

# WESTMOUNT INDEPENDENT

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## Election set for Nov. 3 Councillors, mayor mum on electoral decisions

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount council members kept their electoral intentions close to the chest at the city council meeting July 2 when asked if they would retire, run again for council, run for mayor or were “reflecting.”

The four-part question was posed by Grosvenor Ave. resident Paul Marriott to all in attendance. Councillor Theodora Samiotis was absent.

Leading off the answers was Patrick Martin who replied without hesitation: “Yes!” then added with a grin: “What was the question?”

All others in sequence, including Mayor Peter Trent, replied “reflecting” except for Cynthia Lulham who also provided a somewhat coy “Yes.”

The approach of the municipal election November 3 was driven home by council’s approval of the remuneration and allowances for election officers. With the exception of the treasurer’s position, all remain the same as those used for the 2009 election, explained Councillor Victor Drury.

The treasurer is responsible for verifying the expenses, financial reports of candidates and of authorized parties, which does not currently apply in Westmount.

## Fixing a hole?



City workers were repairing damaged sections of the pond’s membrane in Westmount Park on July 4. Perhaps the work will repair the leak that is contributing to water issues at the arena/pool construction site (see July 2, p. 1).

Photo courtesy of Sam Beitel.

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## Fire cadets assist stroke victim, injured woman

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public Security’s two fire cadets hired to carry out summer inspections found themselves in a different role June 25 as they provided support and medical assistance to a man believed to have suffered a stroke and a woman who fell on the street, Public Security officials said.

On their arrival at 10:25 am at an apartment building on Melville, the superintendent elicited their help in accompanying her into a man’s apartment after a member of the family had been concerned

about him. On entry, the man’s dogs led them to the bedroom where the man, described as in his sixties, was found lying on the floor unable to move except to squeeze one hand. They called for Urgences Santé, evaluated the man’s condition and prepared him for possible use of a defibrillator, if required. He was transported to hospital.

The same day at 4:10 pm, the two cadets went to the assistance of an 86-year-old woman who had fallen at Grosvenor and The Boulevard. They ..... applied first aid to her *continued on p. 2*

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## Users of leaf blowers ticketed, warned

Three tickets for \$269 were issued to gardening contractors recently for using leaf blowers out of season, according to Public Security reports. One device was found in operation June 27 on Westmount Ave., another June 29 on Sherbrooke near Wood, and the third on June 30 on The Boulevard near Grosvenor. On June 26, a contractor wearing a blower on his back was warned against using it when spotted on Lexington. He claimed to be aware of the restriction and had been ticketed the week before.

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### Cadets, cont'd. from p. 1

scratches and waited with her until her family arrived on the scene. The woman was a resident of Westmount One, the seniors' residence near the southwest corner of The Boulevard and Victoria.

"It's nice to see the fire cadets involved in this type of assistance beyond their primary role," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

## Canada Day scrapes

Public safety officers treated the scraped knees of two children during the city's Canada Day celebrations July 1 at Westmount Park, but otherwise the events went off without mishap, Public Security officials report.

## Burning pole brings out firefighters

Firefighters were called to extinguish a burning electrical pole June 24 behind 4160 St. Catherine (east of Greene), Public Security officials said. The small fire was caused by a short-circuiting transformer that generated sparking and smoke seen at 10:58 am. The pole sustained a fair amount of charring.

## Royal riders



Approximately two dozen members of the Royal Bank teams from Westmount Square and downtown participated in the Pedal-for-Kids fundraising bike-a-thon for the Montreal Children's Hospital on June 14. This year's ride raised over \$15,000.

Photo courtesy of Willem Westenberg.

## The Hangover - Part IV?

Public safety officers answered a call at 1:56 am June 29 for a man sleeping on the grass near the bike path at de Maisonneuve and Lansdowne. On arrival, they reported the man to be heavily inebriated

and having no idea how he came to be there. He recalled partying in the Old Port earlier in the evening. The 32-year-old was sent home to Ahuntsic in a taxi.

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## Snow, real estate slump impact city coffers this year

# First four months hit by unexpected events

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As the sizzle goes out of the Westmount real estate market, the cooling effect has already been felt on city coffers for the first four months of the year, according to financial statements presented at the city council meeting July 2.

Compared with last year at April 30, “welcome tax” revenue dropped close to \$600,000 or 65 percent. Income from permits – much of which is related to the renovation of newly purchased homes – also fell 40 percent.

Increases in property taxes, however, pushed revenue collected from this source

ahead of last year by \$2 million, helping the city’s overall forecast for the end of the year to be a surplus of \$500,000.

Along with the real estate slump so far, city finances also took a hit from another risk to which they are vulnerable – snow.

It may come as little surprise to anyone who shovelled from January through March that snow removal so far this year has cost the city almost \$2.4 million. This is fully \$1 million more (70 percent) than

the same period in 2012 and over \$400,000 more than budget.

A total increase in spending for the year is now forecast to reach \$1.2 million more than expected, bringing the total amount to \$95.5 million, compared with the budget of \$94.7 million, all before the appropriation from accumulated surplus. A recent infusion of \$2.5 million results in the anticipated surplus by year end.

## Gardener’s garden wins

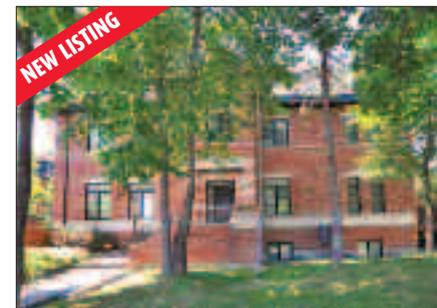


Westmounter Stuart Webster, seen here with his wife Claire in the backyard of their de Maisonneuve Blvd. house, is the principal of Stuart Webster Design, a landscape architecture firm. The company won three awards at the February 21 awards ceremony of the Association of Professional Landscape Contractors of Quebec, held in Lévis, including a first-place one for his own garden, pictured here. The category focused on work done in metal and wood. The recent remodel included a largely repurposed garage (in background), now a three-season viewing room, complete with gas fireplace and all-skylight ceiling. “After all the snow of a recent winter, the roof of our traditional Westmount garage was at my waist, so it was time to remodel,” said Stuart.

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## City to poll residents on dog run location

# Decision deferred until after September

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount residents will be polled in September by an outside agency on the re-location of the now-closed Lansdowne dog run, Councillor Cynthia Lulham announced at the July 2 meeting of city council. No decision will be made until afterward.

The delay resulted from a number of letters from citizens for and against a controversial plan she had proposed May 6 to relocate the dog run into the round cemented area in the centre of Westmount Park once used for shuffle board.

"We're still looking at all options," Lulham said, adding it was "not fair" to base

a decision on people more inclined to write letters.

As a result, September was chosen for the poll when people would be back from vacation and the newly resurrected Westmount Dog Owners' Association (WDOA) would be in a position to make input.

It now appears, Mayor Peter Trent said, that "Westmount Park is not the only option." Three other suggestions had been made in a recommendation to council from the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) whose task force on dogs concluded the former shuffleboard site was not one (see July 2, p. 3).

Joanne Gibbs, of St. Catherine St., who

attended the council meeting with other dog owners from the vicinity, asked the council to consider a dog run that would be easily accessible to them in the meantime. She was very disappointed about the closure of the Lansdowne run. "We're probably the only people who used it twice a day every day of the year. We have no car. We have no dog run near us."

### 'Hear your problem' - Lulham

"We hear your problem and we'll see what we can do," Lulham told her.

The Lansdowne run was closed to provide more space around the pool and to find a safer place for a dog run than its

repositioning away from the pool and closer to traffic on St. Catherine (see May 21, p. 4). This however is one of the suggestions recently put forward by the WMA task force.

Councillor Lulham later told the *Independent* no decision had been made concerning the polling firm, methodology or questions.

Asked if respondents would be surveyed on various options or only the suitability of the former shuffleboard site, she said that when the city was spending the money for an outside agency to conduct a poll, it would be taking the opportunity to ask a number of questions.

## Council asked to delay St. Matthias' zoning change

# Opponents have eight days to collect signatures starting soon

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council remained firm in its resolve July 2 to put the zoning change for St. Matthias' to citizens starting this month despite a request to wait until after

the vacation period from a resident.

Adoption of the second draft by-law aimed at legitimizing the occupancy of Miss Vicky's pre-school at the church triggered the first step in a complicated and lengthy process by which citizens in the

area of Church Hill could overturn the proposal.

If the city's current schedule unfolds as planned last week, opposing citizens would have eight days, from July 18 to July 29 at 4:30 pm to collect sufficient signatures to require the opening of a registry within their zone (see June 25, p. 1).

Details for this application are to be explained with the publication of an official notice but in general four signatures would be required from the concerned zone and 12 from contiguous zones.

The date of a registry would be announced at the city council meeting August 5, though at present it is proposed for August 18. Before that time, residents could force the adoption of the zoning change through a little-used "waiver" process (see separate story, p. 5).

But Dario Favretto of Holton Ave. asked Mayor Peter Trent to delay the process until after his return from vacation August 15.

While he does not live in any of the related zones and therefore has no direct say

in the issue, he said he wanted to organize a campaign against the zoning change on behalf of his mother, who lives on Church Hill.

He said the council's attempt to legalize the school, which has been operating at the church for some 20 years, is "shocking and unacceptable to me." Traffic congestion on the steep hill made it an inappropriate location for a school.

"You're asking us to stop the whole process for one person who doesn't live in the area?" Trent asked in obvious disagreement.

Shelley Kerman, who for more than 18 months has been alleging the school generated too much traffic for the steep street, said the end of July provided a very narrow timeframe for opponents to organize. "Generally people take the last two weeks off," she said.

"I don't mind putting it off until September," Trent replied. But the discussion ended there and the city's schedule for the process went ahead as planned.

## Looking for scrap metal at WRC site?

A man with a big bag was intercepted June 18 after an off-duty public safety officer spotted him climbing over the security fence of the arena/pool site near the main gate on St. Catherine. Public Security officials who related the incident said he was subsequently questioned by police who confiscated a metal bar and cutters.

Described as having a long dossier for graffiti and vandalism, he was not detained or charged in connection with the

incident. He claimed to have been looking for scrap metal. The man was identified as being in his 30s and of no fixed address.

He was noticed at 7:35 pm after which public safety patrollers stopped him outside 4476 St. Catherine, near Melville. He was asked to drop the bag and open it. Appearing agitated, he pulled out a metal bar but quickly dropped it on demand while surrounded by officers, who were waiting for police who had been called.



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## Waiver option could overturn opposition to zoning change

# Supporters of Miss Vicky's can block register

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A little-used waiver option could be employed by residents favouring the zoning change to retain Miss Vicky's pre-school at St. Matthias' Church. This procedure is not known to have been undertaken in Westmount in the last few decades, if ever.

But reports suggest that parents at the school are already considering it as a way to overturn the opening of a register, in effect cutting off opposition before any register is held.

According to city officials, once it is known whether or not a sufficient number

of petition signatures opposing the zoning change has been collected, residents in the zones for which registers had been requested could then collect signatures from qualified voters who waive their right to a register before one is held.

If a majority of these is obtained – essentially indicating that a majority of voters is in favour of the zoning change – a register would not be opened and the new zoning by-law would become law.

More details, however, will be forthcoming after it is known whether or not a registry would be opened, likely to be announced at the August 5 council meeting.

## Montreal dog owner fails to obtain permits

A man living on Trafalgar just outside Westmount was to be sent a ticket for \$76 for failing to obtain two dogs licences, Public Security officials said July 2.

The man, a frequent user of Summit Woods, was given 14 days to obtain them (see June 18, p. 18). Four Westmount dog

owners who also had been warned June 6 and 7 were reported to have heeded the warning and other follow-ups were under way.

"We're starting to spend a lot of time checking dog medals," said assistant Public Security director Greg McBain.

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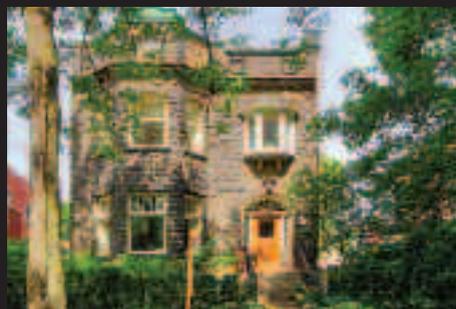
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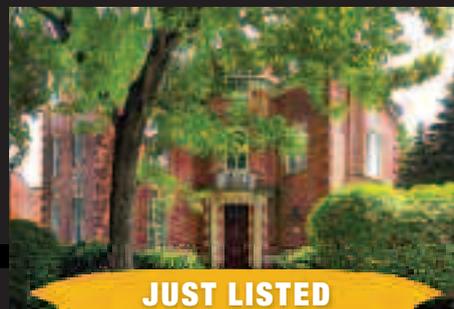
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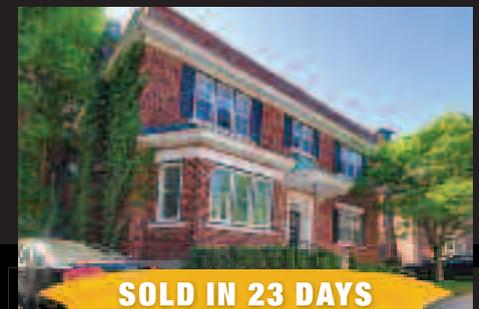
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## DAANGEROUS BIKES, NUMEROUS DOGS

These seem to be the key topics this spring. Bikes are good, dogs are bad. Right?

Not to me.

Most of my contact with bikes is either dodging them on the paths in Westmount Park (no, not on the bike path) or watching them while I am on foot or in my car as they run red lights along Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve.

Too bad they can't be licensed and fined or that recreation centre deficit would be solved! And dogs? I walk mine around the whole perimeter of Westmount Park twice a day (between 10 and 12, and again between 5 and 7). What do I see?

About six bikes not on the bike path and about eight dogs being walked by their owners. Where are these dogs? Not in the shuffleboard area. It is usually completely empty. There is one man who does *tai chi* occasionally, a few teenagers smoking, the odd skateboarder and maybe two people sitting on about a dozen benches.

Otherwise - nothing but cement and hostas. Seems an okay place for a dog run. And the summit? Pretty much of a zoo in the off-leash hours.

You meet a cluster of chatting dog walkers and some nervous dog owners. Is the council really considering allowing non-

resident dog walkers to bring five dogs at a time up there? In a bird sanctuary? I saw my favourite dog walker today: parked in a white Honda in the disabled parking spot in front of the library - in 12 minutes she whipped six dogs (in three pairs) out of the car, onto the lawn, back to the car and then drove off. Earning \$15 a "walk" (times six). This is very good money.

What is missing in all these stories? Public Security officers enforcing the rules.  
JO LAPIERRE, METCALFE AVE.

*\*Acting ed.'s note:* Council has capped the number of dogs that can be walked at Summit Woods at four. See story, p. 8. - DP

## NOT WILLY, NOT NILLY

"Willy-nilly" (Letters, July 2, p. 2) did not take into account that in front of many Westmount houses the property line is typically set back about 13 feet from the city sidewalk. Therefore, in most instances when dogs urinate on the grass or trees in front of houses in Westmount, they do so on city property.

JOHN D. DOREY, VICTORIA AVE.

## DON'T MOW THE PEDESTRIANS

Hot summer day. Drivers in air-conditioned cars. Pedestrians walking in the heat and humidity. Today, in a 20-minute

walk from home to a couple of shops, I saw a pedestrian, crossing legally on her walk light, almost mowed down by a driver who sailed through the red at Victoria and Sherbrooke heading west. A few minutes later, I, crossing on my pedestrian green, was almost mowed down by a driver happily cruising through the turn at Victoria and Sherbrooke. And there were, in the same brief period, two observed drivers ignoring their red lights.

While I don't expect any results from my complaints (hey, I have tried before!), couldn't Public Security be given a mandate to ticket\* these scofflaws? Before a number of us are injured?

LYNN PECKNOLD, GROSVENOR AVE.

*\*Acting ed.'s note:* To the best of our knowledge, provincial law forbids municipal security services from ticketing for moving violations. Could it be done? Yes, but the change would have to come from the province, not the city. - DP

## CLAIMING SUMMIT WOODS FOR OUR YOUTH

Last week, council limited the number of dogs that any one person can walk in Summit Woods to four. Views on whether this is the right approach may differ - some may argue about the number of dogs that ought to be permitted on the summit, while others may argue for part of the summit to be fenced in for dogs, and the rest for people and non-dog wildlife. What this action, along with the creation of the Summit Woods Advisory Committee, does signal, is a clear intention to reclaim the summit and promote its value as a unique urban forest. Did you know that Summit Woods is home to the mayflower, the red-backed salamander, the pink-striped garter snake, urban foxes, the eastern screech owl, among many other species?

Speaking as a parent, I find that the summit provides a unique opportunity for Westmount's youth to learn about new species, how an ecosystem functions, to see first hand the impact of climate change and to develop a respect for nature. Let's get youth involved in the spring clean-up of the summit, let's make paths easier for strollers to access, let's offer a class through Sports and Recreation on urban forests and conservation, let's install a few benches or tables in areas that will not disturb wildlife. Westmount's summit is one of three on this island, the others being Outremont and Mount Royal. Let's make Summit Woods something truly unique to Westmount.

JULIA CARBONE, GROSVENOR AVE.

## RINK FINISHING, POOL BEGINNINGS

I love getting emails from Westmount.org as they are always timely and informative. In July 5's version, I learned the good news that construction has resumed on the Westmount recreation centre. "Perhaps the pool will be finished before September!" I mused. But then was shocked to read "finishing work will be carried out in and around the ice rinks, beginning with the painting of the interior walls and ceilings." As for the outdoor pool, which is the one item that must be used only in warmer weather "excavation work will be completed within a week, immediately followed by the pouring of the pool's concrete footing."

I certainly know nothing about construction planning, but it seems abundantly clear that there was never a plan to make the pool available for summer use, and that news was simply held back from the public until the final moment. Swimming aficionados like me need to just "go with the flow" and understand that our needs are placed well behind those of hockey lovers in this town.

CAROLINE SPEIRS, YORK ST.

## THE PATH TO TRUTH AT SUMMIT WOODS

I'd like to follow-up on the recent letter to the editor entitled "No summit dog run." (July 2, p. 6) The editor's note rebuts the original letter writer's assertion that Summit Woods is not a dog run and mentions that dogs can run free in Summit Woods. In fact, unlike at the city's various dog runs, dogs are not allowed to run free at Summit Woods. Rather, dogs must remain on paths at all times. A rule to that effect is posted on the signboard at the entrance to the woods. Dogs that are not sufficiently trained to behave this way should never be off leash at Summit Woods.

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## Ludmer queries responsibility for pool delay

# Arena/pool activity picks up after two-week strike

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

As construction workers were legislated back to work from a two-week province-wide strike, crews returned to the West-

mount recreation centre site July 2 and were expected to be working longer shifts until the start of the two-week construction holiday July 21.

But Councillor Patrick Martin, who

chairs the arena/pool steering committee, told the council meeting July 2, "It remains to be seen whether they are happy campers and working efficiently."

During the construction holiday, he expected that landscaping and some work of that nature would be able to continue.

The city to date, he said, had already written cheques to the contractor, Pomerleau Inc, for a total of \$24,121,879. These include taxes but not the 10-percent amount the city has been holding back until satisfactory completion of the project. Payments in June totalled \$3,049,888.

Martin noted that he considered the project to be 32 days late because the pool had not been delivered by the contractual date of May 31. Had it been, the strike would not have delayed it "and we would all have been swimming."

Excavation for the pool was expected to be completed by this week, followed by pouring of the pool's concrete footings.

### Delays not foreseen?

Citing the delays confronting the pool, project critic David Ludmer, an architect, stated at the council meeting that meas-

ures to achieve the timely delivery of the pool should have been in place early on, and he asked Martin, "Did you not notice these pivotal works were not being enacted?"

Martin replied that "it was totally feasible" for the pool to have been delivered on time. It was the contractor's decision to set up the site's staging area on the pool site. While Martin had been there regularly, he acknowledged, he emphasized he was a "part-time" councillor not in control of the site. "I do not run it."

"You don't feel you have any responsibility?" Ludmer asked.

"No," Martin said in a somewhat surprised tone.

Ludmer also asked about bids the city has continued to give to Genivar, the project manager, despite the company's name coming up at the Charbonneau commission. City director general Duncan Campbell pointed out that there was no legal way the city could refuse to deal with a bidder that had not been put on a government exclusion list.

Besides, added Martin, the firm had not been accused of anything.

## Paid parking system under study for new arena/pool

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

"Have parking meters been ordered for the new Westmount recreation centre?" city council was asked July 2 by Patricia Dumais of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association.

"The answer is 'No,'" stated city director general Duncan Campbell, though the question generated lively discussion with thanks from Mayor Peter Trent for the follow-up on a previous request from the WWCA.

"It's a good question, but no concrete decision has been made," Trent said. It would be "run by" the arena/pool project's steering committee. He suggested that if the complex started out without meters, it would be difficult to add them later.

Pay parking, Dumais explained, would encourage people to walk and be consistent with sustainability. The proceeds could even be used toward a project or event that would make people "feel good" about paying, she said.

Councillor Patrick Martin suggested

that charging people for parking might mean "they'd be parking in front of your house."

### No other option

"Much as I'd like to limit driving," added Councillor Cynthia Lulham, who represents the district where the arena is located, "there's a large segment of the population that live up the hill and have no other option."

Maureen Kiely, of The Boulevard, asked how many arenas in neighbouring Montreal boroughs were charging. If Westmount is the only one, it will be the object of criticism and won't extend a welcome to visiting teams, she said.

As well, it wasn't fair for families living on the top of the mountain "who pay substantial taxes." Perhaps a different type of monitoring system, such as passes, could be used to ensure the parking lot is reserved for recreation centre users only, she said. "I don't know the solution; I only ask that you look at it carefully."

## Final condo design still pending

# Many conditions imposed for demo of Vanguard building

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition committee has given thumbs up to tearing down the two- and four-storey buildings that connect to form the former Vanguard school building at 175 Metcalfe. But the approval comes with many conditions.

"No one was against demolishing the building," explained Councillor Patrick Martin, committee chair, in relaying the decision.

Rather, it was annoyances and safety during the demolition and construction periods that generated concern at a public hearing June 19, along with the mass of the replacement condo project. The pro-

posed six-storey structure with a seventh-floor penthouse for recreational activities would take up half the block from Hillside north towards St. Catherine (see June 25, p. 1 and 10).

"It's important to note that the final design details have yet to be approved before the building permit is issued," Martin said.

One of the requests from the Demolition committee in its ruling, he said, is that consideration be given to finding additional means to further reduce the scale of the proposed building and its impact on the neighbouring Category I buildings.

Among many conditions are that a construc- *continued on p. 13*



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Max was almost three

# Dogs at Summit Woods capped at four

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A lengthy debate by city council July 2 on the number of dogs any one person would be permitted to walk in Summit Woods at one time resulted in the number being set at four in a 5-2 vote.

Four was the number that had been recommended to the council in a dog task force report from the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) based on a membership survey.

Councillors Kathleen Duncan and Nicole Forbes opposed the measure based on their belief the controversial issue should be deferred until after September

to permit input from the newly resurrected Westmount Dog Owners' Association (WDOA).

Mayor Peter Trent, who did not have a vote, also added: "Why not just delay it until the WDOA is off and running?"

But after already deferring adoption of the change in June, it appeared the council was ready to put the issue to bed.

"Summit Woods is an urban forest. That's its primary function," explained Councillor Cynthia Lulham, commissioner of Parks and Urban Planning. "To be able to walk a dog there is a privilege. It's not a dog park."

While she had proposed in May the

number be limited to three dogs - a restriction that would also apply to fenced dog runs in Westmount - it had subsequently been decided to move forward with limiting the number of dogs only in Summit Woods to preserve its "fragile" ecology as a nature reserve.

But when a show of hands in the July debate indicated only three councillors would vote to limit three dogs per person in Summit Woods, the number was quickly raised to four, enough to carry the vote.

One of the arguments for a higher number was raised by Councillor Gary Ikeman who argued that many dog owners depended on the services of the dog walkers who had complained their business required them to walk at least five at one time.

"Three might be severe. I'm more com-

fortable with four or five dogs." The number can be revisited in the future, he added.

Councillor Tim Price also said he was "open to four or five."

Lulham's recommendation of three was based on the logic that Westmounters are only allowed to own three dogs so it seemed a reasonable number to permit them to walk, she explained.

Brian Baxter of Roslyn Ave., who had spoken before the debate on behalf of the WDOA, asked the council to hold off its decision "until the WDOA can be properly constituted and officially speak with one voice."

The end of September would provide enough time. He said the group already had 100 members following a preliminary meeting June 12 (see June 18, p.1).



Ville de Westmount  
City of Westmount



## AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1447

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1447 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT SUR L'OCCUPATION PÉRIODIQUE DU DOMAINE PUBLIC » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 juillet 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à régir l'occupation périodique du domaine public aux fins de l'aménagement d'un café-terrace et à établir les coûts associés à une telle occupation.

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

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 juillet 2013.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1447

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1447 entitled "BY-LAW ON PERIODIC OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on July 2, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to regulate the periodic occupancy of the public domain for the development of a café-terrace and to establish the fees associated with said occupancy.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza  
Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk

## Station 12 Reports

# Woman thwarts attempted armed robbery

BY ISAAC OLSON

*The following news stories are based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.*

A quick-witted Montreal mother was nearly a victim of a violent mugging, but she managed to turn the tables on a would-be-robber in Westmount's Victoria village in the middle of the afternoon of June 27.

According to Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel, a 40-year-old woman was pushing her baby in a stroller on Sherbrooke St. when a man approached her and asked if she spoke English. When she said she did, he told her he was a tourist in search of a Montreal-based bagel shop, said Pimentel.

The woman gave the questioner, who was accompanied by a silent man, directions, but noted it was a long walk. He told her he was on bike, said Pimentel, and the exchange ended soon after. The woman walked westward to her car, which was parked on Sherbrooke St. near Grosvenor Ave. She put her baby in the car, said Pimentel, and then was approached again by the directions-seeking tourist.

The suspect told her to give him her rings, said Pimentel, and threatened to attack her with pepper spray if she didn't comply. While the second suspect stood by and watched, the woman pressed her car remote's panic button, setting off the vehicle's alarm. She then screamed for help and waved her arms in distress.

A man in a truck stopped to help, said Pimentel and, at that point, the suspects fled.

The truck's driver made sure the woman was safe while she called police to report the crime and now police are investigating.

The first suspect is described as a white male with brown hair and blue eyes. He was about six feet tall, said Pimentel, and wearing a blue-and-orange shirt. The second suspect, estimated at about 30 years old, stood about four inches shorter and had a shaved head.

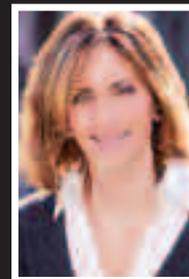
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# Westmount celebrates



City pool managers Skyler Wittman (right) and Laura Meagher (centre), ably assisted by Michelle Dodds (left) secure the Canadian flag to a goal post in Westmount Park

Photos: Ralph Thompson

# Canada Day



5-year-old James Li enjoys a large burger while his 3-year-old sister Cindy contemplates her hotdog at the Canada Day celebrations in Westmount Park the afternoon of July 1. The sky was cloudy but the rain stayed away, and about 200 to 300 locals enjoyed activities, which included a giant inflated obstacle course, and red-and-white cupcakes served by the mayor and city councillors.

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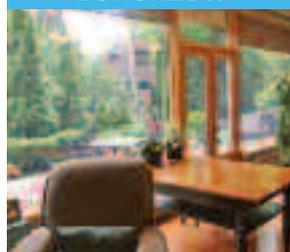
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### Horaires estivaux en vigueur

**Entre le 3 juin et le 6 septembre 2013**, les bureaux administratifs de Westmount sont ouverts **du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h**. La Bibliothèque publique de Westmount et la galerie du Victoria Hall sont fermées le dimanche.

### Prévention du Virus du Nil occidental

Au cours de l'été, les autorités provinciales mènent cet été des opérations d'épandage de larvicides dans certaines régions du Québec, dont Montréal, pour lutter contre les moustiques responsables du virus du Nil occidental (VNO). Westmount et 18 autres villes et arrondissements de l'Île de Montréal seront ciblés. Consultez le [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) pour en savoir plus.

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Conte et bricolage (3 à 6 ans) : de 16 h à 16 h 45  
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Beaux bébés (14 à 24 mois) : de 10 h 10 à 10 h 30  
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## Prochaine séance du conseil : le lundi 5 août

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**Le jeudi 11 juillet à 14 h à la salle Westmount : *Finding Nemo*** (v.o. anglaise). 4 ans et plus. Lorsque son fils est capturé dans la Grande Barrière de corail et emmené à Sydney, le timide poisson-clown part à la recherche de son rejeton.

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**Du 11 juillet au 10 août.** La galerie est fière de présenter l'exposition de groupe mettant en vedette les artistes suivants : Catherine Benny, Claire Desjardins, Douglas Allan Fales, Shelley Freeman, Susan Joiner, Jan Oosterwaal and Anita Ein Shapiro du 11 juillet au 10 août 2013. Info : [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org) ou 514 989-5521.

### Concerts d'été au parc Westmount

**Tous les dimanches de 14 h à 16 h. du 7 juillet au 18 août, Gazebo du parc Westmount.** Apportez une chaise ou un pique-nique au parc pour un après-midi de musique classique, jazz ou populaire.

Le 14 juillet : Bluzz  
Le 21 juillet : Marcel A Trio  
Le 28 juillet : Grouyan Gombo  
Le 4 août : L'Ensemble du Carré Saint-Louis  
Le 11 août : Mike Gauthier Trio  
Le 18 août : Under the Three  
Info : 514 989-5226 or [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).

### Shakespeare en plein air 2013

**Les 17, 18, 27 et 28 juillet à 19 h 30 au parc Westmount.** *Repercussion Theatre* présente, pour sa 25<sup>e</sup> saison, la pièce *A Midsummer Night's Dream* de William Shakespeare (en anglais). Gratuit; dons appréciés. Info : [www.repercussiontheatre.com](http://www.repercussiontheatre.com). ou 514-931-2644.

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## CITY HALL

### Summer schedule in effect

**Between June 3 and September 6, 2013**, Westmount's administrative offices will be open **Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Westmount Public Library and the Gallery at Victoria Hall will be closed Sundays.

### West Nile Virus prevention program

This summer, provincial authorities are conducting larviciding programs in some regions of Quebec, including Montreal, to reduce the population of mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus (WNV). Westmount and 18 other cities or boroughs on Montreal Island will be part of this programme. Consult [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org) for more details.

### Heat Wave Reminders

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## LIBRARY

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### Storytime in French

**Tuesdays from July 2 to August 20.**  
Registration not required:  
Storytime & crafts (3 to 6-year-olds):  
4 to 4:45 p.m. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Storytime in English

**Wednesdays from July 3 to August 21.**  
Registration not required:  
Baby bouncing (14 to 24 months): 10:10 to 10:30 a.m.  
Storytime (2- to 3-year-olds): 10:35 to 11:05 a.m.  
Storytime & crafts (4- to 6-year-olds): 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Info: 514 989-5229.

### Movie madness

**Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m., Westmount Room: *Finding Nemo*.** 4 years and up. After his son is captured in the

## Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 5

Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to bring him home.

**Friday, July 19 at 2 p.m., Westmount Room: *The Legend of Sarila*.** 6 years and up. Three young Inuits set off in search of a promised land to save their clan from starvation. Info: 514 989-5229.

### Craft Workshop: Desert Rain Stick

**Thursday July 18 at 4 p.m., Storytime Room.** 4 years and up. Learn how to make a musical instrument from the desert with everyday items. Info: 514 989-5229.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Gallery at Victoria Hall: exhibition

**From July 11 to August 10.** The Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring artists Catherine Benny, Claire Desjardins, Douglas Allan Fales, Shelley Freeman, Susan Joiner, Jan Oosterwaal and Anita Ein Shapiro from July 11 to August 10, 2013. Info: [victoriahall@westmount.org](mailto:victoriahall@westmount.org) or 514 989-5521.

### Summer concerts in Westmount Park

**Every Sunday between 2 and 4 p.m., July 7 - August 18 at the Gazebo in Westmount Park.** Bring a chair or picnic for an afternoon of live classical, jazz and popular music.

July 14: Bluzz  
July 21: Marcel A Trio  
28 July: Grouyan Gombo  
August 4: L'Ensemble du Carré Saint-Louis  
August 11: Mike Gauthier Trio  
August 18: Under the Three  
Info: 514 989-5226 or [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).



### Shakespeare in the Park 2013

**July 17, 18, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Westmount Park.** *Repercussion Theatre* is back for its 25<sup>th</sup> year with a production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Info : 514-931-2644 or [www.repercussiontheatre.com](http://www.repercussiontheatre.com).



## SPORTS & RECREATION

### No Pool? No Problem!

**Westmount Fun in the Sun.** Come join the Westmount lifeguards for a summer of fun, including swims at the Jean-Drapeau Aquatic Complex, trips to beaches and water parks, BBQs, movie nights and more! Register today at the Sports and Recreation office in Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5353 and [www.westmount.org](http://www.westmount.org).



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## Comin' Up

SUNDAY JULY 14

Bluzz, as part of the Sunday Concert Series. Different performers on July 21 and 28, and August 4, 11 and 18. 2 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Repercussion Theatre in Westmount Park. Also on July 18, 19, 27 and 28, 7:30 pm.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

City council meeting at city hall. 8 pm.

### Overheard on the streets of Westmount

"I could spend more money than all of you." – One woman in her twenties to four friends (June 19, 5 pm, Prince Albert and de Maisonneuve).

## Cyclist 'clipped' by car

A 70-year-old cyclist was transported to hospital by Urgences Santé June 19 after being "clipped by a car" at St. Catherine and Lansdowne, Public Security officials said. He was wearing a helmet but suffered cuts and abrasions. The man was travelling south at about 9:09 am when public safety officers received a call about the accident.



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## 'Not giving up the fight:' Campbell

# Two of 3 train signal structures to be repositioned

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An outcry from citizens and intervention by the city appears to have borne partial fruit with the announcement July 5 that two of the three new proposed massive signaling structures will be repositioned on the tracks.

One was the structure (gantry) planned for installation across from the Prospect St. houses fronting on the tracks. The other was set to rise behind the POM condo building at 4700 St. Catherine which is, in fact, the front of some of the dwelling units.

The decision from the Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) and Canadian Pacific, however, does not include the third new gantry proposed for the foot of Abbott, though city officials say it's not certain why not.

"I haven't given up the fight," said city director general Duncan Campbell.

He suggests there may be a technical reason that requires more study at the Abbott location whereas the positioning of the other two gantries may not be as critical.

And while "there's been some satisfaction," in the outcome so far, he said, details of the new positions may also raise concerns once they are more fully explained by railway officials. "They haven't sent us the exact locations," he said, "but I gather they are pushing the Prospect one further east and the one on St. Catherine to the east corner of the building."

In any event, he added, "I'm sure someone won't agree with them."

Already, Michael Polak, who lives in the mostly easterly house of Prospect, is concerned the new position 150 meters to the east may not be far enough east of it. This would be somewhat ironic considering the efforts he has put in to help free his neighbours from the gantry, he notes.

Councillor Theodora Samiotis said the

decision shows what can be accomplished when "all players" work together. This includes residents, elected officials and train authorities. "I am pleased to see that both the CP and the AMT listened to the concerns of the residents in my district (Ward 8) and were able to move the signal bridge to the east so it will not be directly in front of the houses on Prospect."

### Reply from the CTA

In a related issue, the city has received a reply from the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) to its request for mediation with the railways over summer night work to install the gantry bases, Campbell said. No date has been set, he said, but the CTA had already notified both railways to attend.

Progress to install the gantries will be available for residents to follow on a web page, stated Karine Côté, project manager at AMT's public affairs department, in a July 5 email to Prospect resident Frank Candido.

## Plourde leaves to head large busy downtown station

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY



Station 12 police commander Stéphane Plourde leaves as head of the Westmount station August 1 to take charge of the larger Station 20 on St. Catherine St. at Bishop. He will be on vacation until then after overseeing the annual Carifête parade July 6.

Plourde will be replaced by Commander Daniel Gervais, who comes from Station 21 at the corner of St. Elisabeth St. and René Lévesque, where he has been serving as a sergeant and where Plourde worked temporarily in February in the absence of its commander.

Plourde's move comes with his promotion to the rank of inspector, a position that reflects the added responsibility of a larger station with more personnel and volume of work. The sta-

tion was in the news earlier this year when it was relocated to new expansive high-profile street-front quarters in a busy area.

"It's with enthusiasm that I have accepted this new challenge but with sadness that I leave the team at Station 12 and the partners with whom I have had the opportunity to work over the last four years," he says.

At the July 2 council meeting in bidding farewell to Plourde Mayor Peter Trent singled out what he characterized as Plourde's cooperative approach. As was his custom, Plourde was in attendance at the meeting.

Trent contended the understanding and sensitivity demonstrated by Plourde was an approach exemplified by Marc Parent, the director the Montreal police force, which in turn differentiated Parent from the "rough and tumble" characteristic of past chiefs.

Councillor Gary Ikeman, commissioner of Public Security, noted Plourde's "visibility" and his "devotion to the city and its needs."



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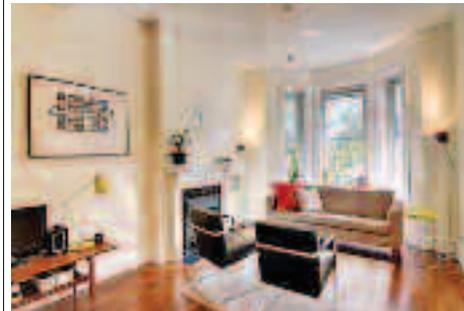
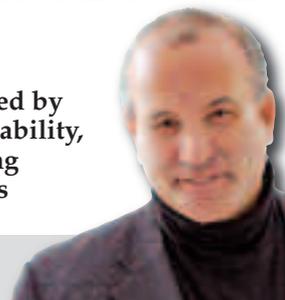
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## Open, empty – but no issues

An “extreme amount” of water was found spraying from a sprinkler system outside a house on Upper Belmont June 29 at 4:35 pm, Public Security officials said. The water was splashing against basement windows of the home where all the doors had been left unlocked. When no signs of forced entry could be detected, and no one could be reached inside, officers were reported to have entered to ensure no one was in “medical distress” and to turn off

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**Condo, cont'd. from p. 7**

tion management plan include an assessment of making Metcalfe one-way south during the work, that trees be protected and a plan be provided for the parking of workers' cars.

Other conditions include maintaining access to driveways and the Hillside clinic,

the sprinkler system before the house was flooded. Police were also notified.

In an unrelated incident, Public Security patrollers reported finding a car with the trunk open and a door ajar on Côte St. Antoine near Grosvenor at 3:12 am July 1. The glove compartment also was open. The owner, a resident of the street, was contacted and arrived to say she could not find anything stolen. She was advised to inform police.

ensuring the safety of neighbourhood houses and the creation of a “local coordination committee” to ensure smooth communications with the community.

The ruling also requires that demolition be carried out only on weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, and imposes a monetary guarantee of \$750,000. A 30-day appeal period is to follow.



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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1448

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1448 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1300 SUR LES PERMIS ET CERTIFICATS » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 juillet 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à établir les coûts pour l'occupation d'un café-terrasse sur le domaine public.

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

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 juillet 2013.

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1448

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1448 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES BY-LAW 1300” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on July 2, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to establish the fees for the occupancy of the public domain for a café-terrace.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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## Kids' summer reading challenge registers 280 with more time to sign up

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

More than 280 children are participating in their own Westmount edition of *The Amazing Race* through the summer reading club of the Westmount Public Library's children's department.

"But we're still hoping to enlist more than 300 so that Westmount can win a challenge being run across the Montreal Island," children's librarian Wendy Wayling said last week.

The summer reading event was launched at the beginning of June and has been so popular that registration has almost reached the 287 attained last year, she ex-

plained. Last summer, Westmount won special mention in the Canada-wide TD Reading Club for its efforts.

Despite the name, "It's not a club," Wayling explains of the program. Rather, it's a challenge open to all kids of all ages up to 13 years based this year on a travel theme called Go/BonVoyage in which they receive a stamp on a world map for every one or two hours of reading (depending on their age) either at the library, at home or on vacation.

They also receive their own kit sponsored by the TD Reading Club, which includes a log book for recording their reading.



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### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1449

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1449 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT A MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – CAFÉ-TERRASSES » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 juillet 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier les articles 6.9.1 à 6.9.4 du règlement de zonage afin de remplacer la définition de café-terrace à la lumière de l'adoption du nouveau règlement sur l'occupation périodique du domaine public.

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

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

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### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1449

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1449 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – CAFÉ-TERRACES" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on July 2, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to amend sections 6.9.1 to 6.9.4 of the *Zoning By-law* to replace the definition of café-terrace in light of the adoption of the new *By-law* on *periodic occupancy of the public domain*.

This by-law comes into force today.

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

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# Two new books hit the shelves from Renaud

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Prolific children's author Anne Renaud has produced two new books launched within the last six weeks. One is a picture book for youngsters called *Amande Lavande*. The other is a historical book about *The Extraordinary Life of Anna Swan* for older readers aged 9 to 13.

And like her past writings, these new offerings provide a moral to the story, and a recurring focus on family life and the way people have risen above challenges or interacted in the face of adversity.

The story of Anna Swan, who lived from 1846 to 1888, is illustrated with many historical images about the "giantess" from Nova Scotia who stood almost eight feet tall.

"I had never heard of her," Renaud said, until she came across a paragraph about her on a website called Cool Canada, she explained. And she decided Anna was pretty cool.

"I was struck by the way she rose above her physical challenge of being in a museum of oddities and particularly at a time when life for women would have been very

restrictive. She travelled and even met the queen."

Renaud relates Anna Swan's life as a curiosity in the P. T. Barnum museum in New York, her meetings with Queen Victoria and her comfortable lifestyle in marriage to a man known as the "Kentucky giant."

While other books had written about Anna Swan, she found none that had been dedicated to Anna and her husband.

Because of Anna's Atlantic background, the book had special appeal to its publisher, the Cape Breton University Press, Renaud said. It was launched near the end of May in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia.

The publisher is now planning to print an updated version of Renaud's 2008 book *Pier 21*, the Halifax entry point for many immigrants. The book, initially published by a different company, is currently out of print.

Renaud likes to write about Canadian history, stories that will appeal to teens, such as *Into the Mist: The Story of the Em-*



Author Anne Renaud displays her two latest books at the Westmount Public Library.

*press of Ireland* (2010). "There are so many stories about Canadian history. But they require investments of energy and time." And Renaud already has a day job – at Westmount city hall as the administrative assistant to Mayor Peter Trent.

*Anna Lavande*, published in French by Dominique et compagnie, with illustrations by Sophie Lussier, is just off the press and will be promoted by Renaud at this fall's book salons. Its foreign rights, she said, have already been bought by a Korean publisher, "which is going to be very exciting and something new for me – to be published in Korea."

The story has a theme of sharing focused on Amande's love of her aunt's apple sauce. Renaud first wrote it in English about 15 years ago for one of her nieces who loved applesauce. It was only recently, however, that she translated it.

"It's a scratch and sniff book, the first interactive one for me," she explained.

Of French and English lineage, Renaud has now published six books in English and five in French and hopes that one day the story about Amande will be published in English under the original title of *Lily Lavender*.

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# 478 Strathcona: Building a block



## History by the house

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oped) and Athol Ave. was reported to have “become a part of Strathcona” in 1909, as houses were beginning to appear on the streets, presumably named to recognize the co-founders of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was Spencer’s employer. (Donald Alexander Smith became Lord Strathcona and his first cousin, George Stephen, became Lord Mount Stephen.)

In April 1905, as houses started going up on Strathcona/Athol Ave., William Lorne Fraser, a clerk (according to the deed) who worked for Bell Canada (according to Lovell’s), bought a 37-foot piece of land on the west side of the street for 55 cents per square foot and it appears custom built his detached house in about 1909. Two years later, he sold six feet of frontage on the south side of the lot to John Henry Hand, famous for his construction of semi-detached houses in Westmount, so that he could build the houses below what was now 478 Strathcona.

After some 12 years of homeownership Fraser sold the house to Abraham Levin, manufacturer, for \$19,000, in April 1922. In 1933, title transferred to Lizzie Abramowitz, to whom he owed \$10,000, but it was sold back to him two years later for \$1, apparently after settlement of the accounts, and the Levins (he was married to Annie Abramowitz) lived there until 1945, when they sold to Arthur Walker Smith for \$15,500.

Smith, an electrical engineer with Peacock Brothers in LaSalle, lived there for a decade and sold to Jean-Pierre Charbonneau, a Superior Court judge and onetime president of the Quebec Bar, in 1955 for \$27,500. He lived there until his death in 1970. His wife died in 1979 and the house was sold off in January 1980, to Clifford Thomson.

### Renovations

Thomson by then was gaining a reputation as one of Westmount’s foremost renovators of the older houses, and certainly he cashed in on the fervour to renovate in the late 1970s and 1980s. He purchased the house from the estate in January 1980 for \$113,500, and sold it off some two months later for \$165,000 – though the deed mentioned that the downstairs powder room and some other work still had to be done to the satisfaction of Pamela Jean Tait, wife of Thomas Bell.

The Bells lived there only two years before selling to Paula Engels, wife of Robert Lecker, for \$207,500. After adding an extension at the rear, they lived there for five years before doubling the value in selling to Claude *continued on p. 18*

The large detached house near the top of Strathcona Ave. was one of the first houses on a street that was created out of the William Murray property, whose huge “West Mount” mansion just north of Côte St. Antoine Rd. provided the name for the city.

Murray, a Scottish-born entrepreneur who made his name in the insurance and shipping industries and eventually founded Beaver Steamship Lines, purchased the Leduc farm, a wide strip of land climbing from St. Catherine St. to the top of Westmount mountain, in the 1850s.

He built his mansion in the middle of the hill, just north of Côte St. Antoine, but died in 1874, leaving the property to his very enterprising children, including William Alexander, Annabella and Alfred Polson Murray. The estate chose to hold on to the property into the 1880s, then began to respond to the growing pressure by the English-speaking population of Montreal to create a settlement farther west. In 1888, as Sherbrooke St. was being planned, the estate sold 165,831 square feet of land between Western Ave. (now de Maisonneuve Blvd.) and the planned Sherbrooke St. to create what is now Westmount Park, for 35 cents per square foot.

Soon afterwards, Arlington Ave. began to be developed (about 1896) along with another street named “Athol Ave.” which by 1903, according to Lovell’s Directory, included four even-numbered addresses. That was the year in which most of the sector between Arlington and Metcalfe, Sherbrooke St. and Côte St. Antoine, was sold to Charles Spencer, divisional superintendent of Canadian Pacific Railway, for only 25 cents per square foot, the deeds signed on March 6, 1903. Three days later he brought in Herbert Evans, a coal merchant, who bought a 1/4 share, and, in June, Andrew Frederick Gault, merchant, who bought another 1/4 share.

### Athol Ave. disappears

The land had been subdivided in the late 19th century, with lots 50 feet wide stretching between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine and streets planned, including what are now Arlington, Strathcona and Mount Stephen avenues. The names of the latter two streets appeared in the 1906 Lovell’s (Arlington was by then well devel-



478 Strathcona Ave.



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## AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1451

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement n° 1451 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT MODIFIANT DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 535 CONCERNANT LES CHIENS ET LES PERMIS S'Y RAPPORANT » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 2 juillet 2013.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à limiter le nombre de chiens au Bois-du-Summit, à quatre (4) chiens par personne.

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

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

DONNÉ à Westmount, ce 10 juillet 2013.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1451

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 1451 entitled “BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 535 CONCERNING DOGS AND THE LICENSING THEREOF” was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount during the regular sitting held at City Hall on July 2, 2013.

The object of this by-law is to limit the number of dogs in Summit Woods, to 4 dogs per person

This by-law comes into force today.

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

GIVEN at Westmount, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

Viviana Iturriaga Espinoza  
Greffière de la Ville/ City Clerk

# Blind kittens need loving families



## 9 Lives

LYSANNE FOWLER

I was going to run a column on how to take care of foundling newborn kittens, reviewing all the steps to ensure survival and good health, then I heard from my neighbour Beverley about her fostered foundling kittens. You will certainly agree that fate must have brought them to my attention at just the right time, in order for all of

us neighbours to help her find homes for them.

Kittens Peony, Tulip, Dandelion and Ginkgo were found as newborns in early May in a field in LaSalle. They were survivors of a litter that had been left motherless. Upon rescue, veterinarians and technicians worked tirelessly to ensure their survival, but they were frail and three out of the four kittens progressively lost their eyesight. Only Peony has full sight. They are all very well now, happy and healthy two-month-olds being fos-

tered by Beverley.

Please consider adopting a kitten or even two together as they could keep each other company and follow the same routine. As long as they are in a safe environment and furniture is not moved around in the home, a blind pet will compensate with its other senses and live a normal life.

For more information on them and more adorable photographs, please contact Beverley Auerbach at [auerpets@yahoo.com](mailto:auerpets@yahoo.com) or at 514.933.7194

Your neighbour, Lysanne



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# Supporting St. George

## Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond

VERONICA REDGRAVE



Most Westmounters wisely went over the mountain to get to Park Ave.'s Rialto Theatre for the Tyndale St. Georges Centre fundraiser on May 16. Yours truly was truly not thinking and took René Lévesque. At rush hour. Two hours in an unmoving sea of metal, but I digress.

The elegant evening was a dinner auction celebrating the centre's 10th anniversary. Tickets were \$150. Themed as an Italian night, guests were greeted with pieces of pizza as *hors d'oeuvres* to munch with their wine.

True to that country's Mediterranean mood, dinner was served *piu tarde* – around 9 pm – and *dolce* closer to 10; but by that time to fewer guests.

Westmounters enjoying the night included **Leslie and Brian Dunn**, event co-chair and member of the fund development committee; **Tony and Betty Infilise**, co-chair, and both members of the committee; **Susan and Rick Hart**, **Alicia Lorente**, **Barb Molson**, **Peter Morton** with his daughter **Katie** and son **Alex**; **Charles Mappin**, **Robert Franklin**, **Sharon Law-Klinkhoff**, **Petronella** and **Fritz Beran**, **Linda** and **Terry Smith**, **Judy Martin**, **John Carr**, and Tyndale board member **Bob Johnson**, whose grandfather founded Tyndale in 1927, and who graciously sponsored the wine for the evening.



Joe Travers, Amy Scowen Walsh, Cynthia Ryan, Reed Scowen and Susan Travers.

Also noted amidst the splendour of the Rialto's ornate decor were Tyndale St. Georges Foundation chair **Reed Scowen** (there with **Cynthia Ryan**); **Jen de Combe**, executive director; **Ron O'Connell**, interim executive director and board member along with other board members **Susan Ajersch**, **Kim Darlington**, **Brian Casey** and **John Carr**.

Tyndale director fund development **Susan Bell** was crisply cool in black and white – and stylishly speedy: she wore running shoes to better work at the pace for which she is renown.

Also noted were **Dennis Trudeau** and his wife **Suzanne Jobin**, **Amy Scowen Walsh**, **Susan** and **Joe Travers**, **Tony Cochon Angus**, avid tennis players **Pamela**

**Luck and Joanne Booth** – “Just call us Steph and Serena!” – **Tony Angus**, **Robert Franklin**, and pianist **Dorothy Fraiberg**. The fun eve raised \$135,000 to support after school programs for elementary and high school students and early childhood education.

## Sick raccoon found in park

A sick raccoon was taken to the SPCA June 28 from Queen Elizabeth Gardens at Sherbrooke and Wood, according to Public Security reports. The animal, described as in advanced state of illness, was put into a cage on discovery at 9:48 am and taken to the shelter.

## Strathcona, cont'd. from p. 16

Boulos and Nayla Sehnaoui for \$470,000.

The real estate market waxed and waned from there until finally, in 2004, it was picked up by Christopher Oldland and Elin Stilwell for \$860,000.

They rebuilt the extension and completely renovated the house over the next two years, selling in June 2006, for double their original investment, drawing \$1,680,000.

Darryl White and Cassandra Kralik, the buyers in June 2006, have since sold to Karen Howells and Peter Cooke for \$1,925,000 in June of 2011.



Sharon Law-Klinkhoff & Brian Dunn.



Bob Johnson, Linda and Terry Smith.



Tony Cochon Angus, Susan McKinnon Bell and Peter Morton.

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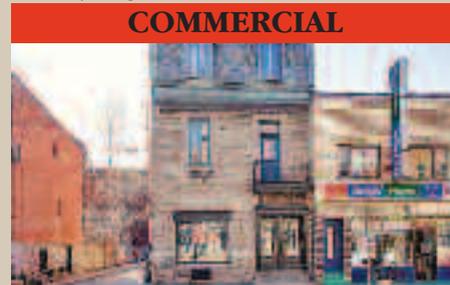
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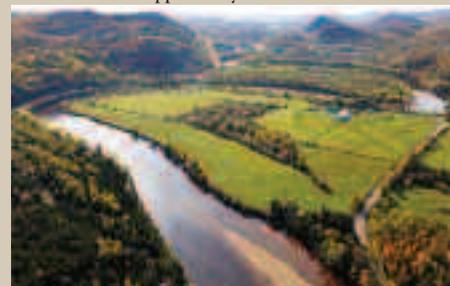
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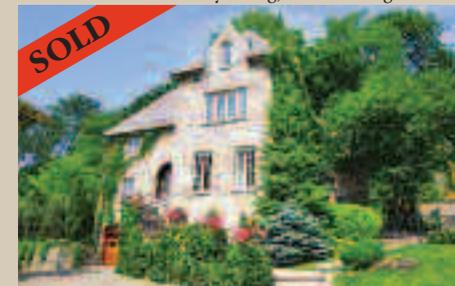
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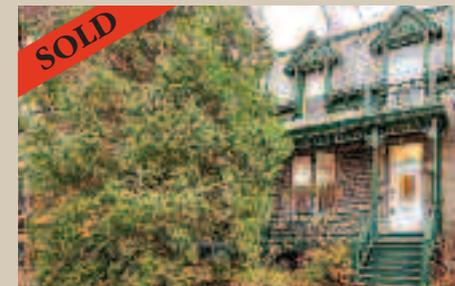
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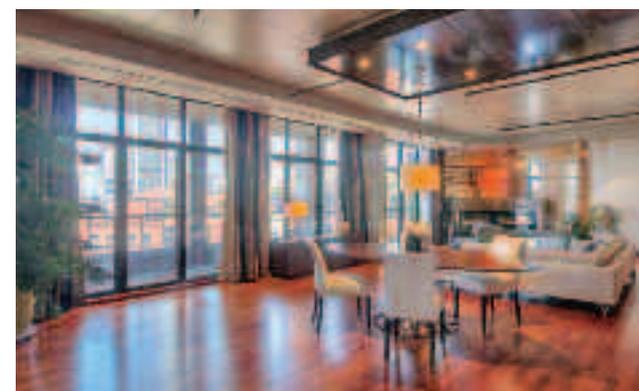
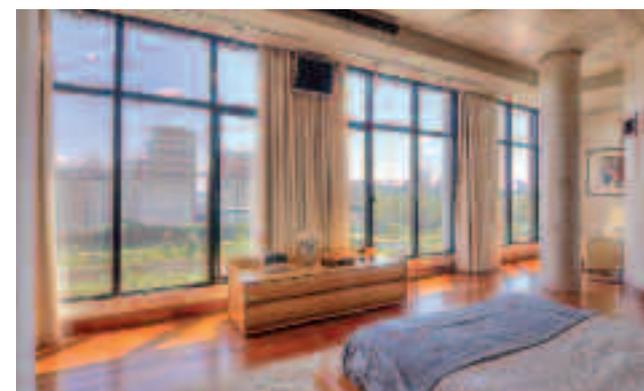


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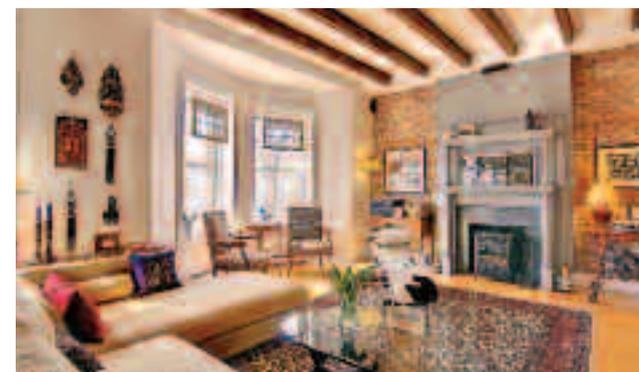
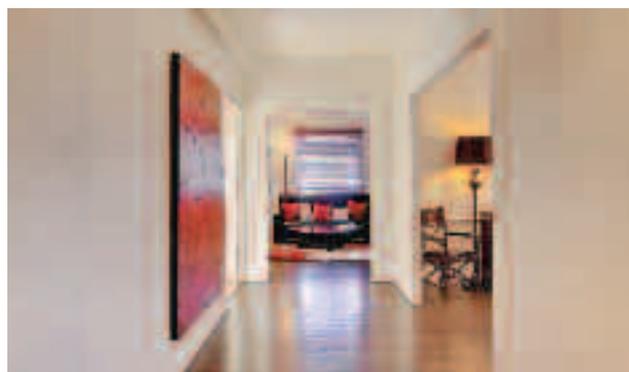
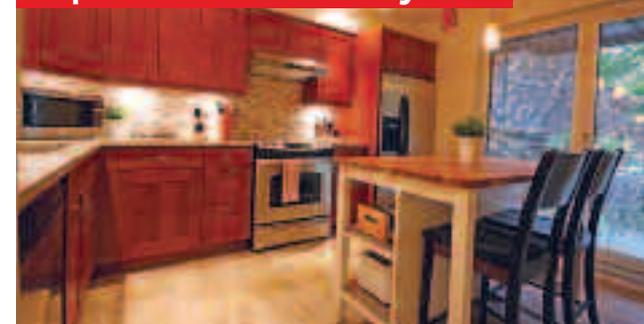
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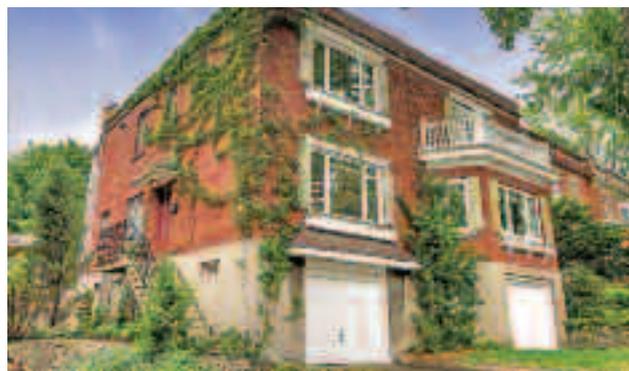
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