

Lindsay-Donelsons moved to Canada for 'warmth and community'

Hockey stick given, lost – and found!

Recently-arrived-in-Canada Whitaker Lindsay, age 4, loves hockey and his hockey stick – which was a gift from Westmount's Sports & Rec department

"An associate at the Westmount recreation centre saw his interest in hockey and plucked it out of a supply closet," mum Sophie Donelson told the *Independent* last week. "It was our first winter in Canada and his first-ever stick. Whit has slept with or near 'the manager's stick' since then."

But the Canadian winter has its perils too.

"In January, my husband Greg Lindsay, Whit and his brother Teddy were walking in fresh snow near Manoir Westmount. Whit slipped and somehow lost control of his stick. It slid into the municipal storm drain. (Cue three mouths dropping in disbelief.) I could hear the wailing of the two boys from down the block."

"The next morning, I reported it to Public Works," she continued.

Two weeks after "the drain incident" (as she calls it), Donelson received a call: "Sophie? It's David at Public Works. We recovered the hockey stick."

"Now it was my turn to drop my mouth in disbelief," said Donelson. "David went on to say they had melted the ice away, power-washed it clean, and that he could drop it off on his way through."

"The next time a friend asks why I live where I live, I'm going to tell them this story. We moved to Canada for warmth and community, and we certainly found it in Westmount."

► From left, Teddy and Whitaker Lindsay with David from Westmount Public Works on January 28 on Academy Rd. in front of the Westmount recreation centre.

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Carnival challenge February 3 to 7

Celebrate 37th Winter Carnival COVID-style

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

There *will* be a 37th Winter Carnival in Westmount after all! In the past, neither rain nor ice has cancelled the annual event outright – and now, it seems, neither will COVID-19.

Because of pandemic restrictions on gatherings, including the playing of

hockey, the city's annual winter carnival will be a virtual one but still focused on outdoor activities, Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe said last week. It takes place from Wednesday, February 3 to Sunday, February 7.

"It will be a carnival to remember, that's for sure," he said.

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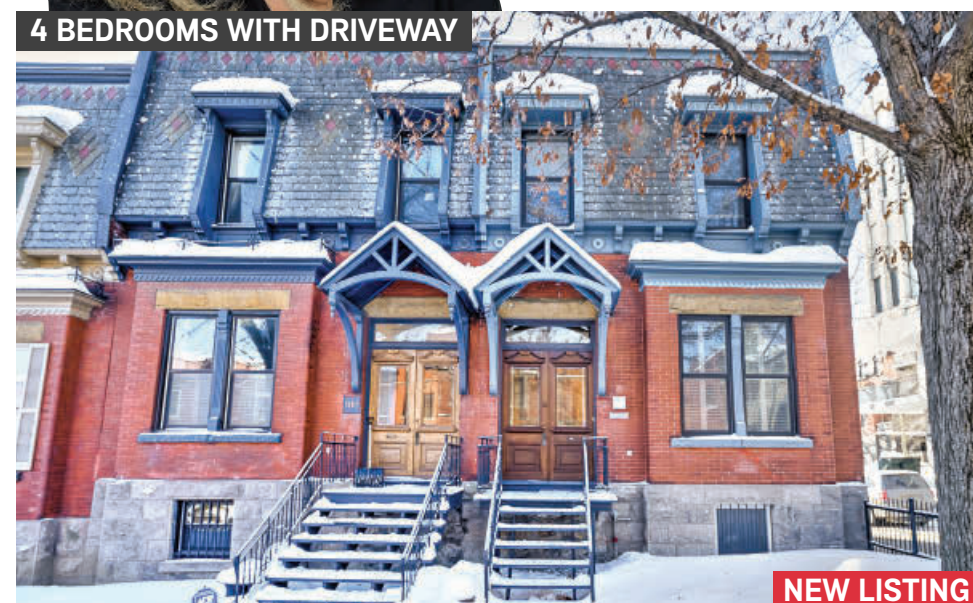
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Lansdowne residents to be polled on parking switch

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Finishing touches were being added last week to a city poll of Lansdowne residents in the busy block south of Sherbrooke. This is where the city is proposing to switch parking from the west side to the east.

“Under its current configuration,” the west side is deemed a shared vehicle and cycling lane, the notice to residents explains. With parking on this side, “there is an elevated risk of potential conflicts between southbound cyclists and motorists that can result in possible collisions” as well as from cars backing out of driveways.

The switch to parking on the east side, proponents contend, would improve safety and provide consistency with the street blocks north of Sherbrooke and south of de Maisonneuve. Lansdowne connects Westmount southward through Glen Rd. into St. Henri.

The poll is expected to be delivered to residents this week, according to Elisa Gaetano, the city’s director of Engineering. “We anticipate that moving the parking to the east side of the street will result in the loss of two parking spaces,” she told the *Independent*.

“We want to know what residents think

of the idea and the reasons for the parking switch,” explained Councillor Anitra Bostock, who sits as a councillor representative on the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). “We’re looking for feedback now so that line painting can take place in the spring.”

Larger issue

The issue is also a much bigger one involving traffic flow and safety, Bostock explained. Requests to convert the block into one-way traffic is not being recommended “right now,” she said. “We’re looking at the parking as one option.”

While the notice refers to “multiple requests” for the change in parking, it has been championed at council meetings by resident Richard Lock (see story October 23, 2017, p. 19).

Dan Lambert, president of the Association of Pedestrians and Cyclists of Westmount, has been asking for consistency of parking throughout Lansdowne.

But, Lambert said last week, “we want the city to remove one lane, either parking or driving, to be able to create a bike lane” consistent with north of Sherbrooke and south of de Maisonneuve, to make it safer for cyclists.

He added that the suggested row of parked cars on the east side would help protect the safety of the many seniors who walk along the east sidewalk going to and from the Manoir Westmount residence and Contactivity Centre at Westmount Park Church as well as the young families using it to access the daycare at the church or the Westmount recreation centre.

“We appreciate any efforts by the city to make walking and cycling safer. We look forward to the eventual creation of a dedicated bike path.”

Recommended by TAC

In minutes of the city’s Traffic Advisory

Committee (TAC) held November 21 and tabled at the council meeting January 18 – the latest ones to be made public before press time – it was mentioned that the switch in parking had been recommended at a previous TAC meeting.

The minutes also state that implementation of a bike path on the west side of Lansdowne in this block had been discussed previously by the TAC, but this is not included in the current poll.



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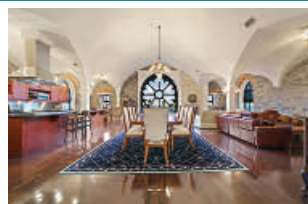
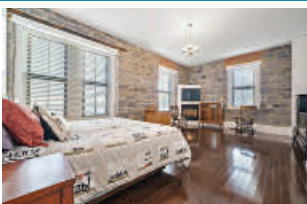
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THANKS FOR RE-PURPOSING THE TREES, WINTER ACTIVITIES

Who thought that mature pine trees could grow on snow?

The answer is very clear... they can't. It's impossible! As these trees started to appear, some neighbours wondered: maybe residents living around Prince Albert Park were putting them outside and around the ice rink as they took them out of their houses?

This great initiative comes from city workers that maintain daily the ice and the park. What a good idea and a nice way to keep the holiday spirit alive!

Let's make this a new tradition and, on behalf of all the people who are able to enjoy the outside winter activities the city has to offer, thank you for all your effort in making winter outdoor activities possible, especially in these complicated times when people need to be outside.

Merci.

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THANKS FOR THE WINTER WORK #2

I want to take the opportunity to thank our mayor, Christina Smith, for the recreational areas she created during this difficult pandemic winter.

As a senior, I have been able to walk along the cleared and de-iced pathways in



Westmount Park, sit in the sun on one of the many benches despite the cold weather and watched as children skated on the ice rink. I've walked on the cleared paths at Murray Hill Park and enjoyed watching the children toboggan down the hill. These

outdoor areas have facilitated opportunities for the young and not-so-young to minimize isolation and be together with distancing of course.

Thanks to the mayor.

LAURA MICHELINI, REDFERN AVE.

THANKS FOR THE BENCHES

Following Deana Silverstone's letter in the January 19 *Independent* (p. 16), I was very pleased to see the benches back on Sherbrooke St. Even though it is cold outside, it's great to have a place to sit for a few minutes.

In the past, I have argued many times for the benches to remain out during the winter, especially the ones that don't interfere with snow removal. I'm very pleased to see this and hope that they will remain in place year round when the pandemic is over!

CLAIRE SALZBERG, CLAREMONT AVE.

MR. LAMBERT PERSISTS! AND SO DO THESE QUESTIONS

RE: Dan Lambert's January 19, p. 6 letter "Pedestrians, cyclists should be safe"

Of course I agree with the heading. And also his point in the last paragraph about the need to keep sidewalks clear of snow (which, if allowed to melt, turns into ice), although I believe Westmount does a pretty good job, much better than our neighbour.

What disappoints me is that Mr. Lambert concentrates exclusively on more privileges for cyclists while remaining in steadfast denial about cyclists' bad practices. A little humility would be appreciated. I put the following questions to him:

1. Will he admit that almost all cyclists routinely ignore red lights and stop signs?
2. Does he acknowledge that going down one-way streets is dangerous?
3. Does he think riding on sidewalks is acceptable?
4. Does he approve of wearing dark clothing at night, without lights or reflectors?
5. Does he acknowledge that pedestrians are entitled to feel threatened by these practices?
6. Would his group consider developing a best practices code for publication?

These questions relate mostly to pedestrians. But they are also annoying to motorists (perhaps a less sympathetic group than pedestrians) who do not wish to cause harm, even to a cyclist who is not playing by the rules.

ROBERT COWLING, PARKMAN PLACE

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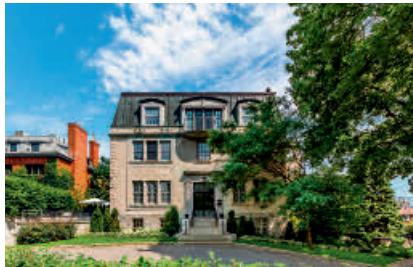


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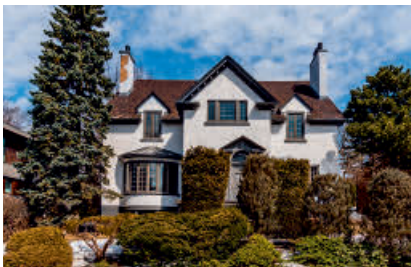


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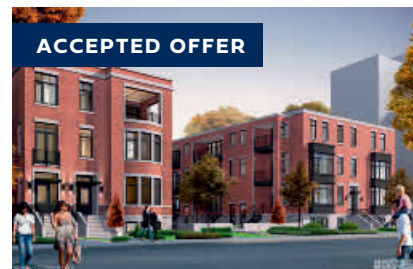
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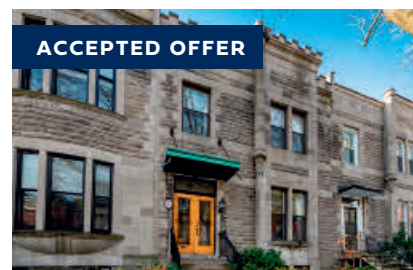
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Villa Sainte-Marcelline triumphs in pan-Canadian poetry reading competition

Villa Sainte-Marcelline grade 7 student Marguerite Nigen won first prize in the junior French section of 2021's Voix de la poésie/Poetry in Voice competition for her recitation of Charles Baudelaire's "*L'invitation au voyage*."

Fellow grade 7 student Gabrielle Sinor won third prize in the junior bilingual section for her English-language rendition of "Solitude" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The winners were announced January 11.

The students chose their own poems. Each participating school's champion per section entered the finals by submitting two recitation videos for consideration. The winners were selected from among the 47 participating schools by a panel of 10 Canadian poets.

► From left, Marguerite Nigen and Gabrielle Sinor. PHOTO COURTESY OF VILLA SAINTE-MARCELLINE.



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Contactivity, SHS present a joint ‘L-O-V-E’ special

Contactivity and Selwyn House School have teamed up to present a musical special to be posted on both their websites starting February 8 to celebrate upcoming Valentine’s. This is separate from Contactivity’s own Zoom party (see separate story, at right) and follows on the heels of a previous combined effort called “Winter Wonderland.”

The partnership between the school and the seniors’ centre is funded by the latter’s Canadian Heritage grant.

The musical performance is based on the Nat King Cole song called “L-O-V-E” and will be performed by a combined choir composed of eight members of Contactivity along with school participants who were video-taped individually last week.

The presentation was put together technically at Selwyn House and includes the school band and dancers at the gazebo in Westmount Park, according to Benita Goldin, who coordinates the heritage grant activities.

Thursday, February 11 Contactivity’s Valentine party available to all seniors

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Contactivity is holding an online Valentine’s party for seniors via Zoom on Thursday, February 11 as it did for Hallowe’en and Christmas.

“The event is free and we are making it available to both members and non-members alike,” executive director Mary Stark said last week.

The event takes place from 7 to 8 pm, “hosting a celebration with musicians David Longlade, a favourite at Contactivity, and Teresa Estrada.”

It will feature “all kinds of songs from Broadway musicals to contemporary love ballads and likely there will be some trivia contests too.”

The event, plus information on how to pre-register, can be accessed on the Contactivity website at contactivitycentre.org.

For those not familiar with Zoom, Stark said it is also possible to participate by phone by calling Contactivity at 514.932.2326 and leaving a message. “We are working remotely but we will get back to you,” she said.

“And if you are a senior who has the internet but would like some free tutoring to

get familiar with using Zoom, call us for that too. You might even be Zooming in time for the Valentine’s party, or at least for the St. Patrick’s one in March.”



Westmount Park United Church on January 31, where Contactivity is headquartered and where all sorts of events took place before COVID-19.

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Pandemic opens new doors for resident turning 90

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

For one Westmount resident who turns 90 in March, pandemic restrictions have opened up a host of new interests and connections with people despite the lack of traditional hugs and get-togethers.

"What I try to do is keep as busy as possible," Susan Palevsky said last week as she juggled time to talk with the *Independent* between her "new found" activities: Zoom courses provided by Contactivity seniors' centre and Congregation Shaar Hashomayim as well as yoga classes from Florida, poetry lessons from Israel and music lessons from Baltimore.

She is also preparing to sing in a combined choir with Selwyn House School and Contactivity for a joint upcoming Valentine's musical called L-O-V-E, for which she was videotaped last week (see separate story p. 10). She had also participated in a "Winter Wonderland" production in December.

And for Palevsky, Contactivity is "the best organization in the world" even though "at first, I kind of objected to a [check-in] call from them in the morning. But now, it kind of gives me a continuity. Whatever I can do, I do. A lot of things I never did before."

This includes her re-discovery of a small piano in her basement that she hadn't played since a child. "That's good for my fingers and brain, and keeps me disciplined."

She has a broadcaster son, Jonathan Palevsky, in Baltimore who also teaches classical music, so she is taking his classes two to four times a week.

She also "absolutely adores" poetry sessions in which she participates through the Shaar. These are presented by a 72-year-old woman who lives in Israel and provides Hebrew poetry with translation two afternoons a week.

'Things I never did'

"One can give up and say 'I hate this [pandemic] life,' but I'm doing a lot of things I never did in my life, like the poetry and music. I'm now learning Yiddish, which I do once a week with my nephew over the phone, and we laugh and laugh and have the greatest time."

At the start of the first wave of COVID, Palevsky spoke frequently with Kimberley Colquhoun, assistant Public Security director, who would do her grocery shopping and deliver the items to her door.

"I thought, and still think, she is very special. Now that public safety officers are becoming busier and busier, the grocery



Susan Palevsky on January 29.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

'I just have so much to look forward to every day.' – Susan Palevsky

shopping is being handled by volunteers from Contactivity."

Colquhoun said that "I'll always remember one of the first things that Mrs. Palevsky said to me was 'knock when you leave the grocery bag so I can see you and blow you a kiss.'"

The Zoom courses are one of the good

things that have come as a result of COVID-19, Palevsky said. "The point is, it could be very easy to get depressed. But not me – yet – even though there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel as there is in some other countries. I just have so much to look forward to every day!"

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Confinement in Québec

A confinement and a curfew are in effect

**across Québec from January 9 to February 8, 2021, inclusively,*
with the exception of the Cree Territory of James Bay and Nunavik.**

These measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus and protect the population, which includes seniors, at-risk individuals and healthcare workers.

THE CONFINEMENT AT A GLANCE



Gatherings are prohibited

- Private indoor and outdoor gatherings at homes and cottages are prohibited.
- There are a few exceptions:
 - One visitor from another address for people living alone (ideally, always the same person to limit social contacts)
 - One informal caregiver
 - Individuals offering services or support
 - Labourers for planned work



Travel is not recommended

- Travel between cities or regions is not recommended (except for essential travel for students, workers, shared custody and freight transportation).



Sports and recreational activities with members of the same household only

- Sports and recreational activities must be limited to members of the same household. Activities such as walking, downhill skiing and cross-country skiing are permitted, provided they are carried out individually or with members of the same household, and that the curfew is respected.
- An exception is also permitted for individuals who live alone, who may carry out an activity with another individual (ideally, always the same person). In this case, a minimum distance of two metres must be maintained at all times.



Commercial establishments open for essential goods only

- Non-priority businesses must close until the end of the confinement. Businesses authorized to continue their activities must offer only essential goods and services.
- Curbside pickup is still allowed. Products can be purchased online and delivered or picked up on site without entering the premises, in accordance with the health recommendations.
- Restaurant dining rooms remain closed. Delivery, takeout and drive-through orders are permitted. Only delivery will be possible during the curfew.
- To comply with the 8 p.m. curfew, all businesses must close their doors no later than 7:30 p.m.
- Exceptionally, during the curfew, pharmacies and service stations will remain open on the same schedule as usual. Pharmacies will only be allowed to sell medication and essential products such as pharmaceutical, hygiene and cleaning products. Service stations will only be allowed to sell food, non-alcoholic drinks, fuel and products for road vehicles. In other words, service stations are not authorized to sell tobacco or alcohol products during the curfew.



Mandatory teleworking and reduced activities

- Teleworking is mandatory for people who work in office buildings.
- In the manufacturing and construction sectors, activities must be reduced to a minimum to meet commitments. Teleworking is mandatory when possible and shifts must be adjusted to limit the staff present at any time on production and construction sites.

Visit [Québec.ca/en/confinement](https://quebec.ca/en/confinement) for more information about the measures in force.



THE CURFEW AT A GLANCE

Stay home from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

During the confinement, a curfew is in effect from **8 p.m. to 5 a.m.** Quebecers must not leave their homes or property during this period, save for the exceptions below.

Valid exceptions

- A person whose presence is required at their place of work or who is transporting goods needed for the ongoing activities of their business.
- A person who is going to a pharmacy to obtain medication or pharmaceutical, hygiene or cleaning products.
- A person who must go to or return from a hospital, a clinic, or a dentist's or optometrist's office.
- A person who must visit a sick or injured relative.
- A student who must attend an in-person evening class or go to a laboratory in a recognized school.
- A parent who must accompany their child/children to the home of the other parent who has custody of them.

- A person who is going to take an inter-regional or inter-provincial bus, train or plane to their final destination.
- A person who must take their dog out to do its business, within a radius of no more than one kilometre from their place of residence.
- A person who must travel in order to comply with a court judgment, to respond to a summons to appear before a court, or to exercise custody or access rights as a parent.
- A person who must accompany another individual to a medical appointment if they are unable to drive themselves there.
- A parent who must accompany a sick child to the hospital.
- A person travelling to give blood at a Héma-Québec donor centre.
- A person who must accompany another person who requires assistance in one of the situations listed above (e.g. a parent who must drive an adolescent to their workplace).

Broader policing and fines for offenders

- Police will continue to ensure compliance with health measures and can intervene when individuals are outside their homes during curfew hours.
- Offenders can face fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 if they are unable to adequately justify why they are outside the home. Young people 14 years of age and over are subject to a \$500 fine.

To learn more about the curfew, visit [Québec.ca/en/confinement](https://quebec.ca/en/confinement).

Be there for yourself like you're there for your loved ones

The current situation may cause emotions that are distressful or difficult to handle. Experiencing an imbalance in various facets of everyday life is a normal reaction. Managing your thoughts, emotions, behaviours and relationships with others may become more challenging. While most people will adapt to the situation, it is important that you listen to your needs. Take the necessary steps to get help if you need it.

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Winter can mean accidents



Top, on January 25, a Volvo and an Audi collided on Arlington Ave. Bottom, on January 27, a mini-van and a truck collided, head on, on the eastbound side of Sherbrooke just west of Victoria. "Wrong way?!!!" commented resident Nathalie Allard. PHOTOS: RALPH THOMPSON (TOP) & COURTESY OF N. ALLARD (BOTTOM).



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ADDRESS	VENDOR	PRICE	2020 VAL	RATIO (%)
465 Clarke	Kai Bockmann & Deborah Burrows	\$2,100,000	\$1,725,300	21.7%
42 Devon	Fredric L. Carsley & Marilyn Smith	\$1,750,000	\$1,632,100	7.2%
465 Elm	Mahmoudreza Sadry	\$1,977,000	\$1,539,700	28.4%
334 Grosvenor	David Arav & Marion Gozlan-Arav	\$1,725,000	\$1,735,800	-0.6%
581 Grosvenor	Evelyn Bloomfield-Schachter	\$2,400,000	\$2,781,400	-13.7%
321 Kensington	James Hamilton & Liane Hamilton	\$2,400,000	\$2,200,000	9.1%
4367 Montrose	Daniel Borsuk & Zoey Rabinovitz	\$2,050,000	\$1,673,000	22.5%
52 Rosemount	Joseph Dimitri Barazin & Caroline Jacques	\$2,300,000	\$1,732,500	32.8%
88 Summit Crescent	88 Crois. Summit Inc.	\$5,000,000	\$3,240,000	54.3%
619 Sydenham	Jean-Guy Desjardins	\$5,150,000	\$7,683,000	-33.0%
CONDOMINIUMS				
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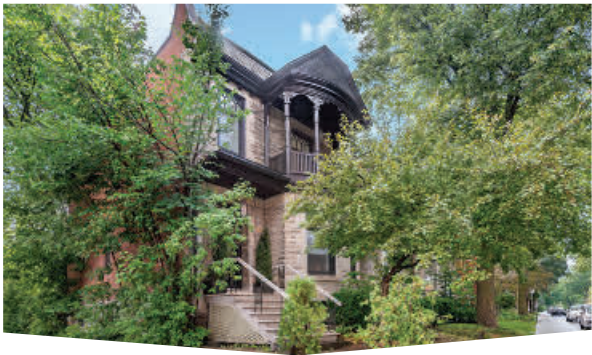
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Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in July 2020. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

July is normally a “sign and move in” month in the Westmount real estate market, when families sign deeds to houses they purchased in the spring months, then move in and have plenty of time to prepare/decorate the house during the summer months before cooler weather and routines set in.

Not so in pandemic-ridden Westmount last summer, mainly because the spring real estate market was virtually wiped out while agents tried to figure out how to arrange visits and some families started re-thinking their future plans. Notaries were briefly deemed a “non-essential service” during the initial provincial lockdown, but that didn’t last long; instead, notaries determined how buyers and sellers could sign deeds remotely.

Thus, the months of May, June and July, which in the past decade averaged 18, 21 and 20 home sales respectively, this

July transfers: volume very slow

year are counting in at eight, 12 and 10 deeds.

In July, two houses cleared the \$5-million mark, in wildly different ways. Highest price was \$5,150,000 for 619 Sydenham Ave, an elegant detached stone mansion that the city evaluated at \$7,683,000, thus registering a mark-down of 33 percent. Next in line was 88 Summit Crescent, which was picked up in late 2018 for \$3,075,000, extensively renovated and sold in July for \$5,000,000, the highest mark-up of the month at 54 percent.

The Sydenham sale was one of three houses to sell at less than valuation in July; also included in that group was the month’s lowest priced house sale, 334 Grosvenor Ave., whose \$1,725,000 sale price was just under its municipal tax value of \$1,735,800. The purchase price represents the highest, minimum-monthly price in Westmount’s history, beating out the \$1,650,000 minimum price in September 2018.

The average of the 10 July sales was only



▲ 619 Sydenham on January 26.

a 3.5 percent mark-up, lower than for any month so far this year except January, and about 8 percent below the year’s average.

Condos

And while volume was weak among house transfers, it slowed to a crawl among condominiums. In the second quarter of this year (April to June) only five condominium sales were registered in a period that normally sees between 15 and 20 closings; in 2014 and 2015 condo sales were also slow, at six each, but other than those two, we have not recorded a second quarter with less than 10 sales. For the third quarter, then, only two sales were tallied in July, both with very high mark-ups over valuation, but we must wait for more information *continued on p. 21*

◀ 88 Summit Crescent on December 30.



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334 Grosvenor on December 30.

July transfers, cont'd. from p. 20

to be able to draw any conclusions.

The average condominium mark-up for the year to July is 15.7 percent above valuation, so slightly higher than for houses thus far in the year.



Last year, reader Doug Hamilton photographed two police officers on horseback and kindly shared the image with us, with the *Independent* only catching a glimpse of horse leavings (October 20, p. 16). Well, this time – January 19 on Victoria – we captured three equestrian pairs at work.

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Terra Willy, Unexplored Planet (2019)

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[WESTMOUNT.ORG/CARNAVAL](https://westmount.org/carnaval)

New girl at The Study



Grade 6 students at The Study welcomed a new student January 22, centre. Clockwise, starting from the left, are Addison Gillespie, April Chen, Mathilda Michel-Decker and Lela Papagiannis.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE STUDY.

BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

Permit approvals drop to 4 at Jan. 18 meeting as winter closes in

The following 4 requests for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the January 18 meeting of the city council. There were no refusals.

Approved

355 Lansdowne: to replace windows and a door provided the door respects the original design, with the same proportions of glazing, and that the proposed transom above the door includes a central division as per the original;

4350 St. Catherine: at Westmount High School, to proceed with a complete recovering of the main entrance which in-

cludes the repair of steps and replacing doors, hand railings and glass panels; **566 Grosvenor:** to replace a garage door facing the street provided it is made of solid wood (interior and exterior), as per table 4.2.2 of the *Guidelines for Renovating and Building in Westmount*, since it faces the street;

54 Oakland: to replace dormer windows on the rear façade provided the proposed divisions are SDL (Simulated Divided Lites) with spacer bars in between the muntins within the thermal glass as per *Guidelines for Renovating and Building in Westmount*.

Police Report

Shoplifter who punched guard faces armed robbery charge

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A man who shoplifted food items from a Greene Ave. retailer faces a more serious armed robbery charge after punching a security guard who tried unsuccessfully to detain him until police arrived.

Around 2:45 pm on January 21, the suspect entered the store and was seen taking items from the shelves and placing some of them into a sportpack he was wearing on his back.

After paying the cashier for just one of the items, and trying to leave with the others in the backpack, the suspect was intercepted by the security guard, said Station 12 community relations officer Adalbert Pimentel.

"He gave some items back, but the security guard told him to wait for the police to come," he said. "And that's when there was a physical altercation.

"When there's shoplifting, it becomes an armed robbery when physical force is used," added Pimentel.

According to Pimentel, the suspect was described as being a white male, approximately 30 years of age, around six feet tall, with a slim build. He was wearing paint-stained blue jeans and had brown hair shaved on each side of the head but tapered into a "mohawk" on top.

Break-in on Greene

Investigators at Station 12 have a good head-start to solving a break-in and robbery at a retail establishment also on Greene Ave., as images of three suspects were captured on nearby security cameras.

"The investigators have a lot here to work with," said Pimentel, noting the combination of evidence from the cameras and from forensic analysis.



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Beating the blues



“Raising spirits,” resident Virginia Elliott told the *Independent*, pictured here in Westmount Park January 22 with a snowman that she came across where the cannon used to be at Sherbrooke and Melville.

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Nimi Nanji-Simard

Mask, scarves & design in a time of COVID



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Westmounters are managing to somehow find creativity during this persistent moment. Nimi Nanji-Simard is doing just that.

How long have you been designing scarves?

This month I am celebrating the start of my fifth year of designing. I am not a trained designer but I have had a huge passion for silk scarves since my early 20s.

To whom do you sell?

I have three different sales streams. One is online, directly to the customer.

The second is designing bespoke items for corporations/organizations and, finally, supplying employee rewards and recognition gifts to different companies and organizations.

What charities?

The premise of my business from Day

One has been that I will donate 30 percent of all my online sales. The charities are chosen by the customer. This year, I donated to Chez Doris and another women's shelter in Ontario.

I have collaborated with local and global charities such as UNHCR and UNICEF as well as Le Chainon, Heart & Stroke Foundation, True Patriot Love and, most recently, Kids Help Phone.

My designs fall under one of my four pillars: mental health, the environment, global displacement and community. This is what differentiates my line of scarves from any other brand.

How are you managing this lockdown?

Surprisingly, 2020 was a very good year for me. I think people were looking for feel-good and meaningful luxury gifts for themselves and loved ones. I pivoted to making silk masks of the same quality as my scarves and they continue to sell very well.

Has it affected your daily way of dressing?

Not much. Since my studio has always been home based, I have always main-

tained one discipline – no track pants at my desk, crisp shirt, a scarf and I must always wear lipstick!

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Retail Review
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Foodie favourites at Franquette

Not only do articles in such illustrious publications as *The New York Times* attest to Montreal’s global reputation as a “foodie” city, but locals know it too. With many neighbourhood hot spots enjoying rave reviews (even though limited to take-out), Westmount’s latest arrival is also garnering praise.

Bistrot La Franquette, on busy Victoria Ave., has three passionate owners. Renée Deschenes, Louie Deligianis and Blake Hickerson hail from working with the city’s best: Joe Beef, Pastel and Le Fantôme.

The team is joined by Tiffany Golarz and Olivier (“Ollie”) Arsenault. Ceding to the constant COVID presence, Franquette offers a quick take-out service as well as preparing pick-up orders from its website. Outside, a charming European-style board lists the innovative menu in hand-written chalk. The inventive dishes include a lunch menu of a quince, watercress and hazelnut salad, which I paired with a house baguette of jambon, gruyere and Dijon mustard – a particularly Proustian Parisian memory



Blake Hickerson, Renée Deschenes and Ollie Arsenault.

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for me!

Speaking of baguettes, all their bread is made daily by Hickerson from a “75-year old sourdough starter,” explains Renée. “And our home-made pasta is hand-rolled.”

Dinner orders (either pick up or via Door Dash) include such interesting pairings as venison pie with pear chutney. Franquette also acts as a mini-shop featuring organic and bio-dynamic wines, local maple syrup, and house Franquette grape jelly. (“We sold out of the quince.”)

Stacked along a large window sill, a bucolic cornucopia of wooden crates spill over with organically grown pears, apples and veg. The sought-after pasta brand Benedetto is also available, artfully placed in wicker baskets whose country vibe is echoed by vases of dried lavender.

Franquette opened in late November, “ready for the holidays with sit-down space for 45 diners.” However, like many Westmount eateries, word-of-mouth and social media are driving awareness, and Franquette’s online lunch and dinner orders are increasing daily. After my pop-in take-out lunch, I can understand why.

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Carnival, cont'd. from p. 1

lenge,” residents are being asked to involve themselves in outdoor activities and take photos of themselves making snowmen, skating on the refrigerated and other outdoor rinks, tobogganing and even posing in front of windows at municipal buildings posting pictures of Frosty, the carnival’s mascot, he said.

Then they are invited to post their photos and videos on the city’s social media platforms or send them to the city’s website at recreation@westmount.org.

Saturday movies

The carnival program includes an on-line “Movie Night at Home.” This features a showing of *Terra Willy Unknown Planet* and *Terra Willy Unexplored Planet* though the films will be available for viewing throughout the day on Saturday, February 6 from 12 noon to 11:30 pm.

This event, to be presented by the city’s Community Events department, is open to all but an access code or password is required. This can be obtained by pre-registering through the city’s website or Eventbrite.ca.



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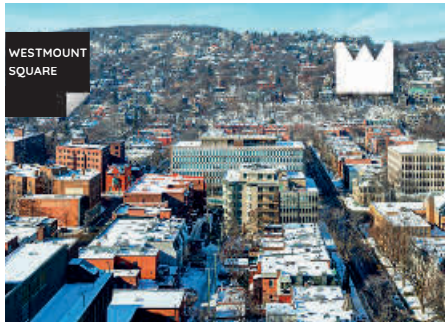


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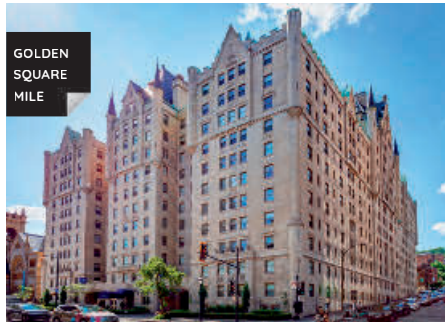


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