

10 months at a glance

## New programs highlighted in revamped library brochure

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A knitting club, a fathers' and children's story time, a winter carnival talent show and a "mindfulness" meditation session are among new programs highlighted in a revamped brochure rolled out recently by Library, Cultural and Community Events.

This is also the year for the first time in three years for Art Westmount to take

place, coming up October 5 and 6, announced Councillor Mary Gallery in unveiling the new brochure at the city council meeting September 3.

Also new is the brochure's format, which now covers a 10-month period and presents a 2019-2020 at-a-glance chronological listing of activities at the library, Victoria Hall and The Gallery.

"This is something we've been waiting to include for a while," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella.

The new story time for fathers, male caregivers and their kids to 3 years of age is called "Papas and PJs." It is being initiated as a pilot program in the Westmount Room November 22 from 6 to 7 pm. The idea is one Cardella brought back from a library tour a year ago ..... in Scandinavia (see story *continued on p. 7*)

### Don't Miss It

City of Westmount's household hazardous waste collection  
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4574 Sherbrooke St.

## Jay marks 40 years at library



Mai Jay, the head reference librarian at the Westmount Public Library, is marking 40 years of employment at the city. She is pictured at work on September 27. See p.10 for story. PHOTO: LAUREEN SWEENEY.

### Concerns raised to Lime

## Bird e-scooters follow Lime after permit delay

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

For anyone scooting around on the new self-serve e-scooters, a second company called Bird Canada launched its option in Westmount following on the heels of the Lime model.

The okay for Bird came a week after it was rolled out in Montreal because the local permit application was still in pro-

cess, according to city director general Benoit Hurtubise.

Regulations for electric scooters are laid down in city by-laws and Quebec's Highway Safety Code but are reported to be largely ignored so far by users. This resulted in a meeting between city officials and Lime some three weeks ago.

The main areas of concern are the age minimum ..... *continued on p. 6*



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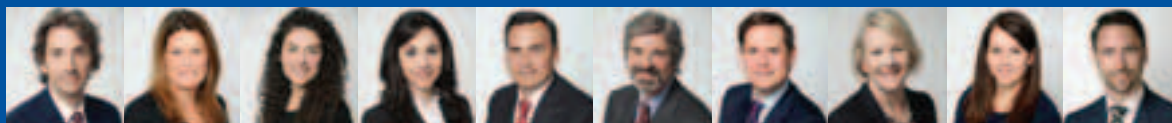
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# Chui, Chan support human rights march on eve of Chinese regime's 70th



Westmounters LC Chui (left) and Polly Chan (right) flank protest spokesperson Grace Li. The banner says, "Good job, Hong Kong."

Westmounters Polly Chan and LC Chui were among approximately 120 protestors who assembled at Cabot Square, just east of the Westmount border, on September 29.

The group was meeting on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party's takeover of mainland China, October 1, to protest its human rights record, especially with regards to Hong Kong, Tibet and East Turkestan, where ethnic minority, Muslim Uighurs live.

After some brief speeches in Cabot Square, the group walked on a closed-off St. Catherine St. to Place du Canada downtown. Slogans included, "Shame on China/Honte à la Chine" and "Five Demands, not one less." The latter alludes to the demands of protestors in Hong Kong, where demonstrations have been taking place since March. The demands are withdrawal of a bill to allow extradition from Hong Kong to mainland China, retraction of the *continued on p. 26*

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## Sports and Recreation volunteers

# Council renews agreement on background checks

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY


Westmount city council approved a resolution September 16 to renew a 2010 agreement with Montreal police concerning background checks on all candidates working with "vulnerable persons."

The resolution makes special mention of volunteers in the Sports and Recreation department while department director Dave Lapointe and operations manager Andrew Maislin were authorized to sign all required documents.

The resolution was moved by Councilor Anitra Bostock, commissioner of Public Security, who said that "the important thing is to make sure we are protecting these kids in our programs."

Mayor Christina Smith added that this renewal was done every year and pointed out that many of the programs involve volunteers.

This was the only business item on the mid-month agenda other than the usual building permits.

  
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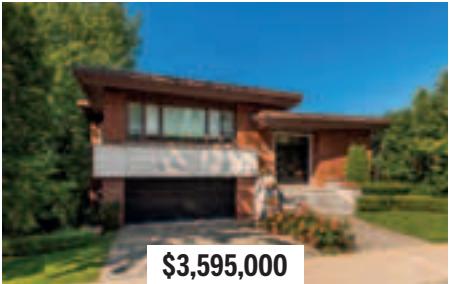
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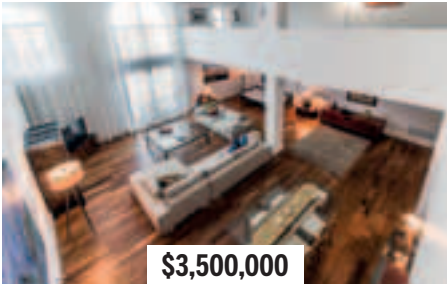
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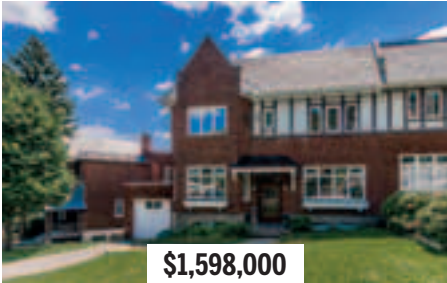
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CAN THE CONTRACTORS RETURN THE DUMPSTER, PLEASE?

This is the second time within a month that the garbage collectors for Derichebourg have left the building's dumpster near the front street.

We never had this problem before with the previous company.

We tenants shouldn't have to do their job for them. If they're too lazy to do the job, replace them, or find an excuse to cancel their contract.

DEBORAH BEE, HILLSIDE AVE.

## WHY ISN'T PUBLIC SECURITY TICKETING CYCLISTS?

I've noticed recently that you are receiving a good number of letters about riders of scooters, bicycles and electric bikes not abiding by the rules. Many are not wearing helmets, leave their scooters or electric bikes where they please, and drive through the park or on sidewalks freely.

My question is: where is Westmount Public Security? Why are they not out reminding these riders what the rules are and, indeed, giving out tickets where offenses are made? Public Security used to be quite visible on the streets or in their cars. Lately, though, I rarely see any of them around so reckless behaviour just continues.

PAT MCCORMACK, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

*Editor's note:* It is my understanding that Public Security cannot ticket for moving violations, even if the violator is a bicyclist. – DP.

## PROTECT WESTMOUNT'S HERITAGE, INSIDE AND OUT

I love the heritage of our Westmount houses! We have homes with character, streets with easy grace, lovely parks, and citizens who care and want to preserve the charm.

While building codes and such can be a bit of an irritant or sometimes confining, I think that most of us recognize their value...and would agree that the by-laws concerning how we renovate the exterior of our houses and the cataloguing of certain houses as being "special" and requiring protection has been a terrific effort on the part of our city officials.

However, there seems to be a certain disrespect for some of the *interiors* of our older heritage homes. Interiors of some such houses (some by historically noted architects) are being stripped helter-skelter of their original woodwork, plaster moldings, mantle-pieces, original wood floors, wonderful hot water radiator systems (and their sculptural and efficient cast iron radiators...which now can work with electric furnaces!), etc.

Open planning and overwhelmingly large numbers of pot lights seem to be *de rigueur*. Some of the renovations or, in some cases, complete remodeling, may be done with great taste and concern for some reference to historic context. But, sadly, this is not always the case.

Take a look at some of the real estate listings and you might be surprised at what has been going on. As well, some of Westmount's classic houses are being bought,

renovated (sometimes a cry of "yikes" might be in order!) and flipped back onto the market as investment opportunities (a way to make a buck!). Some of these interior changes might startle those who know the value of heritage, proportion and charm.

This is a plea to any new buyers in Westmount to please consider the specialness of vintage houses. Please take care to understand what you have bought and own before you demolish things that were made before power saws, power drills, and speedy answers...when there was a respect for graceful solutions...restore, yes...re-model carefully!

ARLENE MCGIBBON  
(ARLENE MCGIBBON INTERIORS),  
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## BUMP-OUTS STILL BAD IDEA, 2 YEARS LATER

In 2017, I submitted a letter that was published (September 30, p. 13) on the very points that Alfred Edel made in his September 17 letter (p. 6) – namely problems with the sidewalk extensions.

They most definitely impede traffic and pedestrians when buses and trucks are forced to make wide turns. This is problematic given the proximity of the school and park, and the number of children on Westmount Ave.

Also I mentioned the flower planting, causing pedestrian to thin "to a single file to circumvent these plantings – an unnatural flow at best." The screech marks I have photographed (below) shows the turn of a large truck onto Roslyn.

On another point – the littering of red bikes and scooters left on sidewalks and private property, how many more years will we be writing about this?

HELAINE KLIGER, ROSLYN AVE.

*Bird, cont'd. from p. 1*

of 18 years, use of a helmet, leaving scooters in designated zones and not riding on sidewalks and paths or in the reverse direction on one-way streets (highway code violations), Hurtubise said.

"Lime has indicated that they will do more to promote the rules and make them visible," Hurtubise said. "We will re-evaluate the situation over the next month." The use of shared services for e-scooters is a pilot project in both Westmount and Montreal.

The posting and publicizing of rules was raised at the September 3 meeting of city council during an impassioned plea by de Maisonneuve resident Zeela Kaufman (see story September 10, p. 9).



## Correction: Rod de Courcy-Ireland took third

There was a mistake in our coverage of the Quebec Open Croquet Championships (September 24, p. 11). Westmounter Rod de Courcy-Ireland took third place in the golf croquet event and Jim Field of England took third in the Championship Flight Association rules event. – DP.



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# Fall means art, artisans and speakers



## Councillor's column

MARY GALLERY  
DISTRICT 6

Fall is in the air!

The change of season always reminds me of new beginnings: the beginning of a new school year, the beginning of a new hockey season and the beginning of a new season of exceptional cultural programming in the city of Westmount.

As commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation, I am so excited about all of the wonderful lectures, clubs, film screenings, concerts and special events being planned by our library and Community Events team this season.

The city of Westmount is home to many talented artists, authors and art-lovers. This fall, Victoria Hall will host two special weekend-long events that celebrate our local talent and give visitors a chance to discover a wealth of beauty.

On the weekend of October 5 and 6, nearly 50 local artists and authors will exhibit at Victoria Hall and at the Gallery as part of the seventh edition of Art Westmount. Since 2006, this event has drawn art-lovers, collectors and visitors to engage with local artists and authors; take in a wide array of paintings, sculpture, photography and books; and acquire works at commission-free prices.

Uniquely inclusive, Art Westmount is a great way to connect with artists and authors in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Exhibitors will be present all weekend to offer insight into their creative process, and a series of author readings are scheduled in the afternoons to highlight their work.

This year, the city of Westmount's annual Artisans Festival will take place at Victoria Hall on the weekend of November 9

and 10. This popular event showcases the handmade creations of 35 highly skilled artisans – jewellery, ceramics, body products, stationery, toys and more – and is an excellent opportunity to get a head-start on your holiday shopping.

Also this fall, we are very excited to be hosting an evening with Margaret Trudeau on October 30. Margaret Trudeau is a Canadian icon, celebrated both for her role in the public eye and as a respected mental-health issues advocate. From becoming a prime minister's wife at a young age, to the loss of both her son and her former husband, to living with bi-polar disorder, Margaret will share her personal stories to remind others of the importance of nurturing the body, mind and spirit.

You can learn more about upcoming events by visiting the city of Westmount's website: [westmount.org](http://westmount.org). You can also pick up a copy of this season's Library, Cultural & Community Events brochure at most municipal buildings.

I hope to see you all at these wonderful events!

*Mary Gallery is the commissioner of library, culture, sports and recreation and city councillor for District 6*

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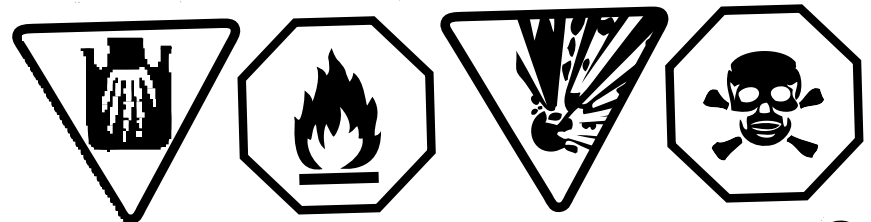
The knitting club, which started September 9, takes place Mondays from 4 to 6 pm twice monthly in the library board room.

The new winter carnival talent show for all ages February 7 at 7 pm will hold auditions at the end of November.

"Art and Mindfulness Meditation" is a guided session to engage in art in a different, "mindfulness" way, the brochure explains. This takes place November 7 at 11 am. Mindfulness meditation is described as a mental training practice that involves focusing one's mind on personal experiences such as emotions, thoughts, and sensations.

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# Local seniors' elevator challenges remain unresolved

By MARTIN C. BARRY

In a follow-up to our article “Concerns raised for Westmount seniors without elevator service” (February 21, 2017, p. 15) about the impact on seniors from elevator service interruptions at apartment and condo buildings in Westmount, the *Independent* has found that challenges remain at those buildings.

As reported initially, Tim Burke, a St. Catherine St. resident who lives on the seventh storey of an apartment high-rise,

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Seen in this August 6 photo, Tim Burke, 86, who lives in a seventh-storey apartment in this St. Catherine St. high-rise, faces the prospect of having to climb more than 100 stairs when his building's owner replaces the elevator over a period of several months beginning next April.

spent three weeks in 2017 climbing the more than 100 steps to reach his floor because of an extended elevator breakdown.

Although Burke, 86, told us there have been no recent elevator service shutdowns, he said the building's owner plans to completely replace the elevator with a new one starting in April 2020. The process will take place over several months, leaving him and several other elderly residents with no op-

tion but to use the stairs.

When the elevator replacement work was announced to the tenants this past summer, Burke tried to negotiate an arrangement with the owners whereby he would move into an apartment on the second storey.

“If they move me to the second floor, they're going to charge me 300 bucks more,” he said in an interview. “And it

would be for a lesser apartment. Sort of a dark place and not that big. And then there'd be moving expenses.

“One of my neighbours is going to be 92 in December,” he continued, while noting that at least five senior citizens live on the building's upper floors.

### Different building, different issue

A few blocks west of Burke's building, Paul Johnson, an 86-year-old retiree and condo owner in a building at the corner of de Maisonneuve Blvd. and Victoria Ave., said that an elevator issue he had drawn to the attention of the *Independent* in 2017 remains unresolved.

At that time, Johnson told us that the elevator in his building was powered by a Hydro Westmount transformer that had malfunctioned repeatedly, causing the elevator to shut down for periods of time.

He said residents of the building with reduced mobility issues were potentially exposed to danger because of the shutdowns.

“We have older people – some who are over 90 – who cannot go up and down if they live on the sixth or fifth floor,” he said.

While the building's elevator shut down several times in 2017 when the power turned off, Johnson said similar blackouts continue to take place – as recently as July 4, July 11 and August 3, he added.

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# Election hopefuls air views at WMA Meet the Candidates meeting



From left, Conservative candidate Neil Drabkin shares some laughter with Liberal incumbent Marc Garneau before the start of the meeting. The other candidates were Robert Green of the Green Party, Franklin Gertler of the NDP and André Valiquette of the People's Party of Canada.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

What is the one thing that candidates running for member of parliament of NDG-Westmount would do for the riding if elected on October 21?

Although coming towards the end of a Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) Meet the Candidates meeting at Victoria Hall on September 26, it was perhaps the most direct question of the evening.

Saying that he didn't want to be "a typical politician," Conservative candidate Neil Drabkin replied, "As your member of parliament, I want you to be able to call me with any issue that you face and I want to be able to respond on your behalf."

Drabkin said the people working in his riding office would be told not to tell anyone just to call their city councillor or their provincial representative.

"You call me about roads, you call me about snow removal, you call me about any issue that's concerning you and I will go to bat for you."

Incumbent Liberal MP Marc Garneau said people sometimes come to him with issues that are not necessarily federal, but he deals with them anyway.

Besides that, another goal he said he would work towards would be additional New Horizons program subsidies, "which is benefiting so many seniors in Westmount and in NDG and Montreal West."

Robert Green, the Green Party's candidate, said, "With our massive investments in cities that we want to make, we're going to have cheaper public transit, better green spaces and better investments in infra-

structure.

"Part of the reason, you know, we're all having trouble getting places because all the construction is because cities have not had the physical capacity to make those investments," he continued. "We want to change that and we plan to eliminate poverty in this riding, as well."

Franklin Gertler who is running for the NDP said, "The first thing we'll do for NDG-Westmount is real decisive, unflinching action on the climate crisis, not balancing one against the other and waiting for the time to go by."

André Valiquette who is running for the People's Party of Canada said, "I think the residents of Westmount are proud Canadians and I think they would be proud to see a country like Canada take its responsibilities and solve important problems which are not being dealt with enough by public policies, whether it's for the deficit or immigration."

Addressing the issue of party image, Drabkin maintained that Justin Trudeau damaged the Liberals as well the office of prime minister by interfering in the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin, while expelling former Justice minister Jody Wilson-Raybould from the Liberal caucus, then being exposed through old photos and videos showing Trudeau in blackface for costume party events.

"He's a spoiled brat Mr. Trudeau is," said Drabkin, maintaining that in contrast Conservative leader Andrew Scheer comes from a humble and unprivileged background.

In a reply to those re- *continued on p. 24*

**The Chinese Communist Party is tearing Hong Kong apart. If we fall, who will be next?**

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## Jay marks 40 years in forefront of new technologies

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When reference librarian Mai Jay is recognized for 40 years of service during the city's Quarter Century Club Banquet October 2, she will have been the first to do so in recent years, and perhaps ever. And she's counting on adding up more years.

"I love the job. I feel so challenged," she said last week. "Every day is different because you never know what's coming next and what people are going to ask for. I love helping people." Having started work at Westmount Public Library as a high school student, she hasn't even reached the age of 59 for city managers to be eligible for their pension, she added.

Though she's gone from shelving and processing books to working at the children's section and then into the main reference section that she now heads, much of her work has evolved from researching information for people to helping them navigate the new technological tools.

"We were in the vanguard of new technologies because our community is so well informed," she recalls. "We're always asking if something new is what our users would want."

She helps them format their iPads, access the growing digitized sources offered by the city's best-used facility and download various applications.

According to library director Julie-Anne Cardella: "Mai is extremely resourceful and dedicated. She is proud of a job well done and deeply cares about the people she deals with, all in an unpretentious and sincere way." She also "upholds our high standards with her mastery of the job and her attitude."

One could say that Mai, as she is widely known, has grown up in the library. She began working there two days a week after grade 9 classes at Westmount High and increased her time as she advanced through

CEGEP and undergraduate days at McGill leading to her first arts degree.

Looking back, she said "I thought I would do something in anthropology," considering her interest in people and other countries.

But "just being in the environment of this fantastic library" led her to apply to McGill for a master's degree in library and information services, which she began during maternity leave and continued part-time until earning it in 1998.

At that time, she had been working as an assistant to then children's librarian Maria Varvarikos and then Joanne Stanbridge. It was when the department was housed in the separate building that was demolished to make space for the new library addition opened in 1995.

As the mother of three boys, she had always read to them. "I would haul books home for them," she recalled, adding with a laugh that judging from her own experience, "I don't judge parents who say their kids aren't great readers."

Mai moved to the reference section some 20 years ago becoming its head in 2004, all coinciding with the period the new technologies were transforming its role.

"There have been so many changes. The internet was just coming in. At first, we were using CD-ROMS. We were one of the first to offer email services. Now we have 15 computer stations so people can do their own research."

People still like reading paper books, however, she adds, "as do I."

And when Mai isn't working or reading, she likes to garden at her West Island home, something she hopes to spend more time pursuing. For now, however, she's looking forward to new challenges and new technologies to keep her motivated as she moves into her fifth decade at the library. *See photo on p. 1.*

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# 62 Belvedere demo like 20 Aberdeen? No request for non-construction servitude this time



The garden at 26 Aberdeen on September 27, where the house was removed nine years ago.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

How history repeats itself – or doesn’t...  
The request to demolish 62 Belvedere Rd. approved September 16 brought back memories of the hearing for another Category II house at 20 Aberdeen nine years ago, also to enlarge the garden of an adjacent house but with the exception that the demolition committee at that time refused the application.  
It was overturned on appeal to the city council but only after an unusual condition was imposed.  
This was for the owner and future beneficiary of the cleared lot to provide the city with a servitude of non-construction in perpetuity. The owner agreed to this in return for a tax break (see story April 13-14, 2010, p. 3).

“The trouble with a garden is what assurance would we have that someone else might not wish to have a garden” and rebuild, explained then mayor Peter Trent.  
Councillor Cynthia Lulham, the only member of the current council serving at that time, had noted that the city had just brought in a by-law the year before to prevent the building of mega-houses in zone R1, located on top of the mountain, but she too wanted assurance this would not happen on Aberdeen in zone R2.  
Fast forward, she raised a similar concern at the recent hearing over 62 Belvedere, which is in the R1 zone. Would amalgamating this lot with the property at 55 Belvedere Place negate one of the main reasons, to expand its garden and add more greenspace should ..... future additions be added *continued on p. 22*



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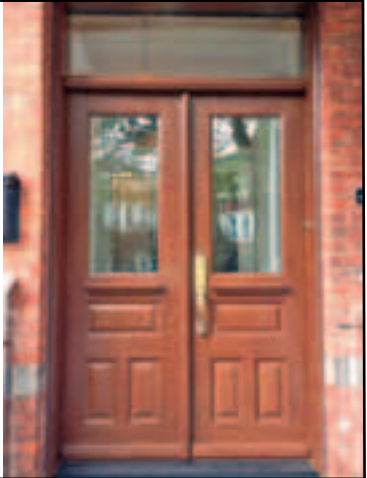


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Some \$126,000 was raised, according to event founder and organizer Rob Callard, who owns Chez Nick on Greene Ave. “Thirty riders braved rain, wind and hills in the morning; and wind most of the day on this epic 125-km ride,” he told the *Independent* by email.

“After the ride, riders and volunteers

were treated to inspiring speeches by cancer survivors, in addition to special guest CJAD morning man Andrew Carter.”

Westmounters attending included Jeff Shamie, president of the Cedars Cancer Foundation and Westmount city councillor; Ian Aitken; Nicholas Martire; William Alexander; Steve Dennis of the Martin Swiss cycle shop; Peter and Beth Stutman; Anna Burgos and Trevor Aitken. As reported last year, Team Ian has folded its ride into this one. Its contingent of largely Westmount residents comprised John Van Toch, Greg Dunning, Willem Westenberg, Peter Smale, Guy Melhuish and Robert Therriault.

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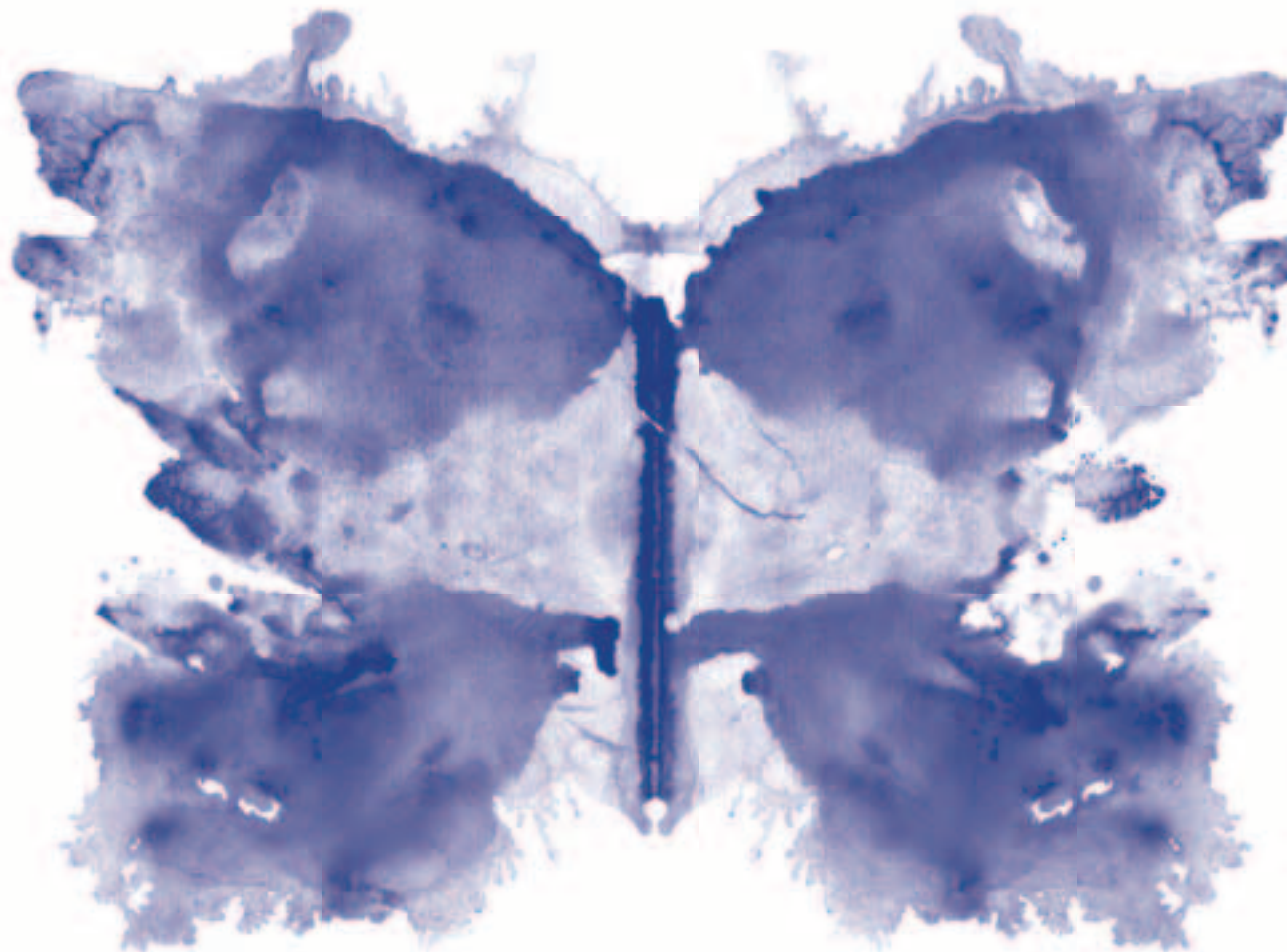
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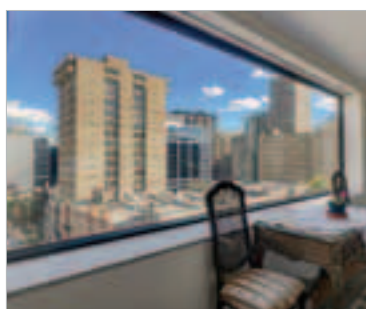
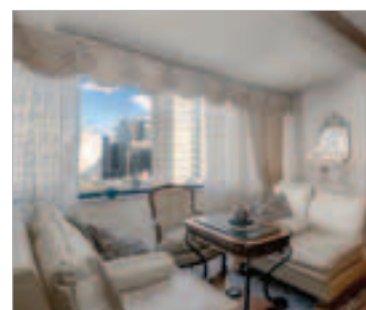
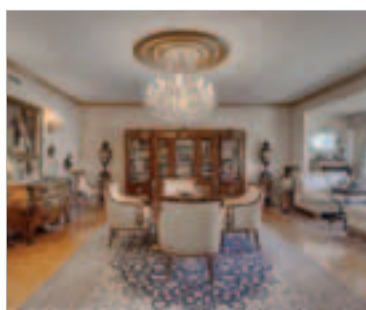




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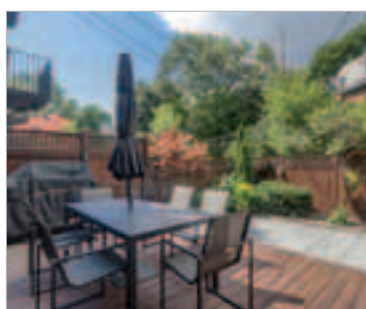
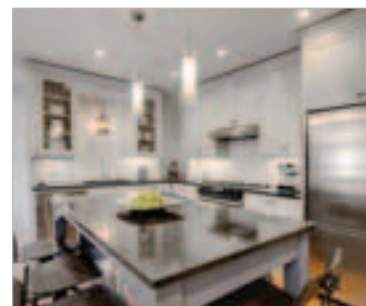
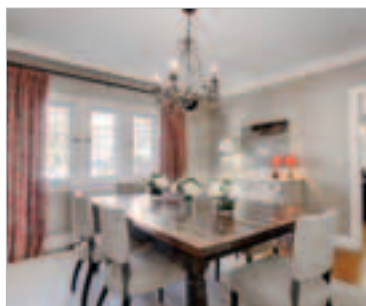
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610 Carleton	Julie Couture	\$3,595,000	\$2,140,300	68.0%
149 Côte St. Antoine	Alberto Galeono	\$2,110,000	\$1,652,600	27.7%
4022 Dorchester	Godelieve Perneel & André Poulin	\$1,150,000	\$889,000	29.4%
1 Grove Park	Peter Berson	\$2,150,000	\$1,577,100	36.3%
34 Holton	Alta Rosenoff	\$1,760,000	\$1,008,000	74.6%
423 Lansdowne	Patty Codrin & Christophe Malliacas	\$1,527,500	\$976,400	56.4%
443 Prince Albert	Henri Barki & Beste Orsan Barki	\$1,250,000	\$987,300	26.6%
368 Redfern	Allen E. Nutik & Donatella Tampieri	\$2,550,000	\$2,414,800	5.6%
14 Renfrew	estate André Héon	\$1,600,000	\$1,521,700	5.1%
54 St. Sulpice	Kai Bockmann & Deborah Lynn Burrows	\$4,050,000	\$3,595,500	12.6%
<b>CONDOMINIUMS</b>				
436 Claremont	Zois Tzicas	\$552,000	\$534,700	3.2%
231 Clarke	Mona Agia	\$820,000	\$573,300	43.0%
200 Lansdowne #405	Mali Bialystok	\$625,000	\$599,100	4.3%
200 Lansdowne #805	Laurentia Larente	\$450,000	\$519,800 <sup>1</sup>	-13.4%
215 Redfern #106	Joyce McGurrian Faughnan	\$900,000	\$709,300 <sup>2</sup>	26.9%
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4175 St. Catherine #502	estate Milan Feric	\$1,035,000	\$814,300	27.1%
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1 Wood #104	Barry Lane	\$488,000	\$468,000	4.3%
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**Mercredi 9 octobre, 19 h**, Victoria Hall. Le chœur d'hommes gallois de Montréal présente *The Outing* de Dylan Thomas. Le concert sera un mélange éclectique de pièces musicales galloises et anglaises accompagnées d'une lecture dramatique de cette histoire hilarante. 20 \$. 514 989-5226.

#### Cercle canadien des femmes de Montréal

**Mardi 15 octobre, 12 h 30**, Victoria Hall. *Inside Stories About Canadian Authors and Publishers – By Two of Them* avec Anna Porter, Ordre du Canada, et Sylvia Fraser. En collaboration avec la Bibliothèque publique de Westmount. 10 \$/conférence. 514 989-5226.

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#### Registration for fall activities

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#### Tales and Travels Series

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. or Fridays, 1 p.m. from September 19 to October 18, Library. A weekly activity for individuals with dementia. Registration required. 514 989-5530 / [dmiguez@westmount.org](mailto:dmiguez@westmount.org).

#### Author Lecture Series

Wednesday, October 2, 7 p.m., Library. Diana Bruno, author of *Lexique français-anglais de la cuisine et de la restauration*. Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

#### Poetry Workshop

Wednesdays, October 2 & 16, 10:15 a.m., Library. The Westmount Poetry Group meets to compose poetry together working with themes proposed by members. Led by Ann Lloyd. 514 989-5299.

#### Documentary Film Club

Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m., Library. Free Solo (2018). Tickets required. 514 989-5299.

#### Projection Week

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m., Library. Sandy Lipkis presents *Talking to Children about Cancer*. Tickets required. 514 989-5226.

### Next Council Meeting Monday, October 7

#### Projection Week

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m., Library. Sandy Lipkis presents *Talking to Children about Cancer*. Tickets required. 514 989-5226.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Art Westmount 2019

Saturday & Sunday, October 5 & 6, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Victoria Hall. Celebrate Westmount's artists and authors as they display their work at the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of this two-day event. 514 989-5226.

#### Concert: Montreal Welsh Male Choir

Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. The Montreal Welsh Male Choir performs the Dylan Thomas story *The Outing*. The concert is filled with an eclectic mix of Welsh and English songs, along with a dramatic retelling of this hilarious story. Tickets \$30. 514 989-5226.

#### The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal Lecture Series

Tuesday, October 15, 12:30 p.m., Victoria Hall. *Inside Stories About Canadian Authors and Publishers – By Two of Them* with Anna Porter, OC, and Sylvia Fraser. In collaboration with the Westmount Public Library. \$10/lecture. 514 989-5226.

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### Garden Waste Depot Site

From September 30 to November 15, 2019, Westmount residents and contractors with a city permit can deposit their garden waste in the appropriate bins located at the depot at the corner of Belvédère and Côte-des-Neiges streets, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.



#### Household Hazardous Waste collection

Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Library. Dispose of leftover paint, solvents, used batteries, etc. safely.







## Real Estate

ANDY DODGE,  
CRA (RET.)

*Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in May 2019, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.*

The pace of Westmount real estate sales was maintained in May this year, with 13 home sales, two of which were for more than \$3 million, with an average mark-up over municipal evaluation of 30.6 percent, which is almost identical to the previous month's average. In April, there were 11 one- and two-family sales, all over \$1 million and five over \$2 million. In May, again, the 13 home sale prices were all over \$1 million and five were over \$2 million.

The average price of the 13 sales was \$1,940,115, but the "typical" Westmount house with a 2017 valuation of about \$1,575,700 would – theoretically – be worth some \$2,055,000. So far this year, almost as many over-\$2 million transfers (24) have been registered as the number of home sales less than \$2 million (29).

Highest price was \$4,050,000 for 54 St. Sulpice Rd., a stately stone mansion near the corner of Ramezay Rd.; that price was slightly higher than the \$3,595,000 paid for

# May transfers: Keeping pace

610 Carleton Ave., though the latter turned out to be the highest mark-up over municipal evaluation for the month, at 68 percent. The lowest mark-up was only a block away, as 14 Renfrew Ave. sold from an estate for only 5.1 percent higher than tax value. The lowest price for a single-family dwelling was the \$1,095,000 paid for 44 Burton Ave., though that was still more than 50 percent higher than its 2017 valuation, among the higher mark-ups of the month.

The condominium market was especially busy in May, with 10 registrations, including nine apartments and one flat in

a converted triplex. Those 10 bring the tally for the second quarter of 2019 to 15 sales averaging \$683,600, with June sales still to come. Already, the 15 sales are more than double the seven that were signed in the first quarter of the year, though the average second-quarter mark-up of 18 percent is way under the 51.7 percent score in the first quarter (thanks to two extremely high mark-ups). In the second quarter, two units at 200 Lansdowne Ave. sold for less than valuation.

Other transfers registered in May include a fourplex on St. Antoine St., a com-



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# Alicia, Abie and Coralie

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After leaving their foster family to return to the SPCA shelter for adoption, they are now available for a visit and consideration as members of a forever family.

These adorable white kittens with grey-and-black tabby capes and hats have received all their healthcare for their age from the SPCA veterinary staff and will be followed up for the next phases of their needs growing up.

They have the Montreal SPCA identification numbers 42816137, 42816139, 42816141 and can be visited at the adoption



centre located at 5215 Jean Talon St. West. The SPCA telephone number is 514.735.



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Your neighbour, Lysanne

**Aberdeen**, cont'd. from p. 12

to number 55 (see story September 24, p. 1)?

Lulham was told that regulations in place in that R1 zone would prevent future additions from taking up as much space as the house to be torn down.

Dating back again to the Aberdeen hearing, then councillor Patrick Martin, who chaired the demolition committee, raised concerns about the "social value to the community," that would be lost by demolishing the Category II house.

"Families," he argued, "have been living

in that house since the 1930s and it can have a role to play in society in accommodating families of the future." It was also important to maintain a range of "accessible housing" in Westmount.


Again fast forward, the loss of 62 Belvedere has been deplored by Gabrielle Pilot of Willow Ave., whose father had had it built for his family of five growing children. She was "devastated" at the prospect it would be torn down (see story August 20, p. 5).

While no intervention against its demolition was made by the Westmount Histori-

cal Association, president Caroline Breslaw had pleaded with the city last year during a demolition hearing on 51 de Lavigne to impose a moratorium on Category II buildings until it designed a procedure governing such requests.

This was important, she said, considering 80 percent of the city's housing stock is rated Category II.

Breslaw told the *Independent* last week that with the approved demolition of yet another Category II house, the WHA's call for a moratorium would again be discussed at an upcoming board meeting.



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# Santé Cannabis dispensary open for business

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

After operating for the past five years out of a store on Amherst St. in East End Montreal, Erin Prosk and her partners decided it was time to move their fledgling medical cannabis business to a modern suite in an office building on St. Catherine St. in Westmount.

The location is one of four that Santé Cannabis now operates. Others are in Sherbrooke, Pointe Claire and Quebec City. Originally from British Columbia, Prosk lives just down the hill from Westmount in St. Henri on Sir George-Étienne Cartier Square.

Curious about medical cannabis, which some of her relatives had been using and which was legalized in Canada in 2001, Prosk launched Santé Cannabis in 2014 with Montreal physicians Dr. Michael Dworkind and Dr. Marcia Gillman, who are palliative care doctors. Gillman is a Westmounter.

A team of eight medical doctors, with specialties ranging from family medicine to endocrinology and pain management, are contracted to work part-time at Santé Cannabis.

However, since the use of cannabis in



Seen here on September 19 at Santé Cannabis offices, from left, Santé Cannabis employee Charlotte Bastin, company president Erin Prosk, and employees Marie-Claude Cantin and Rebecca Fogel.

PHOTO: MARTIN C. BARRY

medicine is a relatively new field of expertise, most of the doctors arrived without much previous knowledge or experience of it, especially from the usual channel – medical school.

Instead, Santé Cannabis has been providing the training.

“We learn that together,” said Prosk, who holds a master of science degree. “We have a training program here that we’ve

developed over the last five years and that is how our doctors become trained to be cannabis experts.”

Prosk said Santé Cannabis decided to focus its efforts in Quebec because there’s a real need here. The company has 2,500 files of patients, who were referred by doctors from all over the province.

“We actually have much lower access in Quebec than in other provinces and a very

low participation rate from physicians,” Prosk said. “So there’s a lot of interest from patients. They’re talking to their doctors. But the doctors here haven’t had sufficient training.”

The company recently launched a new program to train doctors in how to prescribe cannabis. Many had previously been referring cannabis prescription-seeking patients to Santé Cannabis.

“They were not yet comfortable enough to prescribe medical cannabis themselves,” she said. “There is a lot of work for us to do in Quebec to catch up with the rest of Canada in terms of the knowledge.”

In addition to educating doctors, Santé Cannabis holds information sessions for patients or non-professionals seeking to learn about the applications of medical cannabis.

The company also operates a research division, compiling data obtained from doctors and patients. From the standpoint of a business venture, Prosk said Santé Cannabis has seen very few potential competitors up to now.

“It’s an emerging sector. There’s a lot of development to do both from our side on the clinical research development, but also in prod- *continued on p. 30*

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# Optimism prevails at NDG-Westmount Conservative launch

By MARTIN C. BARRY

It was on a note of optimism that supporters of NDG-Westmount Conservative Neil Drabkin held a launch event at the candidate's campaign headquarters on Monkland Ave. in NDG on September 26.

Although the riding remains one of the most secure Liberal Party bastions in Canada, Senator Leo Housakos, the evening's keynote guest speaker, reminded the more than 50 guests that the Conservatives have done well in Quebec in the past.

"There have been recently more bad times for us in the province of Quebec and Montreal," he said.

"But Neil and I were there when we had the good times and we won two successive elections. And we won in ridings like Pierrefonds-Dollard and won in ridings like Ahuntsic and ridings like Outremont. So when people say it's not possible, Neil and I were witnesses of how it is possible."

The Conservatives last scored a major breakthrough in the Montreal region in 1988 when the rejuvenated Progressive Conservatives won several traditionally Liberal ridings on the island.

Although Neil Drabkin has run numerous times in Montreal for the Conservatives, he has never succeeded in being



Seen here on September 26 at NDG-Westmount Conservative campaign headquarters are candidate Neil Drabkin (left) and Senator Leo Housakos.

elected. However, his longstanding support for the Conservative cause earned him staff positions in the governments of former Conservative prime ministers Brian Mulroney and Stephen Harper.

"I like a challenge," said Drabkin, acknowledging that winning NDG-Westmount won't be easy. "And so I will meet this challenge with all of the gusto and all

of the vigour it takes to win.

"I want to be the member of parliament in this riding because I personally am sick and tired of hearing politicians saying 'that's not my responsibility, call someone else.' I undertake a commitment that if I am elected member of parliament in this riding, I will say 'call me' regardless of the situation."

## Candidates, cont'd. from p. 9

marks about the blackface incidents, Garneau said, "I was very disappointed with those revelations and I listened to the prime minister, who made, as you know, apologies. I believe that he was very sincere when he made that apology to Canadians."

The Green Party's Robert Green said his party projects an image of the future. "We are the party of the young people that have been in the streets this week," he said, while adding that if there is a person who embodies what the Greens stand for it would be Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

Responding to questions involving income tax, Gertler of the NDP said, "Our plan is not to raise taxes on the middle-class. Our plan requires having the wealthy – the real wealthy – pay a little bit more. And some people here in Westmount might find that a little bit difficult. But if it's good for Warren Buffett, who says that the rich should pay more on their wealth and on their income, I think it's something to think about."

On climate change, the Greens' Robert

Green said his party is the only one to have taken the position that gas and oil exploration through hydraulic fracking should be banned. "Fracking is an extremely environmentally-damaging way of developing fossil fuels," he said.

The NDP's Gerlter said his party has been clear that there will be no east-west pipelines for tar sands petroleum from Alberta and no LNG facility in Quebec's Saguenay region under an NDP government.

Offering an alternative view, People's Party candidate Valiquette said the party would pull Canada out of the Paris Accord on greenhouse gas emissions and "abandon unrealistic goals for greenhouse gas reduction."

During public question period, Wendy Konarski told Garneau that a lot of the Liberal government's climate policies "are really not up to speed. I feel that when you talk about goals and deadlines you're not doing enough." Garneau defended the Liberal government's record and promised "we will make those targets – I can assure you."

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## Police Report

# GPS enables recovery of stolen Mercedes SUV

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Investigators at the Montreal police's Station 12 on Stanton St. recently succeeded in recovering a high-end sports utility vehicle stolen in Westmount thanks to GPS tracking that enabled them to locate it in East End Montreal almost immediately.

The Mercedes SUV was stolen from the driveway of a home on Arlington Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St. before dawn on September 24.

The owner had parked it the previous evening and noticed it had disappeared around 9:15 am the following morning. According to Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel, the vehicle was equipped with a GPS tracking unit.

While police officers were on the scene of the theft taking the victim's report, they were able to log in to the web-based tracking system and could immediately see that the vehicle was in movement through Montreal's streets.

After asking the tracking system com-

pany to provide the exact location of the vehicle, it was later found parked undamaged on the territory of the Montreal police's Station 48 in the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve district.

Staff from Station 12 also determined that a security camera that was pointed at the driveway recorded a video and provided them with a description of the suspect entering and driving off with the vehicle at 5:45 am.

Although the police have a photo of the suspect, Pimentel said they could not release it as it is part of an investigation that is still under way.

## Break-in, no theft on St. Catherine St.

Police who arrived at the scene of a 2:45 am attempted burglary at a St. Catherine St. store on September 25 were left mystified when they realized the perpetrator went to the trouble of breaking in without stealing anything.

Staff at Station 12 on Stanton St. received a call about an alarm that had been set off at the store and were dispatched to investigate.

"When they arrived on the scene, they noticed that the window on a side door was shattered," Pimentel told the *Independent*.

As well, he added, objects were found nearby which could have been used to shatter the window. Although the scene was scoured for forensic evidence such as fingerprints or fluids like blood, nothing was found, Pimentel said.

Otherwise, the interior of the store appeared to be undisturbed. "Everything seemed untouched, including the cash registers, which were not opened."

While it seemed that nothing was missing, the store owner was informed of the

## 'Sherbrooke Park'



Park(ing) Day was celebrated September 20 at the corner of Prince Albert and Sherbrooke with about four car lengths reserved for a display that included the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, Scouts Westmount and the Westmount Healthy City Project. The day was the start of a week-long, worldwide effort to draw attention the climate change and environmental issues. From left, Malcolm McRae, of the association with two inquisitive young passers-by, Ana and Felix Magana. They were looking at the way the association is requesting the city configure Sherbrooke St. with two one-way protected cycle paths.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

► City of Westmount's household hazardous waste collection. Refer to the city's website for the materials that will be accepted. Westmount Public Library parking lot, 4574 Sherbrooke St. 9 am to 5 pm.

► Presentation by Doug Bellevue, co-author of *Montreal's Golden Square Mile – A Neighborhood*. \$5. Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. 10:30 am.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

“A Seven-Week Sharing and Learning Group for Survivors of Suicide Loss” by certified life coach Z. Nelly Martinez (z.martinez@mcgill.ca) (514) 933-0292). Free. Westmount YMCA, 4585 Sherbrooke St. 6:30 pm. *Continues for six more weeks.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

► “An Introduction to Alzheimer's disease and communication strategies,” by Jessica Gozlan of the Alzheimer Society of Montreal. Free, but register at 514.369.3000. Château Westmount, 4860 de Maisonneuve. 6 pm.

► The Westmount Historical Association presents a lecture on the late former mayor of Westmount (1987-91), May Cutler by her son, Adam Cutler, and former mayor Peter Trent (1991-2001, 2009-2017). \$5. Westmount Room, Westmount Public Library. 7 to 9 pm.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

City council meeting. 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal presents a conversation-lecture between Anna Porter (author and publisher) and Sylvia Fraser (novelist, journalist and travel writer). \$10. Sandwich lunch \$8 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Victoria Hall. Lecture: 12:30 pm.

Human rights, cont'd. from p. 3

characterization of the protests as riots, amnesty for protestors, a commission of inquiry into police conduct and universal suffrage.

Chan and Chui arrived in Canada 30 years ago, living for five years in Hampstead before moving to Westmount. Communicating with help from protest spokesperson Grace Li acting as translator, Chan told the *Independent*. “We came from Hong Kong. We love Hong Kong. We want freedom and democracy.

“The situation has changed a lot,” she continued, explaining that she wants the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984 to “continue.” It regulated the 1997 handover of Hong Kong to China and created the principle of “one country, two systems,” which gave Hong Kong some autonomy within China.

Approximately eight pro-Beijing protestors were also at Cabot Square, with one young woman saying repeatedly “Take off your masks. Be a man,” and “I love my country.”

The protestors countered at one point with “Get your 50 cents,” implying that the counter protestors had been paid to be there.

About a quarter of the way along the route, there was a disturbance between the counter protestors and a man on a bike, and the police placed themselves between the two groups. The counter protestors did not follow the parade from that point, but appeared again at Place du Canada, with about five new members. Police then stood between the two groups as speeches were given by people representing Hong Kong, East Turkestan, Tibet and Vietnam in English, French and Cantonese. There were no other clashes.

The counter protestors continued to heckle, including during a minute of silence “in memory of victims” of the Chinese regime, saying, “Speak up. We can't hear you.”

As one of the final comments of the event, the protestors thanked the Montreal police for protecting them, drawing a contrast with the Hong Kong police. – DP.

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## Cutler brings Magnificence to Atwater Library



Former Westmounter Keir Cutler, right, answers questions following a presentation of his one-man dramatic piece, *Magnificence*, at the Atwater Library on September 19. The work, which won an award for Best English Text at the St. Ambroise Montreal Fringe Festival this summer, is based on his relationship with his late mother, May Cutler, founder of Tundra Books, who was mayor of Westmount from 1987 to 1991. *Magnificence* is also based on May Cutler's award-winning memoir, *I Once Knew An Indian Woman*, set during her childhood summers at Mont Tremblant in the Laurentians during the 1930s. Seated on stage next to Keir Cutler is Paul Van Dyck, who directed *Magnificence*.

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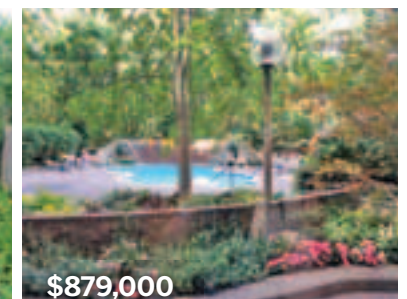
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# Kent gives to Wallenberg Centre and Montreal Holocaust Museum



## Social Notes

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“I can see for miles and miles and miles....”

The famed refrain by The Who was an appropriate description of the *über*-elegant cocktail party hosted on the 41st floor of Place Ville Marie by **David Agnew**, CEO of RBC Wealth Management Canada, in celebration of Westmouter **Bruce Kent**’s 35th anniversary with RBC Dominion Securities. In recognition of this milestone, Kent, a longtime recipient of the Tony Fell Award as RBC’s top portfolio manager, donated \$5,000 to the Raoul Wallenberg Center for Human Rights in honour of his mother **Agnes Kent**. He described her path to Canada, saved by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

Kent also announced a major gift of \$100,000 to the new Montreal Holocaust Museum to be built downtown.

Kent attended with his wife **Joëlle**, and daughters **Katherine** and **Victoria**, who grew up in *continued on p. 30*



Victoria Kent, David Agnew, Joëlle, Bruce and Katherine Kent.

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**Social Notes, cont'd. from p. 29**

Westmount, attending The Study and ECS.

Katherine is following in her father's footsteps and works as an investment banker at RBC in New York. Victoria is a consultant at Accenture in Toronto.

As guests sipped champagne, Kent expressed appreciation to RBC's Jérôme Brassard and noted his friend Tony Loffreda, formerly a colleague at RBC and now a senator. He also recognized Senator Marc Gold and his wife Nancy Cummings Gold.

His speech stressed the importance of instilling and transmitting values from generation to generation; building friendships and a legacy. He thanked his partners Nathalie Roussin, Jean-François Dion and Sholom Tabak.

Present in the packed RBC executive suite were Westmounters Joanne and Douglas Cohen with their son Jonathan, Tom Velan, Debra Margles and Pino Forgione, Barry Pascal, former city councillor Victor Drury, Lisa Grushcow, Gene Riesman, Denyse and Bob Walsh, Pnina and Marcel Pinchevsky, Karys and Barry Marcus, Diane Tkalec and Daniel Yelin, Veronica Noble and John Hurley, Francine Wiseman, Tanya Panda and Vikaas Rao-Aourpally, and Michaela and Michael Penner.

Also noted were Eunice and Len Prosterman with their son Paul, Marissa and Joe Nuss, and former federal Justice minister Irwin Cotler, who leads the Wallenberg Center. Admiring the extraordinary

RBC Art Collection and the panoramic views, invited guests departed into the perfect fall eve.

**Cannabis, cont'd. from p. 23**

uct development. There's a lot of opportunity for business entrepreneurs to get involved."

While Prosk admits that cannabis "compassion clubs," doling out marijuana, have garnered most of the media's attention in the nearly 20 years since medical cannabis's legalization, she sees Santé Cannabis's mission as being "to integrate medical cannabis into the health care system."

No cannabis is actually stored at Cannabis Santé outlets. After a patient has undergone a rigorous screening process (including blood tests) and a treatment plan has been set, the cannabis is dispensed by one of more than 100 licensed producers across Canada and mailed to the patient.

Prosk said Santé Cannabis is careful to screen out patients with a history of severe mental illness.

"We have concern about anyone who has a current or history of schizophrenia or psychosis," she said, while adding they are also careful to screen out frail patients who pose a risk of falling.



Vikaas Rao-Aourpally and Tanya Panda.

The Westmount Independent's fall-winter social calendar will be published soon. Please send information (date, time, info, address, ticket price and contact) to redgrave@videotron.ca.

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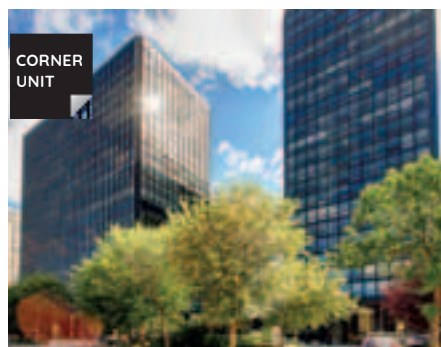
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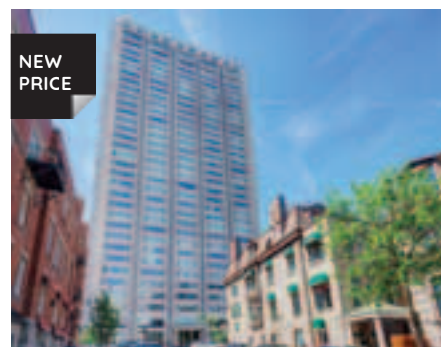
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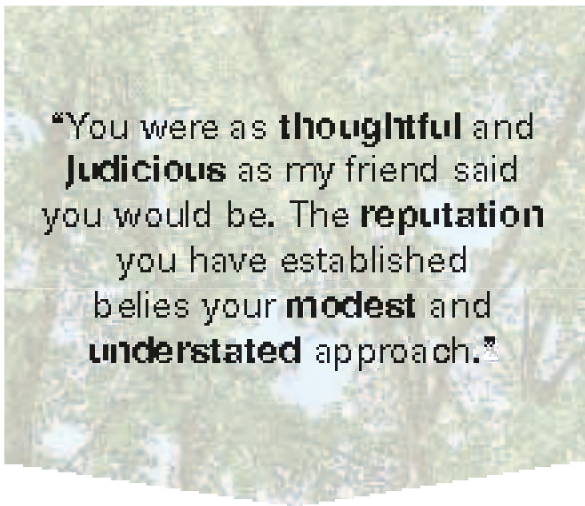


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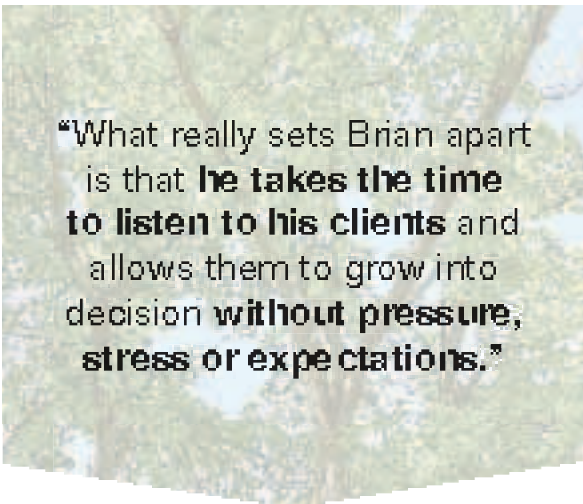
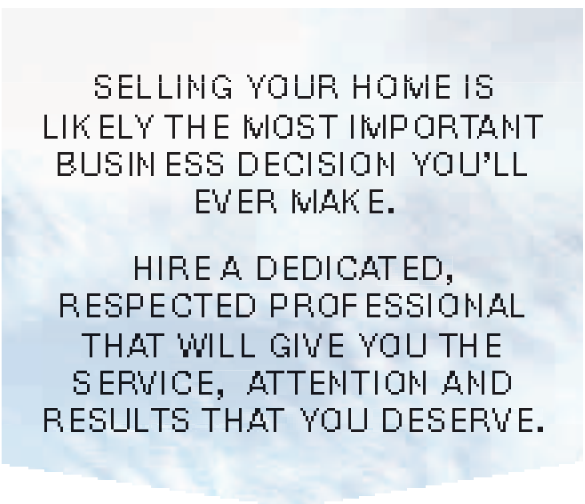
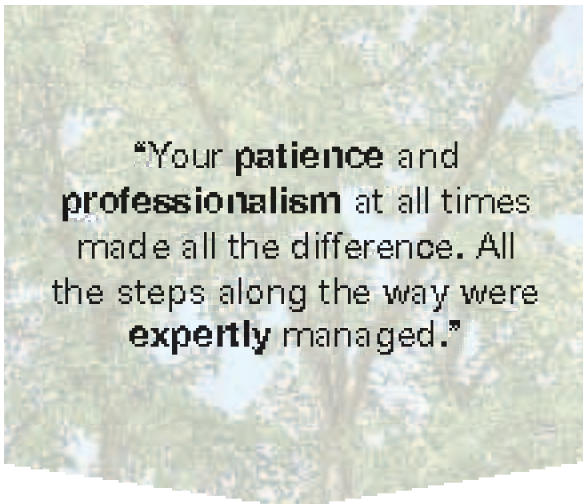




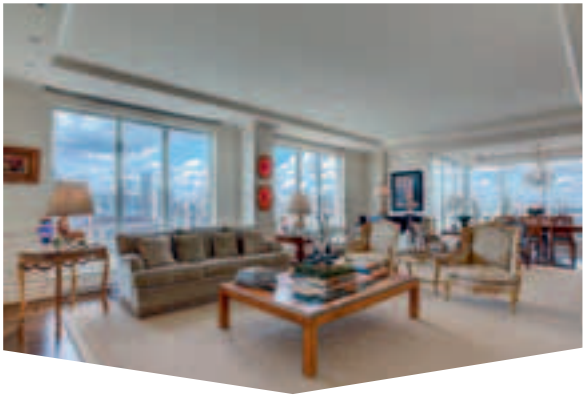
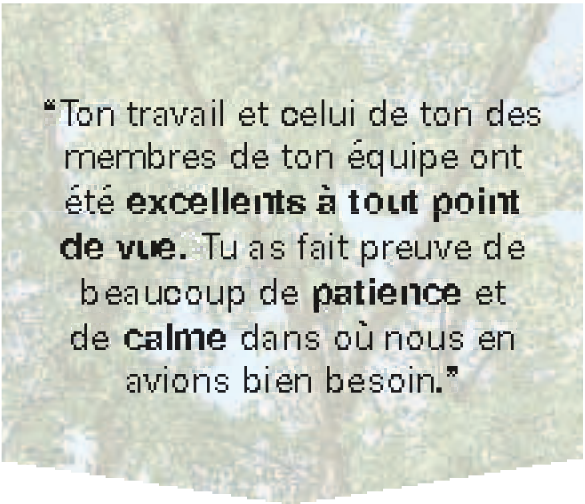
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