

**Winners: Bostock, Peart, Brzeski, Gallery, Lulham, Kez**

## Smith elected, will lead a council of 6 first-time councillors

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was two hours after the polls closed in Sunday's election (November 5) before Westmount's results began coming in. But when they finally did, they showed that voters had given interim mayor Christina Smith a strong mandate to lead what turned out to be a council of six first-time councillors and two incumbents.

Smith won in every one of the eight electoral districts to garner a total of 3,619 votes over former long-time councillor Patrick Martin's 1,878. Beryl Wajsman, who lost in every district and did not appear at city hall, ended up with 528.

"I'm thankful for the support of a large team including three former mayors," Smith said of her win. She said she would get some sleep and then proceed with the job ahead.



Mayor-elect Christina Smith speaks with others awaiting the Sunday election results.

The council is expected to be sworn in Friday.

A connection with people was the big strength that Smith brought to her cam-



Mary Gallery, right, and her father, former mayor Brian Gallery.

paign, explained former mayor Peter Trent while awaiting final results. "Whenever I saw her talking to someone she set up a bond with them. He said she also presented herself as "a candidate to continue the good stewardship of Westmount."

### Nail-biting races

Tight races were reported in District 8, where two-term councillor Theodora Samiotis lost by three votes to challenger Kathleen Kez, and in District 1 where Anitra Bostock won by four over Antonio D'Amico.

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Cynthia Lulham, left, with her son Harris Pompili, who was born during her first term of office – the first birth by a councillor in office.



Victorious District 4 councillor Conrad Peart, second from left, flanked by his wife, Claudia Perrotte, and his brothers Byron and Kevin.

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After summer of change at Mouton Noir

# White wine emerges as most popular at WRC's café

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Red, white, sparkling or rosé?

What are Westmounters' preferences in wine as experienced by Café Mouton Noir in the four months it has been serving wine and beer at the Westmount recreation centre (WRC)?

"White," is the most popular choice, answers server Kashiah Bailey with little hesitation – "usually a Chardonnay," she adds. "But on hockey nights, we serve a lot of beer!"

This is due in large measure to the city's executive hockey league, according to Philip Chang, who owns and operates the catering service.

Chang said he had received a liquor permit in June, but renovations were required to the small space before the new beverages could be introduced in July.

As a result, he said, some of the summer clients "just became aware" of the change, as well as the addition of wine- or beer-appropriate food such as nachos, burgers, cheese and charcuterie plates and a weekend brunch. Now, a winter menu is also on the way.

Two microbrewery beers are being offered – Bierbrier from Westmounter Charles Bierbrier – and Beau's from Van-kleek Hill. The wine selection changes, Chang said, "but we will offer at least two selections of red or white by the glass or

bottle, a bubbly and a rosé."

In accordance with Westmount's long established by-laws, no alcoholic beverages are allowed to be served without food.

"Our agreement with the city is to provide only beer, wine and/or wine-based cocktails" and drinks such as the Shandy or Sangria, Chang said.

The city's rezoning of the WRC site to add "commercial" as a secondary use "reg-

ularized" the existence of the café and pro shop in the municipal building (see story August 16, 2016, p. 3). It also made it possible for the café to obtain a liquor permit.

As a result of the "commercialization," the café has become the only one – a gathering place for the community – along the St. Catherine strip between Greene and Victoria.



Philip Chang at the counter October 27.

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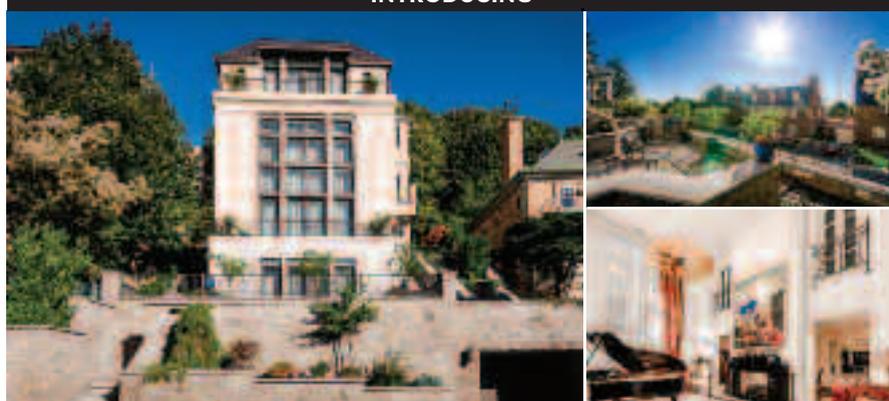
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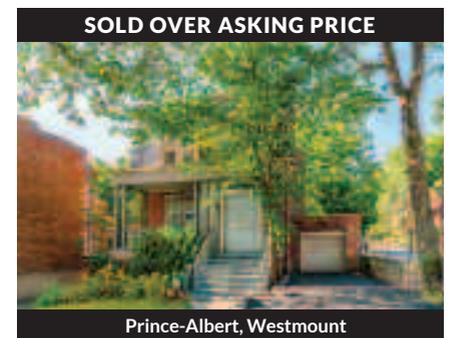
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BALANCED COVERAGE

Congratulations to the team at the *Westmount Independent* for its excellent coverage of the 2017 campaigns. It was thorough, fair and balanced. Only with solid reporting will democracy flourish. The *Independent* delivered. Thank you.

DENIS BIRO, BURTON AVE.

### FISHINESS, FAVOURITISM

This letter [was] written before the results of the November 5 election. It seems to me there is something “fishy,” i.e. questionable, going on in Westmount. First the former mayor resigns early, and with the backing of his loyal supporters on council an interim mayor is put in place for more than six months, of course giving her an enormous advantage in the election.

Then the *Independent* provides the incumbent councillors the right to refute negative comments in letters to the editor. Since only the incumbents are challenged in the residents’ letters, those newly running for office are deprived of a rebuttal and articulating their positions on those same issues. To the best of my knowledge, I am unaware of any responsible newspaper that permits this form of favouritism – for that is what it is. What happened to the sense of fairness in our Westmount insti-

tutions?

RICHARD SCHULTZ, CLANDEBOYE AVE.

*Editor’s note: There is no favouritism being employed in our editorial process. Firstly, every attacked candidate, incumbent or not, would have had an opportunity to reply if the letter writer had agreed. This year, two of the three letter writers who chose not to share their letters with their “attacked” (these letters were automatically not published) were anti-Martin, the non-incumbent mayor. One was anti-Lulham, an incumbent councillor. We can’t guess which side will react how. That’s up to them.*

*Secondly, any process will leave us open to criticism. If the final issue had letters without an opportunity to reply, we could be accused of “drive-by” journalism. “Wait till the end and fire” could become a strategy for letter writers, which is not one that we want to be a part of, whatever the intention of the letter writer.*

*Our actual practice of offering opportunities to reply near the end of the election period, with the consent of the letter writer, had one anti-Martin-ite in a rage, accusing us of being unfair and demanding a right to reply to Martin’s reply. When would that process end?*

*We are happy with our middle ground, which has just celebrated its third voyage into municipal elections (2009, 2013 and 2017). If*

*letter writers want to have their letters read by everyone at the same time, they can write earlier. If they don’t like our approach, they can say “no thanks” (as three recently did).*

*It might interest the more casual follower of municipal affairs that this is far from the first time that this newspaper has been accused of bias or impropriety by both sides of a debate.*  
–KM

### PARK WHEREVER YOU WANT AT WRC?

I thought long and hard about writing this, then I thought, “what the heck?” Those who use the arena [at the Westmount recreation centre] are a special kind of people. I saw this last week [see photo], and nothing was done about it, no tickets issued. This bus, obviously transporting people to the arena, was parked illegally and took up two handicapped spaces.

So, anyone who uses the arena is special and can do as they wish? That seems to be the case as many park in reserved spaces without the proper permits. When confronted, their excuse is that “my child has skating.” That gives you *carte blanche*?

The arrogance of people is just unbelievable. Get your acts together.

BELINDA BOWES, ACADEMY RD.



Photo taken October 20.

Courtesy of B. Bowes

### ONE FALL DAY

I love autumn! When I woke up [recently] and saw the rain, I eagerly dug out my polka-dot rubber boots from the closet with the hope of walking down my street on a soft carpet of wet leaves. Unfortunately, it was a little early. I did enjoy, however, the multi-coloured leaves gracefully performing a ballet around my head.

Down the street, a pretty carriage house caught my eye with its impressive Halloween decorations: soft spider webs hanging from trees, skulls lining the lawn, a giant green monster guarding the porch and a black-and-white sign inviting passers-by to stop and take a minute or two to let their imagination run wild.

Fall... a time to remember. A time to say thank you.

I am reminded of a lovely woman I met at the Westmount Public Library in the DVD section. She turned towards me and asked if I would help her find some “nice, romantic movies.” I smiled and answered that I would love to and proceeded to pick five. Seeing her holding them gratefully on her heart, I thought: “She looks just like a little girl!”

Upon leaving, she discreetly handed me two candies wrapped in bright paper. “These are to thank you for being so nice. Not everybody takes the time to listen.” This last comment saddened me as there are so many people who reach out unsuccessfully. Acknowledging them takes only a few minutes of one’s time and the joy we receive in return is priceless.

Walking through Westmount Park on my way home, I couldn’t resist unwrapping one of the candies. As I bit into it, I tasted a mysterious little fruit hidden under the luscious chocolate. I resisted reaching for the second one. That one was for my husband.

NICOLE PERETZ, OLIVIER AVE.

### DANGEROUS AROUND ROSLYN SCHOOL

I am in grade five at Roslyn school. I want to tell you about something dangerous that we see every morning driving to school.

Going up Roslyn Ave. from Côte St. Antoine toward Westmount Ave. is a disaster because there is parking on the left side of the street, busses are coming down and cars are going up. The street is not wide enough for two cars and a bus, so when the busses come down the street, a car or the bus has to drive on the sidewalk for there to be enough room.

Two weeks ago, a woman, who was walking up the street with her kids, had the bus pull up on the sidewalk right where they were walking. She was screaming, “You almost ran over my child! I am going to call the police!”

We see this every morning at 9 am. Something needs to be done before someone gets hurt or killed.

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# Four teens leave party, scream through Murray park

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Four teens were issued two tickets each after their reported unruly behaviour in King George (Murray) Park Friday into Saturday, October 27-28, led to several noise complaints following a house party, Public Security officials said.

The four boys, born in 2001, were reported to have been running all over the park from one end to another screaming, consuming alcohol and marijuana, acting indecently, swearing and taunting officers.

The four initially came to the attention of public safety officers after the first noise complaint at 11:30 pm. Officers found about 30 young people leaving a house party on Murray Hill, said Public Security director Greg McBain in relating the incident.

The teens split into small groups, ran

into the park and the separate groups were warned by officers about the approaching midnight curfew.

The four who were ultimately ticketed an hour later were reported to have been warned again and again as more complaints were received. They continued their behaviour that included insulting of officers and eventually led to the arrival of police to help in the identification process required for the issuing of tickets.

Each received a ticket of \$119 for obstructing the work of a municipal officer and another for \$69 for breaking the park curfew. Their parents were informed.

One was described as living in Verdun while two lived in downtown Montreal and the fourth came from a street on the east border with Westmount in the area of Cedar.

## New path laid on new path



Photo: Ralph Thompson

A new surface had been applied to the Summit Circle walking path, as seen the early afternoon of November 1. See story "Summit 'walking path' could get its own 'walking path'" (October 17, p. 1). The new surface is the same as that used for the paths on the green roof of the Westmount recreation centre, Public Works officials said.

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## Complete council turnovers in '83, '91

# Past elections also made it into record books

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The election of November 5, 2017 will likely be remembered for having had the longest campaign on record at that time. Candidates started to announce as early as May.

It is also believed to have been the one with the most candidates for mayor – five at one point, whittled down to three.

And it was also on track, last week, to producing one of the highest voter rates based on 12 percent of eligible voters casting ballots at the advance poll October 29 (see story October 31, p. 12).

The city's first of three known contested mayoralties came with the complete turnover of the council in 1983, according to findings from the *Independent's* research of nine elections dating back to that year. The only other complete council renewal came in 1991.

Also in 1983, neither the former mayor Donald MacCallum nor any of his councillors ran again, resulting in the resignation of the city director general before the election. Councillor Brian Gallery stepped up for mayor, winning against Allen Nutik,

who had led an island-wide tax revolt movement.

Four years later, in 1987, came another historic race for the mayor's chair when book publisher May Cutler (grandmother of current councillor Philip Cutler) announced some two weeks before the election she would oppose the incumbent Gallery. She achieved what was probably the most significant upset in Westmount history.

To her own amazement, as results came in on election night, she was thrust into the leadership of a virtually unchanged Gallery-loyal council of six returning councillors and two like-minded councillors who came into vacant seats. It was a very bumpy road ahead for the city's first woman mayor.

### Eight rookie councillors

Only four years later, however, the landmark election of 1991 brought in a new mayor through acclamation – Peter Trent – and eight rookie councillors, repeating the renewal experience of 1983.

Again, voters had chosen a new direction, and launched the Trent era during

which subsequent elections brought in two to four new councillors in a gradual renewal.

At the end of 2001, however, the mandate of the 1999 council came to an abrupt end with an election to choose a reduced "borough" council for Westmount in the forced merger with Montreal. Three of the existing councillors from the 1999 council continued on, one – Karin Marks – as borough mayor (her position was originally called "borough president"). Councillors John de Castell and Cynthia Lulham represented Westmount's two new electoral districts.

### Reconstituted council

The election of 2005, after the demerger, became another historic one as all three members of the borough council continued on in their positions along with the addition of six new councillors dedicated to transitioning Westmount back to its status as a reconstituted city. One of them was 2017 mayoral candidate Patrick Martin.

In this 2005 election, the name of Marks on the ballot was accompanied by that of bookstore owner Gerald Glass, who de-

clared he was running on the principle of providing a challenge in the name of democracy.

The subsequent elections of 2009 and 2013 both involved the uncontested return of Trent as mayor. On resigning this year in April, Trent called for a renewed council under a new generation. The council acclaimed Christina Smith as interim mayor to complete his term leading up to November's election.

The circumstances of this vote also appeared historic.

Opposing Smith from the start was *The Suburban* editor Beryl Wajzman, followed later by Kirk Polymenakos and George Fourniotis, though both withdrew after longtime councillor Patrick Martin entered the race at the end of September.

After two councillor acclamations, contests involving 16 candidates played out at the ballot box for six council seats.

And so, just as other elections in Westmount have set new records, the election of 2017 is also expected to take its place in the city's electoral history in at least one or more ways once official results are confirmed after November 5.



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was the re-election of Cynthia Lulham for her seventh term representing District 7, continuing to campaign after the death of her aunt to whom she has been a longtime caregiver. Lulham, along with acclaimed councillor Philip Cutler are the only survivors from the previous council.

Other highlights included the victories of Marina Brzeski over three opponents in District 5 and Conrad Peart, who unseated District 4 incumbent Rosalind Davis.

Peart, who becomes the first black councillor, is also a working architect and businessman who promised to bring his professional skills to modernizing the city's Ur-



*Kathleen Kez watches for updates in election counts.*

ban Planning permit process. As a newcomer who moved to Westmount less than two years ago, he also campaigned on providing a new perspective through "fresh eyes."

District 6 winner Mary Gallery brought in the largest margin of victory to become the first second-generation member on council.

"I'm so proud of you," said her father, Brian Gallery, a former alderman (as councillors were called) and the mayor from 1983 to 1987, who flew in from Florida for one day to be there for the occasion. He was among the many who had gathered at city hall, including former mayors Karin Marks and Peter Trent.

"Never, never, have I seen the results take so long," he stated.

It was a comment heard again and again by many who became increasingly exasperated by the wait that went without any explanation from the city's returning officials, closed in the adjacent committee room. One of several TV crews had to pack up and leave by 9:30 pm.

The explanation when it came just before 11 pm was that "the website had crashed," city director general Benoit Hurtubise told the *Independent*.

A number of people had arrived early at 7:30 pm without knowing they were headed for a long evening. Meanwhile, a major topic of conversation was the defeat of Montreal mayor Denis Coderre by Valérie Plante when those results were known quickly.

**Martin 'a free man'**

Mayoral candidate Patrick Martin said his loss now means "I'm free man." He said the make-up of the council with so many new councillors at the same time as new managers in city hall will be a management challenge. "So whoever is mayor



*The smile of victory for Marina Brzeski.*

**Mayoral vote by district**

Candidate	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Total
Patrick Martin	197	159	186	335	290	219	253	239	1,878
<b>Christina Smith</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>3,619</b>
Beryl Wajzman	82	65	47	46	59	86	101	42	528

will have their hands full." He noted that he had brought in 1,878 votes without a large "machine" behind him but with his wife and son as his campaign team.

**Smith's challenge**

The composition of the new council also provides mayor-elect Smith with the challenge of overseeing the disparate needs of various districts as reflected by the choice of electors.

Districts 5, 7, 8 and 6 – to some extent – are under siege from the noise, construction, traffic and development on the city's west, south and east borders with Montreal, all identified in the platforms of the candidates in those districts.

Kez, in 8, for example, had held firm against the outgoing council's preliminary plan for a southeast development vision and its recommended narrowing of Dorchester. "You battle for what you believe in," she said of her victory, which proves "you

can win if you never waiver."

Brzeski, a resident of Grosvenor who has called for earlier public consultation on projects, credited her victory over her closest opponent Christian Matossian, to "a huge team of neighbours who encouraged me to run and then continued to support me."

For 20-year-old McGill student Gabriel Felcarek, who entered the race in District 5 on the last day of nominations but came third of the four candidates, the experience was one he may repeat, win or lose. "I'll do it again either way," he said.

Kirk Polymenakos, who ran in District 1, said he had observed during the election it was the vote for the mayor that had brought out electors – in his ward, at least. He said he will be content now to remain "on the other side" of the council table. He said, Anitra Bostock, who won the seat, had campaigned really hard, in the large area that was not her home (District 4).

All results as reported are considered provisional until posted officially by the returning officer.

**Contested council seats**

Candidate	Votes
District 1	
<b>Anitra Bostock</b>	<b>259</b>
Antonio D'Amico	255
Kirk Polymenakos	94
District 4	
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<b>Conrad Peart</b>	<b>497</b>
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Gabriel Felcarek	89
Christian Matossian	362
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George Fourniotis	63
<b>Mary Gallery</b>	<b>597</b>
Joanne Wallace	128
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<b>Cynthia Lulham</b>	<b>424</b>
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Acclaimed candidates were Philip Cutler in District 2 and Jeff Shamie in District 3.

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# Grosvenor reconstruction at concrete-laying stage

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The reconstruction of Grosvenor south of Sherbrooke was launched last spring in what was described as a logistically challenging project. Now, the work is on the way to winding up at mid-month, weather permitting. This is before the original end-of-November deadline.

“I don’t want to be too optimistic, but we’re a little ahead,” city Engineering director Elisa Gaetano said last week.

The complexity of the project, including replacement of underground utilities, was characterized by the block’s long, narrow configuration without side-street access and dominated by numerous row houses with driveway entries crossing the sidewalk close to each other.

Gaetano’s “cautiously optimistic” forecast came as workers began pouring concrete section by section, to be followed by asphalt paving.

When all is done, the 1897 water main will have been replaced along with the hydro massif, street lighting, underground traffic light connections at Sherbrooke, new sidewalks, planting areas just south of Sherbrooke at the gas station and the new roadway and sidewalks.

Mid-block narrowing using a pedestrian crosswalk has not been possible due to further narrowing of the already narrow street by parking and, in the winter, snow banks, Gaetano explained.

Whatever traffic calming devices may ensue will be a decision of the city’s Traffic Advisory Committee, she said.

One of the outgoing council’s last authorizations at the meeting October 2 had been to provide an additional amount of \$124,173, including taxes, for the original Grosvenor contract awarded to CMS general contractors, bringing the total to \$1,468,709.

The new amount remains below the quote of the second lowest conforming bidder of \$1,666,660 including taxes, according to background tender information.

The additional amount was described as required for road drainage, decontamination of soils, modification of plumbing in certain residences and other unforeseen items.

The start of the work had been hit by an initial delay due a province-wide strike of construction workers (see story May 30, p. 4). The street’s concrete base street was last reconstructed in 1982.



Workers pour concrete on the sidewalks of Grosvenor just south of Sherbrooke November 3 at about 12:30 pm. The sidewalks on both sides of the street were complete the next day, but concrete had not yet been laid on the road.

Photo: Ralph Thompson



## The Shoebox Project returns to Montreal this holiday season

From **November 1st to December 8th**, the Montreal chapter of the **Shoebbox Project for Shelters**, supported by **Dream**, will once again be collecting donations and completed shoeboxes for their Shoebbox gift drive, benefitting local women who are homeless, living in shelters or at risk.

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Community members interested in donating a Shoebbox or participating can visit [www.shoebboxproject.com/Montreal](http://www.shoebboxproject.com/Montreal) for drop-off locations and how to complete a Shoebbox.

On behalf of the women we serve...Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!

## Comin' Up

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

A special exhibition for the 125th anniversary of the **Montreal Camera Club** “Westmount in images” at The Gallery at Victoria Hall until December 8. Includes 31 photographers.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**Artisans Westmount**, 10:30 am to 5 pm at Victoria Hall. Admission: \$2 or non-perishable food items. Info: 514.989.5226.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

The city of Westmount’s annual **Remembrance Day service** at the cenotaph takes place exceptionally the day after November 11. Military units in the city, veterans and citizens are to assemble for the start of the ceremony at 2 pm.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**Westmount Horticultural Society** presents “The art of bonsai” by David Easterbrook, 7 pm in the Westmount Room of the Westmount Public Library. To be preceded by annual meeting. Cost: \$5 for non-members. Info: 514.233.2788.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Westmount Healthy City** and the MUHC Foundation present “The importance of your eyes,” with Miguel N. Burnier, 7 pm at Victoria Hall. Free. Register: [muhcfoundation.com/whc](http://muhcfoundation.com/whc) or 514.843.1543.

“**Guess the Giller**” evening at the Westmount Public Library, 7 pm to 9 pm in the Westmount Room.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Westmount Historical Association** presents “The Montreal Camera Club: an overview of 125 Years,” with speaker Ann Pearson, 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Cost: \$5 for non-members.

For the Atwater Library lunchtime series, Brian Fahey, urban planner and spokesperson for Devimco, outlines plans for **Square Children’s**, the major redevelopment of the former site of the Montreal Children’s Hospital, 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Free.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The Friends of the Westmount Library book, 10 am to 5 pm at Victoria Hall.



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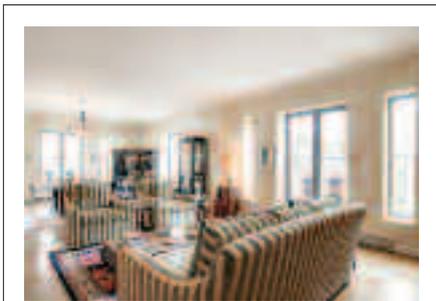
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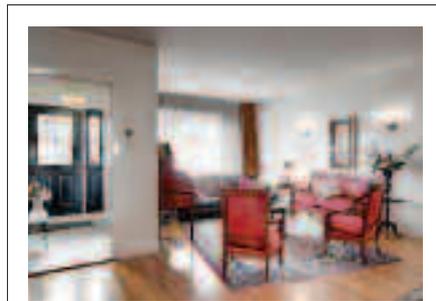
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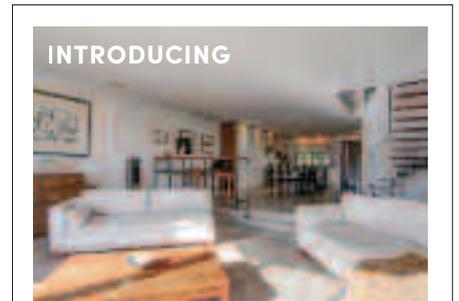
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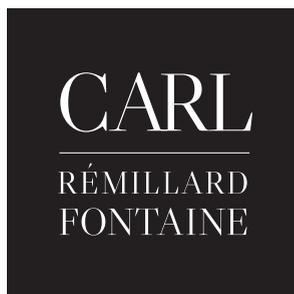
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## Windy but well-behaved Halloween, \$249 donated to Leucan

Strong winds Halloween night, October 31, played havoc with some of the plans outside the haunted house but overall, it was a “well-behaved” evening, according to Public Security assistant director Kimberley Colquhoun. No untoward incidents were reported on the street.

“The wind won this year,” she said. The Loons could not be used as planned, and it was difficult to keep the Frankenstein mannequin upright on the balcony of the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse.

For the 11th year, the clubhouse was transformed into the haunted house, whose theme this year was “Nightmare Before Winter.”

Donations collected from adults on behalf of some 1,500 kids going through the attraction tallied \$249, she said. These would be sent to Leucan, a foundation supporting children and their families affected by leukemia and other childhood cancers. “The first donation was a nice crisp \$50 bill, which was really appreciated,” Colquhoun said.

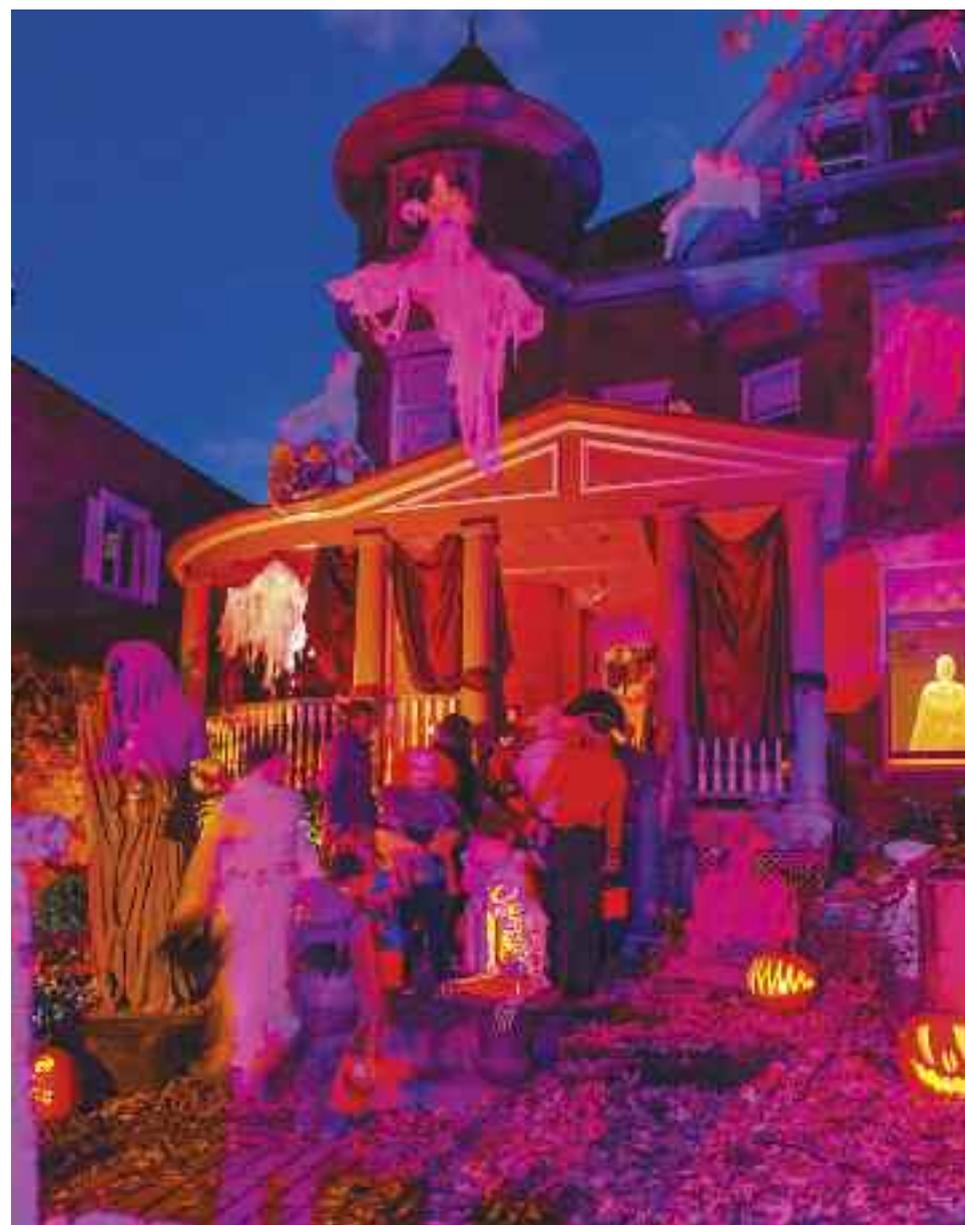
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Eleven-year-old Alex Coté had lots of room to store his candy in his jovial pumpkin costume.

## Busy Halloween on Roslyn, trick-or-

PHOTOS BY RALPH THOMPSON



An elaborately decorated – and scary – house found at 310 Roslyn, home of the Norris family (or could it be the home of the Addams family?) got lots of attention. Several kids were even too scared to enter the gates for fear of what lay ahead. Separate red, blue and purple flashes were used to photograph these Halloween scenes.

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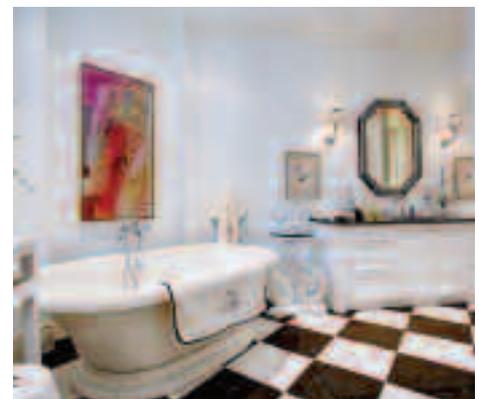
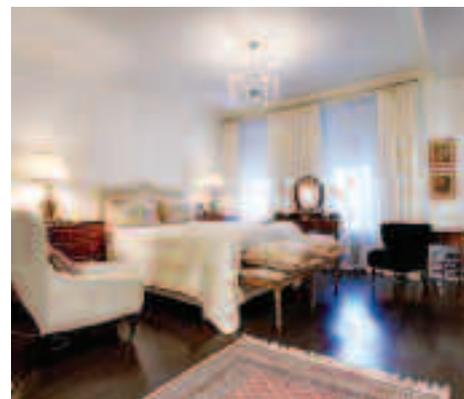
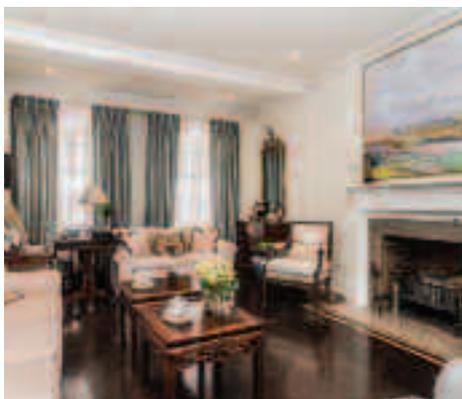
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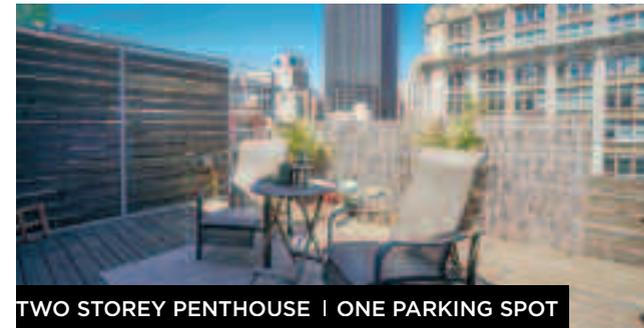


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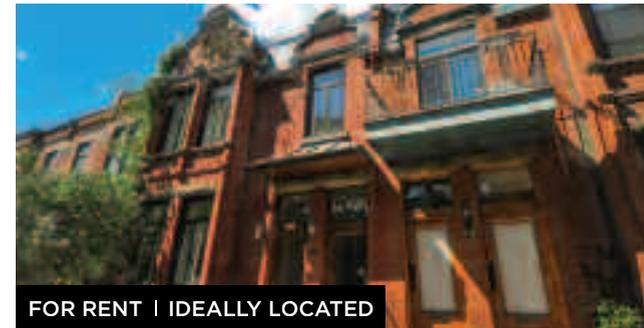
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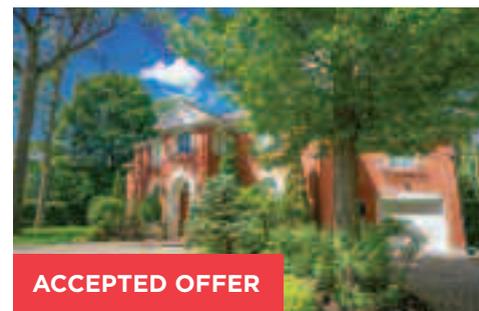
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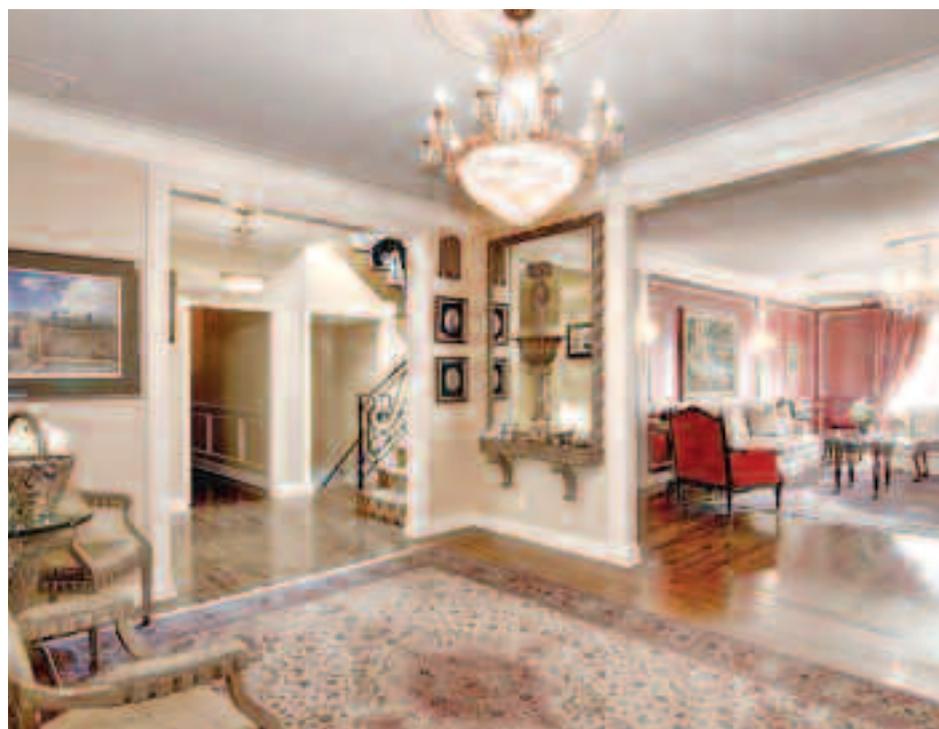
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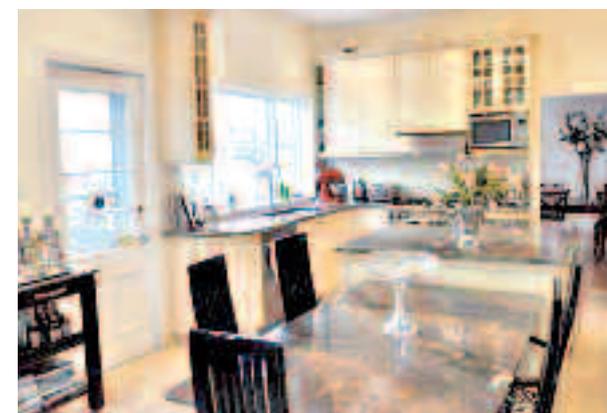


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## Actors offer 'bites of life' at Victoria café Thursday evenings



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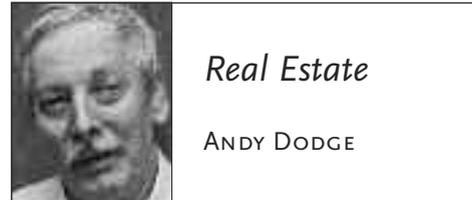


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## Sales analysis

## July transfers: Several strong mark-ups in houses



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The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in July 2017, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

Several strong mark-ups over valuation highlighted the July list of real estate transfers in Westmount, moving the average mark-up to 17 percent and a new high in the market, but the more interesting news is that the condominium market was underwater, with an average 10-percent mark-down.

The price at 31 Oakland Ave., almost double its municipal assessment, led the way in July, but was backed up by four more sales that went for between 29 and 44 percent more than tax value. On the down side were four mark-downs, only two of



215 Edgehill, highest price, \$3,600,000.

them more than 10 percent. Among 18 single-family real estate transactions in July, the average mark-up of 17 percent is up

from 10 percent in June and an average 9 percent for the entire year.

Of the 18 homes sold, five went for less

than \$1 million while three went for more than \$2 million. The lowest price was \$770,000 for 42 York St., and 215 Edgehill Rd. topped the list at \$3,600,000. The average price was only \$1,479,685, but the mark-up ratio suggests that the “typical” Westmount house registered in July 2017 would sell for close to \$1,800,000, compared to an average for all of 2016 of just over \$1,500,000.

Seven condominiums sold in July, including four first-time sales of units at 175 Metcalfe Ave. and 215 Redfern Ave. Though one of those units has yet to be evaluated by the city, the other three all sold for less than their tax value, as did the other three apartments; biggest mark-downs were at 215 Redfern Ave. In the “Bought & Sold” list (p. 17) we also include two more sales that took place in May, and one of those was (barely) above municipal evaluation, though again, the 215 Redfern sale is significantly lower. A check of other sales in that building this year shows that the only two which sold above valuation were the two resales.



31 Oakland, highest mark-up, 100 percent.



535 Victoria, biggest markdown, 16 percent.

## Allowed to finish before rain

Workers were allowed to finish up work on a house on Lexington before the start of rain November 1, Public Security officials said. A complaint about heavy equipment after hours had been received at 7:07 pm but on arrival at the scene officers were told by the workers the work had taken longer than expected. They were granted a delay needed to close over a hole at the side of the house before rain. At 8:50 pm, the workers had gone.

## Rain downs branches, causes damage

Several branches or large parts of trees were reported to have damaged private property when brought down in heavy rain October 30, Public Security officials said. Reports included incidents on Upper Lansdowne, Redfern, Westmount Ave., Côte St. Antoine and Anwoth.



42 York, lowest price, \$770,000.

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The Senior Westmount Allstar Team (SWAT) continued its tradition of donating money to the Montreal Children's Hospital and the St. Justine hospital. Early on October 20 at the Westmount recreation centre, a \$20,000 cheque was presented to Dr. Sebastien Perrault in neuro-oncology and Catherine Rabret-Laporte of the Fondation CHU St. Justine, and a \$20,000 cheque was presented to Alessia Di Giorgio, advisor special events and community relations at the Montreal Children's Hospital, standing in for neurosurgeon Dr. Roy Dudley. Inset: From left, founding SWAT player Nicolas Matossian and former

city of Westmount director general Mike Deegan unveil the plaque that honours SWAT and commemorates Matossian's son, also Nicolas, who himself raised money for the Montreal Children's Hospital despite his serious disease. The plaque was designed by Sebastian Samuel, with the city of Westmount's Communications department. SWAT has raised money for almost 30 years to support research, clinical and surgical capabilities at the two children's hospitals in Montreal. Over \$300,000 had been raised, according to organizer Howard Hoppenheim.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

## Mystery pole



This thin, white pole, visible to the right of the Washingtonian light standard on the southeast corner of Prince Albert and de Maisonneuve, was photographed on September 21. It was gone by September 24. According to Public Works' Jonathan Auger, the pole is a traffic counter on private property, not installed by the city or with its permission. Guy Laframboise, president of the numbered company that owns the building on the corner (4898 de Maisonneuve), told the Independent on October 26, "I have no idea what that [was] for." Another party familiar with the property told the Independent that the installation was likely to do with sound and/or air quality checking for the Turcot reconstruction project on Westmount's southern border, but the provincial ministry of Transport's spokesperson Sarah Bensadoun told the Independent on October 30 that it was not. An email to the super-hospital was received but not replied to by press time.

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### Man taken to hospital after fall on street

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Hidden talents: Artistic photo project  
*Perfection of a fall bloom*



Photographed by Sonia Besner of Claremont Ave., mid September: "The intense colour and perfection of this beautiful fall bloom just struck me on my walk on Lansdowne near the Westmount recreation centre."  
Photo courtesy of S. Besner

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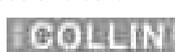


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# Indie's fall/winter social calendar

BY VERONICA REDGRAVE

## November

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**Montreal SPCA** presents *Bêtes de mode/Beasts of Fashion*, 6 pm to 1 am. Gare Dalhousie, 417 Berri St. Semi-formal attire. Tickets \$135. betesdemode.com.

Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont Foundation's *La Soirée À Votre Santé!* benefiting the future **Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont Integrated Cancer Centre**. Bubbly reception: Pairing of Bollinger champagnes with hors d'œuvre. Celebrating spokesperson Dominique Michel celebrating her sixth year of remission. 6 pm. Cruise Terminal, Port of Montreal, 200 de la Commune St. W. Katia Stewart-Gagnon 514.252.3435 ksgagnon@fondationhmr.ca.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Appassionata and Orchestre de la Francophonie**. Fundraising evening and museum visit. Cocktail dinatoire and classically-arranged Beatles tunes. 6:30 pm. Musée Grévin, 705 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$200. Orchestrefranco.com.

514.503.3476.

**JDRF DIA-BEAT-IT Gala**. Supporting Type 1 Diabetes research. Honorary president: Réjean Tremblay, CCO/ marketing director Canada, East - Aon Hewitt Canada. 6 pm. St. James Theatre, 265 St. Jacques St. W. Cocktails 6 pm. Dinner 7 pm. Raffle, live and silent auction. Tickets \$600. 514.744.5537, mdumont@jdrf.ca, diabeatit.ca.

**McGill IBD Research Group's annual Laugh Your Butt Off fundraiser**. Supporting patients and families affected by IBD. Featuring comedian/actor Modi. Cocktail dinatoire. Tickets \$250. Under 35 \$150. 514.398.2852 info@mgillibd.ca.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Montreal Bach Festival benefit gala concert**, featuring orchestra Collegium 1704 from Prague. Honouree Julie Payette. Maison symphonique de Montréal, 1600 St. Urbain St. Concert 7 pm. Tickets \$25 and up. Concert and gala cocktail dinatoire 9 pm. Tickets \$250. Clemence Modoux, 514.843.3414. clemence.modoux@festivalbachmontreal.com. festivalbachmontreal.com.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**Viennese Ball of The Austrian Society** presented under the patronage of Ambassador Stefan Pehringer. Benefiting SOS Children's Villages; Schulich School of Music, L.O.V.E., Alexander von Humboldt International School, DSQ German language schools and others. Celebrating the 300th birthday of Empress Maria Theresa. Ball president, Astri Prugger. Live orchestras, debutante presentation, door prize, casino, silent auction, Viennese wine tavern. 7 pm to 3 am. Marriott Château Champlain, 1 Place du Canada. Tickets \$275, \$175 (under 30). 514.909.3119. astriprugger@gmail.com balviennoisdemontreal.org.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Symphony for the Bell**. Bells at the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul will ring for "The Bell" Fund, founded by Judy Martin in partnership with Cedars CanSupport to raise funds for MUHC newly-diagnosed cancer patients with a comfort kit. I Medici di McGill (physicians of McGill) Orchestra, staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine at McGill will perform. Cellist Stéphane Tétreault will play with a Stradivarius. 4 pm. 3415 Redpath St. Tickets Students \$10. Adults \$30. Patrons \$150. Facebook The Bell Fund.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**Gala des Grands Chefs Gourmet Diner** organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. Dedicated to the Montreal business community. Featuring seven gastronomic courses for 550 guests prepared by top chefs with exclusive wine service by prominent sommelier. Honorary presidents Benoit Durand, chief information officer, CAE; and Anne Marchiori, executive director, TELUS large business. 5:30-10 pm. Palais des Congrès, 1001 Place Jean Paul Riopelle. Tickets \$525. Tables \$4,700. Michelle Barnabe, 514.255.5151. Local 25100. michellebarnabe@quebec.cancer.ca.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Gloria's Girls present Bringing it Home**. Featuring Top Chef judge Gail Simmons. Benefiting the Gloria Shapiro Endowment Fund for Ovarian Cancer. Cocktail dinatoire followed by discussion with Simmons. Special guest emcee Montreal *Gazette* restaurant critic Lesley Chesterman. 6 pm Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Valet parking. Tickets \$150. Diane Samberg. 514.340.8222, local 25889, jgh foundation.org/en/events/ggt2017.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**ICRF Women of Action High Tea Luncheon** honouring exceptionally strong women and their loved ones: Alana Geller and Leah Moss, Virginia Champoux with Sarah-Quin Sokoloff and Nora-Jin Sokoloff, Marcia Gillman and husband Mike Flinker, Lucy Kalanithi, and Natalie Kaspy-Shtern and son Jake Shtern. Co-chairs: Alana Geller, Leah Moss, Elyse Rosen and Suzanne Wexler. Honorary chair Anne-Marie Boucher. Moderator Madame Justice Lori Weitzman. Supporting brain cancer research at the MNI. 12 noon. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Tickets \$180. 514.481.2723, icrfmontreal.org.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's 135th anniversary raffle**. Supporting Temple programs and events. Featuring a cocktail dinatoire, entertainment, silent auction and more. 7 pm. Temple, 4100 Sherbrooke St. Tickets \$135. 514.937.3575. local 214, tebsraffle2017@gmail.com.

## December

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**St. Andrew's Society Ball**. Proceeds from the silent auction support the Douglas Institute honourees: Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and Lady Fiona MacGregor of MacGregor. Chair: Marilyn Meikle Rochford. Formal evening dress/Highland dress/miniatures. An evening of dining and dancing celebrating 182 years of Scottish heritage. Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 8 pm. Marriott Château Champlain, 1 Place du Canada. Tickets: \$250. Debs and escorts \$90. Black Watch and juniors (under 35) \$145. standrewsballet.com. 514.842.2030. douglasfoundation.qc.ca.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Annual ORT Gala**. Benefiting ORT Montreal. Entertainment by Israeli singer Rudi Bainesay and Le Petit Cirque. 5 pm. Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine St. W. Tickets \$50 - \$1,500. Emmanuel Kalles 514.481.2787. emmanuelk@ortmontreal.org.

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# Meet Ray, 12

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Ray has had a tough start in life. The effects of an abusive, traumatic history in early life can shape the developmental experience of any child. In the situation of Ray, where he was abused, rejected and abandoned at an early age, compounded by the lack of affection and nurturance, have diminished his capacity to communicate effectively, trust and attach to new people.

Ray is presently in a group home, where his daily needs for consistency, structure and continuity are being met on a regular basis. He is encouraged and given positive feedback when earned. Through his desire for change, he is in therapy and has made marked improvements.

The staff has observed that his communication skills continue to develop and improve. They report that he continues to gain socially and cognitively. He is now forming appropriate social connections with his peers, as well as forming secure attachments to the staff at the group home.

Caring for Ray will be challenging as he struggles with transition and needs to know what to expect in his day-to-day situation. However, there is ongoing improvement in his coping skills. Ray is in need of a two-parent family, ideally a Caucasian one with older children who are able to help him with socialization, as well as give him the care, stability and attention that he needs.

For more information about Ray, please call Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, ext. 1139.

# Library teeming with kids at pre-Halloween event

BY RALPH THOMPSON

Some 380 passes for the “Halloween Extravaganza” were distributed for the Westmount Public Library’s annual pre-Halloween event, which took place October 28.

Participants had previously brought in a decorated pumpkin and arrived dressed up, as did a number of other costume clad kids, who arrived without passes and were asked to go to the back of the line.

Nine stations based on the theme of ancient Greece and mythology were set up around the library. One of the reasons for the theme was because of the popular Rick Riordan novels, the Percy Jackson series, according to Wendy Wayling, children’s librarian, whose department along with Community Events organized the evening event. Library staff and volunteers from local schools also took part.

“This is the 20th year of our popular Halloween event,” she said. Prizes were awarded to the best decorated pumpkins in three classes: Vanessa Mendez and Sabrina Guay (5 to 7 years old), Corinne Pirici and Eric Im (8 to 12 years old) and the Goddard family and the Jans family in the family category. Winners received gift certificates from Paragraphe bookstore, and chocolate was also given out.



Participants dressed up in a variety of costumes, ranging from whimsical witches and ghostly ghosts to fairies and Wonder Woman, are seen here at the Westmount Public Library October 28 as a precursor to Halloween.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Annual Toy Tea for Children** providing toys for 5,000 plus children in Quebec shelters. Co-chairs Erika Ludwick and Paulina Flores Gutenberg. 10 am to 3 pm. Featuring performances by school choirs and marking its 26th anniversary with a new Ritz-Carlton Montreal partnership. Oval Room, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1228 Sherbrooke St. W. Admission: one new non-violent toy or donation. Melica Event Design 514.792.8961. toyteammontreal.org.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Annual Cedars Auction & Raffle Soirée.** Supporting the purchase of a PET-CT scanner for the MUHC Glen site. Chance to win over \$85,000 in cash and prizes like a Rolex Yacht-Master II Everose & Steel watch (\$30,000 value). 6 pm. Draw 8:30 pm. Le Windsor, 1170 Peel St. Valet parking available (\$20). Tickets \$150. Anna Burgos, 514.656.6662, Local 222, anna.burgos@cedarscancer.ca. cedars.ca.

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# Suárez, Fréchette: Mood, motion



Art Scene

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Tactile, jewel-tone topographies by Luis-Fernando Suárez at Han Art and electrifying patterns by Karine Fréchette at the McClure Gallery tantalized the senses. As visual excursions through rugged terrain or the inner workings of the mind, both artists recreated equilibrium and chaos within unique abstract forms.

## Textural rhythm

Large works with painted, cracked surfaces dominate Suárez's exhibition *Un-Earthing the Self*. His paintings, characterized by warm earth tones – ochres, olive greens or volcanic reds – recreate hills and dales, moon craters or political upheaval. Painted on a thick plaster base, the artist recreates nature's and mankind's complex topographies. Each composition evokes the balance between physicality and serendipity, or drive combined with luck.

Rough textures, painted sienna and ochre, resemble scorched earth in "58 Degrees Celsius on the Sahara Desert." Built up with plaster, pushed or pulled by hand, Suárez's process resembles nature's cycles of sedimentation and erosion. In the red and sienna "Olympus Mons, Mars," the mix of smooth and rough textures resembles craters. In contrast, graphic splashes of purple, cobalt and yellow dance in unison within the green frame of "Indian Summer."

The merger of black, olive and ochre define the political composition "Printemps arab." The Columbia-born artist speaks with authority in the blood-red composition "Palais of Justice Seige, Bogota, 6 November 1985." His message – a depic-

tion and defence of our common heritage of human rights heritage or the environment – is to reclaim the self. Suarez's works are available at Han Art Gallery.

## Photo-optic balance

Karine Fréchette's patterned canvases vibrate, oscillate or twirl. Painted in acrylic on a smooth canvas surface, spatial relationships bend perception. Crafted with mechanical precision, line and unusual colour combine in conversations between foreground and background. Bright and bold, these compositions recall 1960s psychedelic op art and flickering, TV screen test patterns.

In the colourful "Turbine," pastel blue, pink and mint shapes suggest a whirling dervish in mid performance. In contrast, for "Waterfull 2" horizontal cobalt lines against a white background vibrate on an electronic device or like sunshine on flowing water. As sensory explorations, a central focus adds interest while precision brushwork contributes to the sense of op-art illusion.

The complex composition "Weather-vane" combines black or blue patterns with rainbow hues. Evoking letter forms, landscapes and astral planes, twisted shapes oscillate within a multi-dimensional plane. The effect conveys a distortion within time-space or a conflict between reality and illusion. Entitled *Astérismes*, Fréchette's exhibition was at the Visual Arts Centre in October.

## Sense supreme

Both Suárez and Fréchette push the boundaries of textural and spatial abstraction in complex compositions. In Suárez's hands, textures are physically created and manipulated while Fréchette's fine brushwork recreates multiple dimensions. Vibrating with energy, these unusual compositions appeal to both the senses and the imagination.

# BeaverTails collects donations for Moisson Montréal



Shaabase Rafter, 14, was one of the early arrivals October 16 for free "Beaver Tails," the well-known cinnamon sugar pastries, while his parents deposited tinned goods and pasta into the large blue donation bin. The BeaverTails food truck was parked outside Metro on Sherbrooke late that afternoon as a steady stream of fans passed by. Donations were destined for the Moisson Montréal food bank. Westmounter Tina Serrao, BeaverTails creative director, was there with her kids. Westmounter Pino Di Ioia is the company's CEO.

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# Bygone eras featured at art, heritage centre of MUHC

## Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE



On October 19, I entered the mammoth MUHC by the wrong door for the inauguration of the RBC Art and Heritage Centre of the MUHC. However, the wrong turn was worth it just to see the P.K. Subban Atrium with its bright, whimsical animal-shaped children's chairs and the enormous

outdoor teddy bear sculpture by Quebec artist Michel Saulnier.

The reception, however, was held at the Research Institute on the second floor. There, wall-mounted photographs showed the amalgamation of art works from the Royal Vic, the Children's and the Chest Hospital, now all part of MUHC.

From years gone by, archivist **François Dansereau** masterfully garnered memorable images including a horse-drawn ambulance from the 1900s, as well as hospital employees enjoying a picnic (1921) and skating (1923). These blasts from the past were accompanied by photos from RBC records, which showed a 1910 RBC hockey team, as well as Sam the cat "helping a teller" at the St. Catherine and Stanley St. branch (1951). (Apparently the cat was needed for a rat roving around the bank.)

The collection was in an ideal space. Here the MUHC receives the highest traffic. **Dr. Jonathan Meakins**, chair of the cen-

tre, welcomed guests, proudly presenting "the legacy of earlier eras in this state-of-the-art Research Centre, the largest in Quebec." He recalled Burnside Ave., now the downtown portion of de Maisonneuve, where the Nearly New Shop once stood and where his mother worked.

Other speakers were **Matthew Bufo**, RBC community manager (Westmount, NDG, Montreal West); **Elise Monaghan Joubert**, director of development, MUHC Foundation/Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation; and **Richard Fahey**, director of human resources, communications and legal affairs, MUHC.

Bufo emphasized RBC's commitment to "this exciting initiative, so full of historical richness."

Noticed amidst those reading the charming photo captions were **Alexandra Kirsh**, curator of the centre's art collection; **Rachel Hawes**, manager communications platform MUHC; Friends of the MUHC vol-

unteers **Marsha Hunter**; Westmount resident **Donna Carroll**; **Ann Hubert**, graphic designer, MUHC; and **Robert Derval**, centre volunteer, who retouched ..... continued on p. 26



Dr. Jonathan Meakins



Mark Bufo and Danielle Chantale.



From left: Rachel Hawes, François Dansereau, Ann Hubert, Alexandra Kirsh and Robert Derval.

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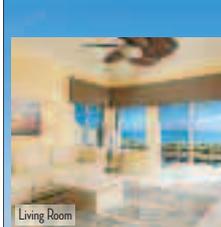
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play.

Noted from RBC were **Patrice Sieber**, VP operations; **Danielle Chantale**, manager community marketing; **Rachel Andrews**, director communications; and **Stéphanie Pinsonneault**, manager donations and community investments.

Created as part of the 375th anniversary of the city of Montreal, the exhibit highlights the contributions made by the MUHC and its founding hospitals and RBC to the lives of Montrealers.

It is free and open to the public for the year at Glen site's C2 section.



Donna Carroll, left, and Marsha Hunter.

## Cheema honoured by Royal College of Physicians

The McGill University Department of Ophthalmology announced that Dr. Devinder Cheema, a long-time Westmount resident, has won a major award from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Cheema, who is associate chief of the McGill Academic Eye Centre at the MUHC, was awarded the college's Prix d'Excellence Specialist of the Year for the Quebec region.

"I am very grateful to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for the recognition, as well as to my colleagues and the chair of the department of Ophthalmology at McGill, Dr. Len Levin, for their strong support of my clinical and teaching activities," Dr. Cheema told the *Independent*.

"I would also like to mention the amazing community support from my patients and the community, through their donations, which allows us all to keep up with rapidly changing technologies in the field of ophthalmology," he added. – MCB



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**DOWNTOWN \$2,250,000**  
2 Chelsea Place MLS: 26576267  
5 Bdr, rooftop terrace.



**NEW**

**TREMBLANT \$1,795,000**  
257 Route de Crystal Falls MLS: 21635465  
Exceptional domain of 80 acres bordering the Rouge river.



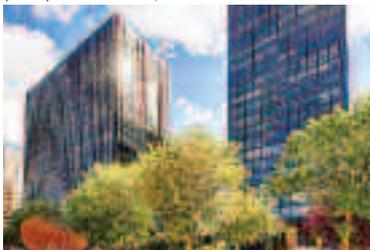
**CONDITIONAL OFFER**

**WESTMOUNT \$1,645,000**  
714 Av. Grosvenor MLS: 28396203  
4 bedroom, entirely renovated with garage and beautiful outdoor patio.



**CONDITIONAL OFFER**

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644 Av. Lansdowne MLS: 11653224  
5 bedroom semi-detached with garage and beautiful garden.



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2 Westmount Square #802 MLS: 23336855  
Magnificent 1390 SF, 2 Bdr, fully renovated, open concept L/R



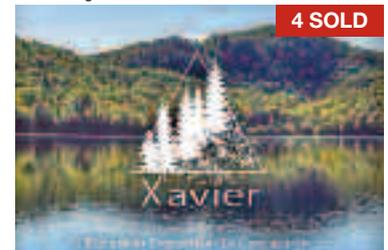
**WESTMOUNT \$1,195,000**  
1 Parkman Place MLS: 13872836  
WOW! Fully renovated 3 Bdr in Victoria village.



**QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES \$539,000**  
1449 rue St-Alexandre MLS: 22111713  
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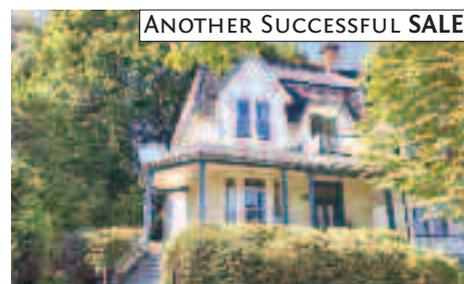
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE!

Westmount, 578 Roslyn Ave.  
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**\$2,500,000**

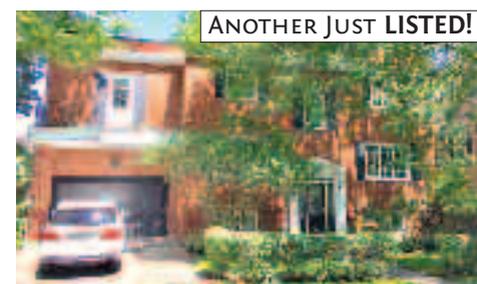


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Westmount, 47 Thornhill Ave.  
Prime location! Charming 1873 Victorian home. 4 bdr + attic. Requires major updates, but offers EXTRAORDINARY potential. (No parking or garage).  
**\$998,000**

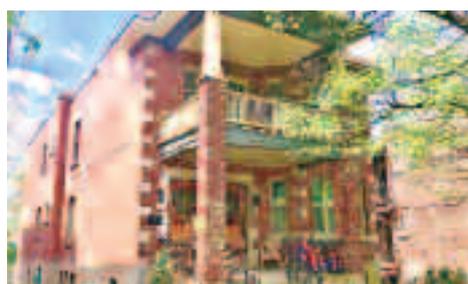
*Dès le début, ils ont cru en la valeur de la propriété et ont su se montrer convaincants auprès des acheteurs potentiels.*

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ANOTHER JUST LISTED!

Westmount, 409 Clarke Ave.  
The perfect Executive rental. Fully renovated, detached 4 + 1 bedrooms, 3½ bathroom home. Ideal walking distance to schools + downtown.  
**\$7,000/month**



Westmount Adj., 5032 Victoria Ave.  
Spacious updated DETACHED, LOWER 3 bedroom duplex condo. 1,500 sq. ft + playroom, original oak woodwork + floors, garage + parking!  
**\$597,000**



3577 Atwater Ave. #517  
Gorgeous 2 bdr, 2 bthrm 1,480 sf. corner unit at the Fort de la Montagne. High end recent renovations. Hardwood floors. Garage. BEST VALUE in the building!  
**\$599,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD!

Westmount, 4338 Westmount Ave.  
Prime location! Spacious, elegant 1909 4+1 bedrooms, 3½ bathrooms. A/C, 2 car garage, MARVIN windows, beautiful renov. kitchen + baths, new floors, and more!  
**\$1,825,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD!

Westmount, 500 Mountain Ave.  
Prime mid level location! Renovated, exceptionally spacious 4 bdr home. Central A/C, 2 car garage. Large garden. Views!  
**\$1,798,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD!

Westmount, 646 Lansdowne Ave.  
EXCEPTIONALLY lovely, fully renovated (sparing no expense) 4 bdr home in MOVE-IN condition! Garage.  
**\$1,750,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD!

Westmount, 11 Burton Ave.  
One of the LOVELIEST, most solid homes to come along in a long time in the Victoria Village!  
**\$919,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD BY BRIAN!

Westmount, 39 Thornhill Ave.  
PRIME location! Exquisite 5 bdrm 1873 heritage property. IMMACULATE move-in condition! Tastefully renovated & restored. Lovely VIEWS! 2 car tandem garage. **\$1,525,000**

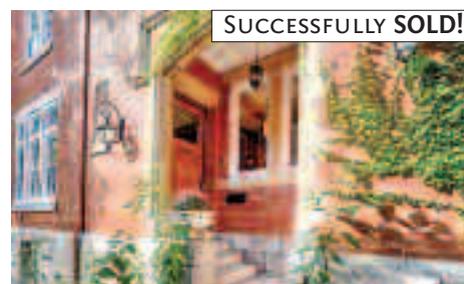
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B & O FONTAINE



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD BY BRIAN!

Westmount, 65 Thornhill Ave.  
A beautiful, 1925 built home ideally situated on peaceful, sought after Thornhill Ave. Desirable cross hall plan.  
**\$1,298,000**



SUCCESSFULLY SOLD!

Westmount, 520 Argyle Ave.  
Majestically positioned overlooking the southern slope of Westmount, this handsome 1906 heritage home retains all of it's EXQUISITE original character. **\$2,350,000**

*We were incredibly fortunate to work with Edouard Gamache. He answered every question, was available at all hours, and was truly there for us every step of the way.*

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