

Work starts on fix for Greene Ave.'s low railway bridge

The Greene Ave. rail bridge, located between Dorchester and St. Antoine, is locally notorious for taking out large and mid-size delivery trucks, especially as they make their way north up the hill.

The *Independent* has chronicled at least 18 hits of the overpass since November 2020 (see July 11, p. 7, for the latest), but it does not catch them all. Global News reported December 1, 2022 that there had been 30 strikes in roughly the same period (see December 13, 2022, p. 23).

According to Jean-Maxime St-Hilaire, spokesman the Réseau de transport métropolitain (EXO), which leases the tracks from CP for its commuter trains, in 2022 alone, 119 trains using the tracks were delayed because of an impact between a truck and the overpass. (One strike can delay multiple trains.)

As reported already (September 5, p. 1), the city and EXO are working on new signage. A French-language October 5 press release from EXO clarifies that protection



beams are being installed, as well as an infrared-triggered warning system. It also stated that each delay is approximately 35 minutes long and can affect three separate trains coming from the West Island, South Shore and North Shore.

The *Independent* asked one of the workers on October 11 about the job at hand. He said that CP has complained that the bridge is actually being moved by the collisions, and that lowering the road is not feasible due to hydro cables, natural gas pipes and other utilities' infrastructure that are located under the roadbed.

One lane of nearby Greene will be closed throughout the work, which is expected to be completed in January. On one week-end that month, both of Greene's lanes are expected to close.

— DP & RT.

◀The trenches that will house the electrical wiring for the Greene Ave. rail bridge's new warning system, as seen October 11.

PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

Decorated (not carved) pumpkins can win prizes

'Hallowe'en Extravaganza' party set for Oct. 28 at Vic Hall

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY


The annual "Hallowe'en Extravaganza" held by the children's department of the Westmount Public Library takes place Saturday, October 28 at Victoria Hall from 6:30 to 8 pm. This is for children aged 5 to 12 who have registered and submitted a decorated pumpkin in advance.

Carved pumpkins are not admissible


due to issues with decay.

The annual pumpkin-decorating contest is a featured event with prizes to be awarded during the evening in the age categories of family, and ages 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. To obtain a free ticket to the Extravaganza, participants must submit their decorated pumpkin at the library between October 13 and 27. These

will be on display until *continued on p. 6*



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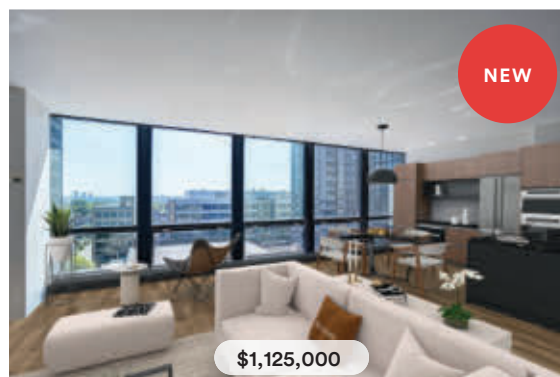
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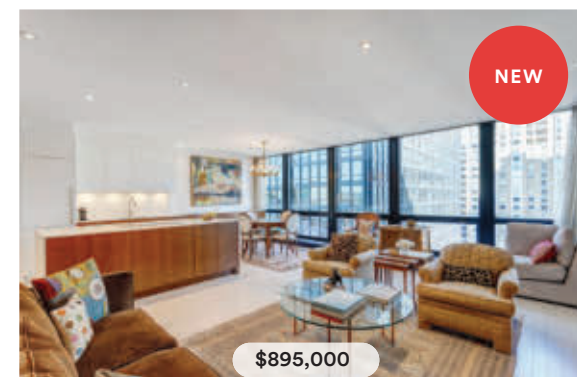
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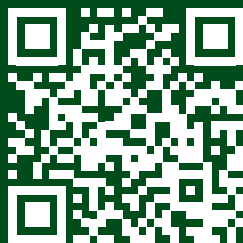
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Chavez-Rosado wins karate silver in Mexico City



Westmounter Xavier Chavez-Rosado, left, won a silver medal at the 50th anniversary IMAI Cup, an international tournament held in Mexico City. He has been practising karate since he was five years old, during which time he has won gold medals in his various kata and kumite competitions. He studies at the academy of Alexandru Sorin, the Canadian national karate team coach.

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Remembering Alex Look

Montrealer Alex Look died October 7 when a techno music festival in southern Israel was attacked by Hamas gunmen. He was 33.

His mother, Raquel Ohnona, told CBC News that she was on a video call with him when he was killed. His father, Alain Haim Look, said that family was still waiting for confirmation from the Israeli government as of October 9.

They are both members of Chabad Westmount.

According to CBC News, survivors communicated by video with his parents, explaining that Alex shielded up to 30 people from the gunmen because the bomb shelter that they were using for shelter had no door.

On Chabad Westmount's Facebook a moving tribute was posted, including:

"For the Jewish community in Westmount, this travesty hit even closer to home: Our dear and treasured friends, and members of our community, Alain and Raquel Look, lost their son, Alex. Alex was visiting Israel, and died in one of the terrorist attacks, as he heroically and selflessly saved others while fending off the attackers....

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"Light Shabbat Candles for Alex.
"Put Tefillin for Alex.
"Place a Mezuzah for Alex.
"Do an act of unsolicited Kindness for Alex."

Public Security cracks down on garbage violations

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A special Public Security campaign began in various laneways in the city's southeast area last week, department director Greg McBain said. This is taking place during the regular preventive patrolling of laneways and resulted in visiting a number of locations off Clarke and Elm.

Warnings of violations were left in the form of stickers on bags as well as door hangers explaining the timing, types of violation and the correct way to throw out garbage. The crackdown was launched in conjunction with Urban Planning and Public Works, warning residents that garbage must not be left out before 7 am on the day of collection.

The notices left behind in "multiple locations" in laneways explain how various types of disposables are to be discarded.

In one specific incident October 5, two transparent bags of residential garbage were found to have been left in Stayner

Park during a patrol there at 10:45 pm. They were tracked down to a resident of Prospect, who was ticketed \$155.

EDITORIAL

Targetting of civilians for murder unacceptable

Let me add the *Independent's* small voice to the large chorus of people and institutions condemning Hamas' recent unprovoked attack on Israel, including and especially the intentional targetting of civilians for murder.

My condolences and best wishes to anyone affected who is reading this piece.

David Price is the editor of the Independent.

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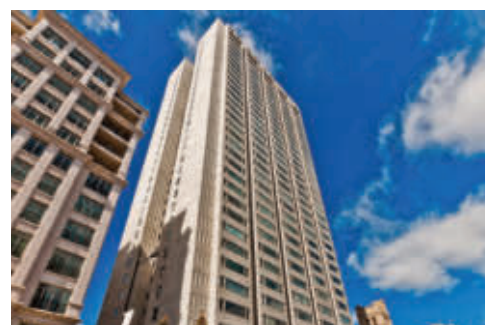
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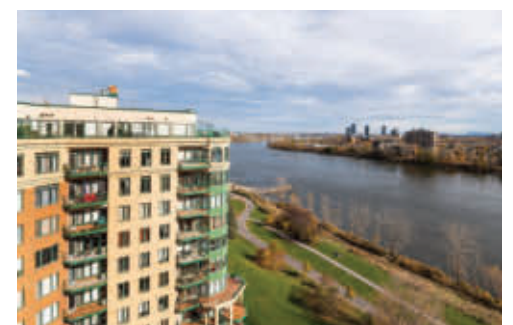
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Remembering photographer, architectural preservationist Brian Merrett

Westmounter Brian Merrett died September 21. He was a photographer well known for advocating the preservation of architecture, including convincing – via photographs in the early 1970s – Phyllis Lambert to preserve Shaughnessy House at Dorchester and Fort, now downtown’s Canadian Centre for Architecture.

Very recently, he worked with others – successfully – to acquire a heritage designation for Fulford House on Guy St., which was a seniors’ residence until 2021.

“I first met Brian when I worked on a 2011 book by him and late Westmounter Bill Stavert about the A&P church downtown (St. Andrew and St. Paul),” said the *Independent’s* editor David Price.

“Later, we would spar in these pages about the future of the Westmount train station at the foot of Victoria Ave., with me advocating for the status quo and he envisaging more grand designs, most recently ‘an ecological awareness centre’ (see February 21, 2023, p. 8).

“Without knowing 100 percent, I always felt that it was good-natured disagreement between us. For this reason, I was completely comfortable asking to use some photographs from his Autoroute Ville Marie series 1969-1972 for one of our stories about downtown’s Edgehill avenue or street.



“I was right. He said ‘yes’ immediately and graciously.

“I encourage readers to take another look at his fascinating mid-destruction photographs of this now-gone downtown neighbourhood in our May 16, 2023 edition on p. 9 and p. S1-22. Coincidentally, this area is steps from Shaughnessy House, which is a large part of Brian’s conservation legacy.

“My condolences to his family and friends.”

Merrett is survived by his widow, Lucinda Lyman; son Toby Harper-Merrett and daughter Hannah Harper-Merrett, two stepsons, his brother, a niece and nephew, and three grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The approach to Victoria Hall and its flowers, as seen October 12.

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SEEING THE FLOWERS

I was very surprised to read the letter in your newspaper a little while ago (October 3, p. 10) referring to the “lacklustre” flowers in Westmount this summer. Perhaps the writer had not seen the wonderful displays in front of Victoria Hall and in Westmount Park.

ANNE HOLLOWAY, LANSDOWNE AVE.

LEFT-BEHIND CAMPFIRE FOOD ADDS ISSUE IN SUMMIT WOODS

I was walking in Summit Woods on October 10 at about 5 pm and met my friend, who wanted to see where the concrete blocks on the top of the hill were marked off with yellow tape by Public Security. So I walked with her and her dog to the top of the hillock.

As we were approaching, there were many excited dogs off leash congregating from all directions. I had been there a few minutes earlier to mark off the fire pit area temporarily with yellow tape, and was surprised at having so many dogs around me deep in the woods at that time.

I noticed that there was quite an



amount of activity, with owners calling their dogs without success. Then we went behind the taped-off area around the concrete blocks and found abandoned campfire food, raw in the cooking bowl, with a large mixing bowl, cups and paper items as well. There was raw chicken that the dogs had been taking. There were raw onions, raw hot peppers, raw potatoes and stale bread.

As we all know, raw onions and raw white potatoes are toxic for dogs, while raw hot peppers will cause discomfort, with burning in the mouth and throat. We won’t discuss what happened to the spoiled meat that was gone. We grabbed the bowls away from them and disposed of everything that we could. We were successful, with dog owners trying to get the hounds off the food, so I took a photograph to share with other Westmount dog owners.

Please be mindful of your dogs off leash on the summit. They may all be couch potatoes at home, but they can find abandoned food in the woods with great talent.

The dogs told us everything! It just took us humans a moment to figure out that each one of them had a great hound’s nose and no need of a compass.

LYSANNE FOWLER, DE MAISONNEUVE BLVD.

Editor’s note: Fowler is the *Independent’s* pet-adoption columnist. – DP.

TRAFFIC SURVEY IS FLAWED (1)

I tried to answer the city’s traffic survey; but I realized that in order to continue, I had to select one option of three, but I did not agree with any of them. It seems that the survey wants me to agree with one of them. Please add a fourth option, “none of the three.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is an error since the algorithm will assume I actually agreed with their proposals.

What I do think is:

1. Removing parking will cause a lot of pain for those who do not have it and for those who use it sporadically, for example, while visiting a friend.
2. It is a nightmare with all the one-way streets. There are already enough.
3. Blocking a street becomes a mess.

I propose to make sure the main streets are well maintained where the cars can transit more efficiently so they won't use the "school streets."

1. No parking on St. Catherine between Lansdowne and Wood from 7 am to 9 am.
2. No parking on Sherbrooke between Lansdowne and Greene from 7 am to 9 am.
3. Synchronize effectively the stop lights on St. Catherine, Sherbrooke and The Boulevard. Fix the roads.
4. Make sure that there are people on the streets managing the cars' access to the schools. Make sure every day a group of 15 parents (rotate those parents every week – 90 percent of the parents can make arrangements to participate; 10 percent not) are on the streets for each

school.

It takes a village to raise our kids. Only the human factor can modify human behaviour.

The cars won't go away, and it does not make sense to put more stress on the already busy streets.

DIANA HERNANDEZ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

TRAFFIC SURVEY IS FLAWED (2)

Well, I had a quick look at the city's traffic survey, but I did not even get beyond the first page.

At the start of the questionnaire, you do have a choice where you have various degrees of agreeing or disagreeing.

But then I reached a follow-up question that asks which of the two choices would you prefer. This question *must* be answered and it simply asks the same two questions that were asked previously as two of four questions where previously you could disagree, but now you *have* to provide your choice of which of the two is to you the lesser evil.

As I did not answer this question, I could go no further in the questionnaire, as it would just return me to the beginning again. I feel that it simply means that the city has already made up its mind as to what they will do but, of course, they have

to be able to state that you agreed to this choice.

Needless to say, I obviously did not bother with this *farce* of a survey.

PS I live on Victoria Ave., just one block from Roslyn Elementary School. Both of my children went there. This was of course some years ago, but as my wife and I still go for frequent walks there still today, we know a fair bit about the traffic chaos the city has already managed to create there and the surrounding area.

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Games, music, Hallowe'en fare Greene's festival Oct. 21 to showcase fall merchandise

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A workshop on Hallowe'en masks as well as a separate pumpkin-decorating activity are among features being planned for the Quartier Greene fall festival set for Saturday, October 21 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Among the plans are live music in Square Greene from noon to 4 pm, pumpkin decorating next to the square, and a pumpkin target game at Greene and de Maisonneuve with bales of hay and prizes. Also planned on the same theme is a doggie photo booth for pet photos "with Hallowe'en costumes provided," said festival organizer Cynthia Lulham.

Hallowe'en, cont'd from p. 1

October 31.

"Our theme this year is the Wizard of Oz on which we'll base an interactive skit between members of the library staff and the audience," said children's librarian Wendy Wayling. "It will be spooky and fun."

Submitted pumpkins may be taken home after the gala, and "Don't forget your costume," Wayling added.

A strolling magician, Mr. Magique, is to perform all afternoon, while Gallery S16 at 1362 Greene will host the mask-making workshop from 11 am to 4 pm. This is billed as enabling visitors of all ages to explore their artistic side.

Wildlife photographer Ilana Block will be on hand from 1 to 4 pm at Gallery 203 (1346 Greene) to discuss her passion in a

"meet the artist" event. A neuropathic doctor and animal lover, she is described as having won several awards for some of her work that can be seen at www.ilanablock-photography.ca.

Merchants have been invited to have merchandise outside in front of their shops and to decorate in a "fun fall or Hallowe'en theme."



Greene Ave. already has the fall spirit in full display, as seen October 16.

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City starts preparing

Bring on winter! Rink, parking lot plowing awarded

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two contracts approved by city council October 2 mean one thing: winter is on the way. These involve the installation and management of a refrigerated rink in Westmount Park for general skating as well as ensuring that snow is removed from city parking lots.

The rink, to be installed for the fourth

winter in the park, was again awarded to Synergglace Canada, the only bidder, at an amount of \$95,975 plus taxes and a maximum of \$100,762 including tax credits.

“We’re excited to bring this back,” said Councillor Mary Gallery, in moving the resolution for the rink as commissioner of sports and recreation as well as parks.

The rink has proven to be very well-used since first installed for the winter of 2020-2021 to provide additional outdoor activities during COVID closures of municipal buildings. Its installation usually begins at the start of November but is “typically ready by November 20,” Mayor Christina Smith added.

Parking lots

The contract for snow clearing in city parking lots was awarded to Les Excavations Super Inc. on a renewal option from last year in an amount of \$83,780 including tax credits and a maximum of \$91,750 including taxes. These amounts compare to last year’s maximum of \$89,106 and were lower than those quoted by Ventec Construction, the second bidder.



Where the refrigerated rink will go in Westmount Park, as seen October 16. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



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Supporters of Israel condemn Hamas attack



A portion of the protest from the balcony of 1 Westmount Square, as seen October 10.

BY JENNIFER BALL

In the wake of Hamas’ attack on Israel October 7, hundreds of supporters of Israel gathered on Wood Ave. October 10 in front of Westmount Square, the site of the Israeli consulate.

Arielle Lasry came to the protest wrapped in an Israeli flag. Her message was barbed: “It is not up for debate! It is murder and it is something that everyone should be against and if you are not... then you are just as bad as the murderers.”

Rabbi Rueben Poupko, who has served as spiritual leader of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation synagogue in Côte St. Luc since 1986, said, “We are Jews, we are proud and the nicest thing that anyone can say, about any one of us, is that we are Zionists who support the state of Israel.”

Rabbi Adam Scheier, who is the senior rabbi at the Shaar Hasomayim at the corner of Côte St. Antoine and Kensington Ave., was present and also helped organize it. “We needed a chance to come out,” he said.

“We need to hug each other because our hearts are broken.”

Rabbi Scheier said it pained him greatly to see the support that Hamas had received for the attack and the hostage-taking of civilians.

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On October 8, supporters of Palestine ended their march through downtown Montreal at the same place. There were also pro-Palestine counter-protestors there on October 10, but not when the *Independent’s* reporter was on site.

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Palestinian supporters: ‘Do not punish everybody’



By JENNIFER BALL

“Do not punish everybody for the act of a few” was the resounding request from proponents of Palestine during a large-scale assembly on October 13.

Marchers filled the street at the corner of Wood Ave. and St. Catherine St. in southeastern Westmount on the evening of October 13 to sing songs, wave placards and fly Palestinian flags. They had marched from the Guy-Concordia Metro station

and started filling the crossing by 6 pm.

Their final destination was the Israeli consulate at 1 Westmount Square. It was their second recent protest there, having gathered previously on October 8. Pro-Israeli demonstrators gathered at the same place October 10.

A police-tape perimeter was set up so that no one could gain entry into the shopping mall and officers in white helmets armed with batons and shields were sentinels at the entranceways, including the



parking ramps.

One family spoke to the *Independent* on the corner of Wood Ave. and Sherbrooke St., although they preferred not to be named in print.

“We feel that it is 1948 happening all over again,” said a female family member. “Today, Israeli told the Palestinians in Gaza to go south and then they bombed them on the way.”

The father said, “We sympathize and we feel bad for all the people who were killed in the attack on Saturday, October 7. We do not approve of killing of civilians and we do not approve of any murder of any innocent people in any way, shape or form...but we also wish that the world would see the injustice that is being done to the Palestinian people...”

Issam Sedki came to the protest, he said, because he saw images on the news of the bombings and was moved. “We brought all the kids. They are young, they are angry, and we took them out of school and we brought them because this is about humanity...”

“Justice means that you go and look for the people who are guilty. If you did some-



thing wrong, you should be punished for it, but you do not punish everybody for it.”

Karim Nohra said Hamas’ actions on October 7 was a “form of resistance whether you like it or not, and it is trying to shed light on what is going on, because people were omitting to talk about Palestine. Now we are talking about them.”

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Seven is often considered a lucky number, but taxes less so. Do they even out here? As seen on Mount Stephen October 6.

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Tours planned for visits to recycling plant, landfill site

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount residents aged 8 and over will have an opportunity to participate in guided tours to a sorting centre on October 23 and another on October 27 to a landfill site, both in connection with Quebec Waste Reduction Week.

These are reserved for Westmount residents, with bus transportation leaving from the Westmount recreation centre (WRC). In both cases, participants must dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes.

According to Sebastian Samuel, city communications director, registration is required either on the city website or from city hall at 514.989.5200. He said the bus

is being rented by the city.

The tour on October 23 is to the Société Via recycling sorting center in Lachine, with meeting time at 12 pm and return projected for 3:30 pm, but depending on traffic conditions.

More information at societevia.com.

The tour October 27 will go to Enviro Connexions Complex landfill site in Terrebonne for which the meeting time at the WRC is 12:30 pm with projected return around 5:30 pm, again depending on traffic. More info: complexenviroconnexions.com.

► Where will the contents of this recycling bin, as seen October 12 on St. Catherine near Park Place, end up? Westmounters have an opportunity to find out this month. PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.



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1. At its regular sitting held on Monday, September 18, 2023, the Municipal Council adopted, by resolution, the draft of By-law No. 1606 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1305 ON SITE PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS – CONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING LINE AND TEMPORARY SIGNAGE”.
2. The object of this by-law is to ensure consistency with the dispositions concerning zoning further to the modification provided for in draft By -Law No 1605
3. Council will hold a public consultation meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount. The meeting will be broadcasted live on Zoom.

To attend the Zoom meeting, please use the following link:

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City worried about impact of climate change

Contract awarded for storm water retention services

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As a recent fallout from heavy downpours was attributed to climate warming, city council October 2 awarded a contract to JFSA Quebec for professional services regarding storm-water retention for the remainder of this year at a cost \$18,263 including tax credits and a maximum of \$141,419 including taxes.

While bids had been received from three other firms, all quotes were subjected to the city's system of bid weighting and evaluating based on a number of considerations, including quality and experience.

Anyone who watched the impact of flooding on New York City September 29 "will agree" how important storm water management is and its impact from climate change, Mayor Christina Smith said. This flooding caused the city to declare a state of emergency when the sewer could not handle the accumulation of rain.

Reducing water in sewers

While efforts in Westmount over many years have taken place to reduce amounts of rain that sewers will need to handle as water pours down the mountainside, the impact of climate change now poses a significant future challenge, according to some.

The city has incorporated reduction measures with the creation of soft vegetation along sidewalks into the reconstruction of both Lexington (see story March 29, 2022, p. 5) and Mount Pleasant this year (see story, April 18, 2023, p. 5). These have been referred to in Montreal recently as "sponge" sidewalks.

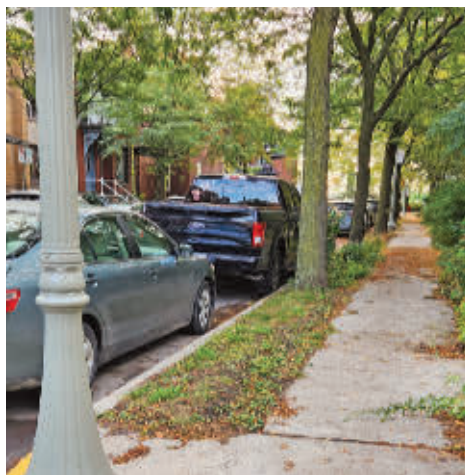
Retention parks (sponge parks) were also created under the Westmount Athletic Grounds and just south of the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) some 10 years ago.

These have resulted in part in alleviating the flooding of homes, stores and other



The storm basin between the Westmount recreation centre and St. Catherine, above, and Abbott Ave. south of St. Catherine, below, on October 12.

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buildings around Hillside and St. Catherine, recalls former councillor Cynthia Lulham. Her house at Irvine and St. Catherine had been flooded five times between 2001 and 2012. "But not since then."

Interestingly, some of those side streets were originally built with grass and trees between the sidewalk and street but these were subsequently removed to increase parking, she pointed out. Abbott's still remains.

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Police Report

More cars stolen, fallout from Hamas/Israel war felt in Westmount

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Although there was a decline in the number of car thefts in Westmount, police at Station 12 still had their hands full last week dealing with one vehicle theft and an attempt, as well as noisy pro- and anti-Israel demonstrations outside the Israeli consulate on St. Catherine St.

Strangely enough, the two car incidents occurred on the same day, in almost the same location, and involved a similar make of vehicle, although not a luxury model as was the case with up to a dozen vehicle thefts in Westmount over the past few months.

Sometime between 8 am and 8 pm on October 6, an attempt was made to steal a Hyundai Tucson SUV that was parked near the corner of Clarke Ave. and de Maisonneuve Blvd.

“From what I can gather from the two reports, it looks like they tried to steal the first vehicle and it didn’t work out,” said Cst. Mike Yigit, Station 12’s community relations officer.

In the second instance, a Kia Soul that was parked at 10:30 pm on October 6 around the same area as the first incident was reported stolen shortly after 5 am the following day when the owner was unable to locate it.

While the two makes (Hyundai and Kia are partly owned by the same company) have become notorious for being stolen because it is easy to override their electronic ignition systems, Cst. Yigit speculated that in this case the perpetrator may have been interested simply in taking a vehicle for the short term, “just to get from point A to point B,” he said.

Local effect of Middle East war

Repercussions from the brewing war between Hamas and the state of Israel were felt in Westmount last week, as supporters for both sides gathered at different times outside the Israeli consulate on St. Catherine St. to stage demonstrations and protests.

A “Day of Rage” proclaimed by Hamas supporters for last Friday caused police at

Station 12 to be placed on heightened alert during that period, as did a demonstration of pro-Israel supporters outside the Israeli consulate a few days earlier.

“We’ve been reaching out to all the Jewish organizations and community centres in Westmount,” said Cst. Yigit. “We’ve been in contact to reassure them of our presence.”

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Three seasons on Olivier, steps from Cinq Saisons



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summer-sweet clethra (*clethra alniflora*) “smells like jasmine” adding another ace to this exceptional space. In one corner, gorgeous look-at-me mauve hibiscus rose of Sharon sit ready for selfies amidst tall purple verbenas. She has 25 clients and is busy creating fall urns – one of which sits proudly above the Olivier garden. Like everything she designs, it too has a mix of shapes and textures. Sculptural cabbages

Grasses have never looked so great.

Petals may have disappeared but garden designer Kal Sterling has fashioned interesting installations with authoritatively edited grasses for a client at de Maison-neuve and Olivier. Their verticality is balanced by low-crouching moss and act as a foil to the three-season flowering garden nestled in its corner of Westmount.

Tall ornamental asparagus fronds wave wispily, luring the eye to a delicate fall-blooming yellow clambering clematis.

Sterling, trained with “a large landscaping firm,” has been working on gardens for over 20 years. Her designs are created with innovative compositions and textures: she has re-thought the concept of a garden.

Grasses’ structure set off perennials’ changing shapes and colours: “I like the idea of a sense of flow.”

The eye roves from admiring grouped plants to silhouettes. Pretty Japanese anemone beckon behind the sculptural ver-

ticals of swamp horsetail grass (*equisetum fluviatile*, since you asked).

The garden is full of fabulous plants throughout the season. Change occurs backstage, behind the theatrical grasses. Some perennials return. Sterling clipped a Delft-blue delphinium back and it has rebloomed – in October!

And as all gardeners know, *terroir* is crucial: “I use shrimp compost and manure.” She doesn’t put down the acres of black

mulch that one often sees, as “it’s difficult to turn the earth.”

Like a garden, Sterling’s approach changes. As “the grass here is not doing well with too much shade,” she has already set out clouds of clover. It will sprout next spring, elixir for bees.

Along with silhouettes and shapes, she plays with patterns. Euphorbia’s striated leaves add interest; a foil to its neighbours.

Then, there’s also fragrance. All-seasonal

sit cheerfully with, yes, grasses.

Her garden is not crowded. Space allows the compositions to breathe – both literally and artistically. Kal Sterling imbues her spaces with such a sense of delight that people stop to discover, a welcome respite from gardens with owners who are impatient: enter the impatiens. Massive mounds of this monochromatic basic may change now that a new concept is growing.



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Contractors ticketed for blocking bike paths

Two contractors whose vehicles blocking bike paths in different locations October 10 were ticketed \$1,317 each, Public Security officials said last week. In both cases, no permit had been obtained to occupy the public domain, which would require safety measures to be undertaken.

The first incident was discovered at 9:12 am by a patroller who noticed a lift blocking the bike path and sidewalk at Prince Albert and de Maisonneuve outside the construction site of a new residential development.

At 11:37 am, a contractor's vehicle was spotted parked on the bike path outside 200 Lansdowne, and facing the wrong direction. A pile of cement blocks was also blocking the sidewalk.

Missing man found on Forden after too much to drink

A missing 19-year-old man from New York State was reported found on Forden Ave. October 8, according to Public Secur-

ity officials who had been given a photo of him by police. The man had apparently asked for assistance at 9 am from a nearby house, whose resident called officers.

On arrival at the scene, patrollers recognized the man from the photo they had and handed him over to police.

He explained he had awakened in the morning in a parked car after being out with friends and having had too much to drink and found the battery in his phone was dead. Police transported him back to a hotel.

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