

Winter carnival moves to 'Murray' park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's annual winter carnival is taking place at a new venue this year, consolidating all outdoor activities at King George (Murray) Park on Saturday, February 6. This brings back and incorporates the previous tobogganing event on the hill and the "winter classic" hockey game.

The switch from Westmount Park after the last two years and the Westmount Athletic Grounds the previous one brings it all together, said Sports and Recreation director Dave Lapointe.

"It's just something different this year," he said. King George Park provides the hill, rink and playing field for the old-fashioned sleigh rides and sugar shack. It also

has an ideal spot for another innovation this year: a snowman-making competition.

The impetus behind the move, Lapointe explained, was the need to spare the newly sodded Melville playing field from damage by the horse-drawn sleigh rides.

Unchanged is the family night on Friday, February 5, which will take place as usual at Victoria Hall. This year's theme is "Party all around the World," Councillor Rosalind Davis announced at the city council meeting January 11. Tickets cost \$12 for adults; \$6 for children 12 and under.

No casino night

On the other hand, there will be no adults' casino-type party on the Saturday night following the outdoor activities. This comes in the wake of its cancellation last year due *continued on p. 14*

Demo pay station up and running



Photo: Lauren Sweeney

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Trent writes to taxpayers with tax bills

Infrastructure upgrade lies in 'execution' not lack of funds

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The challenge of improving the city's infrastructure now lies in executing the projects, not underfunding, according to Mayor Peter Trent.

This is one of the messages he relays to taxpayers in a letter accompanying this year's tax bills being delivered this week. The first installment is due February 26; the second, May 27.

After stating that in spite of this year's tax freeze, the first since 1999, budgeted capital spending is up 18 percent and "the challenge now is not in funding infrastructure projects, but in executing them."

Over the last four years, Public Works and Hydro Westmount "have spent less on infrastructure than the amount actually approved by city council," he explains. "So some of our surplus is simply deferred infra- *continued on p. 5*

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WRC café transforms top level

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Mouton Noir café at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC) opened on a full schedule this month and already appears to be a new meeting place for many.

An official opening party is planned for Thursday, February 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

“Some people told me they didn’t even know there was a fourth floor here,” said concession operator Philip Chang, as a steady flow of lunch-goers purchased juice, salads, muffins and desserts.

One group had pulled a couple of tables together for socializing and eating. Someone was working at a laptop in the corner, another was reading and two city employees were talking at another table.

Inside the entry pavilion and up the stairs to the level of the “green roof,” the space has been transformed by plants, padded restaurant banquettes and tables made of recycled wood that provide an aura of warmth (see story September 15, p. 3).

Open weekdays (9 am to 2:30 pm and 4:30 to 8 pm) and weekends 9 am to 5 pm, the café’s lunch hour and the period be-



The Mouton Noir café already attracts WRC users and others, January 15, after opening on a full schedule this month.

tween 4:30 and 6:30 pm have proven to be the busiest times, he said.

The café features “healthy-food” types of lunch and snacks as opposed to tradi-

tional arena canteen food. Included are sandwiches and salads made to order and a full array of baked products and desserts, which *continued on p. 3*



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into new meeting place

Chang said are “made in house from scratch.”

The vegan carrot muffins are made from the same recipe as those from the old Vic Market on Victoria, of which Chang was the previous president.

The biggest challenge in partnering with the city to create an inviting café ambiance, he said, was doing so within the WRC’s designation as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building.

The physical furnishings meant “consciously sourcing Quebec suppliers for reclaimed wood for our tabletops and central planter, previously owned chairs and



Philip Chang, left, serves a customer in the new café at lunch time January 15.

equipment.” A living wall of plants has yet to be created from a partition built recently to help screen off the café from the open stairwell area leading down to the underground rinks.

In an effort to further reduce sound from rinks and the players, the city will be installing sound absorbing ceiling tiles and wall panels.

Outfitting the terrace on the “green roof” with 48 seats will take place in the spring, Chang said, adding, “and we’re going to be growing our own lettuce, too.”

Demo pay stations installed for new parking system

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Two demonstrator pay stations for the city’s new automated parking system were installed January 20 outside city hall and inside the Westmount recreation centre (WRC). The new “pay-by-plate” system is due to be implemented in the spring.

“These demonstrators will provide people with an opportunity to learn how to use them and to give us feedback,” said Public Security director Greg McBain.

One of the demo machines is outside the back door of city hall, off the parking

lot. The other is just inside the entrance of the WRC, off the parking lot.

The new parking system is based on the licence plate of a vehicle rather than a specific space on a street designated by a parking meter. The 800 existing individual meters will be eliminated and replaced by pay stations at strategic locations (see story September 15, p. 1).

As an example, McBain said about 10 pay stations are planned for Victoria Ave., from the parking lot north of Sherbrooke south to St. Catherine.

With the installation of the demos, resi-

dents will be able to practise punching in a licence plate number and discovering how to choose a method of payment: by coin, credit card or mobile phone app.

The new system will allow for vehicles to be moved to another parking spot within the existing time they have paid for or by topping up their payment.

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2005 mayoral candidate Glass dies

Former mayoral candidate Gerald Glass died on January 21. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor against Karin Marks in 2005. He was a frequent questioner at city council meetings on a variety of topics. The funeral was to be held in New York. He is pictured here on Au-



gust 21, 2013, asking about the demolition period of the former Vanguard school on Metcalfe, his neighbour at the time. That project was recently completed. – WI

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DON'T MIND THIS KIND OF SMOKE

I can't tell you how happy I was to learn that Westmount stood its ground and did not jump in with Montreal's ban on wood-burning fireplaces.

Don't get me wrong. I am environmentally conscious and try to make choices that make our planet a better place.* But I'm a true Canadian, and few things please me more than enjoying an hour or so of sitting by the fire on a weekend (usually watching golf!) – a reward of sorts for the week just past in this crazy world.

If I thought this was destroying the planet, I would do without it.

But logic tells me that it isn't, even if many Westmount households were to indulge in such an activity. It is a drop in the ocean compared to industrial activity or even a few houses that use firewood as a main source of heat, of which there are none in Westmount.

Thank you, Westmount, in seeing the logic in this issue and for making our city an enjoyable place to live.

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* Editor's note: The main reason for

Montreal's action was to help reduce smog and ill effects for asthmatics resulting from burning firewood to heat homes. As the letter-writer writes, there have been no reported cases of homes being heated by firewood in Westmount. – KM

DO MIND THIS KIND OF SMOKE

Why on earth is smoking still allowed in our parks?

Look around any bench in the park, even those near the play areas, the library, the greenhouse and the arena, and you'll find dozens of cigarette butts on the ground.

Aren't our parks supposed to be healthy oases, where fresh air and the seasonal delights of flowers and plants are what we want to be inhaling?

Even though the city council member in charge of parks is also designated as the city's steward for the environment, there seems to be a myopic disconnect between the two tasks, with in this instance, neither being responsibly served.

Is there any chance Westmount can leap, albeit belatedly, into the 21st century and protect citizens from the archaic practice of public smoking, long ago proven to

be harmful and even life-threatening?

Aren't our parks supposed to promote our health and wellbeing?

GEORGE RITTER, ACADEMY RD.

MORE EXPLORATION NEEDED ON PRINCE ALBERT PROJECT

Regarding "Plans for new condo project at Prince Albert/de Mais. await new zoning-by-law," (January 19, p. 1), the developer acknowledges that his project does not conform to existing zoning and planning by-laws and has stopped discussions with the city, pending the passing of the proposed SCAOPI By-law 1489.

Beyond the obvious question of the demolition of the building and the possibility of having surface parking, other variances required have not yet been identified.

It has everything to be concerned with about projects to be reviewed under the proposed SCAOPI by-law.

If the developer were to apply for a demolition permit, it would be subject to a referendum. Under SCAOPI, it would be considered as a trade-off or special consideration not necessarily leading to a referendum.

All aspects of the project are settled by negotiation and may include revisions to the voting area for something that "would benefit the neighbourhood and the city." The definitions in the proposed by-law are sufficiently general to have everything deserving special consideration.

The city, with a preliminary opinion of

the Planning Advisory Committee, should present and summarize the project, outline the variances and make a recommendation to have the project reviewed by the SCAOPI process. Contrary to Councillor Theodora Samiotis' comments, the Quebec Planning Act does not prevent Westmount from having an approval phase by the residents prior to being accepted for review under the SCAOPI process.

Following a review and comments period, council would make their final recommendation and a referendum would be called.

To date, Councillor Samiotis has not clarified which projects would automatically go to referendum or which "specific aspects" such a referendum might be limited to, nor which projects would not go to referendum. The SCAOPI by-law permits these options, which should be identified as part of the initial presentation.

There must already be sufficient sketches prepared to outline the general parameters of the project and to identify the variances required.

I suspect that this is a reasonable project worthy of the special consideration that the SCAOPI process can provide, but that the city has not allowed for any "prior approval" is just plain wrong. Informing residents that they will have to wait until the end of the process to find out if the project is to have a referendum is a waste of time, money and very concerning.

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Akiva's play sells out 4 times



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Akiva School held its 12th annual school production "The Chocolate Factory Adventure...May Contain Nuts" in early January. The four sold-out performances, according to the school's director of communications Cindy Warren, took place at the Segal Centre for Performing Arts. The play, organized by parents, featured two casts, including 72 students from grades 3 to 6, and 17 parents.

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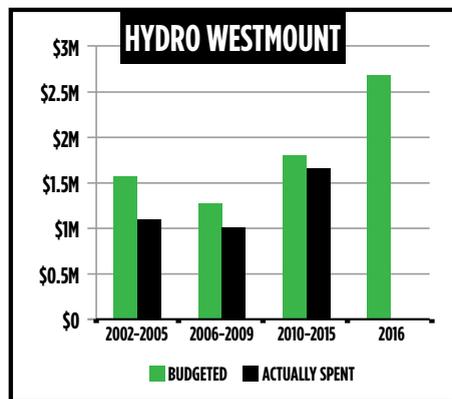
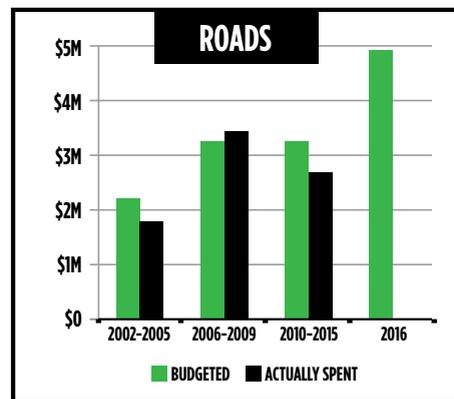
structure investment. We clearly had a problem of throughput.”

He states this is why the city had reorganized Public Works and hired five new technicians for job site supervision and quality control.

The capital budget for this year is \$14.5 million while maintenance of buildings, waterworks, parks and trees have been

boosted as part of the city's operating budget.

The taxes on the average single-family dwelling, \$12,733, will be \$12,669 “once the effect of new construction is removed,” the same as last year, Trent writes. The \$101-million operating budget was adopted December 15 (see budget story December 16, p. 1).



Tables from Mayor Peter Trent's letter showing budgeted amounts and actual spending adjusted for inflation. Image courtesy of the city of Westmount

'Very loud' Hallowell party toned down

A noisy party on Hallowell January 17 was toned down when public safety officers told the host a complaint had been re-

ceived at 12:28 am. Officers found it to be “very loud.” The host was co-operative and no tickets were issued.

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Citizens weigh in on SE development

Make it 'green,' safe & low-rise, vision workshop hears

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Some 40 citizens in the south-east sector below Dorchester and other stakeholders came together at a city workshop January 19 to provide input into a vision for developing the land to the north. This is occupied essentially by the Tupper municipal parking lots.

Specific suggestions included the cre-

ation of a bike path on Dorchester, a greenbelt of parkland, low-rise high-end housing and converting Gladstone into a pedestrian-only street.

Some residents opted for retaining the *status quo*: a wide open space that had never been redeveloped after the demolition of stately homes on the north side of Dorchester in the early 1960s to make way for the boulevard.

Above all, most said they wanted the area's village feeling preserved along with its walkability, easy access to restaurants and businesses but stressed the need for measures to reduce and slow traffic on Dorchester.

"Everyone has a vision," noted District 8 Councillor Theodora Samiotis, commissioner of Urban Planning, who chaired the evening. "But tonight we wanted to funnel that vision."

Uncertainty over what impact the as-yet unknown development of the former Montreal Children's Hospital building might have on the area was raised by Mary Rivard-David, a resident of St. Antoine St. and president of the Atwater Library.

After an initial background presentation, residents worked at eight tables to explain what they liked about the area and what could be improved. From that, they then prepared their vision for development, each table reading out its suggestions.

Eight residents were subsequently reported to have submitted their names to work with city representatives on a task force to help identify the project parameters. This would be followed by another public meeting in the spring leading to a final report.

Setting the tone

Setting the tone of the evening, Samiotis explained it was not an exercise in how

many townhouses or condos could be built on a lot "but an exercise in urban planning." The idea was "to develop the vision together" and work on what would be the best transition between the residential enclave south of Dorchester to the commercial strip at St. Catherine to the north.

Creating this transition was one of the objectives determined by the city in developing the area (see story December 8, p. 8).

Some expressed a different viewpoint. "We like being disconnected," said Kath-

leen Kez of Dorchester.

"We're a residential neighbourhood so I don't know why we would want to be connected [with the area to the north]," said Toby Morantz of Clandeboye.

Karl Moore of Greene expressed the opinion of many when he said he likes the shopping and restaurants.

"I don't want to see more concrete," said Susan Scott Evans of Prospect, summarizing another commonly expressed view.

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Saying they like the Tupper parking lot and vista it provides are, from left: Peggy Simpson of Weredale Park; Toby Morantz of Clandeboye and Rosalind Halvorsen, Weredale Park.



Working on their vision of Westmount's southeast sector at one of the workshop tables January 19, are, from left: residents Joanne Nantel; architect Miguel Escobar and Wanda Konarski.

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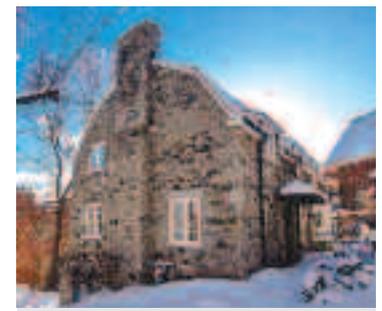
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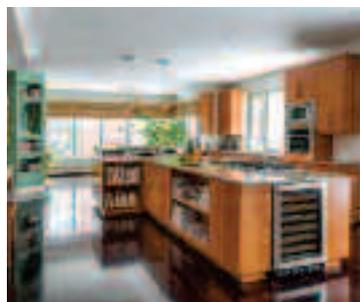
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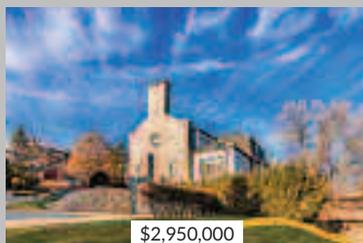


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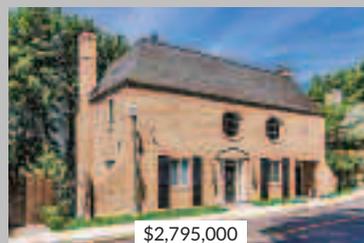


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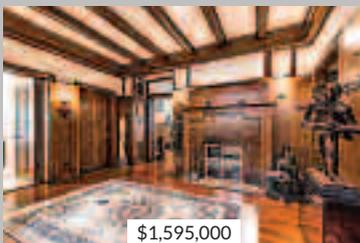


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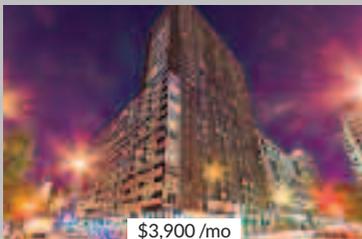
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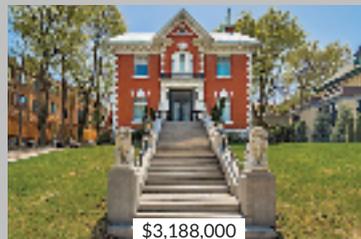


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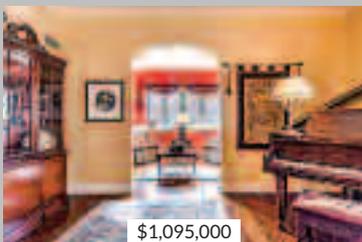
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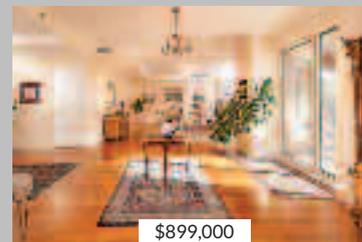
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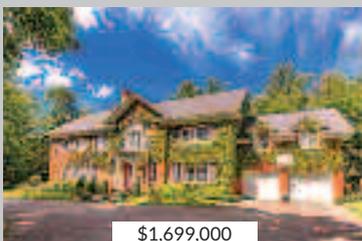


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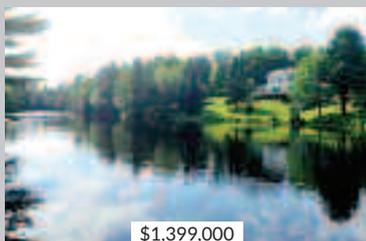


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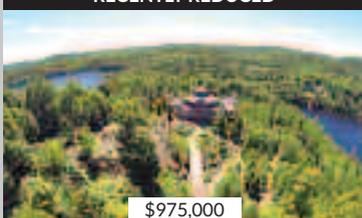
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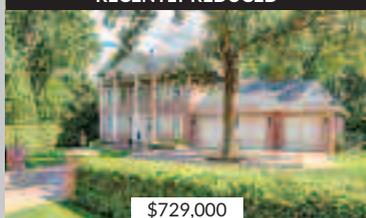
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Designed to fit a smart phone

City launches online map to follow hydro outages live

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Starting this week, Westmounters affected by power outages are expected to be able to use a smart phone or other wireless device to access an information web map showing the restoration process in live time, Hydro Westmount officials announced.

“The map provides a snapshot of all power failures with an updated message on the situation and expected time to restore power,” said Hydro Westmount director Benoit Hurtubise. “It will be refreshed every minute.”

Accessible through a link on the city’s website, the map was designed to fit the screen of a smart phone. “We have programmed the map to be displayed as per the language set by the users in their browser’s preferences [French or English].”

Hydro/IT working together

It’s a project Hydro Westmount and the city’s IT department have been working on for some months, Hurtubise said. “It’s based on a similar tool we have been using internally but had to be adapted to take a minimum amount of memory.”

Normally in the absence of power failures, the entire map of the city appears in green. This shows the city divided into various street blocks and circuit numbering, which change to red when an outage occurs.

A short message appears at the top stating when power is expected to be restored. (See illustration.)

“Obviously, we don’t expect people without power to be able to use the map unless they have access to the internet,” Hurtubise said. “But it’s an information tool we hope will help those who can.”



A screen shot of the French webpage showing a power outage, in red, January 19.

Contractors found without required permits

Landscape contractors involved in snow removal are being checked out by Public Security patrollers to ensure the vehicles they are using are operating with city permits, department officials said. Two were seen on Park Place January 18 without a permit. The contractors were given 10 days to obtain a permit, which must be displayed on each vehicle. Public Security director Greg McBain said about 100 of such vehicles are registered with the city.

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Southeast cont'd. from p. 6

A slide presentation was provided by Tom Flies, assistant director of the city's Urban Planning department, showing how the focus area had evolved from its residential origins with a narrow, tree-lined and two-way Dorchester Avenue.

Animator Jacques B nard of H+K Strategies (formerly Acertys), a specialist in public engagement, then led the workshop process, saying "All views are valid."

The workshop format was a new way of enabling citizens to bring in some of their ideas, Samiotis said later. "I think this should be a model." She noted the event had brought together a range of stakeholders including property owners, tenants, business owners, institutions and professionals.



An illustration of the focus area outlined in yellow as used during the workshop: south side of St. Catherine to north side of Dorchester, and Atwater to Clarke.

Bld. water leak caused by broken bolt on valve at Belvedere

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A water leak on The Boulevard at Belvedere Rd. sent water shooting up through the pavement like two geysers January 18, according to Councillor Patrick Martin, commissioner of Public Works. Martin lives nearby. The break occurred right at the border of Westmount with Montreal.

Work continued throughout the night to repair the leak and prevent the loss of pressure at the reservoir on C te des Neiges that might have required shutting it down.

The cause was attributed to a broken valve at a joint between the 12-inch main that serves Westmount and the 16-inch one for Montreal. "The valve that failed is on the line that serves Westmount," he said.

"It is about 60 years old. The dome [top] of the valve is fastened to the main part of the valve by bolts – one of which rusted and failed."

Ownership of the broken portion and repair costs "will be determined later following exchanges of survey maps between Westmount and Montreal," Martin said. It appeared to him to lie in Westmount.

Water shoots out on The Boulevard



Crews repair a failed valve overnight January 18-19. Water is seen gushing out in two places on the Boulevard at Belvedere.
Photo courtesy of Patrick Martin

Do you own a house or property in Sutton (Eastern Townships)?

Do you oppose denser housing there?

On January 18, the town of Sutton adopted 50 regulations modifying its by-laws to allow for denser housing in certain areas. Among these regulations are those for which proprietors had requested the opening of registers. The town now has 45 days to open the 50 registers, which must have the requisite number of signatures in order to hold referendums. The exact date to sign the registers at the Town Hall has not yet been announced.

Resources to find out when the register signing day will be:

- www.sutton.ca/fr/ma-ville/avis-public/
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A moving moment for Miriam



*Social Notes
from Westmount
and Beyond*

VERONICA REDGRAVE

formed the crowd about the organization's objectives and advancements. "Every penny raised tonight will benefit our scholarship program, which assists parents who cannot afford to send their children to the Miriam programs," he explained. He noted that the major gift campaign, co-chaired by Westmounter **Aldo Bensadoun** and **Jean Coutu**, is a great success. Among other initiatives, medical and dental clinics are now being set up for special needs patients.

At the reception, young couple **Maude Bourassa** and **André Lessard** spoke movingly about their exhaustive search for assistance when their young son Jackson was diagnosed. "Early intervention is crucial," said Bourassa. Many were moved to tears hearing the description of their frustrations.

After the presentation there was an incredible dessert table laden with delectable delights, such as raspberry crumble with blueberries and to-die-for chocolate brownies capped off the night.

Local res **Hainya Wise-**
man, Robert's proud *continued on p. 14*

It was a night full of museum-quality art. It was an evening of elegance. And it was an amazing dining experience offered by **Ron Mofford**, one of the best caterers in the city.

But those are all really beside the point. The mission of the autumn cocktail dînette offered at the Westmount home of **Francine** and **Robert Wiseman** was to raise awareness and funds for autism. In particular, the evening was held for the Miriam Foundation. It was one of a series of privately funded events called "In the Kitchen," the brainchild idea of volunteer **Marsha Becker**.

Held mid-October, the fundraiser was SRO (Standing Room Only), even though the Wiseman's abode is quite large.

Foundation CEO **Warren Greenstone** in-



From left: André Lessard, Warren Greenstone and Maude Bourassa.



Susan Lipman and Barry Pascal.



Robert and Francine Wiseman.



Hainya Wiseman, left, and Frieda Applebaum.

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mom, renowned for her culinary skills, created the sweet table. (She and friend **Frieda Applebaum** wore fabulous eyeglasses. Take note Elton John!)

Seen at the eve were Westmounters **Linda Smith, Dana and Bill Bell, David Black, and Susan Lipman and Barry Pascal, CJA** campaign chair.

Also noted were **Andrew Gertler, Cheryl Besner-Cohen and Nathalie Garcin**, executive director of the Gold Centre, which receives funding and support from the Miriam Foundation as it offers early intervention services to children with learning challenges.

Winter carnival cont'd. from p. 1

to low ticket sales.

Scheduled for 10 am and 11 am on the Saturday morning (February 6) are two hockey games at the park. These will be followed by general skating over the lunch break from 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Lapointe said. At this time, free hotdogs and hot chocolate will be served outside the refurbished comfort station.

After lunch come the puck shooting and chuck-a-puck contests followed by games, races and the traditional tug-of-war.

Lapointe said he's hoping for a day of minus 2 degrees Celsius, which would be ideal for making snowmen and for outdoor comfort. "It's all about the weather," he pointed out.

While the carnival schedule starts off with the seniors' carnival luncheon on Thursday, February 4, this takes place at the Contactivity seniors' centre, which organizes the event and where tickets may be reserved at a cost of \$10.

Abandoned bikes obstruct snow removal

Four seemingly abandoned bicycles attached to city poles were reported to have been obstructing snow removal on Greene, Victoria, St. Catherine and de Maison-

Seeking Roslyn '37 alumni or descendants



Image courtesy of K. Moors.

Albertan Kathleen Moors found this almost 80-year-old Westmount-based photograph in a second-hand store while visiting her father in Ontario. She transcribed handwritten names found on a piece of cardboard behind the photo when she removed its frame. It read: Back row: Sweezy, Romney, Schulman, Chisholm, Kosh, Evans, Gurd, Murray, Graham, Tilden; middle row: Cummings, Nutter, Casgrain, Williams, Chodal, Walker, Moyle, Walls, Polcock, Oliver; front row: Nicholson, Bishop, Burke, Miller, Griffith, Walls, Strachan, Waller, Cockfield, Swaine, Hagggett, King.

BY JOANNE PENHALE

A piece of Westmount history found in a St. Vincent de Paul shop in Belleville, Ontario in 2013 could be reunited with one of its subjects, or a relative, if someone finds a match.

"I love to get these sorts of things back into the hands of descendants," said Calgary artist Kathleen Moors, who posted an image of the 1937 photo of a Roslyn School sixth-grade boys' class on her blog on January 2.

"It got around really quickly," Moors said

of the post, with more than 200 hits the first night.

No one in the photograph nor any relatives have come forward yet, Moors said, but she hopes *Independent* readers might help make that happen.

Moors said she collects a lot of old second-hand Bibles and books with inscribed names, notes and love stories, and tries to unite these objects with descendants of the original owner.

Her blog can be found at shep-auntsred.wordpress.com.

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Dental hygienist offers ‘valet’ parking service in busy sector

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

A Westmount dental hygienist at a busy office building on Sherbrooke St. saw the difficulties that tenants and visitors driving cars were having while searching for parking space and started a “valet” parking service in November.

Working as a dental hygienist at a periodontist’s office in the Globe building at the north-east corner of Greene Ave. and Sherbrooke for the past nine years, Pamela Mangel heard regular complaints about difficulties parking in the area. “The biggest complaints I heard were from my own patients,” she told the *Independent*.

“I would have people who were stressed, coming in late for appointments, which would in turn upset the whole office. Since this is something that’s always very stressful for dentists and doctors, I was trying to alleviate that stress. I care a lot for my people. I wanted to help get them to their doctor and dentist appointments not just in this building but in this whole area because there are a lot of medical offices.”

A few weeks after it became available,

word had gotten around about Mangel’s Park4Me service even to clients from businesses on Greene Ave., such as Nick’s Restaurant, Mangel said.

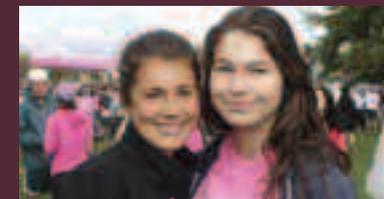
Mangel, who continues to work as a dental hygienist while running the sideline, has three regular employees and five part-timers who jockey cars to an indoor garage in a condo building at the corner of Sherbrooke and Atwater Ave., where she has leased parking space. “My goal is to take over at least one out of six levels of that lot because it’s very large,” she said.

The service costs \$7 for the first hour, \$12 for two hours or a whole day for \$18. “There are a lot of employees in the area who don’t have parking spots, and they’re running out frantically to move their cars every few hours,” she said.

Mangel had set up a booth in the lobby of the Globe building where an attendant issues numbered tickets. A car can be handed over to an attendant outside the front of the building. Car owners are expected to give 10 minutes notice when they want to retrieve their vehicle.

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QUE l'envoi des comptes de taxes a été effectué dans le délai imparti.

DONNÉ à Westmount, le 26 janvier 2016.

2016 COLLECTION ROLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Treasurer of the City of Westmount:

THAT the general collection roll of taxes for fiscal year 2016 was deposited at my office located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount on January 25, 2016; and

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