

By-law info meeting set for June 11

City moves to reduce water use, sets sprinkler times

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

On the brink of the summer lawn sprinkling season, restrictions on water usage are being introduced in Westmount that could be in effect after July 6, followed by an awareness campaign.

A public information meeting on the city's first ever by-law to regulate and reduce potable water consumption is set for Monday, June 11 at 7 pm at city hall.

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Among many proposed measures, the use of traditional lawn sprinklers will be limited to every other day between 8 pm and 11 pm based on the civic address. Automatic sprinklers will only be allowed on three specified days a week, from 3 am to 6 am.

The by-law prohibits the washing of driveways, patios and outside walls except between April 1 and May 15, unless justified by landscaping or renovation work.

Exempted, however, is the use of a hand-held hose with automatic shut-off nozzle for watering plants, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and other specified horticultural purposes.

The draft by-law was tabled May 7 and is a tem- *continued on p. 10*

Flood wreaks havoc, drainage slated for council's review

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Flash flooding and sewer back-up from a deluge May 29 left many Westmounters bailing out, assessing damage and, in some cases, outraged to have experienced similar events in recent years. Weather reports indicated that some 45 mm of rain or more fell in 45 minutes in the area.

Manhole covers popped from the force of water shooting up like fountains. Pavement was lifted up on Glen Rd. at St. Catherine, trapping a car and closing the street for a day. Water flooded through the front door of Manoir Westmount and up drains under Victoria Hall (see separate story, p. 23).

Sewer water backed up a drain at the Westmount Public Library. The adjacent courtyard filled with water up to the seats

of the benches. Dawson College and Alexis Nihon Plaza were flooded.

And residents in many parts of the city, especially on the lower levels, bailed. One was Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who has voiced her concerns at public council meetings before about flooding during heavy rain.

Some residents of Abbott Ave. reported eight inches or more in their basements, in addition to having been flooded a year ago.

"This is unacceptable for our residents," said Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works and Utilities May 30.

"We're going to get together as a council Monday (June 4) with Public Works to get to the bottom of it and find out exactly the causes and what action can be taken to ensure it never happens again."

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Permits generate more than \$800,000

Building boom reaches new \$80-million value

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Work trucks, cranes and piles of construction material visible throughout Westmount attest to the ongoing building boom in Westmount – much of it resulting from \$80 million in estimated value represented by permits issued by the city in 2011 for new construction starts, alteration, additions and repairs.

Statistically the highest amount in re-

cent years, the high value resulted largely from a single \$25-million permit for the condo development at 1250 Greene.

"It was one huge permit that made the difference," said Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier. "So I wouldn't call it a record-setting year."

Without this permit, she added, last year was comparable to 2010 when the value of work reached \$58 million, including a \$5- *continued on p. 6*

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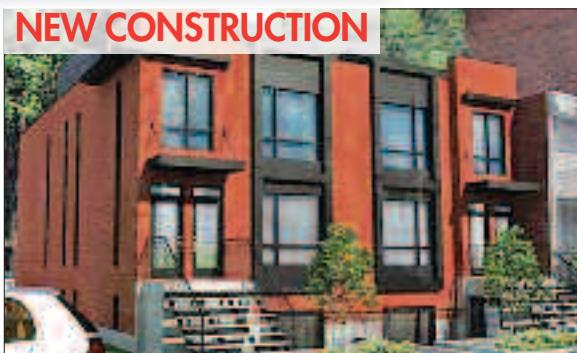
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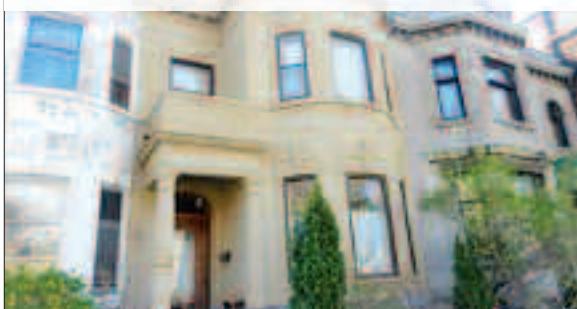
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Healthy City Project to raise awareness of wireless issue

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Healthy City Project (HCP) will be taking a careful look at the issue of radiofrequency waves and the management of wireless equipment at its upcoming meeting Tuesday, June 12, according to Tom Thompson, who chairs the group's Community Life committee.

Anti-mask by-law on Westmount agenda

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's likely that Westmount will follow Montreal's example and enact an anti-mask by-law, Mayor Peter Trent said last week. A draft by-law was expected to be tabled at the June 4 city council meeting, according to the agenda released before press time.

"We're surrounded by Montreal," he explained, "so it would be difficult if we didn't adopt such a by-law."

Trent expected that Westmount's would also require protesters to inform police of their intended route, as does Montreal's. "This is a very common requirement in other places."

Regulating the wearing of masks is more than a matter of identification, he said. "Studies have shown that people tend to behave in a different manner when wearing masks."

The draft by-law also prohibits any "assembly, parade or gathering" near the residence of a sitting politician from being held between 4 pm and 8 am, or comprise more than 50 people or take place closer than 10 metres from the home. This would, of course, include the home of Premier Jean Charest on Victoria Ave. The provision does not appear in the wording of the Montreal by-law adopted May 18.

He said there are valid issues to be considered locally, including how wireless devices are installed, who will be exposed and creating awareness of the issue (see May 1, p. 14).

"What we should be trying to do is guide people on issues that deserve consideration, as we did with pesticides," he explained.

Gathering info on RF

Thompson said he has been gathering as much information as possible on radiofrequency (RF) emissions, recalling how at one time, "pesticides were considered to be a useful invention."

A pesticides manufacturer once told him, he said, that if the product he made were used correctly, there would never be a problem. "But that was the problem," Thompson said. "Everybody was using it their own way, with their own technique."

He said he had already spoken with Victoria Ave. resident Megan Durnford who, in a story in the *Independent* May 1, called on the city to hold a public debate on radiofrequency hydro meters the city has been installing since 2008.

Already successful

"I told her she has already been successful in her efforts to alert people," Thompson said.

Durnford said she has since written May 12 to Hydro Westmount as well as to her councillor, Kathleen Duncan, Utilities commissioner Patrick Martin and city director general Duncan Campbell asking that her RF meter be replaced with a non-RF emitting one.

This is an option that might be made available in limited numbers, Hydro Westmount director Pierre Dubé had suggested in the story.

"I am still waiting for a response," she said.

Durnford and others, including international biomedical researchers, say caution should be exercised in the use of wireless devices, citing unknown long-term cumulative effects.

Others, however, contend that scientific data do not indicate cause for such concern. Among them is a local group of 60 scientists – mainly in physics and chemistry fields – from the University of Montreal, McGill, Concordia and UQAM, who distributed an open letter last week to

media outlets, including the *Independent*, presenting their position.

In his letters to the editor in the *opt*, Westmount resident John Dorey has also upheld this position.

Public hearings hear from both sides

Both sides of the issue have also been presenting at recent public hearings into Hydro Quebec's plan to install smart meters while allowing a non-RF option at added billing cost to clients requesting it.

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Retention basin to act as park lagoon for new recreation centre

A retention basin will be built at the site of the new Westmount recreation centre to catch access water and prevent flash flooding, Mayor Peter Trent said last week after the sudden downpour May 29.

While the grass roof of the underground rinks will absorb most water and slow down runoff, he explained, the retention basin would fill up if required during heavy rain and help reduce flooding in the entire area.

Normally, however, “it will be like a lagoon in the little park we’re creating between the pool and St. Catherine.” – LS

Five on the roof

Public safety officers were called to a building on Abbott when a group of five youths was spotted on the roof May 26 at 3:11 pm. They were found on the street when officers arrived but admitted to climbing up the fire escape. No damage was reported.

Traffic meeting shifted to September

A public meeting previously announced to take place at the end of May to discuss findings and recommendations of the city’s master traffic plan will now take place in September, Mayor Peter Trent said last week. No date has been set.

Comments and feedback from citizens during the meeting probably would be more effective in the fall rather than taking place just before the slower summer season, he explained.

The late-May timing had been mentioned in the mayor’s traffic letter sent to all residents starting March 25 with a return coupon soliciting their traffic priorities. – LS

Playgrounds only for people

The owner of a beagle was issued a \$75 ticket May 26 for allowing his dog in the playground area of Selby Park, public safety officers said.

Rugby ramps up



Members of the Westmount Ravens Rugby Club practise in Murray Park on May 24.
Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

The Westmount Ravens Rugby club was established in 1876, and claims to be the oldest, independent, non-university rugby club in North America. The Ravens

practise in Murray Park in the summer and fall, and at Westmount High during the winter. There is also a women’s rugby club and seniors’ club.

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Lulu extends Bella’s 11-year history



Laura Iannizzi with some of the season’s fashions.

Lulu opened at 4920 Sherbrooke St., between Prince Albert and Claremont, in April, but the store was no newcomer to the Westmount retail scene. The owner is Laura Iannizzi and her other store, Bella, has been located just across the street at 4923 Sherbrooke for 11 years.

“We were running out of room,” said Iannizzi, “and we were very lucky to find another great retail space in the community.”

Lulu will offer customers a range of basics and affordable ready-to-wear cloth-

ing, as well as jewellery and some accessories, like hats. Lulu will offer a weekly clearance rack at extreme discounts.

“Lulu has been very well received. Women looking for casual or weekend clothing should stop by to see what we have.” The store can be reached at 514.482.3330.

Bella will continue to be a custom dress shop focusing on its own label. Clients include those looking for wedding outfits, grad dresses and everything in between.

Permits reflect 10% rise in building activity

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million permit for condos at 11 Hillside.

More permits issued

The figures for 2011 were released in the Urban Planning department's annual report, which shows a 10-percent increase in the total number of permits issued for all building and plumbing activity, 1,207.

Revenue gleaned from the issuance of these permits added \$823,619 to the city's coffers, as reported in the city's audited financial statement being submitted to city council for approval at its June 4 meeting, said director general Duncan Campbell. The budgeted amount was \$205,000.

Of the \$80 million of work declared on the building permits, more than \$27 million applied to new construction starts (including the Greene condo project and two new houses on Surrey Gardens, whose value was estimated at \$2.1 million).

The remaining \$53 million represented work on existing buildings: additions, alterations and repairs.

The lion's share of this work was at dwellings - some \$32.6 million. Another \$10.2 million took place at commercial buildings, \$6.6 at apartment buildings and

nearly \$3 million at assembly and institutional buildings, mostly schools. The city also spent close to \$300,000 on work at municipal properties.

The single largest permit issued for an existing house was in the amount of \$2.75 million for an addition and interior renovations at 641 Argyle. Next were renovations and plumbing for \$2.2 million at 55 Belvedere Place, followed by alterations at 24 Summit Crescent valued at \$1.4 million.

Excavation at large apartment buildings

Larger apartment building projects involved \$2 million of excavation work for 4470 Côte des Neiges, as well as garage restoration and window work at 4300 de Maisonneuve valued at more than \$1.5 million.

Among non-residential permits were those for elevator shaft renovations at the RCMP building on Dorchester declared at more than \$1 million.

Other work exceeding \$1 million was permitted at École Internationale on Côte St. Antoine for interior renovations, plumbing and landscaping, while at Marianopolis College masonry work, interior renovation and plumbing was valued at

\$675,000.

Despite the amount of building activity in 2011, the number of inspections dropped 12 percent from 7,242 the previous year to 6,067 in 2011. These involved building, plumbing, sanitation, occupancy and safety. A total of 5,525 were carried out at residential occupancies.

This decline was attributed in large measure to a decrease in inspection staff through a long-term disability and two parental leaves, Poirier explained.

In addition, the city conducted another 186 inspections on behalf of the Régie du bâtiment through its "entente de délégation" adopted in 2001 and renewed in 2007. The delegation concerns public buildings and condominium buildings having more than two storeys and more than eight units. These included such buildings as Westmount Square, Alexis Nihon Plaza and the RCMP elevator work.

While these are inspections are delegated to the municipality, they are not paid for by the provincial government. Nevertheless, "these are inspections at buildings we would want to do anyway," Poirier explained.

1,587 projects examined

Also in 2011, the Urban Planning department's Board of Inspections dealt with 1,587 projects at its 51 meetings. These included 872 new items and 715 re-submis-

sions. There were 143 occupancy applications and 42 requests for tree cutting.

All applications for permits begin with consideration by the board for adherence to zoning and other by-law regulations. Straight-forward requests, such as window replacement, are fast tracked, a process launched half way through last year.

Others requiring exterior architectural review proceed to the Planning Advisory Council (PAC) for possible recommendation to council. The Board of Inspections also considered proposed amendments to by-laws, as well as deficiency notices and court proceedings.

Comprising three outside professional architects and two substitute members, the PAC was reported to have approved 391 projects and disapproved two at its 34 meetings.

It also studied and recommended amendments to by-laws dealing with site coverage, garages, sloped roofs, side yards, streamlining of the permit process, tightening of swimming pool regulations and so-called supersized houses.

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Court action launched in 48 permit, nuisance and garbage cases, annual report shows

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's Urban Planning department launched 48 cases in municipal court in 2011, according to its annual report.

These involved property owners pursued for alleged non-compliance with By-law 1,300 on permits and certificates, nuisance By-law 257 and the garbage by-law (at the time, By-law 884). Fully one half of the cases related to work done without a permit.

One quarter involved garbage put out before the prescribed time, thrown in laneways or allowed to blow onto public or private property. Other cases reported included accumulated construction debris constituting a fire hazard, failure to prevent the nesting of pigeons and the instal-

lation of windows that deviated from approved plans.

Some property owners faced more than one case. In connection with a property on Forde Crescent, four different actions involved carrying out work without a permit, allowing the nesting of pigeons, failure to keep the exterior premises clean and free of construction debris, and failure to prevent mud and contaminated water from draining onto public and private property.

While many of the actions involved commercial or apartment buildings on St. Antoine St., St. Catherine, Greene and de Maisonneuve, almost half involved dwellings on residential streets. These included Roslyn, Delavigne, Upper Lansdowne, Lexington, Murray Hill, Church Hill, Claremont, Westmount Ave., The Boulevard and Côte St. Antoine.






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Celtic choir performs at Westmount Park Church



On May 26, Westmount Park United Church was the scene of a Celtic celebration. The Siamsa Singers, who rehearse regularly at Marianopolis College on Westmount Ave., performed works with Scottish, Irish and Welsh origins. Seen above, the choir's younger performers, the Junior Jubilees, are accompanied by Brenna Hardy-Kavanagh on violin and Graham Lindsey on bodhran. In Irish, siamsa means "a pleasant musical diversion," according to Sarah Burnell, the choir's conductor.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

PSU installs, adjusts car seats at Family Day

Public safety officers installed or adjusted 10 car seats for babies and children during Family Day, May 26, officials report. Most of the seats verified and adjusted were found to have been fastened too loosely.

"There shouldn't be any slack or movement, said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain. "When we install them, we put our knee on the seat and push it well back." The service was part of the department's "Bee Safe" message underlined by an officer dressed as a bee.

No breakfast, too weak for soccer

A Public Security parks cadet went to the assistance of a girl limping in Murray Park at 9:35 am, May 25, officials said. The girl, a student at École Internationale, said she had been playing soccer at the park as part of a school activity and was too weak from not eating since 7 pm the day before. She was also overcome by the heat and dehydrated. The 13-year-old was driven back to the school.

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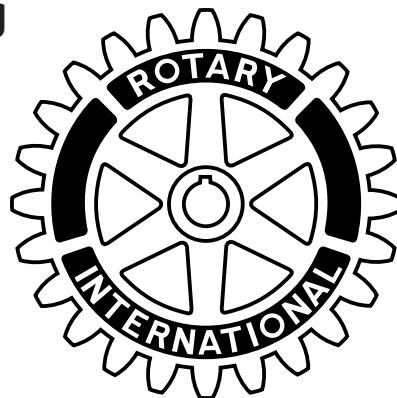
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PLANS FOR GLEN SITE INCLUDE LANDSCAPING

I wanted to clarify a few things in regards to Carola Gurband's letter to the editor published in the May 22 edition ("More inspiring landscaping needed for superhospital," p. 6).

The McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) is currently working on the landscape design for the site with our partners at Groupe immobilier santé McGill.

The Glen site has indeed been planned as a truly healing environment that stimulates our patients, their families, our staff and the community. The design of the site has focused on creating spaces filled with natural light, relaxing gardens for our patients and easy traffic flow through the complex.

The MUHC is more than an hospital, it's a health centre.

We will be happy to share the landscaping plans with the community as soon as they become available.

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COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, MUHC

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SAD ABOUT COTTONWOOD

I was saddened to read the magnificent cottonwood tree in the Westmount Park dog run might have to come down!

When the tree was given a severe, excessive haircut three years ago, I watched the proceedings from my balcony opposite the dog run and wondered if the pruning was more of a mutilation than a first-aid treatment for this wonderful old tree.

The four-year-old picture of this fine tree (at right) shows very healthy leaves, and each spring I looked forward to seeing it bloom into its natural grandeur for the coming summer season.

What a pity!

RICHARD ROCHESTER, ST. CATHERINE ST.

NOT 'RIDICULOUS' TO SUGGEST HYDRO METERS IMPACT HEALTH

In reference to the letter to the editor "Overreaction to new meters from Hydro" (May 29, p. 6), John Dorey stated that it is "ridiculous" to suggest that radio-frequency meters have health-related side effects. He hopes to trivialize a looming public health threat. I believe that history will prove him wrong.

The human body is an extremely sensitive bio-electric system that can be disrupted by ambient radiation. As we plunge headlong into a wonderful wireless world



Photographed in 2008.

Photos: Richard Rochester



Photographed in May 2012.

via cell phones, WiFi, bluetooth devices, radio-frequency meters (yes, the effects are cumulative), we are essentially allowing ourselves to be guinea pigs in a grand experiment.

Thousands of international scientists who study the physiological effects of radio-frequency radiation have urged policy makers to adopt the precautionary principle, in other words, until it has been proven to be completely safe, assume that it has the potential to cause harm.

In September 2007, the European Union's environment agency suggested that increasing exposure to radio-fre-

quency radiation could "lead to a health crisis similar to those caused by asbestos, smoking and lead in petrol."

By the way, Mr. Dorey, you may like to think that the Hydro Westmount meters only transmit once every two months, however as you learned in Laureen Sweeney's May 1 feature article the Hydro Westmount meter "was emitting bursts peaking at 7,310 microwatts per square meter, pulsed approximately every 30 seconds."

MEGAN DURNFORD, VICTORIA AVE.

Editor's note: For related story, see p. 3.- KM

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Youssef brings Disney animator to teach in Montreal

By JOANNE PENHALE

Westmounter Samantha Youssef says she wants the skills and legacy of older Disney animators to be passed on to young animators here in Montreal. Studio Technique, which she opened in 2010 in that vein, hosted a drawing class with long-time Walt Disney animator Andreas Deja on June 2.

Deja is responsible for the creation of several well-known Disney characters including Jafar, Lilo and Roger Rabbit.

"He's more an artist than an employee of the industry," Youssef said of Deja. Youssef, 33, worked as an animator at Disney for three years, where

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Youssef holds a poster of an animation master class with Andreas Deja, the creator of Scar from The Lion King. In the background is a sketch of Jafar from Aladdin, which Deja dedicated to Youssef.

Atwater Lib. AGM smooth; coincides with launch of picture book exhibit

By JOANNE PENHALE

Atwater Library membership and usage is way up, its members heard at their recent annual general meeting.

The 172nd annual meeting was chaired by president Marshall Wansbrough. "In order to survive and grow, we must adapt ever more quickly to change," he said, mentioning the library's new e-books and digital literacy program. He indicated the library should continue to introduce new technologies, as have world-renowned libraries.

"The only challenge is the money supply so we can continue to meet community demands," executive director Lynne Verge told the nearly 40 people attending the May 22 meeting. She said library usage was up 75 percent for this year's first quarter.

Treasurer Mark Gallop reported expenses for 2011 were more than \$620,000. Revenue – made up largely of donations and grants – was more than \$700,000. Income and expenses were comparable to 2010.

A capital campaign launched last year is seeking private funds to update the 1919 building, which is a national historic site.

"They've produced tremendous results," Verge said of the campaign's cabinet, led by Westmounter Richard Pound. It has reached half of its \$2-million target, Verge reported. The library was also awarded a grant from Parks Canada worth \$425,000, Verge said, which was later matched in the capital campaign.

The building's safety, security, and accessibility are being improved, Verge said. An elevator is planned for inside the Tupper St. entrance, Verge told the *Independent*; washrooms will become wheelchair accessible, new washrooms will be added in the basement, and the southeast corner of basement – which now has an apartment – will become office space, amongst

other changes.

"We're blessed with a veritable army of enthusiastic and talented volunteers," Verge told people at the meeting. She estimated the library has 175 active volunteers. She thanked library staff, president Wansbrough and retiring director Bob Bourdus.

A slate of directors was re-elected without competition at the smoothly-run meeting – including Westmounters Michael Belmer, Lionel Blanshay, former mayor Karin Marks and Mary Rivard-David.

Following adjournment, members mingled over wine, fruit and cheese, and the board met briefly. Rivard-David was elected vice president, Wansbrough and Gallop were re-elected president and treasurer respectively.

The meeting opened with the launch of an exhibit showing an evolution of picture books over time, beginning with a 1787 volume of *The Lady's Magazine*. Volunteer Edward McCann curated the exhibit, which will be on display in the reading room this summer.

The Atwater Library is a private library with a collection of more than 38,000 books, mainly in English, and more than 1,200 DVDs. It also delivers material to downtown residents with mobility challenges. The library has a weekly lunchtime speakers' series, regular poetry readings, a



From the podium, executive director Lynne Verge leads members in applauding what she called the library's impeccable staff. Sitting on the end of the reading table clapping, is president Marshall Wansbrough.

monthly book club, computer courses, and free workshops on using online government services. Its digital literacy project teaches digital media skills to people in

the community and school groups.

The Montreal Children's Library and the Quebec Writers' Federation lease space in the building at 1200 Atwater Ave.

Peters new head of school at The Priory

The principal of The Priory School, Deborah Heuff, is retiring. The recently selected new principal is Tim Peters, who holds the job as assistant head of school, elementary at St. George's. In Westmount, Peters previously taught grades 1 and 2 and physical education at Selwyn House. He starts July 1 at the Priory, according to the school.



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Water use

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plate provided by the Quebec government, which requires all municipalities to prepare a plan for reducing water consumption by 20 percent by 2017, said Westmount councillor Theodora Samiotis, Environment commissioner.

While the intent is for the template to be followed, she told the *Independent* last week, municipalities may tailor it to their own environment.

The by-law also regulates the filling of water tanks, pools, ornamental ponds and fountains. It prohibits the use of water-based cooling systems by 2017 as well as the use of water pressure or flow as an energy source to power any machine.

With several references to water meters, it also appears to pave the way for their eventual installation (see separate story this page).

Conservation approach

While Westmounters experience no shortage of water, Samiotis pointed out that the government's conservation approach aligns with Westmount's sustainability policies.

"Just because there is a lot of water today doesn't mean this is forever. It's a matter of acting responsibly. The less water we use, the less that needs to be purified and processed."

But the new rules for watering lawns will probably be among those that most immediately affect many residents. With the exception of newly planted and seeded lawns, use of a regular sprinkler will be limited to the later evening hours and governed by the side of the street one lives on. Even-numbered homes can water on even-numbered calendar days; odd numbers on the odd-numbered days.

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Water meters on the way within 2 years

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The introduction of a water reduction by-law in Westmount and across the island of Montreal paves the way for the introduction of water meters, according to Councillor Theodora Samiotis, Westmount's Environment commissioner.

Meters are to be installed in all non-residential buildings in Westmount by 2014, she said. The phasing-in of meters in residential dwellings is expected to follow.

The process is "horrendously expensive, and for now the island will concentrate on large industrial users, of which Westmount has none," said Councillor

Patrick Martin, commissioner of Utilities and Public Works.

"In fact, what with something like 11 major pipes carrying water into, through and out of Westmount, we don't even know how much water Westmount uses as a community, unfortunately."

To measure this, Samiotis said, Westmount is considering the installation of measuring devices at some 20 points, where the water supply enters and exits the city from Montreal to help provide information on the amount of water used by the city.

Meters will also help provide Westmount with a clear picture of water use, she said.

equipped with a number of technical features that may require them to be upgraded, replaced or removed before 2015.

According to the by-law, air conditioning and refrigeration systems using water must also be replaced by 2017, though Samiotis said she understands most, if not all, A/C systems do not use water.

Once the by-law is adopted, a period of education will follow before it is enforced.

Exactly who will be responsible for enforcement needs to be clarified, she said. The by-law is being introduced by Public Works.

An awareness campaign this summer will include the presence of a government educational team, which will meet with the public at various events under the name of the PEEP patrol – an acronym for Programme d'économie d'eau potable.

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Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

Feig awarded bursary from Impact



Ben Feig, who is in grade 11 at Vanguard, attended the May 19 game of the Montreal Impact professional soccer team, which awarded him a \$500 bursary for “successfully balancing school and sports.” He was one of two students in the Quebec Association of Independent Schools to have received the award, and was among students from other school boards (two each) who were also selected as recipients. Feig played soccer and football for a few years, participated in a boxing program and volunteered as a referee outside of the school.

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*Social Notes
from Westmount
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

Westmount's McClure Gallery in the Visual Arts Centre held a most unusual – and fascinating – event on April 27. The private reception was the premiere of a poetry prize.

The inaugural Montreal International Poetry Prize of \$50,000 was awarded to Mark Tredinnick, who read his winning entry to an entranced group of young and old.

The prize was created by Peter Abramowicz, Len Epp and award-winning

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Nicholas Voeikoff-Erens and Helen Fotopulos.



Dorota Kozinska and McClure Gallery director Victoria LeBlanc.

poet and author **Asa Boxer**. It is open to anyone in the world writing in English. Those entering the contest paid between \$20 and \$25, which partially funded the prize money.

Who would have thought in this internet/smart phone era that poetry is not only alive and well but flourishing? Parallel to the contest, Westmount artist **Carolyn**

O'Neill contacted some international poets whose work she admired, asking if she could illustrate their work in the form of a broadside. (Think old printing methods. A broadside is created with hand-made paper and individually-set letters, each making an indentation in the thick paper.) At the McClure Gallery event, 10 of O'Neill's broadsides were presented with

the poems beautifully illustrated with her own woodcuts, each inspired by the verse itself. What a charming idea!

There were also prints by renowned American artist Eric Fischl, who agreed to participate in the Montreal International Poetry Prize. He chose to illustrate the poem "The Grasshoppers' Silence" by Linda Rogers. *continued on p. 15*

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at McClure Gallery

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Fischl's art work was also for sale (\$2,000) that night.

The Montreal International Poetry Prize published an anthology of 50 poems, the long list chosen from around the world. The lovely little booklet (\$20) was quickly snapped up by guests.

Guests enjoyed the casual eve, including Westmount mayor **Peter Trent**, art critic **Dorota Kozinska**, artist **Hannah Franklin**, McClure Gallery executive director **Victoria LeBlanc**, poet **Michael Harris**, as well as photographer **Joyce Ryckman** and **Co Hoedeman**, Montreal city councillor **Helen Fotopulos** and her husband artist **Nicholas Voelikoff-Erens**.



Carolyn O'Neill and her son Gabriel, and Tessa Zorbas Kemerer.

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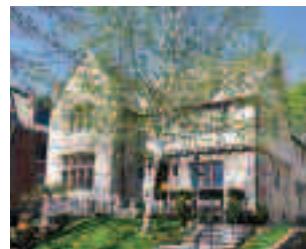
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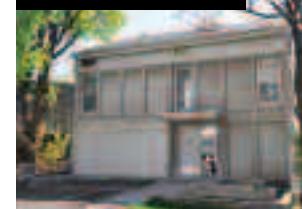
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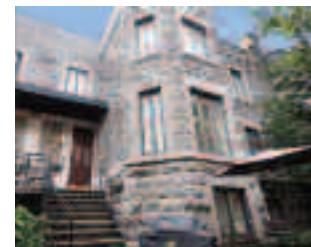


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DUPLEXES				
4172-72A Dorchester	Cornelia Vaughan	Mohammad Rahimian & Zohreh Manafian	\$748,000	\$615,200
CONDOMINIUMS				
1 Church Hill	Caroline Losson	Richard Clark & Julie Martel	\$888,000	\$608,900
11 Hillside #202	Belcourt Properties Inc.	177724 Canada Inc.	\$519,348 ²	
11 Hillside #203	Belcourt Properties Inc.	Michael Albo & Katie Albo	\$510,187 ²	
11 Hillside #206	Belcourt Properties Inc.	David Sloan	\$354,521 ²	
11 Hillside #303	Belcourt Properties Inc.	177724 Canada Inc.	\$508,366 ²	
4821 St. Catherine	Katharine Shingler & Bradley Connell	Alexander Martino	\$330,000	\$263,400
4650 Sherbrooke	Ida Shohet (Tawfik)	Georgina Smith	\$625,000	\$465,600
1 Wood # 409	S. Montgomery & estate E. R. Montgomery	Maryse Goudreault	\$650,000	\$500,300
COMMERCIAL CONDOS				
1 Wood, # 131	Daniel St. Martin Inc.	Reza Nejad	\$77,000	\$15,100
1 Wood, # 132	Daniel St. Martin Inc.	Arezoo Tahvildariyekta	\$100,000	\$24,000

¹Valuation is combination of \$1,320,900 for the house & land, \$80,400 for 229.7 s.m. of extra land at side of house. ²Price does not include GST & QST; new building, valuation not yet established. Source: City of Westmount



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Holocaust hero Wallenberg commemorated downtown

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Westmounters were among the more than 100 people who attended a ceremony on May 23 in the garden of Christ Church Cathedral on Union St. to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Raoul Wallenberg.

Between July and December of 1944 as the Nazi human extermination policy swept through Hungary, Wallenberg, a 31-year-old Swedish diplomat, was mandated

by his government to assist, rescue and save the Jews remaining in Budapest.

After issuing protective passports and sheltering Jews in buildings designated as Swedish territory, Wallenberg disappeared in January 1945 after being arrested by Soviet authorities during the Red Army's invasion of Hungary.

While Wallenberg's fate has been a mystery ever since, monuments in his honour have been set up all over the world, including Place Raoul Wallenberg, where the commemoration took place.

Westmount resident Agnes Kent, who was one of those saved by Wallenberg, recounted how her father and uncle were rounded up by members of the Hungarian fascist Arrow Cross regime. They were sent on a forced march towards the Auschwitz concentration camp, then shot to death when they couldn't continue walking.

However, Kent and her mother were fortunate in being able to obtain documents through Wallenberg, which placed them under the protection of the Swedish government. "Without Wallenberg's skillfulness and vision, I would not be here to deliver these words," she said, addressing the attendees.



Westmounters who attended the Wallenberg ceremony included, from left: Eugene Riesman and his wife Sarah, Roger Baker, Westmount-Ville Marie Liberal MP Marc Garneau, Natalie MacDougall, Earl Drymer, Thomas Velan, Bruce Kent and his wife Joelle, Reford MacDougall and Independent publisher David Price.

Reford MacDougall, a Westmounter who was on the committee that organized the commemoration, noted that the Swedish government is currently promot-

ing Wallenberg's legacy during the centennial of his birth.

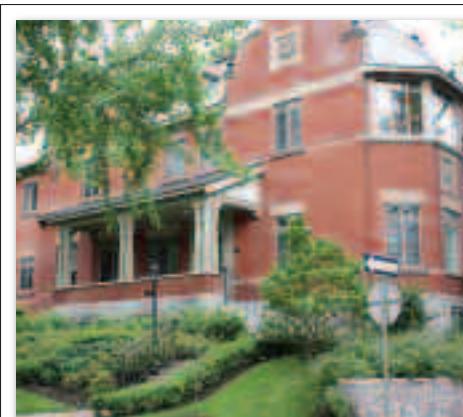
"Getting his story out is very, very important," MacDougall said.



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April prices still strong



Real estate

ANDY DODGE

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in April 2012, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.

Prices and sales volume remained strong in Westmount real estate in April, though there were none of the dramatic prices experienced earlier this year. The average mark-up over city valuation moved to its highest level this year, and only one sale was recorded below the city valuation, but really the price level based on these sales has not moved substantially since last June.

Among deeds signed in April, the highest price was \$2,100,000 for 591 Argyle Ave., the only house above the \$2-million mark.

Lowest price was \$748,000

The lowest price was the \$748,000 recorded for 4172-72A Dorchester Blvd., corner Greene Ave., which the city classifies as a single-family dwelling but which was marketed as a duplex. That was one of two house sales below \$900,000; fully nine of the 15 one- and two-family dwellings sold between \$1 million and \$2 million, offering an average price of \$1,285,000.

The average mark-up was almost 23 percent, meaning the “typical” Westmount house price would be about \$1,477,000; the monthly average mark-up has hovered between 12 and 31 percent over the past 11 months. In fact, however, the highest mark-up among these sales involved one of the lower-priced houses, 58 Somerville Ave., whose \$935,000 price was 55 percent higher than the tax value. The only mark-down involved 334 Elm Ave., a very small

two-storey house north of de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Four more condominium sales at 11 Hillside Ave. were registered in April, following up on the first nine units, whose sales were registered in March; while the price range last month was between \$263,029 and \$433,587, three of the four April sales involved prices over \$500,000 – not including sales taxes, for which the buyer is also responsible.

Condo sales at Church Hill

Other condo sales in April included a two-storey unit at 1 Church Hill, corner Côte St. Antoine, which gleaned the highest price of \$888,000, and a fourth-floor walk-up flat at 4821 St. Catherine St., the lowest price at \$330,000.

Two more commercial condominium units in the basement of 1 Wood Ave. (4055 St. Catherine St.) sold in April, both from Daniel St. Martin Inc. and for substantially more than the city valuations, which had been established when the interior shopping area was lying empty and ignored. Only in the past two years have buyers started to express an interest in using the various storefronts.

Also registered in April were various “housekeeping” deeds, such as a transfer of land between the owners of adjoining lots on Gordon and Summit Crescent to clean up lot lines, and of vacant land now under development on Surrey Gardens between various branches of the Jean Houde empire. The deeds had been signed in October and November last year but did not get registered right away, nor are they susceptible to the city transfer tax.

Andy Dodge is a residential real estate appraiser. His email address is andy@andydodgeassociates.com.

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Merchants prepare for Vic Village street festival

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The Sherbrooke/Victoria Merchants' Association will be holding its Westmount Street Festival on June 15, 16 and 17. Two very recent members are ready.

Nee Nah jewellery boutique owner Nina St. Michael, who will be taking part in the festival for the first time since moving to Victoria Ave. from Greene Ave., has been emailing invitations to her clients.

“We’re looking forward to taking part,” she told the *Independent*.

Across the street, Randee Crudo, who recently opened Galerie Crafteira, which offers arts and crafts instruction to children, is also excited.

“I think it’s important to develop a relationship with your neighbours, and the

Westmount Street Festival is perfect for that,” she said.

This year, Martin Swiss Cycles plans to offer free bicycle inspections to passing cyclists.

And for the first time, Dairy producer Natrel is bringing in live cows on Friday, which will be kept in a pen at the corner of Sherbrooke St. and Prince Albert Ave.

As usual, there will also be plenty of live music on Saturday and Sunday. A record

10 bands and individual musicians are scheduled to be on stage or give street performances.

And, as in past years, the sidewalks of parts of Sherbrooke and Victoria Ave. from Sherbrooke to de Maisonneuve,

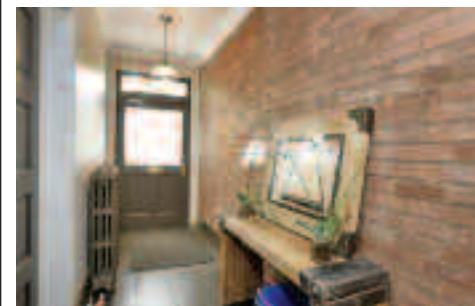
as well as Somerville will be the setting for the Art Walk.



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Remembering Westmount in the flood of 1987

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was July 14, 1987, when the mother of all floods hit Westmount and the Montreal region. At the time some 100 mm fell in just over one hour.

Westmount firefighters were swamped by 145 appeals for help and answered hundreds of other calls for information, as a steady stream of citizens went directly to the fire station either to borrow clean-up equipment, or because 911 and city phone lines were overloaded or out.

A woman was swept down Glen Rd. by what was described as a river of water and was rescued cut and bleeding by a plumbing truck. Hoarding was blown down at construction sites and a car was reportedly swept into an excavation hole.

"I've never seen water like it," reported the fire captain and future fire chief, now the late Jim Adams.

"It was the worst," said then fire chief William Timmons, comparing it to winter storms.

Westmount's hydro utility logged 92 calls for no power. It was headed at the

time by Bruce St. Louis, who later became city director general. "We worked through the night to restore power," he said at the time. Many apartment buildings were without electricity overnight until basements could dry out.

As well, five feet of water had to be pumped out of the transformer pit at the Glen power house.

The city's librarians waded through ankle-deep water to salvage important books in the basement, and the library remained closed the next day.

Among buildings most badly flooded were the former Reddy Memorial Hospital on Tupper St., the Westmount Y, the office building at 4823 Sherbrooke (now the SAQ) and the apartment building at 4800 de Maisonneuve, the Westmount Estates.

Manoir hit the same way

At Manoir Westmount, which sustained substantial damage in last week's flooding, the boiler room was still being pumped out two days after the 1987 flood. "Water had poured in the front door... flooding the main floor," it was reported (just as it did in the latest flood).

"Despite up to six inches of water from backed-up drains in the basement dining room, the kitchen staff managed to prepare a mixed grill for supper and then carry trays up stairs to about 100 rooms," this reporter wrote at the time. "We were slushing around here in our boots," stated nurse Eleanor Smith.

Flooding

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Not as bad as 1987

The rain and subsequent damage was "pretty bad," acknowledged Public Security director Dave Sedgwick. But in perspective, not quite like the great flood of July 1987 when 100 mm were reported to have fallen in just over an hour (see separate story this page).

But this time, as often happens in heavy rain, torrents of water rushed down the hills, particularly via Lansdowne where the asphalt surface cracked and lifted just south of St. Catherine, Sedgwick said. It had to be repaved to south of the tunnel.

Public Security was inundated with calls, referred many to Public Works and dispatched officers to 10 incidents, usually to control traffic until arrival of police.

While the library typically experiences some water infiltration during the spring melt, "This time it was the sewage system backing up through a drain in a huge low sink, which is not as pleasant," said library director Julie-Anne Cardella. "It was scary because the sewage seeps into every corner."

Fortunately, however, it was confined to one area of the basement, and there was no damage to books or archives.



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Séance d'information sur le projet de Règlement sur l'utilisation de l'eau potable

Les résidents de Westmount sont conviés à une séance d'information concernant le projet de *Règlement sur l'utilisation de l'eau potable*.

Ce règlement a pour objectif de régir l'utilisation de l'eau potable en vue de préserver la qualité et la quantité de la ressource. La séance aura lieu:

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Des membres du conseil et des représentants de l'administration municipale seront sur place pour présenter un résumé du règlement et pour répondre à vos questions.

Le projet de règlement, déposé lors de la séance du conseil du 7 mai 2012, est disponible au www.westmount.org et à l'hôtel de ville.

Information session on the draft By-law Concerning Drinking Water Usage

Westmount residents are invited to a public information session on the draft *By-law Concerning Drinking Water Usage*.

The purpose of this by-law is to govern the use of drinking water in order to preserve the quality and quantity of this natural resource. The session will take place:

Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Westmount City Hall
4333 Sherbrooke St. W.

Council members and City officials will be on hand to present an outline of the by-law and to answer your questions.

The draft by-law, tabled at the Council meeting of May 7, 2012, is available at www.westmount.org and at City Hall.

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Ikeman calls for list as Lansdowners voice concerns

Manoir flooded through front door, Victoria Hall drains

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

When water began pouring through the front doors of Manoir Westmount at Sherbrooke and Lansdowne May 29, it flowed into 10 ground-floor rooms, down the elevator shaft and through conduits and light fixtures to the basement, bringing down the ceiling of the Rotary club office.

At the same time, drains began “spewing up” in the basement of Victoria Hall, where the seniors’ dining room is, raising the carpet in the dining room some 18 inches off the floor, said manager Tom Thompson.

Water also backed up through a sink drain, flooding activity rooms, he said.

With two elevators out of commission and the dining room unusable, staff carried dinner trays up and down to rooms. One elevator was back in order late in the evening. The second one was functional at noon two days after.

Thompson said it was apparent the city

drain in front of the front door “couldn’t handle the water” thereby allowing it into the building. “When we do what we’re supposed to in order to ensure our drains work properly, I think others should do the same.”

“There was substantial damage,” said Councillor Gary Ikeman, who visited the residence twice, the night of the flood and the next day. Thompson said initial estimates were at least \$50,000.

The Manoir, with its population of seniors, is one of the places Ikeman said should be put on a city list of locations known to be vulnerable to flooding that would receive priority attention from the city in terms of its infrastructure “and where we can actually do something.

“It’s incumbent on the city to work quickly and do something when they are made aware of it. Maybe there is such a list, but I’m going to ask that one be drawn up,” he said.

Other nearby flood victims were Alan Goldberg and Joni Hersovici whose base-

ment at 308 Lansdowne has now been flooded twice since 2007. “The problem is that we’re missing a catchbasin and there needs to be work on the sidewalk to keep the water that rushes down the street from going into our garage,” Hersovici explained. The house next door is also affected, she said.

“There simply aren’t enough drains on the street. We’re trying to do our part to minimize the problem and they [the city] have to do theirs.” After contacting Ikeman, “he actually came right over to see us,” Hersovici said.

Ikeman: relayed requests last fall

Ikeman told the *Independent* he had relayed the request to fix the situation last fall and was told this would be done in the fall or at the latest early this spring. “I don’t know whether there was a problem with parts or what happened. The resident is certainly very frustrated.”

Working before 8 am Saturday

A resident of 4300 de Maisonneuve called Public Security at 7:40 am, May 26, to complain about construction work starting before 8 am on a Saturday at 215 Redfern. Officers found a worker draining water off a tarpaulin in preparation for work.

Disney

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she met Deja. She calls him one of the top 10 animators in the world, who’s retained a child-like awe of animation. While he rarely gives classes like this, she noted, he agreed to conduct the class in Montreal to support her work.

Through Studio Technique, Youssef also teaches life drawing and animation classes.

“I teach what I learned at Disney,” she said.

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BUILDING PERMITS What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the May 7 meeting of city council.

3040 Sherbrooke: At Dawson College, a Category I* building, to cut down four trees to do some landscaping provided four are planted to replace them;

729 Upper Lansdowne: at a Category I house, to replace the front door;

628 Roslyn: to replace some windows and a door;

112 Irvine: to replace a garage door;

95 Côte St. Antoine: at Selwyn House School, a Category I building, to replace some windows;

474 Strathcona: to replace some windows and a door;

499 Elm: at a Category I house, landscaping to include new front stairs, a fence and planters;

321 Kensington: at a Category I house, to build a rear balcony;

87 Hallowell: to convert a window opening into a door and replace one window;

637 Roslyn: to demolish a garage and build a new one;

361 Victoria: to erect a sign for “nee-nah”;

559 Argyle: at a Category I house, to replace roof veneer;

395 Clarke: at a Category I house, to replace veneer of a rear extension;

420 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, to landscape front and side yards, including terrace above the garage and to resurface driveway with pavers;

4382 Côte des Neiges: to replace some windows;

4158 Dorchester: at a Category I building, to redo front stairs, and at the rear to build new retaining walls, erect a fence and add planters;

3720 The Boulevard: landscaping to include resurfacing driveway and installing a new patio, retaining walls and walkway;

8 Chesterfield: to erect a privacy screen on a rear balcony;

4873 Westmount: at Marianopolis College, a Category I building, to do some masonry restoration and replace some windows at the top level;

342A Victoria: to erect a sign for “Galerie Crafteria”.

4675 St. Catherine: at the site of the new recreation centre, to cut down some

trees as recommended in a Public Works report (see story May 8, p.3).

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the May 22 meeting of city council.

4675 St. Catherine: at the site of the city's new recreation centre, to remove eight additional trees due to site management constraints in order to build the new municipal recreation centre (see story May 29, p. 4);

3720 The Boulevard: to do some alterations at the front, replace house veneer, and replace windows and doors;

65 Forden Ave.: at a Category I house, to rebuild front stairs and railings;

157 Edgehill: at a Category I house, to replace the windows and some doors;

4823 Sherbrooke: to erect a sign for “Pier I imports”;

4311 Montrose: to add a new dormer facing Montrose;

4345 Westmount: to move basement access from back to side;

636 Belmont: to erect a back fence;

4849 Sherbrooke: at a Category I building housing RBC, to replace some windows and one back door, relocate fire escape and replace brick on some walls facing the lane;

5001 Sherbrooke: to erect a sign for “Les cafés Second Cup” provided size of lettering does not exceed that used in the adjacent Art-en-ciel sign;

601 Victoria: to replace veneer and windows of sunroom;

386 Roslyn: landscaping to include a new rear deck, side pathway and new planters;

30 Windsor: to install a new back fence;

63 Prospect: landscaping in rear yard to include a terrace and plant areas;

115 Côte St. Antoine: at a Category I house, landscaping to include a patio and garden beds as well as resurfacing of the driveway and walkway;

810 Upper Lansdowne: to replace sunroom windows;

66 Rosemount Cresc.: at a Category I house, to replace fences at the side and terrace on top of the garage;

8 St. George's Place: to modify some rear openings;

767 Upper Belmont: to landscape the front, create plant beds and replace the covering of steps and the stairs themselves;

28 Willow: to erect a fence;

648 Murray Hill: landscaping to include

side walkway, a patio, back fence and planters;

5 Douglas: landscaping at the rear to include demolition of garage and creation of a new balcony, fence, play surface and plant areas;

582 Lansdowne: to modify some openings at rear and replace some windows and doors at side and rear;

1308 Greene: to install two signs for “Galerie dart Trimont”;

4612 St. Catherine: at a Category I building, to replace front door;

524 Mount Pleasant: at a Category I building, landscaping to include rebuilding dry-stone walls, a rear terrace and planters;

4467-4469 de Maisonneuve: to replace front doors;

600 Argyle: at a Category I house, to landscape rear yard by creating planting areas and introducing more vegetation;

434 Strathcona: to demolish a two-storey rear mudroom and balcony, rebuild a deck and canopy above a door, modify some openings and add a side door with canopy;

310 Grosvenor: to erect a fence;

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Renaud speaks to Rotary about Anna Swan, the 8-foot woman



Author Anne Renaud gave a presentation to members of the Westmount Rotary Club at Victoria Hall on May 23 about her upcoming book *The Extraordinary Life of Anna Swan*. The historical, non-fiction book for young readers is about Anna Swan, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1846. By the time she reached adulthood, she was seven feet, eleven and a half inches tall, making her the tallest woman in the world at the time. She died in Ohio in 1888 and is buried alongside her husband, who himself was almost eight feet tall. Renaud is a Westmounter and works at Westmount city hall as secretary to Mayor Peter Trent.

Photo: Robert J. Galbraith

'Third Seder' evening held at the temple coincides with book of same theme



It's been 25 years since a group of Montrealers who are the children of Holocaust survivors first got together to commemorate Yom HaShoah (the Hebrew name for Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a ceremony they called the Third Seder. On May 24, Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom hosted a Third Seder evening, along with the pre-publication presentation of a new book, *The Third Seder: A Haggadah for Yom HaShoah*. Seen from left are the book's artist/designer J.W. Stewart, co-authors Jehudi Lindeman and Irene Angelico, and publisher Simon Dardick of Véhicule Press.

Photo: Martin C. Barry

The Demerger Delusion

Trent's book hits web listings 4 months before release date

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent's book on the merger/demerger experience is slated to come off the press October 1 but it had already hit internet listings May 29.

"I was surprised," he said. "I didn't realize it would be listed four months ahead. On the other hand, I'm very happy."

The 608-page book has been more than five years in the writing. It is being published by McGill-Queen's University Press, which describes it as "the first book-length study of the series of mergers imposed by the Parti Québécois government."

Called *The Demerger Delusion: How Swallowing its Suburbs Made an Even Bigger Mess of Montreal*, the book chronicles "the story of the fight against the forced merger of Montreal municipalities and the world's first metropolitan demerger."

The publisher states that "As the costs and pitfalls of forced mergers become clearer in hindsight, *The Demerger Delu-*

sion recounts a compelling case study with broad implications for cities across the globe."

The book, Trent's first, is listed at <http://mqup.mcgill.ca/book.php?bookid=2952> as well as on Amazon, and Barnes and Nobles websites.

A French edition will also be available.

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Bronfman fellowship in contemporary arts awarded to master's students

Westmounters Claudine and Stephen Bronfman were present when Concordia University and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) announced the 2012 recipients of The Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Fellowship in Contemporary Art on May 3.

The fellowship was created with the Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Family Foundation's multi-year gift of \$550,000 that will go to support fine arts graduates in launching their careers.

The 2012 fellows are Sébastien Cliche of UQAM and Julie Favreau of Concordia, who are aiming to receive their master's degrees in 2012. The two-year awards are valued at approximately \$55,000 each.

Attending from Concordia were Marie Claire Morin, vice president, Advancement and Alumni Relations; and Catherine Wild, dean, faculty of Fine Arts. Present from UQAM were Chantal Bouvier, vice rector, Public Affairs and Government Relations; and Louise Poissant, dean, arts faculty.

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Jablonski scores 77 at Selwyn golf tourney; \$64K raised for bursaries and children's charity



The 14th annual Selwyn House Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament took place at the Kanawaki Golf Club on May 28. Seventy-one golfers and 16 dinner guests attended the event, which raised just over \$64,000 for the Old Boys' Endowment Fund for bursaries, to support the educational initiatives of the Old Boys' Association and the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation. Left, Hagen Mehnert (class of '84), and right, Michael Avedesian (class of '88), organizers of the tournament, present the trophy for the lowest gross by an Old Boy to Westmounter Matthew Jablonski (class of 2010), centre, who scored a 77.

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Building permits

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- 119 Blenheim Place: at a Category I house, rear landscaping to include a patio and planting areas;
- 36 Somerville: at a Category I house, to redo front stairs and handrails and to resurface driveway;
- 648 Grosvenor: to replace some windows;

Walking tour of early French farms being organized for fall



From left: Elizabeth Currie, Caroline Breslaw, Bérèngère Vachonfrance, Valerie Aitken, Ruth Rigby, Maura McKeon and Amanda Mancini.

Photo courtesy of Doreen Lindsay

BY DOREEN LINDSAY

On May 19, the Westmount Historical Association held its first training session for the guides who will conduct a walking tour along Côte St. Antoine Rd. in October. Westmounters Caroline Breslaw and Doreen Lindsay of the association have researched and are organizing a walk beginning at the Hurtubise family house west of Victoria Ave. and ending at the Décarie house east of Argyle Ave. near city hall. The guides are studying the early French families who were deeded land on Côte St.

Antoine by the Sulpicians from as early as 1698. The guides will be researching the pioneering farming families of Décarie, Hurtubise and St. Germain, where the original farm houses were located and who bought and developed the land over the years.

The walking tour called "In the footprint of the early French farms" is scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 14. It is being organized in collaboration with the city of Westmount and Canadian Heritage of Quebec, which owns the Hurtubise house.

- 6 Braeside Place: at a Category I house, to install a swimming pool at rear;
- 538 Grosvenor: to replace some storm windows;
- 10 Bellevue: to erect a back fence;
- 311 Metcalfe: to replace a garage door;
- 24 Edgehill: at a Category I house, to install a back fence;

- 4328 Montrose: to landscape rear yard and build a new deck;
- 183 Côte St. Antoine: to re-landscape property to include new walkways;
- 1200 Atwater: at the Atwater Library, a Category I building, to convert a basement window and obsolete coal trap door on lane with a mechanical louver.

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Knocking down pole

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McEntyre writing competition winners to be applauded at June ceremony

The McEntyre Writing Competition Awards ceremony is to take place Wednesday, June 6 at 7 pm in Victoria Hall for the winners and their families. This year, there were 1,206 entries from 14 schools, and 64 volunteer judges read the entries, according to Wendy Wayling, children's librarian with the Westmount Public Library.

The winners are:

Grade 1

1. Matthew Anderson Selwyn House

2. Michael Gubitosa Selwyn House
3. Mikhael Auerbach Selwyn House

Grade 2

1. George Adamopoulos Selwyn House
2. Sarah Picciola The Study
3. Catherine Harries ECS

Grade 3

1. Anna Shi The Study
2. Arielle Cohen Akiva
3. Thomas Hallett Roslyn

Grade 4

1. Justin Harry Burdman-Castravelli Selwyn House
2. Lefraru Gonzalez-Tucas Westmount Park
3. Sofia Watt Sjöström Roslyn

Grade 5

1. Chloe Martin Roslyn
 2. Alexandre Janson Selwyn House
 3. Meihiba Gannon Willis Roslyn
- HM: Luke Kalaydjian Selwyn House

Grade 6

1. Chang Heng Mo St. Léon
 2. Erica Sun Roslyn
 3. Esme Bonnell Roslyn
- HM: Eric Zimmermann Selwyn House.

Grade 7

1. Kane Lee Westmount High
 2. Pipa Jones F.A.C.E.
 3. Mark Hladky Selwyn House
- HM: Petro Analytis and Shayne Tessler of Selwyn House

Grade 8

1. Angelina Mazza Villa Ste. Marcelline
 2. Charlotte Huebner Villa Ste. Marcelline
 3. Marine Coeurdassier Villa Ste. Marcelline
- HM: Matt Bonnell Selwyn House

Grade 9

1. Elisa Cura Westmount High
 2. Julia Cohen The Study
 3. Erin McRae Westmount High
- HM: Geneviève Gagnon-Joseph Villa Ste. Marcelline

Grade 10

1. Rachel Medvedev Westmount High
2. Marina Mavridis The Study
3. Akinasi Partridge, Westmount High and Logan Timmins, The Study

Grade 11

1. Camilla Blanco-Purdy Westmount High
 2. Kevin Peng Westmount High
 3. Sam Faria Westmount High
- HM: Melissa Atta Westmount High

An offer he couldn't refuse



A gas lawnmower was found on a corner of Grosvenor Ave. and de Maisonneuve around 7 pm on May 26. "Free" was written on an attached sign. Scarcely a moment passed when Matt Gamble of Greene Ave., who was passing by, decided to take up the offer. Photo: Martin C. Barry

No work allowed without safe walkway

Public safety officers shut down construction work at 4200 Sherbrooke at Greene, May 25 after workers were found not to have created a safe passage for pedestrians. Officers were called to the scene at 12:47 pm by Public Works.

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HÔTEL DE VILLE

Horaires estivaux en vigueur

Les bureaux administratifs de l'hôtel de ville, d'Hydro Westmount, du Victoria Hall et des Services des travaux publics, des sports et loisirs et de la sécurité publique seront ouverts du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h. Cet horaire est en vigueur du 4 juin jusqu'au 7 septembre 2012. De plus, la Bibliothèque publique et la Galerie du Victoria Hall seront fermées le dimanche entre le 10 juin et le 9 septembre 2012.

Séance d'information sur le projet de règlement sur l'eau potable

Les résidents de Westmount sont conviés à une séance d'information concernant la nouvelle réglementation sur l'eau potable le lundi 11 juin à 19 h à l'Hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke O. Le projet de règlement, déposé lors de la séance du conseil du 7 mai 2012, est disponible au www.westmount.org et à l'hôtel de ville. 🌿



SPORTS ET LOISIRS

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

Les Westmountais sont invités à contribuer à la célébration du nouveau centre des loisirs en proposant l'un des **12 éléments** à être inclus dans une capsule témoin qui sera enterrée sous le CLW. Procurez-vous un formulaire d'inscription dans un des édifices municipaux ou envoyez un courriel à capsuletemoin@westmount.org avec votre nom, adresse, une description de l'objet et pourquoi vous pensez qu'il représente le Westmount d'aujourd'hui. Faites partie de l'histoire de notre communauté. 🌿



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Blowing in the Wind: A Tribute to Bob Dylan and his Musical World

L'ethnomusicologue, musicien et auteur montréalais Craig Morrison et Terry Joe "Banjo" Rodrigues rendront hommage musical à l'icône Bob Dylan le mercredi 13 juin à 19 h au Victoria Hall. Procurez-vous des billets gratuits à la Bibliothèque. Info : 514 989-5386.

DATES À RETENIR

Les 25 juin et 2 juillet

Congés fériés - bureaux administratifs fermés
Ville de Westmount

Le 3 juillet à 20 h

Séance du conseil
Hôtel de ville

Le 8 juillet à 14 h

Série concerts d'été : Sheila Smith Quartet
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La folie des films pour toute la famille : The Muppets

Le vendredi 15 juin à 18h30 dans la salle Westmount. Pour les 7 ans et plus. Info : 514 989-5229.

Club de lecture anglaise

Joignez-vous au club de lecture anglaise le mardi 19 juin de 19 h à 21 h pour une discussion au sujet du livre *Let the Great World Spin* de Colum McCann. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Fête de la Saint-Jean 2012

Soyez des nôtres lors de la Fête de la Saint-Jean au parc Westmount le vendredi 22 juin. Apportez un pique-nique à partir de 17 h ou achetez une collation sur les lieux. Au programme : jeux, gâteau, un spectacle avec Les Imprudanses et *Just Ladies* et le feu de joie à 21 h. En cas de pluie les activités auront lieu au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke O. Info : 514 989-5226.

Fête du Canada 2012 : camping et petit-déjeuner au parc Westmount

Célébrez le 145^e anniversaire de notre pays avec vos amis et voisins le 30 juin et le 1^{er} juillet. Beau temps, mauvais temps, il y aura des activités pour tous. Réservez un site pour votre tente en composant le 514 989-5226 dès le 18 juin (places limitées). Musique, jeux, feu de joie et petit-déjeuner de crêpes à 2 \$. 🌿



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Bois Summit : période migratoire

Pendant la période migratoire des oiseaux, soit du 16 avril au 15 juin, les chiens doivent être **en laisse en tout temps** au Bois Summit. Les officiers de la Sécurité publique patrouilleront le secteur et délivreront des constats de 75 \$ aux contrevenants. Info : 514 989-5222. 🌿



CITY HALL

Summer hours in effect

Westmount's administrative offices in City Hall, Hydro Westmount, Victoria Hall, Public Works, Recreation and Public Security will be open Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This schedule is in effect from June 4 to September 7, 2012. In addition, the Public Library and the Gallery at Victoria Hall will be closed Sundays between June 10 and September 9, 2012.

Information session on the draft By-law on Drinking Water

Westmount residents are invited to a public information session concerning the new by-law on drinking water on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 4333, Sherbrooke St. W. The draft by-law, tabled at the Council meeting of May 7, 2012, is available at www.westmount.org and at City Hall. 🌿



SPORTS & RECREATION

Enter the Westmount Recreation Centre Time Capsule Contest!

Westmounters are invited to help celebrate their new recreation centre by proposing one of the **12 items** that will be included in a time capsule to be buried deep in the WRC. Pick up an entry form in one of Westmount's municipal buildings or send an email to timecapsule@westmount.org with your name, address, a description of the item and the reasons why you believe the item represents today's Westmount. Be part of our community's history. 🌿



LIBRARY

TD Summer Reading Club: Imagine!

Imagine a summer of books, games and activities that will give free rein to your imagination. You will be charmed and enthralled by tales of wonder this summer! Ask for your Summer Reading Club Kit at the Children's Desk beginning June 1st. Info: 514 989-5229.

Blowing in the Wind: A Tribute to Bob Dylan and his Musical World

Montreal ethnomusicologist, musician and author Craig Morrison along with Terry Joe "Banjo" Rodrigues will present an illustrative and musical tribute to cultural icon Bob Dylan on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Pick up free tickets at the Library. Info: 514 989-5386.

DATEBOOK

June 25 and July 2

Legal holidays - administrative offices closed
City of Westmount

July 3 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting
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July 8 at 2 p.m.

Summer concert series: Sheila Smith Quartet
Westmount Park

Movie Madness for Families: The Muppets

Friday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Westmount Room. For 7 years and up. Info: 514 989-5229.

English Book Club

Join the English Book Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 to discuss *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. Info: 514 989-5386. 🌿



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fête de la Saint-Jean 2012

Celebrate Saint-Jean in Westmount Park on Friday, June 22nd. Bring a picnic anytime from 5 p.m. or purchase refreshments on site. Enjoy games, cake, entertainment by *Les Imprudanses* and *Just Ladies*, plus the traditional bonfire at 9 p.m. In case of rain, activities will take place at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street W. Info: 514 989-5226.

Canada Day 2012: Camping and breakfast in Westmount Park

Celebrate our country's 145th birthday with friends and neighbours on June 30th and July 1st. Rain or shine, there will be activities for everyone. Reserve your tent site by phoning 514 989-5226 as of June 18 (places limited). Enjoy music, games, a bonfire and a Toonie pancake breakfast in the morning. 🌿



PUBLIC SECURITY

Summit Woods: migratory period

During the bird migratory period between April 16 and June 15 each year, dogs in Summit Woods must be kept **on leash at all times**. To ensure this by-law is respected, Public Security Officers will carry out random patrols and issue \$75 fines to any violators. Info : 514 989-5222. 🌿

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Comin' Up

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- **Nektarios Pouliezios** of Scotia McLeod speaks to the Rotary Club of Westmount on "The Road Ahead: A Look Into Today's Global Markets," 1 pm at Victoria Hall. 12 noon preamble, 12:30 pm lunch. Cost: \$20 lunch and presentation. RSVP: 514.935.3344 by the Friday before.
- **Michael Tritt** reviews *Foreign Bodies* by Cynthia Ozick, 9:30 am with coffee and pastry; 10 am for the review at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Cost: \$8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- Artist **Marina Zuger** to speak at 7 pm at McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria. Her exhibition "Vrtlar" runs until Saturday, June 23.
- The Thomas More Institute presents **Michael Goldbloom** on higher education, followed by the institute's convocation ceremony, 7 to 9 pm. 3405 Atwater. Free. Reserve: 514.935.9585.
- Healing coach, meditation and yoga teacher **Jackie Roberge** gives a presentation on "5 Fun Strategies to Boost Your Immune System and Stay Healthy," 12:30 pm at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater. Free.

- Annual **St. Léon Church bazar**, 1 to 6 pm at 330 Clarke Ave. Clothes, books and CDs for sale. Info: 514.935.4950.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Westmount High's "Family fun day fundraiser," 11 am to 4 pm behind the school (4350 St. Catherine St.) in the parking lot. Car wash, BBQ, penny fair, garage sale, uniform sale, games and activities. Money raised to go to the science department. If rain, event will be postponed for until the fall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Sundays at the Shaar presents Col. **Bernard Finestone**, World War II veteran who will discuss "The Present Dilemma," lunch at 12 noon; lecture at 1 pm at Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Ave. Cost: \$5 for lecture and lunch. Reserve: 514.937.9471, ext. 139.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

The **Westmount Horticultural Society** presents Pat Webster of Glen Villa, North Hatley who will speak on "Art in the Garden" – how and why art is used in gardens historically and currently, 7 pm at the

Westmount Public Library. Cost: \$5 for guests.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- **Secret Garden Tour of Westmount**, 9:30 am to 4 pm. Tickets: \$35 (includes a map and box lunch). \$5 discount to members of Westmount Horticultural Society. Available at Victoria Hall. Tickets limited. Info: 514.932.9349 or brigitta.brittain@gmail.com. See story "Secret Garden Tour returns after five years," May 29, p. 4.
- "Blowing in the Wind: A Tribute to Bob Dylan and his Musical World," 7 pm at Victoria Hall. Ethnomusicologist, musician and author Craig Morrison and Terry Joe "Banjo" Rodrigues give an illustrative and musical **tribute to Bob Dylan**. Tickets are free, but people must pick them up at the Westmount Library before the event.

Café Crème to screen Euro Cup

Victoria Ave.'s Café Crème will have its television tuned to the the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship, commonly referred to as Euro Cup. The tournament takes place between Friday, June 8 and Sunday, July 1.

Vet to hold fundraising pet nail trimming day to benefit AnimEscale

The Montreal Veterinary Hospital is set to hold a pet nail trim day on Sunday, June 17. Proceeds from the \$10 fee are to go to AnimEscale (www.animescale.com), a non-profit organization that fosters the companion animals of victims of domestic violence. The hospital will run the trimming clinic from 10 am to 3 pm at 324 Victoria Ave. Dogs should be arrive on leash and cats in cages.

In other Café Crème news, manager Nastasia De Paoli and a business partner are starting up an artistic business in designing murals, logos, tattoos and canvas paintings based on reproductions. A website is in the works.

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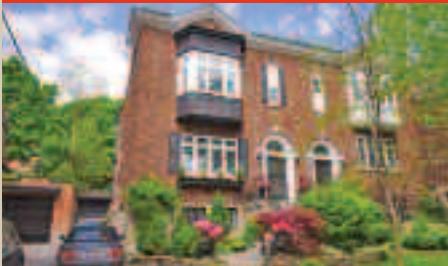
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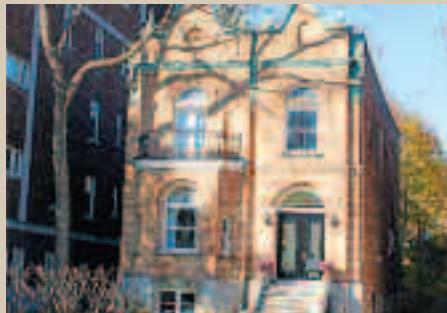
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VILLE MARIE 1201 Sherbrooke W.
Landmark location with historic roots
Asking price \$8,900,000 **MLS 8742629**



WESTMOUNT 616 Sydenham
Sophisticated residence perfect for large family with views of the river and the South Shore, 5+ bdr
\$3,100,000 **MLS 8699766**



WESTMOUNT 4549 Sherbrooke W.
Beautiful century old property across from Westmount Park, exceptional restoration, 4 bdr
\$1,275,000 **MLS 8653037**



WESTMOUNT 1 Wood, #604
Luxury living in the upscale Wood Avenue Condos, mountain views, walk to Greene Ave., 2 bdr
\$885,000 **MLS 8728365**



ILE-DES-SŒURS 100 rue Hall, PH 1402
Penthouse in award winning building Val de l'Anse with amazing city and water views, 2 bdr
\$645,000 **MLS 8723817**

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NDG 4629-4631 Harvard
Upper and lower duplex in the heart of Monkland Village, recently renovated, open concept, garage
\$1,050,000 **MLS 8758530**



NDG 2237 Madison, #401
Sun-filled 2 level condo with roof-top terrace, close to new MUHC superhospital, amazing views, 2 bdr
\$465,000 **MLS 8597313**



STE-AGATHE 36 Pointe-Greenshields
Stunning estate with 850 feet on Lac-des-Sables, guest house, beautiful family get away
\$998,000 **MLS 8723627**



TMR 235 Highfield
Elegant split-level design on corner landscaped lot with a pool, great family home, 3 bdr
\$1,595,000 **MLS 8691325**

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Outremont, 753 Querbes Ave.
\$595,000

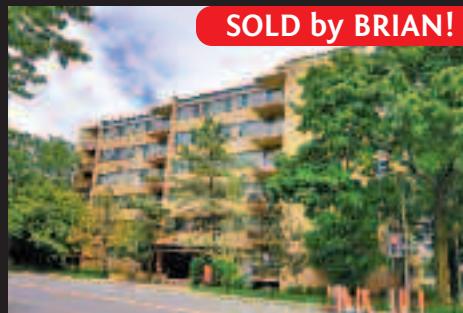
Spacious 2 + den top floor condo/triplex. Fabulous open plan, private roof top terrace!



ANOTHER JUST SOLD!

Westmount adj. 3035 Barat Rd
\$1,645,000

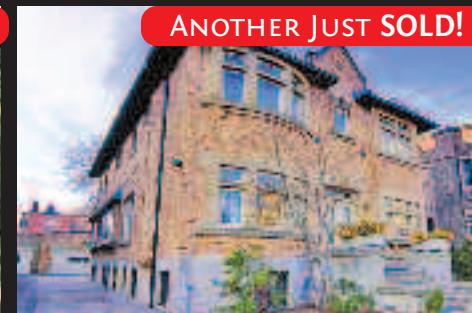
One of THE most desirable homes in the "Priest's Farm" area! This extra spacious DETACHED home has been massively renovated in recent years + offers luxury, convenience + ease of maintenance.



SOLD by BRIAN!

Westmount, 4444 Sherbrooke #605
\$595,000

Fully renovated top floor 2 bdr, 2 bathroom co-op apartment. 1,276 sq. ft. Breathtaking views right up the mountain! Balcony. Garage. Excellent full service building.



ANOTHER JUST SOLD!

Westmount, 356 Redfern Ave.
\$2,745,000

Exquisitely proportioned home on the most prestigious, desirable street "on the flat". Every luxury and convenience on your wish list! 4+2 bedrooms. 2 car garage. Central a/c.



SOLD!

Westmount, 2 Grenville Ave.
\$1,798,000

A total package, beautifully redone with refinement + attention to detail, plus a huge terrace offers lovely s.w. city views. 2 garages, central a/c.



Westmount, 745 Upper Roslyn
\$1,085,000

Quality built 1932 stone s/d. Remarkable original details. 3 bdrm + den. Large kitchen/family room. Central a/c. Indoor garage. Many significant improvements.



NDG, 3801 Hampton Ave.
\$845,000

One of the MOST exquisitely restored, renovated homes to have ever come on the market! Breathtaking woodwork and panelling. 4 + bdrms. An absolute jewel!



SOLD!

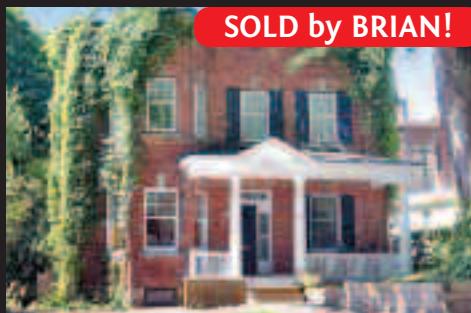
Westmount, 200 Lansdowne, #703
\$879,000

Rarely available! 1,980 sq ft, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom condo. 2 balconies + a 2-car garage!



Westmount, 726 Victoria Ave.
\$898,000

EXCEPTIONAL value! Lovely 4+1 bdr 1934 built s/d. Spacious rooms, abundant oak woodwork, renovated bathrooms, large garden. Private driveway + garage.



SOLD by BRIAN!

Westmount, 522 Clarke Ave.
\$1,075,000

Now here's a property worth investing in! Desirably located, 1912 built DETACHED 4 bedroom home with room to EXPAND.



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Westmount, 485 Elm Ave.

One of THE most exquisite Victorian townhomes to have EVER come on the market. Renovated to the highest standard, it features the luxury + comfort that dictates "When only the best will do!"



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Westmount, 45 Summit Cres.
\$2,450,000

Prestige location! What an opportunity! Ultra spacious home with potential to add a 2nd floor. Inground pool. 2 car garage.

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