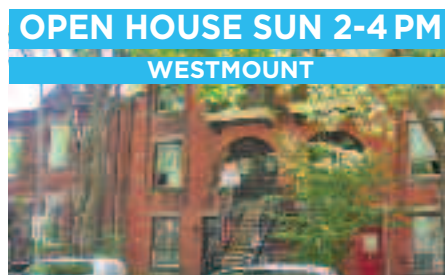
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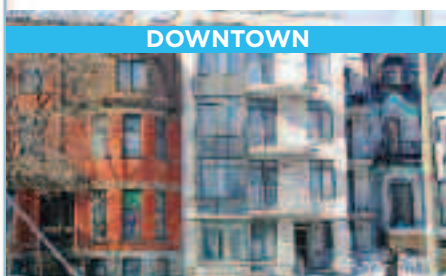
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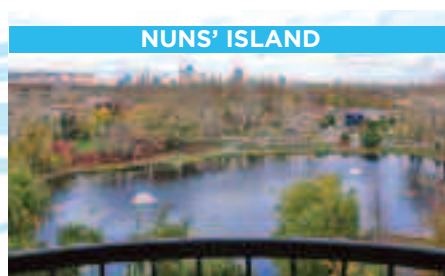
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