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The Open Door not closing 'any' in search for new site

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Open Door's continued search for a new location is complicated by its evolution over the years from a soup kitchen to a drop-in centre and day shelter for the homeless, Mayor Christina Smith said last week.

The centre is being forced to move by the end of July due to the reported sale of



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St. Stephen's Church, its home for 30 years at Dorchester and Atwater at the east limits of Westmount.

Smith said The Open Door had not officially asked the city to help find it new space within the Westmount territory. It was also up to the provincial and federal governments to help find a solution to homelessness, she added.

"It's a tough issue because the mandate has changed," she said. "I applaud, [Montreal mayor] Denis Coderre for saying he was looking into a downtown site" for the relocation.

Jason Baxendale, a Westmount resident who chairs the mission's board of trustees, told the continued on p. 19

Live Nagano performance part of Shaar's 170th celebrations



Don't Miss It Victoria village street festival: Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11.

The Montreal Symphony Orchestra and its director Kent Nagano made a special appearance May 21 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. See story, p. 7. Photo: Martin C. Barry

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Leaking 'waterfall' to be assessed

Play structures to be installed at Murray by mid-month

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Users of King George (Murray) Park may have noticed the recent removal of playground equipment as well as the absence of a small water feature stream that flowed down between rocks into the pond just above the play area.

The equipment was removed two weeks

ago to allow for the installation of new play structures, according to city assistant director general Benoit Hurtubise. This is expected within the next week or two.

The future of the stream has yet to be assessed following the degradation of its cement-composite bed, which has caused the water to leak right through it.

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Bissonnette joined by 16 others City's portion of Garland class action settlement still unknown

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It's still not known exactly what proportion the city will be required to pay of the up-to-\$2.5 million settlement of the class action suit regarding former, and now deceased hockey coach John Garland, Mayor Christina Smith said last week.

The settlement was approved as "fair, reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the class members," in a judgment rendered May 12 by Judge Marc de Wever of Quebec Superior Court.

It was the latest step in the legal process,

a settlement that had already been agreed to between the city and lead plaintiff Matthew Bissonnette and whose total amount is based on the final number of admissible claimants alleging sexual assault.

"We don't know yet how much will be paid by the city's insurers because of the timelines involved," Smith said. "We've had different insurers over the years, so it all depends on when these terrible things happened."

The city was expecting its insurers to pay "a substantial amount" of the settlement, then-mayor Peter Trent told a news conference in January (see story January 31, p. 1).

"We expect that will still apply," Smith said.

Any additional victims have until September 12 to submit claims. It is reported that a total of 17 had come forward at May 12.

The total amount of the payout is to be determined by the number of admissible

claimants, according to a scale laid out in the settlement agreed to January 23. In summary, it lists the city's amount of compensation at \$1 million for between 1 and 10 claimants up to a maximum of \$2.5 million for 11 to 25 claimants. Over that number, the settlement would be reopened.

The class action was filed two years ago alleging sexual abuse by Garland (see story July 9, 2015, p. 8).

Graffitist caught for spray painting in Stayner Park

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A young man and woman were apprehended by public safety officers in the lane between Greene and Hallowell May 29 in connection with fresh blue graffiti at three locations in Stayner Park, Public Security officials said.

A 17-year-old NDG-er, who admitted to it, was issued a ticket for \$119. His mother was informed to expect that an invoice for clean-up costs to the city property would be issued.

The spray painting had been witnessed in progress on a surveillance camera by both a Public Security dispatcher and a public safety officer at 7:04 pm.

Descriptions of two suspects wearing black backpacks were recorded and the officer, who had been in the office on a meal break, rushed to the area, where he found fresh wet paint on two outside walls of the

comfort station and at a hydro pole.

Meanwhile, a patroller on Greene spotted the two suspects in the lane. They were stopped and informed the graffiti had been witnessed on camera. It was then that the male suspect admitted responsibility and handed over a can of blue spray paint.

Police were called to confirm identities and took the pair to the police station, where parents were contacted. The female suspect, whose parents were out of town, was taken home to a 20-year-old brother.

Not charged, no priors

The male suspect's name was entered into the police department's computer system since graffiti is a criminal offence, said Public Security director Greg McBain. He was not charged, however, given that he had no prior offences. His mother picked him up at the station.





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Duck family paraded from Sydenham to Westmount Park

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A mother duck with nine ducklings were led and escorted by public safety officers May 28 from Sydenham to the lagoon in Westmount Park, Public Security officials said.



Mother duck leads her brood down Forden Ave. behind a Public Security car May 28 just before PSO Marie-Ève Parent collected the babies in a box and carried them, followed by the mother.



Westmount Park at 10 am, June 2, "mama duck" supervises the foraging of her ducklings as they make their way in and out of the pond.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

The Sunday afternoon procession involved a patrol car, an officer on foot carrying the ducklings in a box after rounding them up on Forden, followed the entire way by the mother duck – also on foot – with another vehicle bringing up the rear for protection.

While it's not unusual at this time of year for stories of duck rescues from swimming pools and sewer catch basins to

make their way into the Public Security record, this one took on a particularly high profile.

Traffic was stopped on the long route, first to protect the mother and brood crossing Westmount Ave. and ultimately to get her safely across Sherbrooke St. close to an hour later.

"They attracted quite a crowd at Sherbrooke," said Public Security Greg McBain in relaying the incident.

when a call was received were also seen nearby. for a duck family in danger as it walked down the street on Sydenham, he said.

Patrollers found the mother and nine ducklings preparing to cross Westmount Ave., where they were escorted by officers trying to keep them in line as they proceeded to head down Forden. When the ducklings appeared to tire, PSO Marie-Ève Parent collected them into a box and continued on foot down the street and side-



Eight energetic ducklings and a mother duck were seen June 1 around It began at 1:42 pm 3:30 pm in the lower lagoon in Westmount Park. Two male mallards Photo: Ralph Thompson

walk so the mother would follow.

Escorted and assisted by PSO Trov Graggs, they continued toward the park, crossed Sherbrooke and deposited them in the pond at 2:35 pm, where Parent photographed the family swimming around May 30, seemingly healthy and well.

They were also photographed by the Independent June 1 and 2 (see above).

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Woman falls stepping down to sidewalk

An 81-year-old woman was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé May 29 after falling outside 4897 Sherbrooke, Coiffure Jean John, Public Security officials said. She was believed to have sustained a broken hip. The woman was attended by a city parking inspector when officers arrived at about 11:47 am. The resident of NDG had fallen in stepping down from the doorway of the salon to the sidewalk.

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Nagano directs MSO performance of 'Elijah' at Shaar Hashomayim

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim welcomed the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and its music director Kent Nagano on May 21 when the MSO performed Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" in the sanctuary.

Mendelssohn's work, based on Biblical accounts of the prophet, was chosen since it was composed in 1846, the year Shaar Hashomayim was founded, which is in the midst of a year-long celebration for its 170th anniversary.

According to an explanation in a published program for the event, it was Nagano who initiated the idea of the MSO performing at the Shaar to mark the latest anniversary milestone. The orchestra had previously performed in the sanctuary in 1986 for the 140th anniversary and 1991 for the 145th. See p. 1 photo. -MCB

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Accessibility parking spots go blue and white

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Accessible parking spots for people with reduced mobility are being given what is hoped will be a higher profile in Westmount to increase their visibility.

The recognizable blue-andwhite pictogram – a square with wheel chair - is being painted directly on the road at the 42 locations throughout the city, Public Security director Greg McBain said last week. Blue demarcation lines are also being painted on the

pavement.

painted blue by the summer student workers hired by Public Works, he said.

"We're trying to bring special attention to those spaces, especially in the winter where the blue paint will be visible," he explained.

"We've had people who get tickets tell us



The blue-and-white pictogram was noticed in this parking At metered locations, the poles space spot June 2 on Victoria Ave. near de Maisonneuve, as and meter heads are also to be well as another on Sherbrooke at Prince Albert.

> they hadn't seen the signage, especially in the winter, so I made a request to improve the visibility of these spaces. Sometimes people even wait in their cars when drivers with reduced mobility need to park there. We're looking out for those who need the accessibility."

Campbell honoured by CAMA

Retired Westmount director general Duncan Campbell was recognized "for his contribution to excellence in local government administration" with an honorary membership for life award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA).

The presentation was made during CAMA's national conference in Gatineau, May 29-31, according to a press release from the national, non-profit association of senior municipal employees.

"CAMA is pleased to recognize Mr. Campbell for his extraordinary contribution to the field of municipal administration, our professional association and to his community," said Marie-Hélène Lajoie, CAMA president.

Campbell served as CAMA president from 1995 to 1996. He has been active in many municipal management organizations, including the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), where in 2009 he acted as chair of the host committee for its Montreal conference. He was also its conference planning chair for its 100th anniversary in Charlotte, NC. -LS

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Goodfriend lectures on Bulmer, builder of 'railway cottages,' at WHA



Former Westmounter Mika Goodfriend, centre, gave a presentation to members of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) May 18 on T.C. Bulmer, a "father of Westmount." Bulmer, who built a good number of houses in Westmount – many of which still stand – was also a member of Westmount city council. Some of his best-known work is the row of "railway cottages" along St. Catherine St. just west of Victoria Ave. Goodfriend was standing with WHA board members Louise Carpentier, left, and president Caroline Breslaw, right. The lecture was the last of the winter/spring series.

Woman in shock after car mounts sidewalk

After receiving a call at 8:11 am May 26 for an accident at Sherbrooke and Roslyn, public safety officers found that a car had mounted the sidewalk and grass at the northwest corner, Public Security officials said. The woman who had been driving the Nissan Rogue was reported to be in nervous shock. She was "being encouraged" by Urgences Santé to let them take her to hospital but it was not known whether they did. The matter was left in their hands and neither the woman's identity nor the circumstances of the accident were recorded by Public Security.

Woman leaves car running, goes to work

A car was found idling May 26 at 8:07 pm outside 3141 St. Antoine St., Public Security officials said. It had also been left unsecured. Patrollers tracked down the owner after finding the car's registration inside the vehicle. She was met at a restaurant nearby where she was working and was reported to have thanked them for informing her.

Back after 3 years, Secret Garden Tour opens up 10 hidden back gardens

By Laureen Sweeney

For the first time in three years, citizens now have an opportunity to explore the private rear gardens of 10 Westmount homes as the seventh rendition of the Secret Garden Tour takes place June 15.

"This time we're offering a wide selection of exceptional gardens in the community that are not visible from the street," said Alison Sorbie, president of the Westmount Horticultural Society organizing the event.

These have been created by both amateur and professional gardeners, she said, and were chosen to demonstrate a variety of ways to garden "in our unique Westmount topography that includes shade and steep hill sides."

In keeping with tradition, the addresses of the gardens will be made known only to tour participants at the start of the event. She did say, however, that they include one garden "on the flats" and one in the shadow of St. Joseph's Oratory, the rest being on the mid and upper levels.

The tour, by ticket only, limits the number of people viewing the back gardens. Ticket holders receive a map of the gardens and are free to visit them between 10 am and 4 pm as a self-guided tour. Tickets may be obtained at Victoria Hall or the Westmount Public Library at a cost of \$45, which includes a box lunch from Le Mouton Noir.

Proceeds from the event go toward presenting the next lecture season, Sorbie said. These lectures are free to WHS members and open to the public at a cost of \$5 per meeting. These are held monthly at the library except during June, July and August.





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOGS AND OWNERS TEND TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS, BY-LAWS

I'd like to react to the recent letters demonizing dogs and dog owners. Our family of four is happy to call Westmount our home, and I have fond memories of my own childhood here. We have recently adopted a puppy, who provides a lot of joy to the children, as well as a great reason to walk and get fresh air even when the weather is as iffy as it has been lately.

Westmount is a haven for young families, and young families often include the family dog. It's a privilege to have access to great dog parks at Westmount Park, King George (Murray) Park and especially Summit Woods. I walk with my puppy every day in at least one of these locations, and I have found the overwhelming majority of dog owners to be respectful of others and of all applicable rules.

In short, they pick up after their dogs, and they use a leash where required.

I understand that not everyone is so considerate, and that there are idiots amongst dog owners like there are amongst any category of the population. But I have to speak out to oppose the recent views expressed, which would give one the impression that Westmount is an unregulated dog house full of inconsiderate owners and aggressive dogs. That is simply not the case.

I walk those parks every single day, as do the many public security officers I see daily, and dogs as well as their owners are a friendly, sociable bunch.

Please, let's not blow a few incidents out of proportion and create a fear that is not grounded in fact, or in our daily experience of the hospitable and friendly city that we are priviledged to call our home.

NADIA LAKHDARI KING, CLAREMONT AVE.

VIC VILLAGE READY FOR A FESTIVAL

The 37th annual Westmount Victoria Village Street Festival will be taking place over the weekend of June 9 to 11. This event will once again highlight entertainment, food trucks, sidewalk sale and artisan market, with many of these taking place on the Saturday.

It is a thank you from the Victoria Village Merchant Association to our community and beyond.

Highlighted this year at Prince Albert square will be a performance on Saturday at noon by the Grammy award-winning children's artist Jennifer Gasoi, as well as an afternoon of great bands and flamenco

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Katie Pothier, coordinator, Victoria Village Merchant Association

DRIVERLESS CARS? WALKABLE STREETS?

Further to "City needs to be ready for electric, driverless cars," (May 16, p. 10,) I noted that the article also stated we also need to create "more walkable" streets.

I love that Councillor Philip Cutler is looking forward to adapting to changing technology, but we should also deal with our present challenges, which are not being met.

I refer specifically to the fact that winter walking is a dangerous endeavour. After a snowfall, our sidewalks are only cleared a day or two after the streets have been. Our choice is to walk in snow or on ice or share the plowed dry streets with cars that come within inches of running you down.

In the case of a big snowstorm, it can take up to four or five days to clear the sidewalks. The director of Public Works has repeatedly told me that sidewalks are on an equal footing (pardon the pun) with the roads, but this is not true in practice.

What can our city council do to get the department of Public Works to clear and spread abrasives on the winter sidewalks at the same time as the roads?

SEAN SIROIS, CARLETON AVE.

Open letter to Peter Trent

As a proud resident of the city of Westmount, I thank you. After all, were it not for your fight for Westmount's independence, I would be a resident of a borough of the city of Montreal. Thank you for your tireless dedication to our independence.

As a year-round user of the unprecedented Westmount recreation centre,

Clarification

The headline "Draft Dorchester vision sent back," (May 30, p. 1) should have read "Southeast vision," which, as the story pointed out, is the entire area (St. Catherine to below Dorchester) for which a vision is being created. thank you. This facility not only embraces state-of-the-art design and technology, it is a true hub of the community. What a space to meet and play! You had a vision beyond the critics of the day to create an incredible place of community, sport, activity and sheer fun.

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Liana Thibodeau, Grosvenor Ave

OPEN LETTER TO PERMITS DEPARTMENT

[I am referring] to an email of May 1 informing us of the refusal of our permit request number 2017-00391.

As citizens of Westmount, my husband and myself would like to know the reasons for banning PVC from being used in doors and windows even if, [as it is] in our case, it is going to be put between wood and aluminum and will be totally invisible, keeping the same look at the same time.

What is the logical, technical, environmental, safety, moral and/or other reasons for this by-law of banning PVC from being put between wood and aluminum for new windows especially since it is now being used for all new windows all over Canada, including Montreal and even to put new windows in at old European castles.

How good are these reasons at preventing the citizens from changing old windows while keeping exactly the same look inside and out with affordable prices in order to save on heating costs and be more sustainable by not using more energy, which is now the case for our house, instead of forcing us to work with companies monopolizing all jobs in Westmount and charging astronomical prices because of this by-law.

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Please submit your artistic photos to indie@westmountindependent.com, including what struck you about the scene and the date you took the photo. We'll run the best ones. We hope you've been enjoying the series so far.

– Kristin McNeill, editor

Ticketted for work before 8 am

A ticket for \$271 was issued May 13 for renovation work starting before the 8 am start time on a Saturday, Public Security officials said. Two workers using gypsum board were found on the scene. The complaint came at 7:40 am. Several calls for the same offence at the house had been received on previous occasions.

Stolen car found

A stolen car was recovered outside 380 Victoria May 29, Public Security officials said. It was reported by a parking inspector following an accumulation of parking tickets at the location. Two tickets had been noticed by a passerby May 26 on the windshield of the white car. The matter was turned over to police. It was not known when or where it had been reported stolen.



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Outdoor pool now open

The Westmount Recreation Centre's pool is open for the 2017 season. Consult the schedule at westmount.org.





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Open Door operation allowed by St. Stephen's vested rights

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Independent he had met with the Urban Planning department several times and "we felt Westmount has taken a position that there is no room for us under existing zoning."

The Open Door has been able to operate at St. Stephen's as an out-reach program by virtue of the church's vested rights though it is located in a residential zone (see story January 24, p. 1).

Nevertheless, Baxendale said the mission has not ruled out any suitable accommodation in either Westmount or Montreal.

"Our main concern," he said, "is that we find something in close proximity to our clientele in Cabot Square, no further east than Peel St. and not too far south down the hill."

The shelter provides services for up to 150 homeless and low-income people a day. It is reported that 40 percent are Inuit

unable to find housing after leaving the north.

"While The Open Door is located in Westmount, it serves the greater community," noted Councillor Theodora Samiotis, who represents the district in which it is situated and is also commissioner of Urban Planning. But like Smith, she had not heard from the mission with respect to remaining in Westmount.

"Hopefully a new facility will more adequately help it provide its increased services. Montreal needs a stand-alone 'wet' house/shelter. I think that's the bigger issue. At the moment, shelters such as the Old Brewery Mission won't take anyone who is inebriated. The Open Door does."

Needs more washroom facilities

Baxendale said the mission is "very grateful" for what it has had for three decades but it now needs a facility "that is large enough, but not less than what we have, and that has adequate washing facilities." There is only one toilet at the present site, he said.

At the beginning of January when St. Stephen's had held its last Sunday service and announced it would be closed, The Open Door was "put on notice" that it would have to leave at the end of its lease in July, he recalled. "But we were surprised it sold so quickly" and that the shelter would not be able to expect a possible extension of time.

"The Anglican Church has made it clear to us that the new owner does not want us there" after July, he said. But he said he was pleased the diocese was "working to help us find somewhere to go." The identity of the buyer has not been made public.

While The Open Door was founded by members of St. Stephen's Church and has partnered with the church and others, including the cities of Montreal and Westmount, its administration and trustees have come from Emmaus Anglican Church for about 10 years, he explained.

Emmaus was formed by a number of congregants from St. Stephen's who

formed their own church. Since 2009, it has been holding Sunday morning services at Westmount Park United Church before that church's afternoon service.

Many of The Open Door's volunteers were among those who are now members of Emmaus, Baxendale said.



Sales analysis

January, February transfers: More high prices



Real Estate

Andy Dodge

The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in January and February 2016, gleaned from non-city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 17.

It should be touted as the highest price in Westmount's history, but we know there is a higher one coming in the March list of real estate transfers.

The huge stone house on Lexington Ave. between Sunnyside and Shorncliffe av-

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757 Lexington, highest price; \$8,245,000, highest mark-up, 33.6 percent.

enues, originally designed by Robert and Francis Findlay for William B. Wood in 1927, and then, after Wood's death, redesigned for Charles N. Sommer, sold this February for \$8,245,000. At that point, it was the highest price paid for a residence in Westmount's history though in April we reported that the mansion-cum-coach house at 12-14 Sunnyside Ave. cleared \$10 million in March (see story April 18, p. 6). And those two snub their noses at 28 Summit Crescent, which brought "only" \$5 mil-



524 Mount Pleasant, highest price in January, \$2,475,000.

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lion in February, or 524 Mount Pleasant Ave., the highest price registered in January, at \$2,475,000.

A comparison of the two months shows the difficulty establishing short-term trends based on sales registrations. In January, a total \$15,866,500 was paid out for 11 houses with a new 2017 valuation totalling \$16,284,700, thus a mark-down of 2.6 percent. In February the total outlay almost doubled to \$30,123,932 in 15 sales, and the average mark-up was 7 percent.

The lowest price in January was \$955,000 for 4939 de Maisonneuve Blvd; in February, the lowest was \$665,000 for a tiny cottage at 111 Irvine Ave., in fact the lowest price since 181 Metcalfe Ave. sold for \$565,000 the previous September.



111 Irvine, lowest price, \$665,000.

Another sale in February – similar to the Sunnyside Ave. double sale in March involved the mansion at 365-67 Redfern Ave., which years ago was converted to a duplex, and its coach house which now has an address of 363 Redfern. The three addresses brought a handy \$2,800,000, also in February. Combined with the two top-of-the-mountain prices, the month's average price climbed over the \$2-million

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mark, and the average for the two months came to \$1,768,824.

The high prices and mark-ups of the one- and two-family dwelling market did not spill over to condominiums, it seems, though one ninth-floor apartment at 1 Wood Ave. sold for \$1,400,000. The sales included three first-time sales of apartments at 175 Metcalfe Ave. and 215 Redfern Ave., all for less than their new municipal evaluations, and in fact all but three of the ten sales in the two months sold for less than the 2017 valuations.

Other sales included two share sales, one in a Kensington Ave. duplex and one in a St. Antoine St. triplex, both in January. In February, a commercial condo at 4075 St. Catherine St., home of the Kaizen Restaurant, changed hands from one holding company to another, both located in offices on the south side of St. Catherine St.



4347 Westmount Ave., biggest mark-down in February, 24.6 percent.



3193 The Boulevard Blvd., biggest mark-down, 33.2 percent.

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Play structure going in at Murray

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"It's kaput," Hurtubise said. "When we fill it, the water disappears right away, so we're investigating what we're going to do." On the other hand, the basin, or pond, itself seems to be alright, he said.

2 sets of play equipment

The two new play modules are designed for younger and older kids. They were approved by council last September but their delivery came too late in the year to be installed as planned, Hurtubise explained. The new equipment includes a swing with a therapeutic seat designed for people with physical or developmental disabilities (see story September 20, p. 1).

"Unfortunately, the structures cannot be installed in the early spring when the ground is soggy," he said. The work is to be done as part of the purchase contract.

The older equipment was considered to have reached the end its useful life.



Some of the new playground equipment had already been installed at King George (Murray) Park June 2. Other components were to be going into the mulch-like surface area beyond the trees.



way into a pond below.



The water feature a year ago (May 17, 2016) On June 2 this year, the small water course is dry. shows the "stream" tumbling between rocks on its

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Family Day attracts long line-ups

By Ralph Thompson

Westmount's Family Day, organized by the city's Sports and Recreation department, took place May 27.

In Westmount Park, at the start time of 10 am under a partly cloudy sky, the lineups for the popular games were already beginning to stretch across the field.

By lunchtime, the background chatter



Felix Clermont, 21 months, checks out the features in a mini police cruiser.



Six-year-old Benjamin Pack scales the last few feet of the inflated mountain.

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of excited kids was palpable. Many lined up to take part in pony rides, Euro Bungy and the inflatable slides, such as XTREME SK6.

In the afternoon, especially, long lineups snaked around the inflatable games. Long waits were also experienced by those waiting to ride on the children's train, the ponies and at several other attractions. The Royal Montreal Regiment mounted an interactive display of camouflage equipment and face painting. The traditional lagoon rides and zip line usually provided by the 34 Engineer Regiment were absent (see story May 16, p. 3).

City staff had cordoned off the soccer pitch in areas such as the goalmouths and a soggy patch in the centre of the field to protect the grass.

Members of the Montreal police, Westmount Public Security and the fire department received lots of attention from both the children and their parents. Riot police showed off high-tech gadgets for crowd control and managing disruptions.

Display tables included those showing the work of the Healthy City Project, knitwear from members of Contactivity, Molson beer at the Community Events Advisory Committee (CEAC) table, egg rolls provided by the Rotary Club of Westmount, and the discount sale of the left-over perennial plants from the recent plant exchange.

The Westmount Public Library's "Lights, Camera, Bingo" asked individuals to track their fu- *continued on p. 23*



Charlotte Capombassis, 9, was one of the first to try out the Eurobungy at 10:15 am. The line-up was already quite long.

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On the trumpet, Jason Selman, left, and 9-yearold Finnegan Prince, right, do a little jamming, while 14-year-old Roagav Praganna waits his turn. They were at the YMCA Teen Zone table. Prince had just started playing trumpet and hoped to be a stand-up comic, actor, musician, graphic designer and an artist.

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ture film-watching habits on a bingo card to enter a draws. CEAC volunteers were surveying crowd-goers to select a favourite tune for Westmount's big bash for Canada's 150th, scheduled for July 1 in front of Westmount Park School.



Three-year-old bookworms, Julia Vanha, left and twins Anya and Anvi Jain huddle in the cozy Westmount Public Library tent, looking at books.





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Daffodil Ball was Beatles-brilliant



Unbeknownst to event planners, the date of the annual Daffodil Ball benefiting the Canadian Cancer Society, which took place at the Windsor Station venue, coincided with a Canadiens' game on April 20. Luckily, the valet team was valiant in somehow whipping cars away amidst all the honking cars.

The Beatles-themed eve, organized by event planner Alison Silcoff with assistant Isabelle Lê, was splendid. The dynamic duo had a little help from their friends,

committee members Figi Elman (there with her husband Stuart), Nathalie Schwartz Décarie (with Charles Décarie), Katia Piccolino (with hubby Rosario Campanella), Sandrine Bohbot (with hubby Michael Delouya), Eric Ryan (with Anne-Marie Lussier), Karim Leduc (and Annie Bernard), Martin Rouleau and Jeannie Saunders.

Co-chairs were Michael Denham (BDC), attending with his wife Lorna; Victor Dodig (CIBC) with Maureen; Shahir Guindi (Osler) with Nelly Fanous; and Pascal Tremblay (Novacap) with Anick Chamberland.

The decor – "Imagine: The Beatles and Beyond" - was admired by chic guests, including Eric Boyko (Stingray Digital) and Audrey Vallières; Brian Levitt (TD Bank) and Portia Leggat; Lucien Bouchard and

Soulange Dugas; Guy Crevier (La Presse) and Anick Beaubien; Roula and Alan Rossy (Groupe Copley); Nannette and Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien; François Gratton (Telus) and Amélie Cliché; Arlene and Andrew Torriani (Ritz-Carlton); Lillian Vineberg and Morris Goodman (Pharmascience); Transcontinental's François Olivier and Isabelle Marcoux; and Guy Cormier (Desjardins) and Julie Forgues.

Quebec media celebrities included Isabelle Racicot (emcee), Sophie Durocher and Richard Martineau, Virginie Coossa and Claude Meunier, Julie Lepage and Andrew Lapierre and Olympian champs, sisters Chloé and Maxime Dufour-Lapointe.

Also noted were Westmounters Mavrik Corp's Mark Pathy and wife Jessica, Medisys' Sheldon Elman with wife Meryl Elman, plastic surgeon Mark Schwarz and



From left: Sophie Durocher, Figi Elman, Nathalie Schwartz Décarie, Isabelle Lê, Alison Silcoff, Michael Denham, Pascal Tremblay, Victor Dodig, Shahir Guindi, Francine Prud'homme, Jeannie Saunders, Lolitta Dandoy, Katia Piccolino, Karim Leduc and Sandrine Bohbot.

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his wife Niki Jacen Schwarz, as well as RBC Royal Bank's Martin Thibodeau with wife Caroline Desrosiers, Mirum's Mark Goodman and Sylvia Durgeria, Manulife's Richard Payette and wife Louise Beauregard, Cogeco's Louis Audet with wife Jocelyne Francoeur-Audet, Norton Rose Steinberg Canada's Norman Steinberg with wife Renée Kessler, Rio Tinto's Alfredo Barrios with wife Elena, SNC-Lavalin's Neil Bruce with Emma Griffin and Cascades' Mario Plourde with Marie Letarte.

The colossal Windsor Station was transformed by Total Events, complete with British guards, a John and continued on p. 26



Andrew Lapierre and Julie Lepage.

Andrew and Arlene Torriani.



Amélie Cliché and François Gratton.



Audrey Vallières and Eric Boyko.

Comin' Up

SUNDAY, JUNE II

A short animated documentary by Joyce Borenstein about her father, painter Sam Borenstein, *The Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein*, 12 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Cost: \$5, includes a light lunch. 425 Metcalfe Ave. Reserve: 514.937.9474, ext 139.

Friday, June 16

Dramatic Bloomsday readings, with introductions from Maggie Benfield and Denis Sampson, 11 am to 3 pm at Victoria Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

The Westmount Public Library presents "Travel Canada on a Postcard!" 10 am to 12 pm. Participants can have their photgraph taken and "are placed" somewhere in Canada for a personalized postcard.

The children's section of the Westmount Public Library starts registration for the children's summer reading club.



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And "I saw her standing there" in dropdead couture: Nannette de Gaspé Beaubien in Valentino, vintage 60s (Alison Silkoff in Ossie Clark) and runway fabulous (Isabelle Lê in Monique Lhullier).

Beatles tunes had toes tapping during cocktail hour, where British fish and chips were served along with Bisol, an Italian Prosecco, and traditional gin and tonics.

Most fun? The menu! Created by esteemed Armando Arruda and the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth catering team, it

Branch hits car on Bruce

A large tree branch fell at the back of a house on Bruce Ave. May 18 breaking the windshield of a parked car next door, Public Security officials said. While the branch had also fallen onto wires and had been thought by a caller at 2:34 pm to present a danger, officers said no danger was found. The tree was located on private property.

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Yoko Ono Lennon "bed-in" and a peace was themed after Beatles songs. The "Yellow Submarine" entrée was served with a tasty "octopus garden," garnered with "give peas a chance." Dessert was named after "Strawberry Fields Forever."

The magical evening raised \$1,734,000 net for the Canadian Cancer Society, represented by national chair Robert Lawrie, president/CEO Lynne Hudson, and Quebec's executive director Suzanne Dubois and chair Pierre Richard. There are "places I remember," and this night is always one of the best.

Front door wide open

Patrollers found the front door of a house on Oakland wide open May 19 at 2 am, Public Security officials said. They "peeked" inside and saw the house was "obviously under renovation." They closed the door, checked others and conducted frequent passing patrols.



From left, Martin Rouleau and Christina Miller pose with actors hired to be part of the event.

Heenan tribute opens MMFA exhibit

By Veronica Redgrave

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) paid homage to Roy Heenan on May 16. The former Westmounter, labour lawyer and academic was the co-founder of Heenan Blaikie and a founding director of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. He passed away on February 3, 2017.

Known to many as a "Renaissance man," one of his many interests was art, of which he was a passionate collector. The MMFA is holding an exhibition in his memory, featuring 19 works selected from his 34 donations of Canadian and international contemporary art.

Attending the opening with her daughters Claire and Anne (there with her daughter Sophie), his widow Rae Heenan spoke of her husband's enthusiastic love of his art works. She was introduced by Nathalie Bondil, director general/chief curator of MMFA, where Heenan was a member of the board of trustees.

Long-time friend and Westmounter

Stephen Jarislowsky noted, via satellite from Vancouver, Heenan's wit and energy.

The exhibit, Contemporary Works Donated to the Museum by a Passionate Collector, shows works by artists such as Jeff Wall, Adad Hannah, Chih-Chien Wang and Edward Burtynsky.

Many Westmount residents - friends, admirers and tennis partners - turned out for the tribute. Noted in the packed room were Martha and Peter Duffield, Dagmar Guttmann, Mary Dailey Desmarais, Jewel and Paul Lowenstein, Maurice Forget, Anne-Marie and John Hart, Lise Powell, Clarence Epstein, Paula Gillett, Nancy and William Daly, and Louise and Michel Blouin, who only very recently moved out of the neighbourhood.

The Gail and Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Quebec and Canadian Contemporary Art, a chair endowed by local residents on the suggestion of Roy Heenan, made the exhibition possible. It runs until August 17.



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