

## Flooding 'clearly a systemic problem'

# City widens investigation in wake of July 4 flooding

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In the wake of more widespread flooding of homes during the sudden down-pour July 4, Mayor Peter Trent announced July 6 that the city would be extending its investigation of such problems to include all of Westmount.

The city initially had been focusing its diagnostic study of flooding and sewer back-up on the hardest hit area south of St. Catherine, from Metcalfe to the Glen, fol-

lowing the deluge of May 29.

"Clearly, we have a systemic problem and we're going to be putting resources into it," Trent said following the latest, but less severe, storm.

The city will be setting up a committee of outside specialists to help identify sources of the problem and make recommendations, he explained.

Meanwhile, recent testing of city sewer mains primarily on Hillside, Abbott and Irvine has detected some kind of impediment at 50 percent of the lines leading to private homes, city director Duncan Campbell told the *Independent* last week.

The small breaks, trees roots or other blockages were detected ..... in camera inspections in *continued on p. 4*



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## Council okays purchase of outside ice rink

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council approved a "cool" purchase at its first meeting of the summer July 3: a portable refrigerated outdoor ice rink.

It's an experiment – an opportunity provided by the construction of the new arena, which moves skating activity outside for the coming winter, explained Councillor Patrick Martin.

And if the trial rink ..... proves successful, it could *continued on p. 7*

## Wedding in the park



Bride Nicola Danby and groom Ryan Ruddick file through Westmount Park with a procession on their wedding day June 30. Seen here with one of their children, the couple believed they were the first to be allowed a wedding ceremony in Westmount Park. Some 60 guests were led by a bagpiper down the path, over the bridge to the island in the lagoon, where the ceremony took place. Photo courtesy of Ryan Ruddick

## Bouchard wins big at Wimbledon

Westmounter Eugenie Bouchard, 18, won the girls' singles at Wimbledon July 7. She beat the Ukraine's Elina Svitolina 6-2, 6-2. She became "the first Canadian citizen to win a junior Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon on Saturday," said the Juniors' International Tennis Federation. She is currently ranked second by the International Tennis Federation. At 4:19 am on July 9, Bouchard tweeted "Had a 5 min conversation with Roger [Federer] last night. Life = complete." See letter, p. 6 or May 4, 2010, p. 30 for some early *Indie* coverage of her career.

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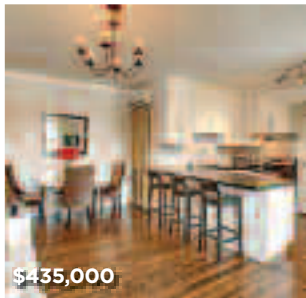




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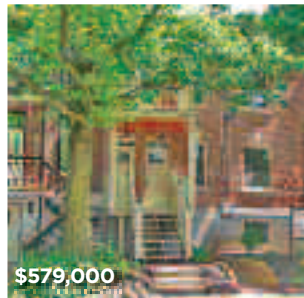
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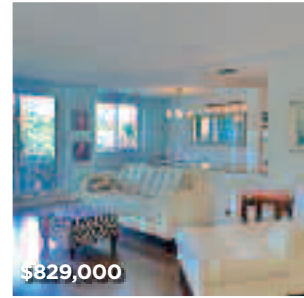
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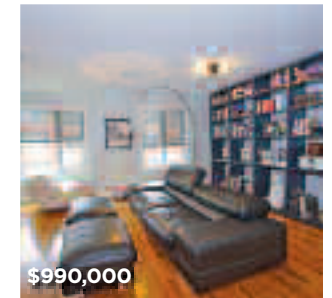
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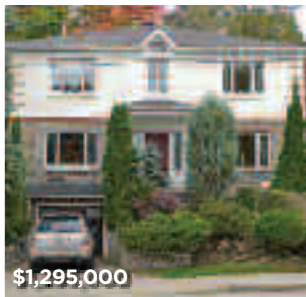
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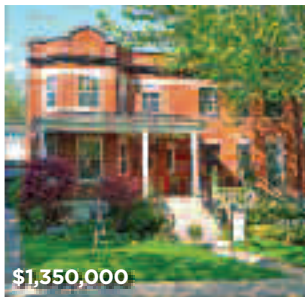
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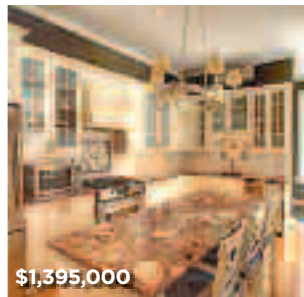
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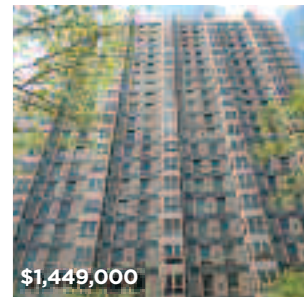
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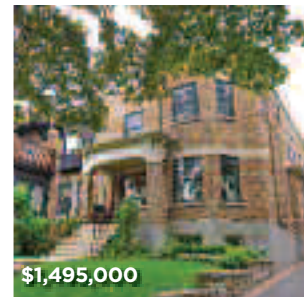
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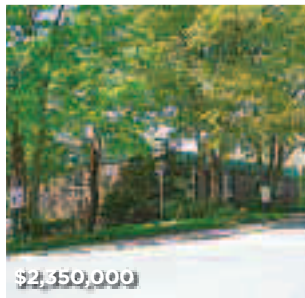
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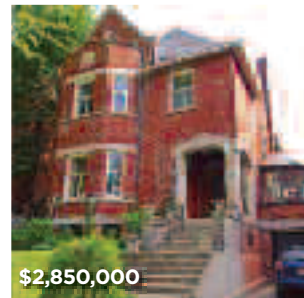
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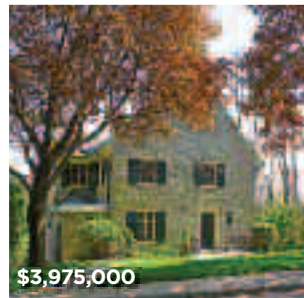
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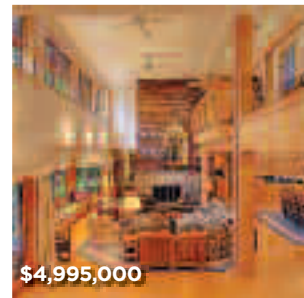
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## Crews hit hidden gas line

A contractor working for Bell on Prince Albert north of Somerville severed a gas service entry line July 3 at 11:30 am, Public Works officials said. The gas leak brought a large response of emergency workers to the area but evacuation of nearby homes was not reported to have been required.

The gas line had been “stuck to the bottom” of the Bell line on the west side of the street and could not have been seen, said assistant Public Works director Andrew Duffield.

Gaz Métropolitain crews arrived at 12:30 pm, he said. The work was “well-defined” and repairs were completed before 3 pm.



Looking north on Prince Albert at Somerville, July 3.

Bell is currently replacing manholes and lowering its conduit bank on Prince Albert before the city rebuilds the street (see June 3, p. 1). The reconstruction work, de Maisonneuve to Somerville, was approved at a cost of \$400,000 at the July 3 city council meeting.

## Sweet teeth treated by Korne



The orthodontic office of Dr. Paul Korne celebrated its second annual Ice Cream Patient Appreciation Day to mark the end of school and beginning of summer. According to Korne's office, a “record number” of scoops of ice cream from Bilboquet were given to 390 patients, their families and friends on June 22.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Warren

## Get moving on flooding problem, Lulham urges city after July 4

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Last week's downpour on July 4 may have been short-lived, but it was enough to wreak more havoc with water and sewer back-up, and spark ongoing outrage from Councillor Cynthia Lulham, flooded for the third time in 11 months.

“I'm fed up. This is no way to live,” Lulham told the *Independent*.

Like others, Lulham was still repairing

basement damage from the May 29 deluge, which pressed the city into hiring a consulting engineer to investigate the problem and pass a camera through sewers, which detected roots and other obstructions in some buildings' sewer lines (see story p. 1).

“I don't want to hear about roots,” Lulham said. “It's nothing to do with roots. I don't have roots in my ..... sewer and I don't need an .....” *continued on p. 5*

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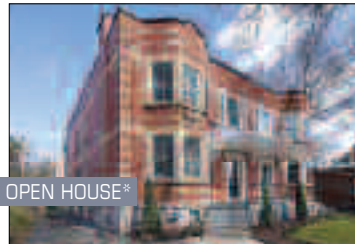
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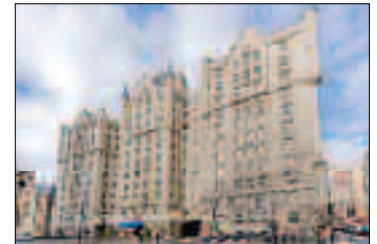


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## Anti-mask by-law passes despite questioning

Just like Montreal's by-law, persons involved in demonstrations or gatherings in public places in Westmount will now be required to provide an itinerary to police at the time and leave their faces unmasked - that is if police choose to enforce it.

The "by-law concerning the prevention of breaches of the peace, public order and safety" was adopted July 3 by city council after a clarifying amendment proposed by Councillor Patrick Martin to include the words "in the public domain," which appeared to have been omitted from one section.

The need for clarification was one of several concerns presented during the preceding question period by Abby Lippman, a resident of Mount Pleasant, who subsequently thanked Martin for the change.

Lippman, one of three who challenged the need for the by-law, also voiced concern over police having discretionary powers, to which Mayor Peter Trent stated the by-law could easily be rescinded if abused. He noted, however, that other municipal by-laws were enforced daily on a discretionary basis by police whom the city trusted.

Sporting a red patch, a symbol of the student protests, Lippman asked what problem the by-law was intended to solve and "why now?"

Trent reiterated how, because Westmount was an enclave surrounded by Montreal whose Public Security commission had felt it necessary to regulate protests, Westmount would be a lightning rod without having similar regulation.

It was important for police to know where protesters were going, he said, and noted that people wearing masks tend to behave in a different manner; and should trouble break out, it was important for the culprits to be identifiable.

Lippman said she had attended two student demonstrations and that people felt they needed face coverings to protect themselves from injury and pepper spray.

She later asked what kind of public forum or discussion would be provided if the city decided to limit demonstrations around the residences of sitting politicians as had been initially suggested and withdrawn pending legal consideration.

"If we do, we'll make it known," Trent



Abby Lippman at council.

## July 3 council stories

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

replied.

Lansdowne resident Richard Lock said he still did not understand why Westmount needed a by-law when Quebec's Bill 78 was in place.

The controversial new provincial law was "a completely different animal," Trent explained on several occasions during the meeting. Its provisions are more restrictive and Montreal police are limited in enforcing it (see story June 12, p. 5).

## Flood duty

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this area, which had been hardest hit on May 29.

A full report of these findings is expected in about a month, said Campbell. "We're in the embryonic stage," he explained.

Jacques Delorme, a resident of Abbott, asked city council July 3 why it was taking so long.

"It's your fiduciary responsibility to look after your citizens' problems," he told the council. There had been a lot of sympathizing, "but what are you doing about it?"

The new underground Westmount recreation centre will be part of the solution, Trent said. With a green roof having greater capacity to absorb rain and a retention basin for overflow, that whole area would be handling water in a better way.

Trent also said he had met many times with Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay over Montreal's aging water and sewer infrastructure because Westmount's networks are interconnected with Montreal's. The St. Catherine and Lansdowne sewers connect downhill into St. Henri.

## Sound barrier hyped; train concerns voiced

They came to the city council meeting July 3 for the second month armed with different solutions for reducing fumes, speed and noise from commuter trains through Westmount. But affected residents all agreed on the need to find a way to get on with it.

Forget all the talk and complications related to electrification of the tracks, a light rail, monitoring of train speed and even the lowering of the highway, the only proven way to reduce the problems is by building a sound barrier, said Nigel Goddard of Irvine Ave.

"The fence works, so let's get it done."

On the other hand, Michael Mossop of Columbia, suggested there could be new ways of dealing with the issue and presented council with a report from the Westmount Train Action Group (WTAG), citing statistics on train frequency, times of service, ridership and proposed weekday increases on the West Island line from 26 trains a day to 86.

He suggested making Vendôme station the commuter terminal during off-peak hours.

David Schachter of 4700 St. Catherine (the "Pom") expressed disappointment that WTAG was not represented at a recent city meeting on the issue with rail officials. He also noted that while West Island mayors were able to get together to press for improved commuter service, "we don't seem to have our act together."

He asked what the speed limit was on trains, but no one could provide him a sure answer. Councillor Theodora Samiotis began checking in vain through emails in hopes of finding confirmation.

Mayor Peter Trent, assured questioners that Westmount had been working on the issue, and stated that the Vendôme station did not have the capacity to serve as a terminal.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## THE NEW GIRL AT THE CLUB BECOMES WIMBLEDON CHAMPION

About eight years ago, I was playing tennis at the Nuns' Island tennis club. One day I arrived on the court with my partner and noticed playing next to us a little girl with blonde hair running around the court, going after every ball with tremendous effort and determination.

Following her coach's instruction, she was using such effort to get to the ball and tried her absolute best on every shot.

When I asked my partner who she was, he replied that it was Eugenie Bouchard, a new girl who just joined the club.

I thought to myself: if this girl keeps working hard, some day she will be a champion.

Congratulations Eugenie! Keep up the great work.

MATTHEW GATY, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

## FAR FROM IT: WESTMOUNT'S EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN CYCLING

It is disheartening to read the recent negative letters about cyclists. One writer talks about what happens when a city becomes emotionally invested in an issue like bike paths ("Fines seem to be only way to handle bold cyclists," June 26, p. 6). The

other writer talks about cyclists going here, there and everywhere during the recent closure of the path. ("Walk through the park at your own risk, June 26, p. 6).

Nobody with knowledge of cycling in other areas of the world would even think to suggest that Westmount is emotionally involved in bike paths. Our cycling infrastructure is light years behind many European countries or Japan, for instance. Even some districts of Montreal are well ahead.

When Westmount becomes emotionally involved, we will see a complete network of protected cycling paths across our community and many more residents will cycle. Also, cycling numbers will be more evenly distributed across the city.

The Master Traffic Plan is meant to increase cycling and decrease the number of cars in our city. Hopefully this will be implemented soon, and letter writers will not find it necessary to be so negative about cyclists.

As for the recent problems around the bike path closure, they are largely a result of the city's disorganised closure and subsequent unsafe detour, and could have easily been avoided.

Meanwhile, I would recommend looking at websites on cycling in Denmark or Holland to see how wonderful it could be here if we could rid ourselves of the North American obsession with the car and im-

prove cycling infrastructure.

Westmount currently has over 100 km of car lanes and over 100 km of sidewalks but only 2 km of bike paths, even though around 20 percent of Westmount residents cycle regularly.

Unless we act on trying to increase the numbers of cyclists and improve the infrastructure for them, I can only quote from Robert Burns' poem *Ode To A Mouse*, where he talks about the future: "An' forward, tho' I canna see, I guess an' fear."

MARILYNN GILLIES, MEIVILLE AVE.

AND MEMBER OF THE WESTMOUNT WALKING AND CYCLING ASSOCIATION

## SHOP FOR BOOKS LOCALLY

It was wonderful to hear that Nicholas Hoare will try to keep his Greene Ave. bookstore open. What a resource and cultural gem.

If a community is a series of reciprocities, Nicholas Hoare is acquitting his side of the relationship beautifully. Our part is to express our appreciation to this neighbourhood friend, and to use our buying power as a meaningful act of respect.

I have made a personal commitment to order no books online that I can find or order through Nicholas Hoare. I am going now to pick up my new edition of *Roget's Thesaurus* and a copy of *Champlain's Dream*. Of course, I will look around while I am there.

I recently heard someone refer to himself as "an angry couch potato."

I don't want to be fuming on my couch if this wonderful store closes.

AUDREY BEAN, SOMERVILLE AVE.

## OPEN LETTER TO RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF THE 4300

My family and I have lived on de Maisonneuve corner Redfern for the past four years. We have witnessed, on a daily basis, residents of the 4300 illegally turning left from de Maisonneuve to proceed southbound on Redfern Ave. to the parking garage.

Redfern Ave. is a one-way northbound street from St. Catherine to de Maisonneuve, no exceptions.

No one has special permission, not even the residents and staff of the 4300, to proceed southbound.

My fellow neighbours and I are very concerned for our safety. There are numerous signs indicating the correct flow of traffic on Redfern Ave., and still drivers ignore them.

Redfern Ave. is a grave accident waiting to happen.

There is now a small portion of the road near St. Catherine that is two-way, and it is only for the 215 Redfern construction workers and trucks – no one else, not even Redfern Ave. residents.

We, as fellow neighbours, have been working with the city of Westmount, Westmount Public Security and the police to try to solve this problem.

We need your help. Think of your fellow neighbours and their families, please.

Does it take one of us getting hurt before people understand the severity of their actions?

Please follow road signs, and respect and obey them.

PASCALE DELHAYE,  
DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Editor's note: See related story, p. 10.

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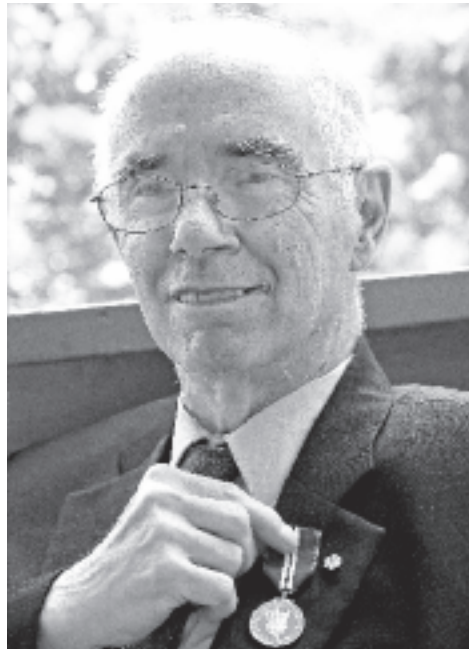
Oscar, the Nicholas Hoare bookstore's resident cat, seen here lounging in the front window on May 14, has been one lucky fellow. Oscar (for Oscar Peterson) was found by Barry Corber, manager of the CD section, about a year and a half ago in the alley behind the Greene Ave. store. He is believed to be three years old. The window display case is one of his favourite spots to relax and he tends to gravitate there, according to one shop employee. What would become of Oscar were the store to close? Corber replied he would be "coming home with daddy," pointing to himself.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

## Trapped bird freed outside the 4300

A bird was freed by public safety officers June 28 after it became wedged behind a pillar in front of the apartment complex at 4300 de Maisonneuve, Public Security officials said. Building officials provided officers with permission to pry open two sections of the pillar, but no damage was reported.

## Morton awarded queen's medal



Desmond Morton at home June 20.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

Historian Desmond Morton has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, which commemorates the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne. Morton, who lives on Strathcona Ave., was presented the medal by Canada's governor general, David Johnston, on May 28 at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. A professor emeritus of history at McGill, Morton is the author of 40 books on Canada's military, political, industrial and social history.

Westmounter Rosalind Davis is also to receive a Diamond Jubilee Medal for her volunteerism in the community and for the Go Westmount website.

Westmount resident Judy Martin is also a recipient for her contribution to youth advocacy in the area of social services and health.

## New outdoor ice rink

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be become a prototype for others to be installed in the future, he suggested in presenting the purchase request at a cost of \$100,000, including applicable taxes. It's not yet known in which park the rink will be installed.

The rink – a used model – comes from Custom Ice, a firm in Ontario, where these rinks are being installed in many places, according to city director general Duncan Campbell.

Measuring 85 feet by 120 feet, it con-

## GG appoints Dubeau to Order of Canada

Westmounter Angèle Dubeau was appointed, among the 70 others, to the Order of Canada, as announced by David Johnston, governor general of Canada, on June 29.

Dubeau is recognized for "her achievements as a violinist of international stature and cultural ambassador for Canadian music," according to the website. It was a promotion from within the order, which means she was previously a member.

"It happens from time to time when someone continues to contribute significantly in his/her field and has increased the reach, from regional to national for example," said Annabelle Cloutier, director, public affairs, office of the secretary to the governor general.

## Central Brasserie in the house



Paulo Oliveira, former owner of Café Mèlies on St. Laurent Blvd., has filled the void at 4858 Sherbrooke with the opening of Central Brasserie. Westmounter Aaron Fraser, former owner/operator of The Claremont is manager, and the chef is Thierry Rouyé. The licensed restaurant has an atmosphere reminiscent of a French brasserie.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

## Westmounters open new café



Westmount residents Jean-Francois Monette and Eliza Parkinson in front of their newly-opened coffee shop, Jonah James, on the corner of Sherbrooke and Grey on July 3. It is named after Monette's son James and Parkinson's son Jonah. They serve pastries, coffee and lunch, and will soon be open for evening tapas. They are planning to open a general store adjacent to the café.

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## Hot time at Sparta

A small fire at 4 pm June 30 at the Sparta restaurant on St. Catherine near Wood was doused by the sprinkler system and firefighters, said public safety officers, who closed off the street. It broke out near the electrical panel damaging a back wall and ceiling.

# ON THE SHELVES

Among recent reading and audio-visual material at the Westmount Public Library singled out by staff are:

## **Magazines: All eyes on London...**

“London now!” in *Architectural Record*, June 2012, p. 61. Several articles on London, with subjects ranging from the Shard, the highest skyscraper in the city, to the Olympics coming later this summer. Discussions on the new Olympic Park sited in a long-derelict East London borough that has been cleaned up, overhauled and made sustainable, and not just for the games.

“Are you ready for the summer to end all summers?” by Flora Howard and Alice Cook in *Country Life* May 30, p. 60. Are you ready for Britain’s most exciting 100 days, with the Jubilee and the Olympics adding to events such as the Season and the Game Fair?

“Qu’ont-ils fait de Londres?” by Michel Arseneault in *Actualité* May 15, p. 30.

## **Adult English – The road to London...**

*Capital* by John Lanchester – A diverse group of residents of Pepys Rd., London, each receive a menacing postcard with the

words “We want what you have” written on it.

*Johnson’s Life of London: The People who Made the City that Made the World* by Boris Johnson – The mayor of London celebrates modern London as one of the world’s most exciting and influential cities, exploring the lives of famous individuals whose beliefs, cultures and innovations have shaped its evolution.

*Londoners: The Days and Nights of London Now: As Told by Those who Love It, Hate It, Live It, Left It and Long for It* by Craig Taylor – This Canadian writer and editor presents his collection of conversations with ordinary, contemporary Londoners to discover the feelings the city inspires.

## **Adult French – Hot in Europe**

*Le grand Coeur* by Jean-Christophe Rufin – The latest work by this Goncourt-winning author has garnered good reviews. Told in the first person, this is the fictionalized autobiography of Jacques Coeur. Born into a middle-class family in the 15th century, he had a gift for business, which made him the richest person in France and one the most powerful men

of his time.

*La liste de mes envies* by Grégoire Delacourt – Unexpectedly, this book has sold more than 100,000 copies in France. Jocelyne, 47, leads a simple life, punctuated by the small joys gleaned from her work as a haberdasher, her marriage and grown-up children. When she wins a fortune from the lottery, her life is suddenly not so simple anymore.

## **e-Books**

*Gold* by Chris Cleave – Zoe and Kate, world-class cyclists, have been friends and rivals since their first day of elite training years ago. Now, on the eve of London 2012, their last Olympics, the two must compete for the one remaining spot on their team. In doing so, the women will be tested to their physical, mental and emotional limits. They will confront each other and their own mortality, and be asked to decide: What will you sacrifice for the people you love?

*Mr. Churchill’s Profession: The Statesman as Author and the Book that Defined the ‘Special Relationship’* by Peter Clarke – An intimate new portrait of the iconic leader’s writing career over the course of his life, culminating in his four-volume *History of the English-Speaking Peoples*.

## **DVDs**

*Kinyarwanda* – During the Rwandan genocide in 1994, when neighbours killed neighbours and friends betrayed friends, some crossed lines of hatred to protect

each other. As the country became a slaughterhouse, mosques became places of refuge where Muslims and Christians, Hutus and Tutsis came together to protect each other. This film interweaves six different tales that together form one grand narrative that provides a complex and real depiction of human resilience.

*Prisoner of her past* – The haunting story of a secret childhood trauma resurfacing, 60 years later, to unravel the life of Holocaust survivor Sonia Reich. The film follows her son, *Chicago Tribune* jazz critic Howard Reich, as he journeys across the US and Eastern Europe to uncover why his mother believes the world is conspiring to kill her. Along the way, he finds a family he never knew he had.

## **Imagine! Books for Children**

*Breakfast on a Dragon’s Tail and Other Book Bites* by Martin Springett – As the author notes, the most important part of creating a story is your imagination. Springett provides the reader with the beginning of 13 fantasy stories – now it is your turn to provide the endings!

*Le roi Jules et les dragons* by Peter Bently and Helen Oxenbury – Jules and his friends set up camp in the backyard to fight off dragons and monsters!

## **Reference**

*The Timber Press Encyclopedia of Flowering Shrubs* by Jim Gardiner.

*Le Larousse médical*, new edition.



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## Woman hit crossing St. Catherine

A Westmount woman was hit by a car June 20 just after 9 am at St. Catherine and Kensington, Public Security officials report. A patroller parked at Metcalfe Ave. attended the victim who was also being cared for by the motorist, who happened to be a nurse. Firefighters also provided first aid until Urgences Santé took charge and transported the victim to the Montreal General Hospital. The woman was released after treatment for a fractured left arm and a head wound. Officers said Kensington is not a pedestrian crossing for St. Catherine. Hillside Lane and Metcalfe both have crossings.

## Tree topples over Sherbrooke

A large tree was reported to have damaged two parked cars June 30 after it fell across Sherbrooke from private property

## Ticketed driver hits officer’s bike

The driver of a car ticketed by a Public Security bike patroller June 28 backed into the officer’s bicycle after she issued him the ticket, officials said. The car was parked in front of 250 Lansdowne in the section reserved for blue permits created for residents living near the arena/pool construction site. The driver, who returned to his car at 11:40 am, was believed to have hit the bike on purpose and the information was handed over to police as a hit-and-run incident.

at the northwest corner of Roslyn, public safety officers report. The tree was described as rotten at the base.

# SWAC, city unveil Summit Woods nature board

By MARTIN C. BARRY

A new nature board panel was unveiled on July 3 in Summit Woods.

The double-sided display board is located in a spot known as The Carrefour, a

clearing near the centre of the woods where several trails converge. It displays information on the types of birds which dwell in the mountain-top sanctuary, a trail map and the history of the park.

The project was initiated more than a year ago by the Summit Woods Advisory Committee and received the support of city councillor Cynthia Lulham.

According to committee chair John Fretz, it took a year to research and produce the panels.

Christina Idziak, an urban forest consultant and former curator of the Morgan Arboretum, designed the panel board, while city horticulture inspector Jayme Gerbrandt supervised planning and construction.



From left: Maureen Lafrenière of the city of Westmount's Communications department; Councillor Cynthia Lulham, SWAC chair John Fretz; Jon Breslaw with dog Maggie, Jayme Gerbrandt, Doreen Lindsay, Roger Jochym, Jane Atkinson, Caroline Breslaw and Susan Zegray.

# Birkenstock golf team wins Gazette tourney with 10 under par



A golf team from Greene Ave.'s Birkenstock-Naturino won the Gazette's annual golf fundraiser tournament for the Gazette Christmas Fund at the St. Raphael Golf Club recently. They won the Vegas best ball tournament format with a score of 10 under par. The shop's managing director, Glenn Neven, said though it was a scorching 40-degree day, they "were well taken care of by the volunteers." The money raised came from games including putting contests, and auctions for electronics and trips. From left: Raffi Nazarian, Neven, Danny Lambroulias and Ara Vanlian.

Photo courtesy of Glenn Neven

# Long boarders corralled at 9:42 pm

Public safety officers chased down four long boarders spotted initially at Sunny-side and Upper Bellevue June 28, officials said. All were warned about the dangers

and told this type of activity was not allowed on Westmount streets according to a city by-law. None lived in Westmount.

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## Ticketed for going down one-way, wrong way on Redfern

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH

Some local residents have complained



A truck makes an illegal turn south onto Redfern from de Maisonneuve on July 4. The driver was issued a ticket.

of the illegal turn by a number of motorists, who continue to go south on the one-way north portion of Redfern in order to reach St. Catherine. They claim it is dangerous and causes congestion. The fine is \$156. Police Constable Steven Goldberg of Westmount's Station 12 said "there is a no-tolerance policy concerning this illegal turn, and the law will be enforced." He gave out one ticket in the early morning and two between 9 am and 10 am, including one to the truck pictured above.

Pascale Delhaye, a resident of de Maisonneuve, told the *Independent* "I'm more satisfied with their (the police) presence. It's nice to have them [police] there but after they leave it continues. We're concerned for ourselves, family and neighbours. When the police are not there, it's almost a free-for-all. Our concern is for preventing an accident that can and will eventually happen if the situation remains the same."

## Official complaint launched in dog bite

A 70-year-old Vermont woman was reported to have been bitten on the right forearm by a dog on Irvine Ave. June 19, Public Security officials said. The woman reported the incident two days later showing officers a doctor's prescription related to treatment for the wound. She also unfastened a bandage to display the injury. A \$75 ticket was to be issued through Montreal municipal court as part of an official complaint launched by the victim.

## Quebec Scouting council meets at Mountainside



From left, assistant council commissioner (child and youth safety) François Guérin with Westmounter and area commissioner Virginia Elliott.

Photos courtesy of Maggie Shaddick



From left, Westmounter Andrew Molson with Bert McArdle (aka Chief Top Leaf).

The annual meeting of the Scouts Canada's Quebec council was held at Mountainside United Church on June 6. Christopher von Roretz was appointed the new commissioner and Andrew Comeau the new youth commissioner. Westmounter Andrew Molson will continue as honorary council commissioner and Jon Wiersma as executive director.

## Contractors' loud radio brings two complaints

Contractors working on Upper Lansdowne June 15 were asked to turn down a radio after someone called Public Security to complain about loud music at 4:45 pm. It was turned down initially but after a second complaint, officers returned and insisted it be turned off.



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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1433

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement n° 1433 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT SUR LA PRÉVENTION DES TROUBLES DE LA PAIX, DE LA SÉCURITÉ ET DE L'ORDRE PUBLIC** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 3 juillet 2012.

Ce règlement vise à régir les assemblées, défilés ou attroupements sur la propriété publique.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur en date d'aujourd'hui.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ce règlement sur le site web de la ville : [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law No. 1433 entitled "**BY-LAW CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF BREACHES OF THE PEACE, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on July 3, 2012.

The object of this by-law is to regulate assemblies, parades or other gatherings that may take place on the public property.

This by-law comes into force today.

Any interested person may consult the said by-law on the City's website: [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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# Late Persaud-Billette honoured by 2 groups

BY JOANNE PENHALE

The death of lawyer Rajpattie Persaud-Billette last August was sudden, though her impact in the legal profession is enduring.

Persaud-Billette was the first-time re-



A photograph of the late Rajpattie Persaud-Billette is held by her widower, Paul Billette. In his other hand is the Canadian Bar Association pro bono award Persaud-Billette won in 2006. The Quebec division of the association has now named the annual award after her.

ipient of the New York Bar's outstanding non-resident member award in June.

"The award was really created to recog-

nize her extraordinary contribution," said Lise Bang-Jensen, a spokesperson for the New York State Bar Association.

In April, the Quebec division of the Canadian Bar Association honoured Persaud-Billette by naming their annual *pro bono* award after her; it was an award she won herself in 2006.

"She strived to be a good lawyer," her widower Paul Billette said. She practised family law, trusts and estates law, and regularly did *pro bono* work for women in need. She volunteered locally for Contactivity, served on the board of Chez Doris, and for 10 years offered a legal information clinic at Head and Hands, Billette said.

"Women's issues – that was a core value for her," Billette explained. One of the legal committees she sat on in Quebec was for women's equality in the legal profession, and it successfully fought for compensation for female lawyers who took maternity leave.

Persaud-Billette never practised in New York, but she passed the New York Bar because as Billette explained, "She wanted it

as a challenge."

Billette met her in 1974 during her first career in banking. They married in 1978 and moved to Saudi Arabia.

"Although women weren't supposed to be working, she found herself a job in Saudi Arabia," Billette said with a laugh.

When they returned to Montreal, they settled in Westmount and Persaud-Billette pursued a bachelor's degree in political science at Concordia with the ambition of becoming a lawyer. At 45, she passed the Quebec Bar, after earning common and civil law degrees from McGill.

Persaud-Billette died unexpectedly after falling ill with bacterial meningitis. She was the eldest of 10 children, was born in British Guyana, and had a sister in Montreal.

"I considered her a fundamentally nice and decent person," said Gerry Apostol, a past president of the Quebec division of the Canadian Bar Association.

"She was beloved by members and employees of our association," said Bang-Jensen.

Persaud-Billette was honoured at the summer meeting of the New York Bar in Cooperstown, NY, on June 23. Billette accepted the award on her behalf.

## Saturday restrictions enforced

Work was stopped at two construction sites where work was found in progress June 16 in violation of Westmount's Saturday work regulations, Public Security officials said. People doing masonry work at a house at the top of Aberdeen at 7:25 am were told to wait until the 8 am starting time. The operator of a small payload was also stopped at 12:15 pm at a house on Roslyn near Côte St. Antoine and warned against using heavy equipment on a Saturday.

## Concrete falls from Château Maisonneuve

A piece of concrete from Château Maisonneuve at 4998 de Maisonneuve fell onto a pick-up truck parked on York St. June 12, Public Security officials said. Described as being slightly smaller than a football, the concrete appeared to have come from the 12th storey. No injuries were reported, but the car sustained damage to the hood and fender top on the driver's side. It belonged to a Verdun resident. The area was cordoned off, and the building's administration informed.



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# 380 Roslyn Ave. not a tannery,



## History by the house

ANDY DODGE, CRA

The semi-detached brick house at 380 Roslyn Ave. was one of about five houses (along with its mate at 382 Roslyn) built by Duncan McLennan, a contractor/builder, who purchased the property from the Westmount Land Company in 1896.

Lots 218 and 219, which reached from St. Catherine St. to the northern Westmount border covering both sides of what are now Roslyn and Grosvenor avenues, were subdivided in the 1890s. At this time, the newly-chartered town was extending the Montreal Street Railway line along St. Catherine to Victoria.

David and William Yuille, whose family had been involved in Diamond Flint Glass Company (later Dominion Glass), joined others to form the Westmount Land Company. In selling land to McLennan for development of two semi-detached houses, they stipulated, "Any building which may be erected on said lot shall be

first class dwellings detached or semi-detached with stone or solid brick fronts on stone foundations only, and of the value of not less than four thousand dollars each, and no saloon, restaurant, shop or livery stable, and no slaughter house, tannery, factory, hospital, medical school, vapor oil factory or buildings for the purpose of carrying on any trade or manufacture which may be deemed a nuisance by the vendor, to be erected, established or carried on in any part of said land."

The deed also established a setback of 17 feet from the street with seven-foot sidelines. Stables or outbuildings had to be at least 70 feet from the street. Despite the 50-foot lot widths, McLennan negotiated the

right to build two semi-detached houses across Lots 219-61, -62 and -63. Still, the notion of "first class dwellings" was ensured by the solid construction, stained glass and leaded windows and the careful attention to detail.



380 Roslyn

The southern house — number 380 — was sold in November 1899 to Dame Emma Ada Bennett, wife of George Sheppard who, according to Lovell's Directory, was secretary-treasurer of the Builders' Exchange and managing director of Montreal Silicate Brick Co., Ltd. She paid \$7,500, including taking on a \$4,500 obligation to Mrs. John Archibald, which had been negotiated by the builder.

It appears Ben-

nett decided in 1906 to purchase the vacant land on the south side of her house from McLennan. She then sold 380 Roslyn to John Harrington. The price for 380 Roslyn was \$9,500.

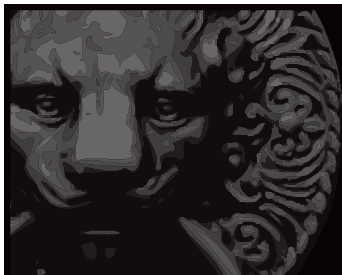
Harrington, an engineer, was transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, so sold 380 Roslyn two years later to William Bolton, real estate agent, for \$8,200. Bolton sold it for \$12,500 in May 1912, to Janet Ramsay, wife of Amos Senft, who was a dry goods merchant in Old Montreal.

Ramsay sold to Arthur Nesbitt in 1919 for the same \$12,500. He was the founder and president of Nesbitt Thomson & Co.

Nesbitt lived there for eight years and sold for the same \$12,500 to Charlotte Trihey, wife of George Hall in November 1927. The family lived there until December 1943, when the house sold to James Brown, who is described as the president of Galibert Ltée. The price at the time was only \$8,000, a significant drop after 16 years, but the country was still in the grips of World War II.

Once the war was over, the Westmount real estate market started to leapfrog: James Brown sold in January 1953 for \$25,000, to

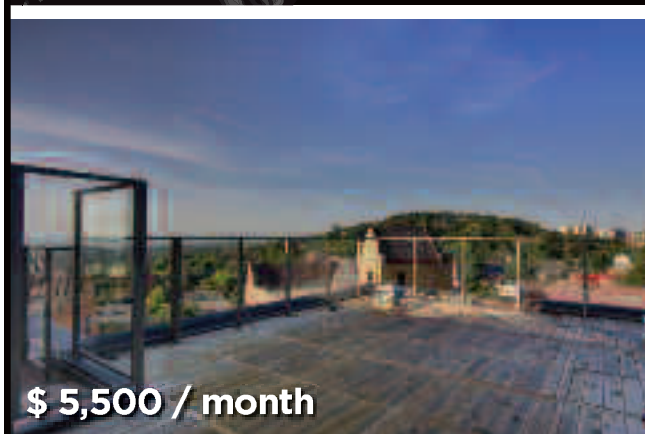
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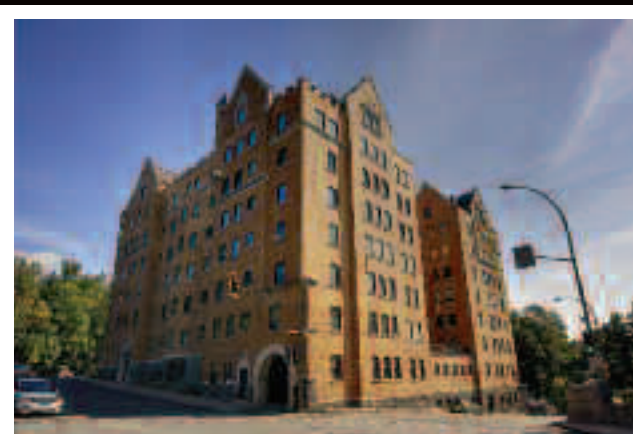
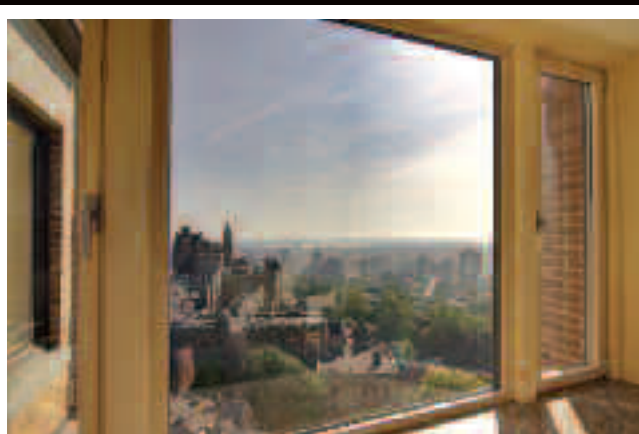
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William Munro, chartered accountant, who then sold in August 1961 for \$30,000 to Bertram Tate, who was involved with Francis Realty Co. Ltd. Then in April 1968, Tate sold to Neil Milroy, another chartered accountant who worked for Canadian Marconi Co., this time for \$40,000.

Only a year later, Milroy, who by then lived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, sold to George Baker, a banker, for \$42,000, including taking over most of a \$31,100 mortgage at a 9.5-percent interest rate. With rates at the time on the rise, it was worth it to pass that mortgage on to the next owner, George Marsaglia, who bought the house in October 1973 for \$63,000. Then Sajid Aziz, an engineer, paid \$100,000 in September 1976, including a \$50,000 balance owing to Marsaglia with an interest rate of 10 percent for the following five years.

Aziz held on to the property for only two years, selling to Marie Vaillancourt, an interior decorator, and Stuart Henry, a banker, in November 1978, for \$109,000. Though the listing at the time spoke of a “modern kitchen and three new bathrooms,” the decorator no doubt made substantial improvements before she sold it three years later to Barrie Birks, the youngest of the three heirs to the jewelry empire for “\$1 and other good and valu-

able considerations,” with a declaration that “the value of the consideration” was \$208,000.

Birks moved to Minneapolis a year later to take over Birks Jewelers USA, transferring the house to Central Investment Corporation which gave an address c/o Henry Birks and Co. Ltd., 1240 Phillips Square, Montreal, for a declared price of \$212,000. The company rented out the property for three years before putting it on the market in the summer of 1985, selling to Susan Paton, wife of Denis Tancrede, for \$220,000.

It is clear that she, too, made substantial renovations to the property, and sold it less than a year later to Diane Cyr, wife of Ivor Liss, in July 1986 for \$387,000. By October 1988, as the local market was nearing its peak, Derek Dobbs purchased it for \$1 with a declared value of \$545,000.

The economic downturn of 1990-92 brought the value down substantially. René Bellerive purchased the house in June 1992 for \$422,000, a drop of more than 20 percent. He owned it for three years and sold for \$480,000 in August 1995, during the campaign for the 1995 sovereignty referendum. Max Haberkorn and Susan Frank, the buyers, held on to the house for 11 years.

The final sale, to Jean-Claude Bourque and Geneva Fares in June of 2006, involved \$1,100,000, only the second sale over \$1 million in the immediate neighbourhood but substantially less than its close neighbour at 388 Roslyn, a three-storey house, which had sold for \$1,925,000 a year earlier.

In fact, news of that sale encouraged the couple to list it for \$1,690,000 originally. By the time 2006 ended, two other houses on that block of Roslyn had sold for more than \$1 million..

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## After-hours costs \$267

A ticket for \$267 was to be issued for the use of heavy equipment after 6 pm June 19 at the construction site at 1250 Greene, Public Security officials said. At 8:13 pm, two trucks were found in the process of pouring concrete and a large machine was being used to pump it into the basement. The pouring of concrete could not be stopped once started so the equipment was still in use at 10:40 pm.

## 380 Roslyn buyers

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17 Apr, 1919	Arthur Nesbitt	12,500
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16 May, 1968	Neil Milroy	40,000
4 Dec, 1969	George Baker	42,000
4 Oct, 1973	George Marsaglia	63,000
2 Sep, 1976	Sajid Aziz	100,000
14 Nov, 1978	M. Vaillancourt & S. Henry	109,000
15 Jan, 1981	Barrie Birks	208,500*
8 Oct, 1982	Central Investment Corp.	212,000*
1 Oct, 1985	Susan Paton	220,000
9 Jul, 1986	Diane Cyr	387,000
28 Oct, 1988	Derek Dobbs	545,000*
25 Jun, 1992	René Bellerive	422,000
31 Aug, 1995	M. Haberkorn & S. Frank	480,000
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# Comin' Up

TUESDAY, JULY 10

**Montreal Children's Library** offers "Fun in the Sun at Cabot Square Park" performances and workshops for children from ages 3 to 10 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Runs until Thursday, August 9. Rain location: Pepsi Forum 2313 St. Catherine St. Free. Info: 514.931.2304 or [www.mcl-bjm.ca/english/events.html](http://www.mcl-bjm.ca/english/events.html).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Atwater Library's annual **lawn book sale** and barbecue, 10 am to 3 pm. Donations of books and DVDs in good condition accepted.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Group show at **The Gallery at Victoria Hall**: Vedanta Balbahadur, Anne Chisholm, Marina Etingin, Jennifer Goddard, Jane McKenzie, Ann Pearson, Joanne Wallace and Nancy Wyndowe-Hyde. Until Saturday, August 11. 4626 Sherbrooke St. Info: 514.989.5521.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Free workshops for seniors on **online government services**, 1 to 3 pm at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. Register: Eric Craven at 514.935.7344, ext. 207 or [djp@atwaterlibrary.ca](mailto:djp@atwaterlibrary.ca).

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Little Bear Pet Supplies hosts a claws and ears **grooming session** with Melanie Thoun, 12 pm to 4 pm at 4152 St. Catherine St. Proceeds to benefit Gerdy's Rescues and Adoptions.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

**Summer Concerts in the Park**: L'ensemble du Carré Saint Louis, 2 to 4 pm at Westmount Park lagoon. Bring a chair. Info: Community Events 514.989.5226.

MONDAY, JULY 16

New date for **public consultation meeting** to rezone commercial zones in the Victoria village, 6:45 pm at city hall. Second meeting on renovations, additions or other changes to Category 1\* heritage buildings, 7:15 pm. See story, July 3 p. 3.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Summer Concerts in the Park: **Django**, 2 to 4 pm at Westmount Park lagoon.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Summer Concerts in the Park: **Robert Burman Trio**, 2 to 4 pm at Westmount Park lagoon.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

**City council meeting**, 8 pm at city hall. Agendas are available in paper at the Westmount Public Library and electronically at [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org), according to the city website, one business day before the council meeting.

## Taming of the Shrew to be played 6 times

Shakespeare in the Park's production this summer is *The Taming of the Shrew*. Performances in Westmount Park take place at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 18; Thursday, July 19; Friday, July 20; Saturday, July 21; then Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Shows are cancelled if it rains.

## Atwater Library offers free eBooks tutorials

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre has free "eBooks drop-in sessions" every Tuesday from 1 to 3 pm. Participants can receive advice about eReaders and eBooks. For information, contact Aude McDermott at [amcdermott@atwaterlibrary.ca](mailto:amcdermott@atwaterlibrary.ca) or 514.935.7344, ext. 205.



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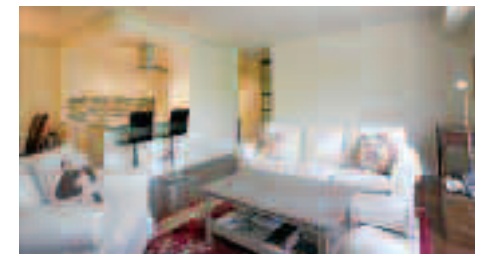
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# Fun-filled bling event concludes Segal Centre's annual fundraising



*Social Notes  
from Westmount  
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

On May 23, the Segal Centre hosted the glittering Diamonds & Champagne event



*Dana Caplan and Jonathan Goodman.*

and the after-party Bling & Bubbly to support its youth arts education. Tickets were offered at two levels: diamond (\$1,000) and sapphire (\$500.)

Westmount jeweller Lou Goldberg donated beautiful bits of bling: a superb sapphire and a dazzling diamond, which could be won in a draw by the sapphire-

and diamond-level ticket holders respectively. Westmount res Geoffrey Gelber won the diamond and Tony Loffreda the sapphire.

The successful soirée was hosted by Westmounter Alvin Segal (the centre's board chair), accompanied by his wife Emmelle Bedowitz, stunning in sequined black.

Other Westmounters included Dana Caplan and Jonathan Goodman, Laura Butler and Jesse Prupas, Barbara and Donald Seal, Susan and Michael Stern, and Dolores and Harry Rosen.

The fundraiser attracted a stellar crowd, including Just for Laughs founder Andy Nulman; Ariela and Irwin Cotler, former federal minister of Justice and attorney general of Canada; and Montreal city councillor Helen Fotopulos and Nicholas Voiekoff-Erens.

The benefit cocktail featured talented singer Ranee Lee and was emceed by Westmounter Lee Haberkorn



*Jamie Mayers and Lee Haberkorn.*



*Emmelle Bedowitz and Alvin Segal.*

and Jamie Mayers (child star of last season's *Lies My Father Told Me*).

Westmount designer Yves Jean Lacasse dressed Segal Centre CEO Manon Gauthier in a glam strapless creation.

Noted at the beautifully-appointed tables were Rifka and Joel Lion, Israeli consul general; Amin Meleika, Egyptian consul general; Masha and Alexandre Marine; Victo-

ria and David Cape, president of Federation CJA; and Louise Poissant and Chantal Bouvier, both from UQAM.

Later, Bling & Bubbly, the second part of the evening began with the same effervescent theme – not to mention the bling!

The fabulous, fun night – the closing celebration of the Segal Centre's \$1.4-million annual fundraising campaign – raised close to \$250,000.



*Barbara and Donald Seal.*

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## DATEBOOK

### August 6 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting  
City Hall

## DATES À RETENIR

### Le 6 août à 20 h

Séance du conseil  
Hôtel de ville

## ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

### Concerts d'été au parc

Apportez une chaise ou un pique-nique pour un dimanche après-midi de musique jazz, classique ou populaire au parc Westmount près de l'étang entre 14 h et 16 h. En cas de pluie les concerts auront lieu au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Le 15 juillet : L'Ensemble du Carré Saint-Louis

Le 22 juillet : *Gypsy Jazz in the Park*

Le 29 juillet : *Robert Burman Trio*

Le 5 août : *Mary Ann Lacey Quartet*

Le 12 août : L'Esprit de la musique

Info : 514 989-5226.

### La galerie de la Victoria Hall : exposition

La galerie de la Victoria Hall est fière de présenter l'exposition de groupe mettant en vedette les artistes suivants : Vedanta Balbahadur, Anne Chisholm, Marina Etingin, Jennifer Goddard, Jane McKenzie, Ann Pearson, Joanne Wallace and Nancy Wyndowe-Hyde du 12 juillet au 11 août 2012. Info : 514 989-5521 ou victorihall@westmount.org.

### Shakespeare en plein air

La troupe *Repercussion Theatre* présente *The Taming of the Shrew* les 18, 19, 20, 21, 27 et 28 juillet à 19 h au parc Westmount. *Repercussion Theatre* interprète les œuvres de Shakespeare dans les parcs de l'Île de Montréal. Les gens arrivent avec leurs chaises et couvertures et s'installent sur le gazon pour une soirée passionnante de théâtre sous les étoiles. L'entrée est gratuite mais les dons sont acceptés et fort appréciés. En cas de pluie le spectacle sera annulé. Représentations en anglais. Info : 514 931-2644.

## TRAVAUX PUBLICS Travaux de réfection

Les travaux de remplacement de la conduite d'eau principale de la rue Sherbrooke entre les avenues Greene et Clarke seront complétés au plus tard le 20 juillet. Toutefois, il est possible qu'en raison des conditions météorologiques, les travaux de revêtement de la chaussée se prolongent au-delà de cette date. Le projet de remplacement de la conduite d'eau principale de l'avenue Clarke, au sud de la rue Sherbrooke, débutera le 9 juillet et les travaux devraient durer environ 4 semaines. Info : 514 989-5420.



## CITY HALL

### Summer hours in effect

The following schedule is in effect from June 4 to September 9, 2012, for the City's administrative offices (City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Victoria Hall, Public Works, Sports and Recreation and Public Security): Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



## LIBRARY

### TD Summer Reading Club: Imagine!

Imagine a summer of books, games and activities that will give free rein to your imagination. You will be charmed and enthralled by tales of wonder this summer! Ask for your Summer Reading Club Kit at the Children's Desk. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Superheroes Wanted!

Come dressed as your favourite superhero as we tell stories and you create a superhero cape to take home on Thursday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room. 4 years and up. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Movie Madness

Thursday, July 19 at 4 p.m. : *Mirror, Mirror*. 7 years and up. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Dragon Kite

Learn how to make a kite on Thursday, July 26 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room. 7 years and up. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Summer Film Club

Do you have a passion for film? If so, our Summer Film Club is for you. Join us Wednesday afternoons on August 8, 15, 22 et 29 at 2 p.m. in the Westmount Room to view award-winning films. Brendan Kelly, entertainment columnist for *The Montreal Gazette* will be our guest reviewer August 22. Info: 514 989-5386.



## SPORTS & RECREATION

### Enter the Westmount Recreation Centre Time Capsule Contest!

Westmounters are invited to make a proposal for one of the 12 items that will be included in a time capsule to be buried deep in the WRC. Pick up an entry form in a City building or send an email to [timecapsule@westmount.org](mailto:timecapsule@westmount.org) with your name, address, a description of the item and the reasons why you believe the item represents today's Westmount. Be part of our community's history.



## HÔTEL DE VILLE

### Horaires estival en vigueur

L'horaire suivant est en vigueur du 4 juin au 9 septembre 2012 pour les bureaux administratifs de la ville (hôtel de ville, Hydro Westmount, Victoria Hall, travaux publics, sports et loisirs et sécurité publique) : du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.



## BIBLIOTHÈQUE

### Club de lecture d'été TD : Imagine!

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### Superhéros recherchés!

Viens déguisé comme ton superhéros favori le jeudi 26 juillet à 16 h dans la salle des activités. Nous raconterons des histoires et tu créeras une cape de superhéros pour apporter à la maison. 4 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

### La folie des films

Le samedi 19 juillet à 16 h : *Mirror, Mirror*. 7 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Cerf-volant dragon

Apprends à faire un cerf-volant le jeudi 26 juillet à 16 h à la salle des activités. Info : 514 989-5229.

### Ciné-Club d'été

Avez-vous la passion du cinéma? Si tel est le cas, notre club de cinéma estival est là pour vous. Joignez-vous à nous les mercredi 8, 15, 22 et 29 août à 14 h dans la salle Westmount afin de voir des films primés. Brendan Kelly, chroniqueur du journal *The Gazette*, se joindra à nous à titre de critique de cinéma le 22 août. Info: 514 989-5386.



## SPORTS ET LOISIRS

### Participez au concours Capsule témoin du Centre des loisirs de Westmount!

Les Westmountais sont invités à proposer l'un des 12 éléments à être inclus dans une capsule témoin qui sera enterrée sous le CLW. Procurez-vous un formulaire d'inscription dans un édifice municipal ou envoyez un courriel à [capsuletemoin@westmount.org](mailto:capsuletemoin@westmount.org) avec votre nom, adresse, une description de l'objet et pourquoi vous pensez qu'il représente le Westmount d'aujourd'hui. Faites partie de l'histoire de notre communauté.

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## Westmount online



"Longboarding: Westmount Session" was posted on YouTube on June 6. It shows a video of teenaged boys longboarding down various streets starting from Summit Woods to the tune of Drake's "The Motto featuring Lil Wayne." The message reads "Unforgettable day in the Westmount streets in Montreal, Canada."

### Breaking park rules

Two people were found breaking Westmount's midnight parks curfew when intercepted by public safety officers in Queen Elizabeth Park at 3:18 pm June 10.



"Westmount Flash Mob For Nux" was posted on YouTube June 23. It shows a video of a group of people performing a flash mob on the corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke. Nux is a yoga and Zumba fitness centre and health food restaurant on de Maisonneuve, corner Marlowe. A Kijiji ad invited people to join saying it "It will last about 5 to 10 minutes, but it will be a total thrill."

Wine and alcohol were also found on a bench. Both were identified from driver's licences as residents of Saudi Arabia. No tickets were issued because of their non-residency here.

## Planting seeds and starting seedlings



### Adventures in Urban Farming

MARCI BABINEAU

When I first began gardening, I remember being kind of intimidated by seeds. They were this tiny entity that one planted in some amount of dirt, after which a little plant would rise. What if it got lost?

Turns out seeds know their way around dirt and as long as they are not buried too deep or eaten by birds or animals, they are pre-programmed to spring forth, looking much like one of their relatives. I still find it a miracle when I see that my seeds have sprouted, just as the packet promised.

Most seeds are hybridized in an effort to give us the traits of that plant we most cherish. This can make saving your own seeds tricky.

#### Seedless tomatoes

My sister fed her hens leftover hot-house tomatoes last year. Sure enough, a tomato plant volunteered at that edge of the coop and she waited for the tomatoes to ripen. When she sliced them, to her chagrin, they had no seeds and were completely empty of that delicious saucy stuff that usually surrounds them. Through hybridization, seeds can be made that will not reproduce themselves. Welcome to the wonderful world of Monsanto.

We can still get what are called "true seeds" – seeds that when planted exhibit the traits of their parents. Plants from these seeds can be left to seed in the fall and this seed will make another plant much like the original. Heirloom varieties are among true seeds.

Plants have their own promiscuous natures as well and will "cross" with members of their own family. Cucurbits are the most notorious for this. If you are growing plants for seeds, you don't want to plant cucumbers, gourds, squash, melons or luffas too close together. The cross-pollination between these plants may produce inedible offspring that you probably can't wash your back with.

#### Rule of thumb for planting seeds

A rule of thumb for planting is to plant the seeds twice the measure of their diameter. So a green pea seed that is about 3/8 of an inch across would be planted about 3/4 of an inch deep in the soil. For very small seeds, it is best to sprout them on a wet tissue in a warm window or gently pat them onto the top of the soil and hope that it doesn't rain too hard before they get established.

Direct seeding has the advantage that the plant will be more adapted to the environment it has sprouted in. However, in our shady urban gardens, it is very challenging to get seeds to sprout and mature in the limited light. It is useful to find a sunny spot and start your seedlings there, transplanting into the shadier areas of your garden. With a developed root system the seedling has what it needs to mature.

Even though we have sprouted seeds found in the pyramids, seeds do not get better with age. They can be planted several times a growing season. This way you may have something sprouting and something seeding at the same time – and that's good growing!

*Marci Babineau is a long-time organic gardener, and keeps hens and bees in her urban garden in Westmount. You can reach her at [sustainthislife@gmail.com](mailto:sustainthislife@gmail.com).*

## No more school, no more books...

The Public Security bike patrol discovered a small fire burning behind the comfort station at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG) June 8 and doused it using water from the dog run tap. One of seven students at the scene at 12:20 pm admitted to burning school books from Vanguard. All were identified.

A \$37 ticket was issued to a 14-year-old Pointe Claire resident. Both the school and the culprit's mother were informed.

## Suspicious person followed

Public safety officers kept a man under surveillance June 13 as he walked west along Westmount Ave. from Victoria to Claremont checking car doors around 1 am, officials report. Police were called and intercepted the man near 560 Claremont. He was questioned on the spot but released when nothing of value was found in his possession. A caller had alerted Public Security to the suspicious activity.



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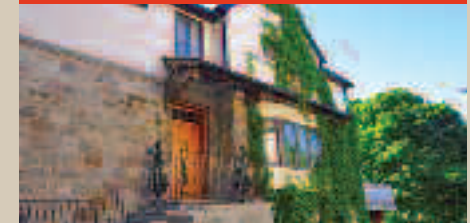
**WESTMOUNT 399 Clarke #7E \$425,000**  
Top floor 1 bdr condo, updated kitchen, great location, very bright MLS 9931312

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**WESTMOUNT 4450 Sherbrooke W. #2 \$1,275,000**  
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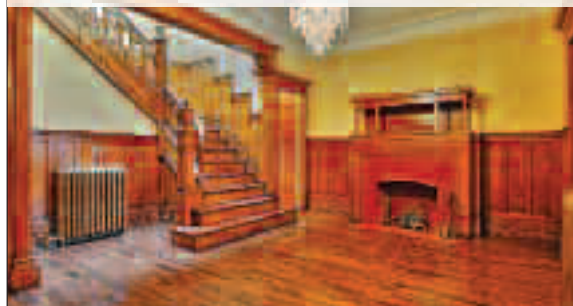
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**NEW LISTING – FEATURE PROPERTY**



**WESTMOUNT ADJ.: 4695 ROSLYN** Classic Tudor recently renovated 4 bedroom 2+1 bathrooms. Sunny garden, 2 car garage. Walking distance from Marie de France, College Notre Dame. Bright and spacious, detailed moldings and wood flooring. **\$1,025,000**

**NEW LISTING – IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**



**WESTMOUNT: 4046 DORCHESTER BLVD. W.** Magnificent home on the flats, totally renovated beautiful woodwork, 5 + 1 bedrooms, 3 + 2 bathrooms, 1 parking, garden, balconies, all appliances are included. **\$995,000 or \$5,000/mo.**

**NEW LISTING – RENTAL**



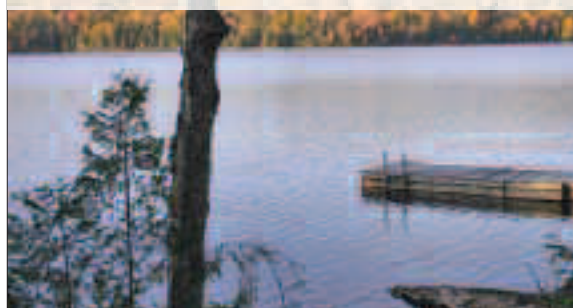
**4859 GROSVENOR AVE.:** 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, lower duplex on a very quiet street. wood floors throughout, very bright and spacious. **\$1850/month**

**NEW LISTING – FACING PARK**



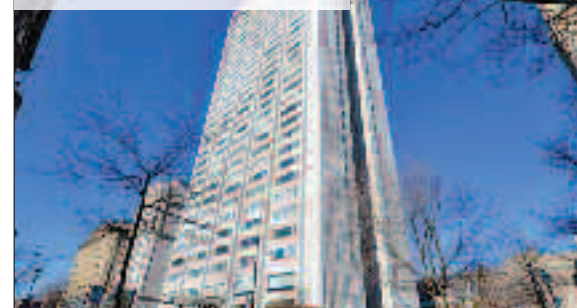
**SNOWDON: 4925 VAN HORNE** Semi Detached Renovated A-Z, 3+1 bdms, 2+2 bath, garage & 2 exterior. Kitchen with wood cabinetry and granite counter tops. Central air. Fully finished basement including family room, laundry room, and extra bedroom. Large garden. Ready to move in! **\$524,000**

**NEW PRICE – COUNTRY RETREAT**



**WENTWORTH: 20 CH LAURIER S.** Prestigious Property with over 400 feet frontage on the magnificent Lac Laurier. Prime location in a gated community. 2+1 bedrooms, 2+1 bathrooms, Includes all appliances. Located in the lower Laurentians, within a one-hour drive from Montreal and less than an hour from Mont Tremblant. **\$575,000**

**GREAT PIED À TERRE**



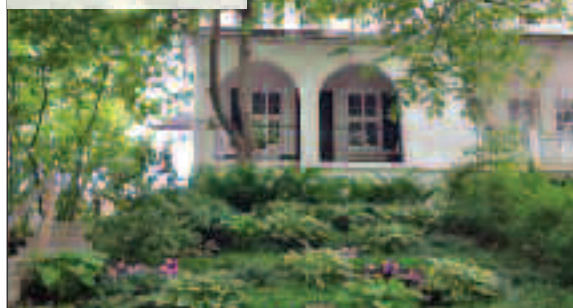
**DOWNTOWN: 1455 SHERBROOKE ST. W.** Very bright and spacious 1 bedroom in the famous Port-Royal impeccably renovated. top of the line stainless steel appliances, lots of storage space, parquet bathroom, very large windows in the heart of downtown and with full service. One garage. 24 hour doorman. Garage. **\$469,000**

**BIG CORNER LOT**



**WESTMOUNT ADJ.: 5090 GLENCAIRN** Bright and sunny home, very spacious rooms located on a huge corner lot near schools. Ideal for pool and great entertaining. Sought after neighbourhood. **\$1,195,000**

**SIDE GARDEN**



**NDG: 5855 NOTRE DAME DE GRACE** Charming & bright spacious home, 4 bedrooms, 1+2 bathrooms, living room with wood burning fireplace, deck & backyard, terraces off of living & master. 3 car parking, western exposure. Finished basement with separate entrance, hardwood floors. **\$790,000**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**



**4525 COOLBROOK AVE.** Gorgeous Garden condo, 2 Bed 2 bath, 8½ foot ceilings, central A/C, superior sound insulation, top of the line appliances. Newly built garden condo.