

Speaking out on urban planning By-law 1662

Residents decry move to give council, PAC ‘discretionary’ power when considering, granting building permits

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Despite little immediate notice, a city public consultation meeting April 27 brought out an estimated 30 residents to voice opinion on proposed changes outlined in draft urban planning By-law 1662. This aims to amend the current By-law 1305 on site planning and architectural integration programs.

Many who spoke expressed concern that the proposed changes throughout to replace the word “must” by “should” will open the door to slowing the approval of permits and for interpretation.

This was described by one resident, attorney Peter Hoffman, as “a lawyer’s dream.”

Opening the meeting, Mayor Michael Stern explained that the draft changes had begun with the outgoing council and involve no changes in “the decision-making

process.”

The meeting, which was not live-streamed and not known to be officially recorded, was conducted differently from the city’s usual special meetings. While scheduled to start at 7 pm, the unusual absence of city hall staff at that time meant the mic could not be turned on.

Marks: Existing law carefully crafted

Following Hoffman, other residents with questions and comments included Karin Marks, a former mayor and long-time commissioner of planning and architecture, as well as acclaimed architect and former member of the city’s Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Julia Gersovitz.

Both related the care taken by the city in the original by-law to use precise wording. Gersovitz said the proposed changes could slow down the decision process and

make every file subject to negotiation, saying “architects need clarity.”

Other speakers included Jon and Caroline Breslaw as well as former councillor Marina Brzeski, who suggested that to use “vague and generalized” wording in the by-law could affect the value of a house when it is not known what work the neighbour might be allowed to undertake. She suggested the proposed changes be put to a referendum.

Lawyer and recent mayoral candidate Lynne Casgrain said the proposed changes would introduce arbitrariness, going against what has been proven to work.

Discretionary framework

Councillor Jonathan Chomski had previously told the *Independent* that the proposed changes were initiated on the recommenda- *continued on p. 23*

Agia honoured by Rotary International



Westmounter Viviane Agia was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow recognition for outstanding volunteer service by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, as seen April 22 at Victoria Hall. See p. 25 for story. PHOTO: JENNIFER BALL.

Stern, Levine, Kez express concerns to Dagher

Mayor, order & safety commissioners meet with chief of police re: demonstrations

BY JENNIFER BALL

Westmount elected officials met recently with Fady Dagher, the director (chief) of the Service de police de la ville de Montréal (SPVM).

Mayor Michael Stern; District 6 councillor Paul Levine, who is commissioner of public order; and District 8 councillor Kathleen Kez, who is commissioner of public safety, met with Dagher on April 24

to address the impact of demonstrations on Westmount’s southeast.

Fluctuating protests have taken place since October 7, 2023 outside the Israeli consulate on Wood Ave. near St. Catherine largely and ostensibly regarding Israel’s reaction to Hamas’ attacks from Gaza that day. 1 Westmount Square, the location of the Israeli consulate, is adjacent to three large condo buildings as well as many restaur- *continued on p. 21*



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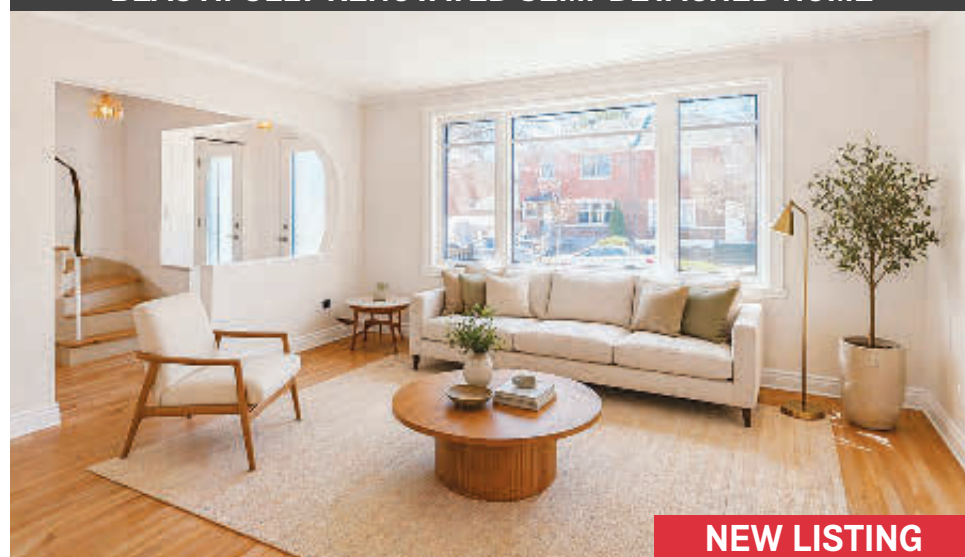
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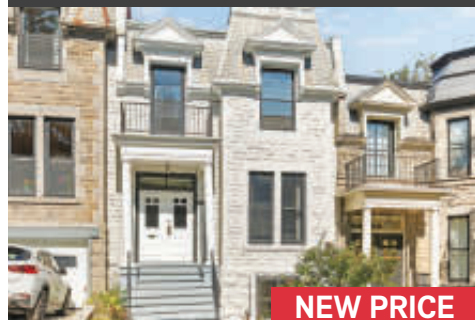
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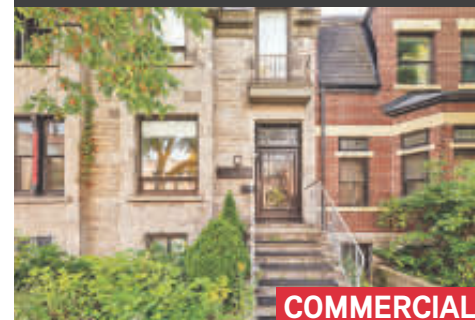
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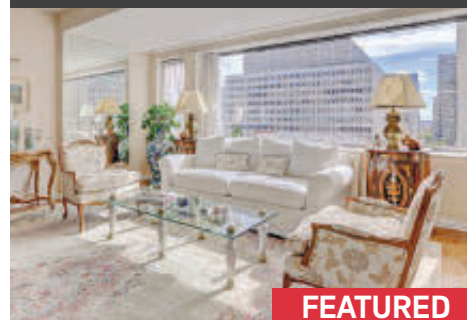
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Drivers reminded to ‘curb’ wheels after car rolls down Argyle Ave.

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Public Security officer on regular patrol April 25 came across a car that initially appeared to have been parked on the wrong side of the street in front of 415 Argyle. It turned out, however, that the handbrake had failed and the car had rolled down the hill and was discovered before causing an accident, officials said. A ticket for \$182, including towing fee, was issued concerning the car obstructing the roadway.

It was noted that because the officer was not on the scene to actually witness how it had been parked, the ticket did not involve that.

Efforts to contact the owner proved unsuccessful and the car was towed. “Things can go mechanically wrong,” assistant director Kimberley Colquhoun pointed out. “Given our hills, it’s important to follow regulations which are usually posted

on hills,” she said.

On hills, going upward/north, the city’s by-law requires that wheels be pointed left/into the street so if the car gets loose, it rolls backwards on that axis and hits the nearby curb to its right. Going downward/south, it is more intuitive and wheels should be pointed right, towards the curb.

At least one loose car has come close to seriously injuring or killing pedestrians in Westmount (see “Toddlers unhurt when struck by runaway car on Church Hill,” October 4-5, 2011, p. 3).

Octogenarian helped back to bed at 4 am after fall

Public Security received a call April 25 at 4 am for an 80-year-old man who had fallen in his home on Rosemount Ave. While he did not appear to be injured, an officer remained with him and his wife until the arrival of Urgences Santé when it was determined he could be safely helped back to bed.

“His wife later called back to Public Security, saying she was so pleased they had been there to help,” said Colquhoun. “I get a lot of complaints, so it was so nice to get this feedback.”



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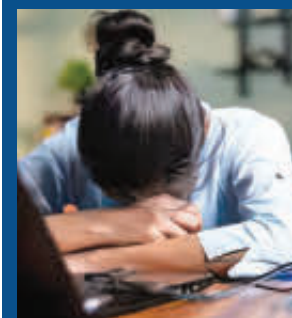
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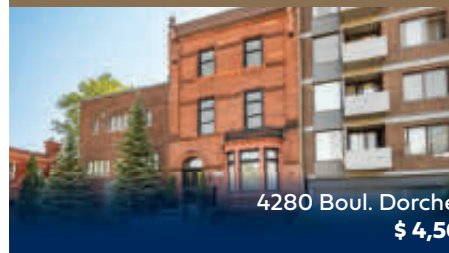
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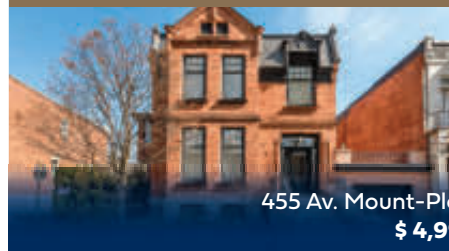
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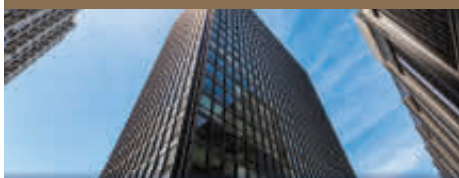
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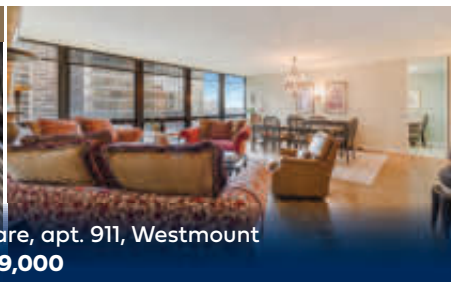
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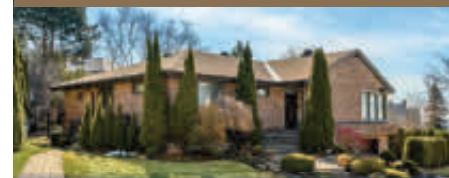
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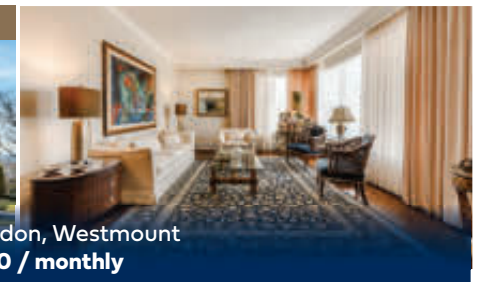
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Cllr. Moss visits Manoir for second time since election



PHOTO: LAUREEN SWEENEY.

District 5 councillor Shawn Moss speaks with Ann Ascoli during tea with residents of Manoir Westmount April 29. One of the concerns raised with him was disrepair of the stretch of Sherbrooke St. just east of Lansdowne. Moss, whose commissionership includes urban planning, reported he

would enquire about that. Elected last November, it was the second known meeting he had held with constituents.

"I find visiting the Manoir helps me recharge thanks to the kind and calm attitude of the residents, and I know that they enjoy having someone from the city visit."

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City allows requested windows, doors

Council overturns PAC recommendations, approves permits on Sydenham, Grosvenor

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

In two decisions April 14, city council overturned negative recommendations by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to replace a number of windows and doors at both 634 Sydenham and 489 Grosvenor.

At 634 Sydenham, council approved a request to replace 23 windows and one door despite an unfavourable recommendation from the PAC.

“Whereas the city council is not required to approve the PAC’s recommendation,” the resolution states, the council “finds the plans submitted with the application to be in compliance with zoning By-law 1305.”

(This house was recently featured by the

Independent in a “House History” (see September 16, 2025, p. SL-20).)

In the second request, the council approved the issuing of a permit for 16 windows and one door at 489 Grosvenor, north of Sherbrooke.

This overturned a recommendation from the PAC and found the plans for the windows to be compliant with By-law 1305 without listing details.

Manoir driveway not part of Sherbrooke re-do

After visiting Manoir Westmount on April 29 (see story p. 6), city councillor Shawn Moss told the *Independent* that “the Manoir access road is not currently included in the Sherbrooke St. project [taking place this summer],” and “I am told that it would be inadvisable to undertake [such work] concurrently with the Sherbrooke project, [which] will intermittently restrict vehicle access from Sherbrooke to the Manoir, Victoria Hall and the library, and the laneway will need to serve as a local detour to Lansdowne during those periods.” – LS.

Rotary raises \$13k for Ukraine

The Rotary Club of Westmount held its annual fundraiser, on April 19, for Ukrainian victims of Russia’s invasion. It raised \$13,000 and brought the total funds raised for the cause by the club to \$90,000. – JB.

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COUNCIL NEEDS TO GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL PROBLEMS, REGARDLESS OF TECHNICAL JURISDICTION

Okay, Mayor Stern: your new job has a learning curve and we get that. But when frustrated homeowners complain of security breaches with the fence along the [CP rail line], your reply at council was: "The problem is that we're on a railway."

No. The problem is Westmount's enclave mentality. Long before the current administration, Westmount has relied on Talmudic hair-splitting of territorial boundaries and legal jurisdiction to punt residents' complaints, effectively leaving us on our own to spend copious amounts of time seeking redress elsewhere.

No matter that disruptions we see and/or hear happen a stone's throw *outside* Westmount. Where in the homeowner's manual does it say we are responsible for alerting CP railway police to holes in the fence along St. Catherine St. that make trespassing possible?

Who is supposed to follow up to ensure repairs were made? Why is it up to residents to determine who is legally responsible for the fence and the surrounding land?

When was the last time Westmount's senior managers and relevant councillors actually sat down with railway officials (and whoever has legal jurisdiction for the neighbouring land) to discuss and act (with a timeline) on longstanding concerns of residents along the city's southern border?

These legitimate questions may fly in the face of Westmount's carefully crafted public image, one that goes to great lengths to show concern for the environment.

Well, environment starts with one's home and neighbourhood, with the expectation local by-laws will be enforced to ensure their safety and integrity. When current by-laws are outdated or insufficient, council must amend them or pass new ones to reflect the new realities on the ground.

And where the city has no legal claim to get involved, that excuse can no longer stand.

Residents lack the clout of elected officials. It is preposterous that citizens with work and family responsibilities are spending days or even years trying to resolve major problems.

It is way past time for city hall to acknowledge this and act on it.

DOROTHY LIPOVENKO, YORK ST.

LET'S CARE MORE ABOUT PEOPLE THAN FOXES

I was saddened by the article describing the movements of a "homeless encampment" in southwest Westmount in the April 28 edition of the *Independent* (p. 11).

It is unclear to me how people seeking shelter constitute a "broader community safety and security concern" [as one resident described the situation]. Surely these are individuals facing hardship, not threats to public safety.

It is troubling that we seem to care more about mangy foxes in this community than

the obvious suffering of our unhoused neighbours. A little bit of compassion would go a long way.

EMMETT MACKAY, CLARKE AVE.

CMM'S 26 GARBAGE PICK-UPS PER YEAR RIDICULOUS, CRAZY

As a postscript to a letter writer's concern about weekly versus bi-weekly garbage collection, you have written about the edict handed down by the CMM [Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal] that after December 31, 2027, weekly collection of garbage is forbidden in the greater Montreal area.

Could anything be more ridiculous than this short-sighted requirement?

For one, what happens to the hundreds of employees of the companies that collect the trash? Will they be laid off or paid less because their workload has been cut in half? How will that work out?

But more importantly, bi-weekly collection of garbage does not and cannot reduce the amount of trash that goes into our landfills. Instead of hauling away, for example, two kilograms of trash weekly from a home, now they will haul zero on week 1 and four kilograms on week 2.

Where is there less garbage? Same amount just spread out.

The CMM must explain this absolutely crazy demand, and I urge Westmount council to fight this absurdity.

JOE RUSSO, SHERBROOKE ST.

WOOD AVE. AREA RESIDENTS WANT DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH POLICE (3)

As a resident of 1 Wood Ave., I am compelled to express my serious concern regarding the abrupt, last-minute cancellation of the long-scheduled meeting with Station 12's commandant-chief Marie-Ève Lamarche (see April 21, p. 7).

For many months, residents in this area have been dealing with repeated demonstrations that have gone well beyond peaceful protest. Individuals have not only harassed residents, but have also burned flags and lit fires in the streets - actions that are both alarming and, in many cases, unlawful. These incidents have heightened

Correction: \$50M, not \$15M

On March 24 (p. 1), we misquoted the mayor when we wrote:

"The amount of work now required is budgeted at some \$15 million a year for the next three years," as previously predicted. It should have read \$50 million. - DP.

anxiety in the neighbourhood, and raised legitimate questions about public safety and consistent law enforcement.

The cancellation of this meeting, without a clear and immediate replacement date, sends a troubling message to a community that has already been dealing with prolonged disruption. It suggests a lack of urgency at a time when residents are looking for reassurance, clarity and accountability from those responsible for maintaining public order.

A general assurance that the meeting will be re-scheduled at some undefined point in the future does little to address the seriousness of the situation. After months of ongoing disruption and visible escalation, residents are entitled to more than an open-ended promise.

Accordingly, we call on the mayor of Montreal and Montreal police chief Fady Dagher to intervene directly to ensure accountability, to require that a firm and prompt date be set for this meeting, and to restore confidence that residents' concerns are being treated with the seriousness they demand.

What is needed now is straightforward: a clear timeline, meaningful engagement and demonstrable follow-through. Anything less risks reinforcing the perception that residents' concerns are being sidelined.

DAVID A. STEIN AND

SUSAN STROMBERG STEIN, WOOD AVE.

GRASS IS COOLER THAN SYNTHETIC TURF, PERIOD

Given the complexities faced by Westmount city council, it is important to note that synthetic playing fields, no matter the technology used, all contribute to the heat-island effect.

In the words of one scientific review of current synthetic surfaces, "Overall, surface temperatures were consistently higher on synthetic surfaces than natural grass across all studies, regardless of the environmental conditions, turf fibres used or the sky conditions" ("The effect of synthetic grass sports surfaces on the thermal environment: A systematic review" by Singh, Peterson, Jay, Stephens in Springer, 2024).

Just a few days ago, a community leader in lower Westmount told me: "Our temperatures on the flat are two degrees higher than in upper Westmount. We really need to breathe here and that is why our natural grass fields are so important."

In the last two decades, the climate crisis has only become worse. That is why grass fields are so important in Westmount, for all of us.

PATRICK BARNARD, MELVILLE AVE.

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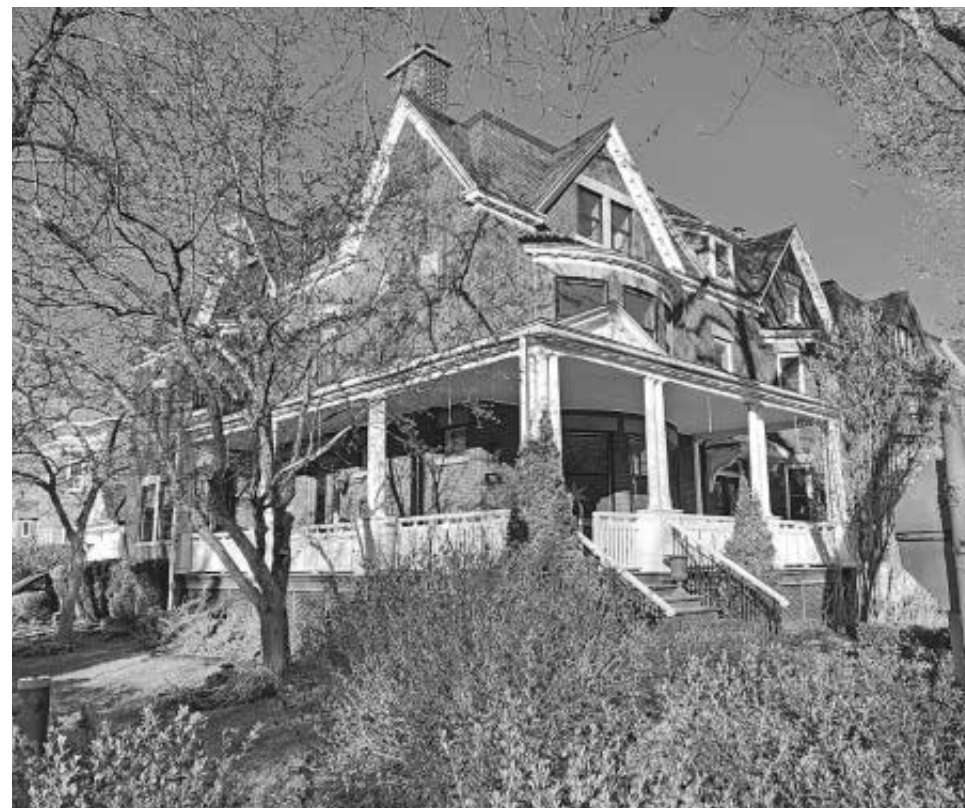
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Minor exemptions granted for garage at 361 Clarke, balconies at 312 Kensington

Editorial

A typical day in Westmount



312 Kensington on May 1.

PHOTO: INDEPENDENT.

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

City council March 14 granted requests for minor exemptions under By-law 1576 to zoning By-law 1303. These concerned a garage over the property line at 361 Clarke and re-construction of balconies at the rear of 312 Kensington.

Both requests were approved given that the impact of the work was deemed “minimal” by the city’s Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

Under By-law 1576 requests for minor exemptions must not “exacerbate” risks to public health, safety or health. They must not harm environmental quality or general well-being, and without approval would cause “serious hardship” to the person requesting it.

On Clarke

In the case of 361 Clarke, the construction of a garage “had been completed several months prior to the discovery of its positioning issues which had been approved by city council in 2023.”

Its positioning and dimensions appeared to have been made in “good faith” due to a surveying error, according to the recent resolution.

Without official approval, it states, only demolition and re-construction would bring the structure into compliance with By-law 1303. As a result, the impact and

misalignment was “deemed minimal,” and the work approved.

Balconies on Kensington

Concerning the second request, the reconstruction of balconies at the rear of 312 Kensington was also deemed “necessary,” due in this case to “their advanced state of deterioration.”

The resolution states that while the new balconies would be located in the same place and “blend architecturally” with the rest of the main building, the open space in the backyard would be reduced.

Both resolutions for minor exemptions were approved unanimously.



Contrary to expectation, Westmount does not have a general “upkeep and maintenance” by-law. Perhaps it should? As seen on Victoria south of de Maisonneuve April 29 and for many days beforehand. And this is not the only site like this.

The larger debris had been picked up by press time May 4 (inset).

David Price is the editor of the Independent.

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Cedars Cancer Foundation benefits from Dave's Cup Hockey Tournament



The tournament-winning Big Daddy Lions (orange jerseys) and the Big Daddy Armour are seen here with members of the late Dave Fernandes' family (centre, holding the Dave's Cup), as well as Westmount city councillor Jeff Shamie (right), president of the Cedars Cancer Foundation.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Six teams of amateur hockey players from all over Montreal converged on the Pierrefonds Sportsplex on the West Island on April 26 to play in the first annual Stick it to Cancer – Dave's Cup Hockey Tournament for the Cedars Cancer Foundation.

According to Westmount city councillor

Jeff Shamie, who is president of the foundation, the inaugural tournament aimed to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer and critical funds for research.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the Cedars Medical Oncology Research and Care Fund under the leadership of Dr. Ramy Saleh.

"This will enable medical oncologists,

like Dr. Saleh, to take treatments like chemotherapy, immunotherapy and hormone therapy to the next level, which will bring hope to more patients – and save more lives," the Cedars Cancer Foundation says in a statement posted on its web site.

"On behalf of Cedars, and of the patients we serve at the Cedars Cancer Centre, we extend our most heartfelt

thanks to everyone who came out to play, watch, and fundraise," they added.

The tournament was named for Dave Fernandes, a client of a Big Daddy Fitness gym in Côte des Neiges. He died in June last year, two weeks before his 50th birthday, from pancreatic cancer, leaving behind a wife and three boys, who were all present during the tournament.

Police Report

\$2,000 Louis Vuitton handbag stolen from car on Sherbrooke

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

The owner of an expensive handbag that was stolen after being left in the open inside a vehicle parked on Sherbrooke St. near Prince Albert Ave. on April 28 will probably be double-checking from now on to be certain that they locked the car.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit, someone managed to enter the vehicle and snatch a Louis Vuitton purse with an estimated value of \$2,000.

The investigators don't know how the suspect got into the vehicle, but there weren't any signs of forced entry, according to Cst. Yigit.

Lansdowne prowler with flashlight filmed

An investigation is under way after the owners of a home on Lansdowne Ave. near

the corner of Sherbrooke St. reported to police that they spotted a man with a flashlight prowling around their backyard in the middle of the night last week.

They were able to show the police what they saw because a security camera that was pointed at the yard captured images of the suspect.

Although nothing was reported missing from the property afterwards, "he seemed to be looking for something," said Yigit, adding that the suspect may have been planning a theft.

Land Rover stolen

A 2025 Land Rover parked on Sherbrooke St. near Roslyn Ave. was stolen sometime between 4 pm and midnight on April 24.

There was no evidence of forced entry, according to the incident report.

STM extends 'move-along' order until April 2027

BU JENNIFER BALL

The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) has boosted the remit of the special constables of the Metro Section of the Montreal police (SPVM) by extending its "move-along" order until April 30, 2027.

This measure dates back to spring 2025. It bans loitering in the Metro and requires people in stations to be actively travelling.

The *Independent* received a press release from the STM dated April 28 that reads. "The move-along order is intended to provide special constables with an additional tool to maintain social balance within stations, by addressing the occupation of facilities for non-transport-related purposes that may affect the sense of safety among customers and employees..."

"This measure was applied nearly 2,500 times per month by special constables during the winter period, contributing to improvements in certain operational indi-

cators."

An analysis of the STM's operational data shared in the April 28 release shows that several Metro safety indicators have improved or stabilized: "Service reliability has improved thanks to a decrease in the number of service interruptions due to intentional disruptive behaviour. Number of people being escorted out at closing time is decreasing, thereby making it easier for employees to close the stations."

Locally, Marie-Eve Lamarche, commander of Station 12 on Stanton St., provided a statement to the *Independent* in March, as previously reported (March 31, p.6), that included information from the SPVM Metro unit on how both units aim to protect Westmount citizens.

She had been asked by the *Independent* to respond to a Westmount resident requesting 24-hour policing of Atwater Metro station.



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

Change, constancy mark post-COVID social scene

über-popular annual art auction. The evening offers delicious food – Ristorante Beatrice being one of the best caterers in town – and great art donated for the cause.

The fundraiser for UP House features the only fashion show in town. A fundraising strategy? Be unique.

The annual initiative Women of Action by the ICRF (Israel Cancer Research Fund) is that organization’s signature event. One of its strengths is its niche: it honours, connects and empowers women.

After-parties!

There is also another influence driving less stately events: a younger demographic. This means a shift in tone mirroring today’s brave new world. Fundraisers realized this a while ago and created after-parties. Younger guests were offered lower-priced tickets, came later and danced the night away. Ideally, they became future supporters.

Local Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom’s fundraising eve offers a cocktail-dînatore, dinner, entertainment and dessert. And an after-party. Although called a “gala,” chic cocktail dresses/suits are worn to this über-elegant eve.

The successful format reflects the social scape while meeting its mission: raising funds.

A prime example of Bob Dylan’s “times they are a-changing” is the once over-the-top “Table Settings” event held years ago at Westmount’s Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Volunteers created themed tables using their own collections of bone china, silverware (sterling, of course), crystal and flowers. The entrance fee to view the table-escape creations was the fundraising element. Huge “wow factor.” Very glam. Reflective of the times. It would be tinned to do this now; lacking in sensitivity vis-à-vis today’s environment.

Although attending major events is still enticing, there is donor fatigue, and – per-

haps more importantly – a new priority: a desire to directly impact the charity rather than paying a percentage of proceeds for event production.

Some major foundations/individuals prefer to spread their name. Stéphane Aquin is the Rossy Foundation director of the Museum of Fine Arts. There is the Hélène Desmarais Building at HEC. Although Montreal’s long-standing high profile galas do still sell out almost immediately, the trend with smaller organizations has been to cut back and raise funds via a different approach.

People are pivotal. An enthusiastic volunteer committee “links in” to social media, increasing awareness of the cause, and therefore – hopefully – ticket sales.

Another growing trend? Supporters participate personally, hosting events in their homes.

Mia Goodman invited guests to a celebratory cocktail to introduce the new director of the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Institute (GCI) at McGill University. As part of the eve, young researchers were invited as well as McGill executives, *continued on p. 12*

Ten years ago, the *Westmount Independent* published its Social Calendar twice a year. Then, each season’s social events listings took up a full page. Today, there are a lot fewer.

It’s not just the effect of the COVID pandemic. It’s a sign of the times. Glitzy glamorous fundraisers are expensive. Often, the event planner was paid a high fee. Allegedly one organizer received \$250,000. And event designers created award-winning décors. They too were paid, as were the caterer, the venue itself, rentals and valet parking. The ROI (return on investment) for a fundraiser had to be managed.

Change

Today, the social circuit has changed. Volunteers boost ticket sales. Ideally, the fundraiser’s “president of honour” attracts donors. There is also a new audience: entrepreneurial success stories – new firms and new individuals making their mark. Some events are positioned as an “experience.”

Rather than a stiff receiving line, on arrival guests enjoy a mock-/cock-tail as greeters check their RSVP names on an iPad. Elbow-length gloves – once *de rigueur* at black-tie galas – are now mainly seen on pop stars.

And yet, gowns at the major evenings – the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, St. Mary’s, Bal des Tannants, Bal Rouge for example – are still magnificent.

But smaller gatherings reflect a different *beau monde*. Polished ease rather than trailing tulle; fun bling and the latest trainers mirror the mood of the moment.

Indeed, this “memory-moment” matters. Scrolling on social media, it expands exponentially.

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Southwest rail report: New sign gone – Newish shelter gone too



The “no trespassing” sign put up April 23 at St. Catherine and Prince Albert by CP police was torn down and ripped up April 28, according to a local resident. It is pictured at left on April 29 just before the shelter itself was dismantled, as seen at right later the same day. PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.



Social scene, cont'd from p. 11

effectively widening the information circle.

However, big beautiful evenings still drive a recall that continues to resonate throughout the year. Speaking of the “wow factor,” two upcoming black-tie balls are sold out: Bal des Tannants for The Montreal Children’s presented by the Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation (May 8) and the MUHC Foundation’s Le Bal Rouge

(May 29).

Moving ahead seven months, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts ball on November 7 already has just a few tickets left, proving that, while grand galas may be limited, some still exude a magnetic force.

(Of course, another idea for raising funds – to steal a little from Meghan Markle – would be to tour Australia and then sell the clothes you wore on your travels on your own website, but I digress.)



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As seen in Westmount Park between the gazebo and the dog run April 30. The squirrel was eating a pine-cone Christmas-esque decoration that had been placed on the tree. PHOTOS: INDEPENDENT.



Westmount Square is the site of an \$18-million infrastructure renewal program that includes a new water membrane under the exterior plaza. Work resumed on the roof of the building the week of April 13, with Greene Ave., visible at the very top of the photo (see October 21, p. SL-22, November 11, p. 10 and December 2, 2025, p. 10 for past coverage). This photo was taken April 15.

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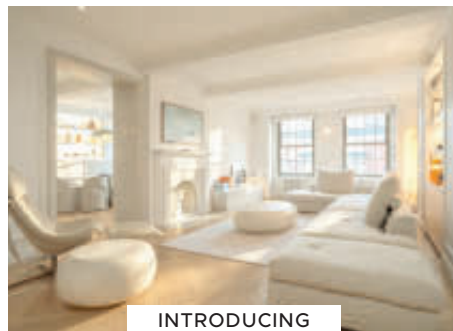
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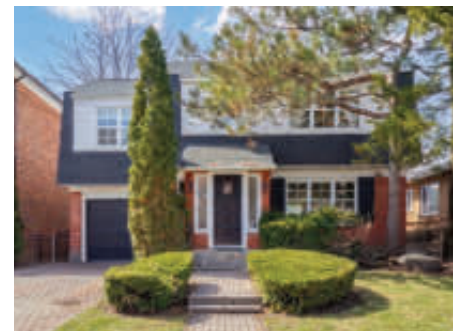
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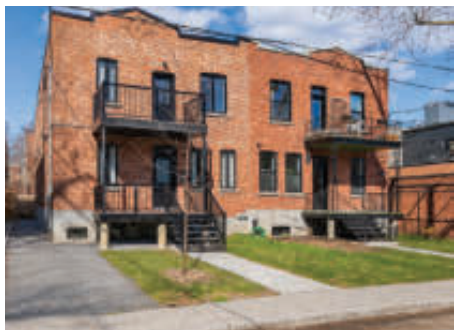
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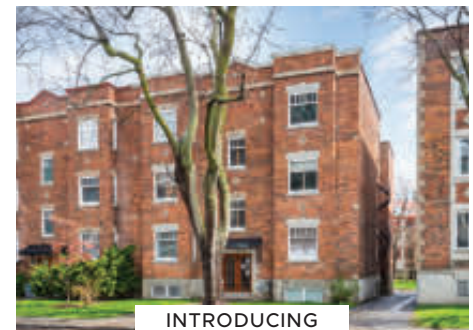
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PHOTO: RALPH THOMPSON.

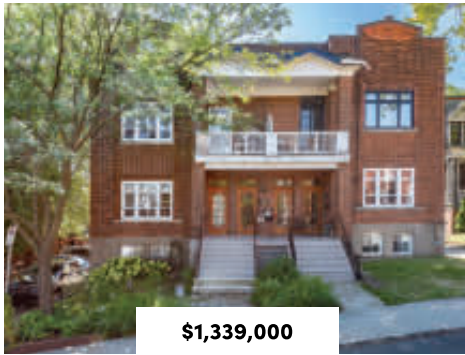
Sublessor looks for specific tenant, but initial ad changed



This ad for a residential tenant was photographed April 30 in the window of a vacant shop on Sherbrooke near Claremont.

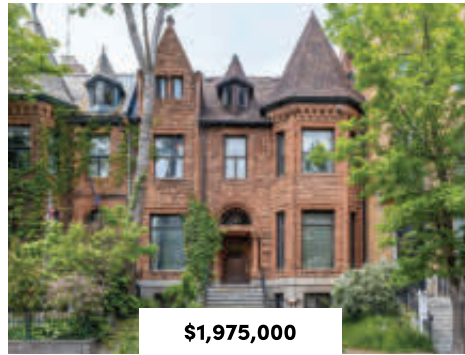
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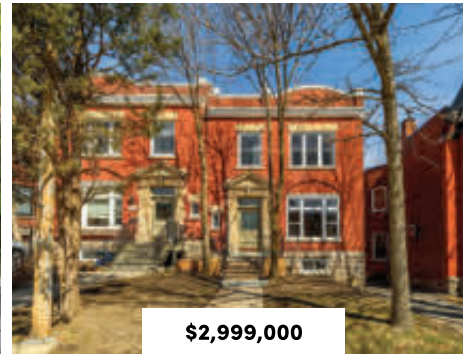
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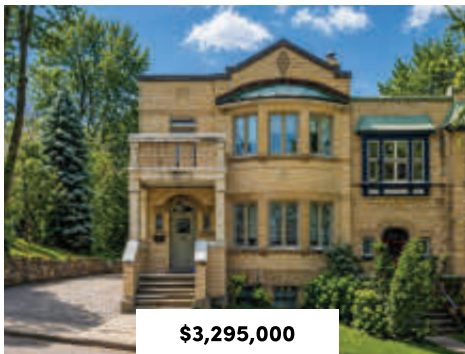
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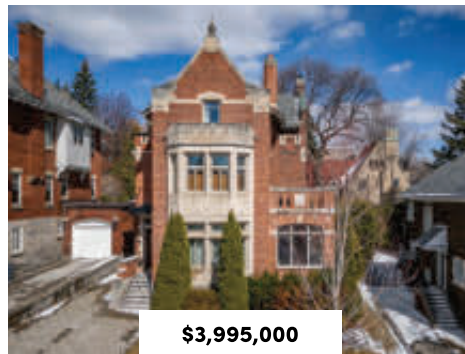
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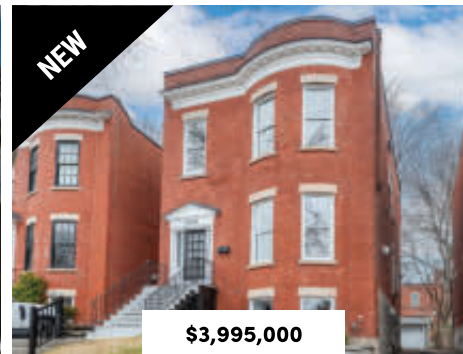
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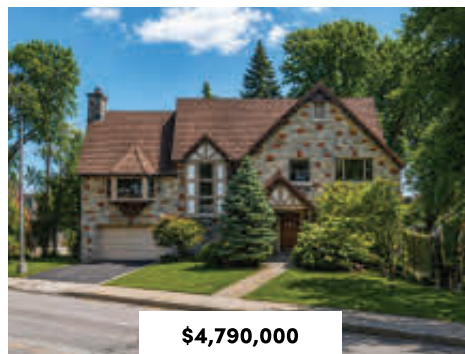
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November transfers: Only a slight slowdown

Beneath that were three more properties that sold for more than \$3 million, and another five for more than \$2 million.

The lowest price of the month was \$1,450,000 for 116 Lewis Ave. That small rowhouse had been picked up in 2021 for \$1,225,000, indicating a climb of 18 percent over four years.

The average mark-up over the 2023 valuation (which was still in effect until January this year) was 11.7 percent, down slightly from the average of 15.8 percent in October.

Only six of the 15 sales sold below the city assessment and only one brought minus-double digits, that is, -12.9 percent for 3 Anwoth Rd.

On the other hand, eight prices were double-digit mark-ups, to a high of 43.5 percent above valuation for the sale of 48 Arlington Ave.

Condos

Condominium purchases were slow, with only three sales in November, added to three more in October, making six – so far – for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Last year's fourth-quarter total was 14 sales, but in 2023 there were only nine in the last three months.

The range of prices in November was \$860,000 to \$2,605,000, the latter being the highest price since two condos at 1 Wood Ave. sold for \$3.3 million and \$4.3 million in August.

One more November transaction involves a one-third share of a triplex on Somerville Ave. that sold for \$550,000, slightly more than one-third of its municipal valuation.

A garage space at 11 Hillside Ave. changed hands in May of last year in a deed signed that month but included in the city's November list.



116 Lewis.



48 Arlington.



3 Anwoth.



4151 de Maisonneuve. All photos April 27.

Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in November 2025, gleaned from city sources.

A list of sales can be found on p. 19.

Westmount's super-hot real estate market slowed down only slightly in November last year, but with none of the fireworks in very high prices or mark-ups/mark-downs from valuation that embellished the October list of transfers.

Highest price among 14 houses and a duplex sold in November was \$3,850,000 for a totally renovated brownstone at 4151 de Maisonneuve Blvd., corner Elm Ave.

It had been picked up by renovators who, in 2018, had paid the full asking price of \$1,650,000 for a onetime duplex in need of attention.

They gutted and re-built the house, put it on the market in 2020 asking \$3,998,000, and sold it in 11 days for \$3,800,000. The house went back on the market in March 2024, asking \$4,995,000. The asking price dropped twice in the next 587 days before the house finally sold for \$3,850,000.

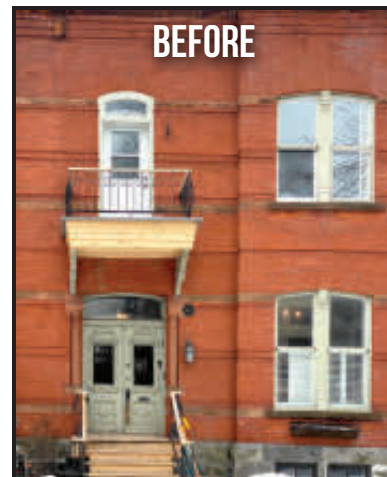


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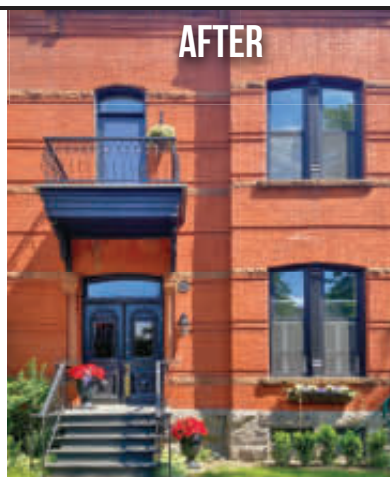
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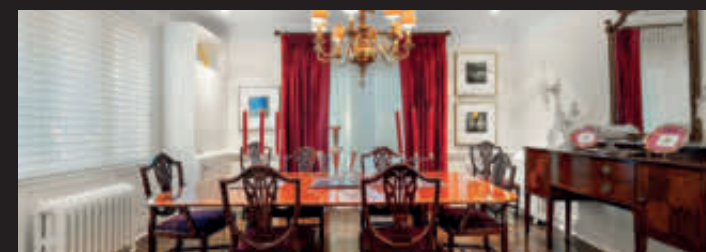
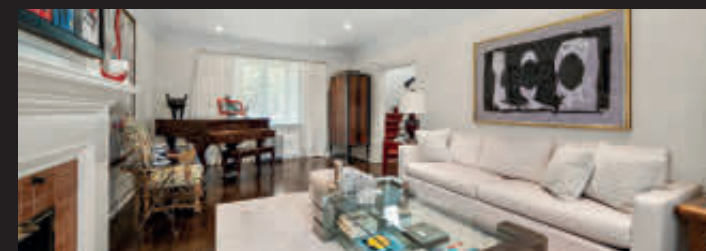
ADDRESS	VENDOR	PRICE	2023 VAL	RATIO (%)
3 Anwoth	Denise Charest	\$1,834,800	\$2,105,900	-12.9%
415 Argyle	André Major & Gino Ricci	\$2,201,000	\$1,642,600	34.0%
48 Arlington	James McMullan & Danielle Dagenais	\$2,605,000	\$1,815,000	43.5%
669 Belmont	Steven Ramas	\$3,160,000	\$2,685,800	17.7%
136 Clandeboye	Michael Richards & Cheryl Haynes	\$1,889,000	\$1,890,100	-0.1%
4151 de Maisonneuve	Julie Godin	\$3,850,000	\$3,982,500	-3.3%
568 Grosvenor	Bo Hu & Lirong Fan	\$2,730,000	\$2,998,200	-8.9%
502 Lansdowne	Claude Delage	\$2,450,000	\$1,826,600	34.1%
521 Lansdowne	Simon Dupéré	\$3,145,000	\$2,280,200	37.9%
561 Lansdowne	Barbara Forman	\$3,200,000	\$2,417,100	32.4%
116 Lewis	Avocats Cragmore Inc.	\$1,450,000	\$1,300,000	11.5%
3720 The Boulevard	Xinping Wang	\$2,740,000	\$2,685,500	2.0%
4876 Westmount Ave.	Jian Zhang & Xiang Zou	\$1,650,000	\$1,807,800	-8.7%
16 Windsor	Stephanie Alberga	\$1,875,000	\$1,309,100	43.2%
DUPLEXES³				
674-74A Roslyn	Lori Weitzman	\$2,915,000	\$2,998,500	-2.8%
CONDOMINIUMS				
5 Parkman Place	Christopher Deruchie & Alexandra Cooke	\$1,090,000	\$1,004,100	8.6%
4175 St. Catherine #1601	Esther Cowan	\$2,605,000	\$2,229,600	16.8%
4476 St. Catherine #202	Jason Segal	\$860,000	\$561,400	53.2%
SHARE SALES				
84-88, Somerville, 1/3 share	Leda Roscini	\$551,000	\$545,567 ¹	1.0%
OTHER				
11 Hillside parking space	Gina Hébert	\$65,000	²	

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From left, Westmount councillor Paul Levine, city of Montreal councillor Leslie Roberts, Montreal police chief Fady Dagher, Westmount mayor Michael Stern and Westmount councillor Kathleen Kez on April 24. PHOTO COURTESY OF P. LEVINE.

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ants and businesses.

Councillor Levine provided the *Independent* with a statement about the content of the meeting on April 25.

“Mayor Stern, Councillor Kez and I, along with [Montreal city] Councillor Leslie Roberts (Peter-McGill District [i.e. western downtown]) – had a productive meeting with SPVM chief Fady Dagher to address the impact of recent protests on Westmount Square and 1 Wood residents and merchants...”

“Chief Fady Dagher expressed a clear understanding of the frustration, insecurity, and intimidation our community has experienced over the past several months.

[He] advised us that the SPVM will take action to ensure that the right to protest does not infringe upon our residents’ right to move about and enjoy their city in complete safety...”

“We also discussed the encampments on CP land and ongoing safety concerns in the southeast sector, issues of which the chief is fully aware. Chief Dagher assured us that the police take this matter very seriously and will continue to monitor it closely.”

Councillor Levine also said that Westmount city council remains committed to protecting the peace and security of the community, and “will continue to work closely with the SPVM to this end.”

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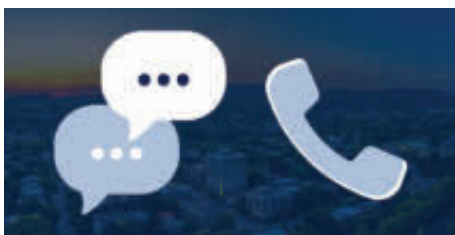
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Travaux de réfection à l'entrée principale du Victoria Hall

Les travaux de restauration de l'escalier et de l'entrée principale du Victoria Hall débuteront début mai. La fin des travaux est prévue pour la fin juillet. L'accès au bâtiment se fera par l'entrée latérale. westmount.org/travaux

Réfection de l'avenue Grosvenor

La Ville entreprendra des travaux de réhabilitation sur l'avenue Grosvenor, entre Le Boulevard et la limite nord de la Ville, à compter du 1^{er} mai, pour une durée d'environ 15 semaines. westmount.org/travaux

Retour de la collecte des encombrants !

La collecte des encombrants a pour objectif de détourner de l'enfouissement les articles en bois et en céramique pouvant être recyclés ou valorisés. Elle a lieu une fois par mois, de mai à octobre, et se fait sur inscription seulement. westmount.org/encombrants

RebutRécup

Pour vous débarrasser de vos articles en bon état, inscrivez-vous à la collecte RebutRécup qui se tiendra du **25 mai au 5 juin**. Les articles seront revendus lors d'un vide-grenier du **27 mai au 5 juin** (de 10 h à 16 h) au parc Westmount. westmount.org/evenements

Rehabilitation Work at the Main Entrance to Victoria Hall

Restoration work on the staircase and the main entrance will begin at Victoria Hall in early May. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. Access to the building will be through the side entrance. westmount.org/works

Rehabilitation of Grosvenor Avenue

The City began rehabilitation work on Grosvenor Avenue, between The Boulevard and the northern city limit, on May 1. Approximately 15 weeks are expected to complete the work. westmount.org/works

Bulky items collection is back!

Bulky items collection aims to divert from landfill wooden and ceramic items that can be recycled or recovered. This collection takes place once a month from May to October and is by registration only. westmount.org/collections

Trash2Treasure

Donate items in good condition by registering for the Trash2Treasure collection, taking place from **May 25 to June 5**. Collected items will be sold at a charity yard sale from **May 27 to June 5**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Westmount Park. Proceeds and unsold items will be donated to community organizations. westmount.org/events

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES

Exposition : Entredeux de Michèle Atkinson

Du **20 avril au 13 mai**, la Galerie du Victoria Hall est fière de présenter l'exposition Entredeux de l'artiste Michèle Atkinson. westmount.org/evenements



Rencontre d'auteure : Donna Nebenzahl

7 mai, 19 h, Salle Westmount (Bibliothèque). Rencontre avec Donna Nebenzahl autour de *To Linger With You: A Memoir of Sunshine and Longing*, en conversation avec Elaine Kalman Naves. westlib.org

Concert : UNICUM avec SuperNova4

6 mai, 19 h, Victoria Hall. Venez découvrir SuperNova 4, un quatuor de musiciens de jazz chevronnés qui fusionne jazz et blues dans une musique originale, fraîche et dynamique. Présenté en collaboration avec le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée. westmount.org/evenements

Conférence — *The Emergence of a Great Metropolis : Montreal 1820-1930*

21 mai, 19 h, Victoria Hall. En anglais. Assistez à une conférence de David B. Hanna, Ph. D., expert en patrimoine, sur l'émergence de Montréal comme grande métropole entre 1820 et 1930, de Griffintown aux grands projets urbains, jusqu'à l'impact de la crise de 1930. westlib.org

Conversation avec l'artiste Michèle Atkinson

7 mai, 19 h, Galerie du Victoria Hall. Rencontrez l'artiste Michèle Atkinson qui partagera l'inspiration derrière son exposition Entredeux. Michèle vous guidera dans une courte visite et s'entretiendra sur son processus de création avec Ève-Catherine Champoux. westmount.org/evenements

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Exhibition: In Between by Michèle Atkinson

From April 20 to May 13, the Gallery at Victoria Hall is pleased to present the exhibition *In Between* by Michèle Atkinson. westmount.org/events

Concert: UNICUM with SuperNova4

May 6, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Discover SuperNova 4, a quartet of seasoned jazz musicians blending jazz and blues into fresh, dynamic, and original music. Presented in collaboration with Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée. westmount.org/events

Artist Talk with Michèle Atkinson

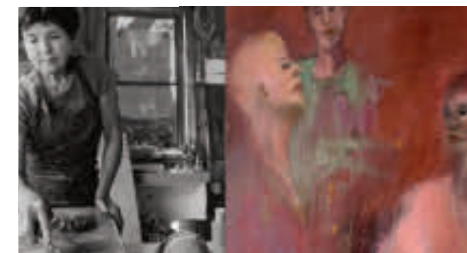
May 7, 7 p.m., Gallery at Victoria Hall. Meet artist Michèle Atkinson who will talk about the inspiration that led to her current exhibition, *In Between*. Michèle will guide a short tour of the exhibition and converse about her creative process with Ève-Catherine Champoux. westmount.org/events

Author Event: Donna Nebenzahl

May 7, 7 p.m., Westmount Room (Library). Meet Donna Nebenzahl, author of *To Linger With You: A Memoir of Sunshine and Longing*, in conversation with Elaine Kalman Naves. westlib.org

Lecture—*The Emergence of a Great Metropolis: Montreal 1820-1930*

May 21, 7 p.m., Victoria Hall. Attend a lecture (in English) by David B. Hanna, Ph.D., heritage expert, on the emergence of Montreal as a great metropolis from 1820 to 1930, from the development of Griffintown to major urban projects and the impact of the 1930 crisis. westlib.org





From left, city urban planning director Frédéric Nault and Mayor Michael Stern.



From left, former mayor Karin Marks and Julia Gersovitz.



Councillors Jonathan Chomski and Paul Levine.



Jon Breslaw.

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advisors recommended that clarifications and corrections be made, which led to the adoption process of By-law 1662.

“The objective of these changes is to ensure that permits issued to residents are fully valid from the outset, allowing approved work to proceed without requiring subsequent corrections or resulting in unintended additional costs.”

As well, Chomski had explained that PAC recommendations “are not always unanimous” and “exist within a broader discretionary system that requires decisions to be made based on the specific facts and context of each application.” They also reflect “a deliberate effort by council to ap-

proach urban planning decisions with a high degree of diligence and care,” and to understand that these individual decisions are taken within “that broader context.” This includes leaving leeway for interpretation.

In closing the meeting, Mayor Stern thanked those who attended. He later told the *Independent*: “Council will be taking all the residents’ comments into consideration and appreciates that residents make the time to attend public consultations and share their opinions.”

It was not known when draft By-law 1662 might be scheduled for approval. The upcoming council meeting is May 5.



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McGill's Osler Library hosts exhibition of da Vinci documents

BY JENNIFER BALL

According to Statistics Canada's most recent census data, Westmount has 1,280 residents who work in health care and social assistance. In the course of their studies and careers, some of them have probably used medical books from McGill University's Osler Library that chart the progress of medical knowledge.

The library was the location of a recent twin exhibition on Leonardo Da Vinci prints and incunabula, the latter of which can be viewed by request at the library, which is open to the public.

Located at 3655 Promenade Sir William Osler (the northern extension of Drummond St.) in downtown Montreal, the library is named after Ontario-born William Osler, the co-founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and the creator of the modern residency system. He left his vast book collection to McGill University, where he obtained his medical degree.

The library was a help to *The Globe and Mail's* Quebec bureau chief, Eric Andrew-Gee, while writing his recent book *The Mind Mappers*, centered on the two giants of local neurosurgery: doctors Wilder Penfield and William Cone.

Dr. Rolando Del Maestro is the William Feindel Professor Emeritus in neuro-oncology and director of the Neurosurgical Simulation Research and Training Centre at the Montreal Neurological Institute and honorary Osler librarian. He interviewed Andrew-Gee about the book at a February Rotary Club of Westmount luncheon (see February 10, p. 8).

Touring the past

On March 30, Del Maestro gave the *Independent* a tour, while historian Brenda Dunn-Lardeau provided insights into incunabula.

Derived from the Latin word for cradle ("cunabula"), incunabula are books pub-



From left, Professor Brenda Dunn-Lardeau and Dr. Rolando Del Maestro, who is holding a facsimile of the *Fasciculus Medicinae* from 1491.

lished between 1454 – when the printing press was invented – and 1500. Dr Del Maestro spoke about a 15th century medical book the library holds titled the *Fasciculus Medicinae*, which contains four woodcuts, one of which depicts a physicians' library.

"It tells you that this particular physician not only has plenty [of books], but has knowledge associated with the Greeks, the Arabs and also [holds some] Jewish books."

On the day, Dr Del Maestro brought a

small number of drawings related to Leonardo da Vinci from his personal collection, including some depicting horses and cats.

da Vinci's long shadow

In addition, it seems that the artist behind the most famous painting in the world – the *Mona Lisa* of Lisa del Giocondo, a Florentine woman born in 1479 and married to a silk merchant – is contributing to science and biology posthumously.

Del Maestro said that in preparing can-

vasses for painting – da Vinci only produced 15 to 20 paintings in his entire life – da Vinci would use his own hands to prime them, which left his fingerprints. "We know what his fingerprints look like and the second thing we know is that [from] some of his drawings, they've been able to get his DNA..."

"[From that] they are tracking down his family members and it's now about 560 [family members they have managed to] track down."



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Volunteer Agia recognized by Rotary for work to help local refugees

BY JENNIFER BALL

Westmounter Viviane Agia has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow recognition for outstanding volunteer service by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for her tireless work in supplying newly arrived refugees with furniture and household goods to help them set up home in Canada.

She was nominated by the Rotary Club of Westmount, in “appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among the peoples of the world.”

The event took place at Victoria Hall on April 22. Heather Borelli, who is club co-president with Nickolas Cieslinski, said of the distinction, “It is one of the highest awards that Rotary can give out to members and the community...”

“It’s named after Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, whose vision was rooted in something both simple and powerful, bringing people together in friendship, fellowship and service to make their communities better. Over the years, Rotary grew into a worldwide organization built on the principle of ‘service above self’ and the Paul Harris Fellow recognition reflects that spirit in a very special way.”

Agia’s story

Agia came to Canada from Egypt and has made it part of her life’s work in this country to ensure that refugees arriving to Canada



From left, club co-president Heather Borelli and Viviane Agia on April 22 at Victoria Hall.

received resources to make them feel welcome, often with the help of Rotarians.

Rotarian Jim Griffin of James Griffin & Son plumbing – who often drove the Rotary truck for Agia’s pick-ups and drop-offs – said, “We can only imagine the journey [that refugees] had to go through arriving in a strange country with very few resources. Vivian went to great lengths to gather furniture and household goods for those brave individuals.”

Rotarian Jim Fares ribbed Agia about her singular vision, drive and determination, which sometimes could make her come across as a martinet if one did not know her better. “I’ve never had so much fun being told what to do, how to do it, where to do it, and who to do it to...”

“She’s one of the few people in the world

that I’ve ever met that argued with my GPS. ‘No, no, no, no, much better to go this way. No, don’t go left. Go right. GO RIGHT!’”

Families’ smiles were a gift

Agia told the packed room, many of whom came from her apartment building to support her, “Whatever I did, I did it with all my heart and just seeing those families smile was my biggest gift. It was the fuel of all my work.”

Agia also thanked her “co-conspirator,” late longtime Westmounter Francie Montgomery, who also lived in her building.

“God rest her soul. She’s the one that contacted Rotary and who contacted David Price [the editor of the *Westmount Independent*], who put a big half-page ad about me in his newspaper which [gave me heightened visibility in] Westmount...”

“The phone calls kept coming after that and the furniture kept coming, and at one point, I didn’t know what to do, so I said to David: ‘Please don’t put this free ad for me because I don’t know [how to handle all the donations!]’”

At one point, Agia had two to three moves a week, so many that the Rotary truck had to be retired and U-Hauls hired.

She concluded by saying, “The whole thing was a wonderful experience, and I’m still going to do it until someone comes forward and offers to take over.”

Perhaps Westmount can take that as a big hint.

See p. 1 for another photo.

Jennifer Ball, the reporter who wrote this story, is a member of the Rotary Club of Westmount

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Carmen visits Victoria Hall in Westmount! Cast members perform arias, relate famous opera's history

BY JENNIFER BALL

Westmount's Community Events department offered residents an afternoon with l'Opéra de Montréal as it presented vignettes from its most recent work, Georges Bizet's *Carmen*, which it is staging from May 2 to 12 at Salle Wilfrid Pelletier of Place des Arts.

The history of *Carmen* was explored and performances of the arias "Habanera," "Seguidilla" and the "Toreador Song" soared.

The opera premiered in 1875 to a hostile reaction from critics and the French bourgeoisie, for whom Bizet wrote it.

On April 26, at Victoria Hall, Richard Turp, a Montreal-born singer and artistic director who grew up in London, England, explained why it had a disastrous reception when it opened at the Théâtre National de l'Opéra-Comique in Paris.

Critics and opera lovers were scandalized by its realism, depiction of working-class life, and the morally transgressive and sexually confident Carmen herself.

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Baritone Colin Mackey sang the "Toreador Song" (*"Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre."*)



Baritone Colin Mackey.



Richard Turp.

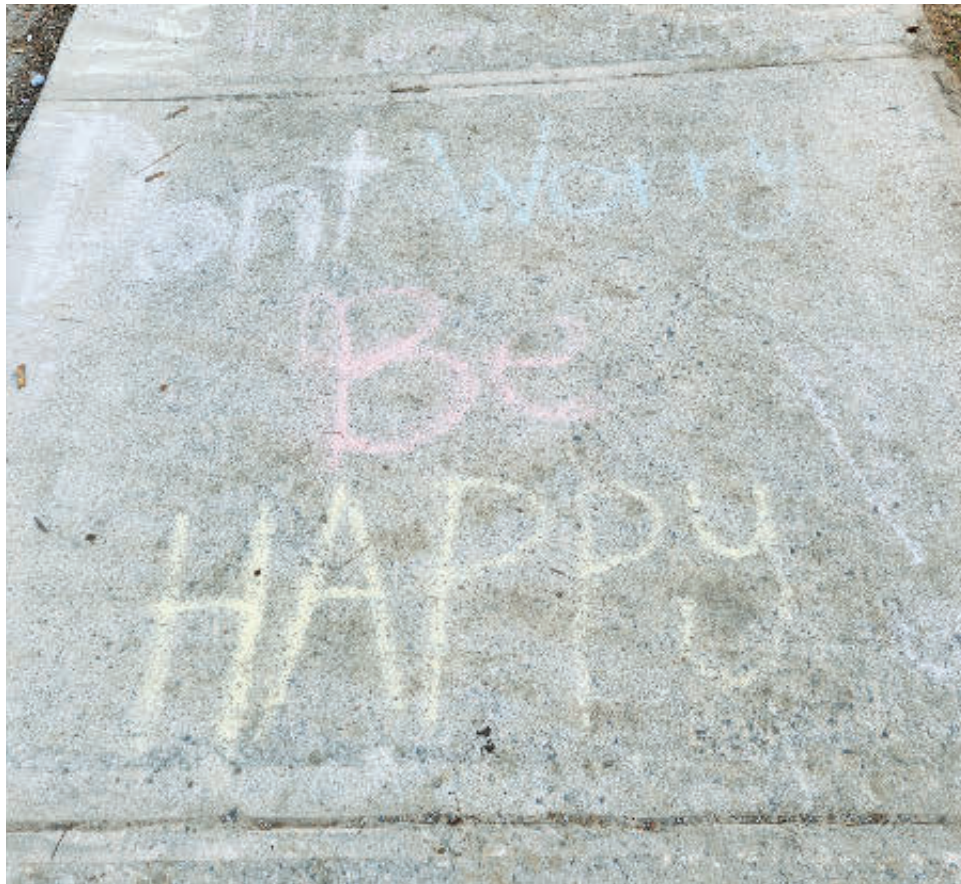


Mezzo-soprano Justine Ledoux.



Répétiteur (opera pianist) Martine Jomphe accompanied the performers at Victoria Hall on April 26.

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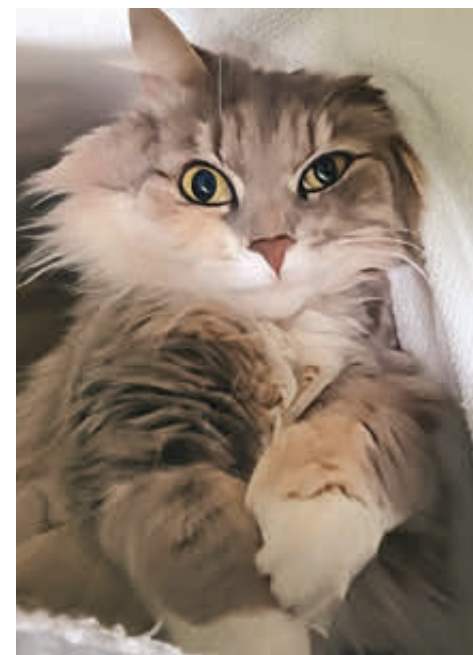
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Jenny from the corner of the block



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Held at Le Richmond, "Risk to Resilience – a Party with Purpose" featured a cocktail-dinatoire and comedy entertainment by Nazeer Khan.

Former Batshaw Foundation presidents noted were Trevor Bishop and Karma Hallward, there with John Hallward.

Current president Bisma Ansari and Wendy Khan, executive director, greeted guests as they blew in, depositing dripping umbrellas, gloves, boots and winter coats.

Event committee members were Laura Lavy, Janet Faith, Wendy Khan and Angela Auclair.

Seen enjoying the night were Mark Lowe, Sara O'Brien, Andrew Sofin, former mayor Christina Smith, Anna Gainey (MP NDG-Westmount), Nicholas Kaulbach and mum Michele Kaulbach, Kelly Patrick, Adrian Dunn, Annie Bergevin, Kim Drummond, Andrew Clark, Scott Pritchard, *continued on p.30*



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Sue Khan and Amanda and Anthea Dawson.

Foundation board members attending included Ben Wearing, Janet Faith, Tina Khan, Andrew Clark, Michael Udy, Trevor Bishop, Laura Lavy, Beverley Robinson, Angela Auclair, Mark Girgis, Brian Newsam and Robert Vineberg.

Board president Bisma Ansari thanked the crowd of supporters and praised the record \$110,000 raised.

Since pictures are worth a thousand words, here are more photos than usual.



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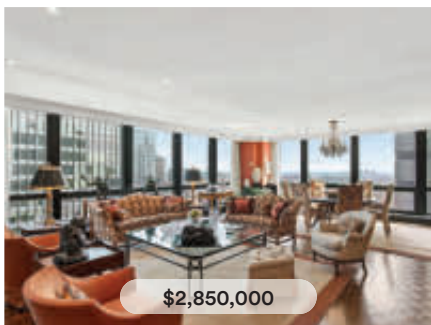
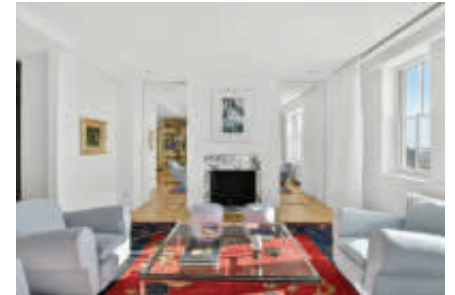


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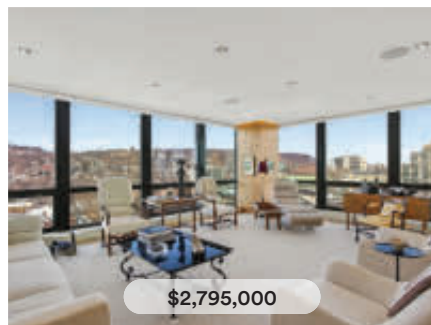
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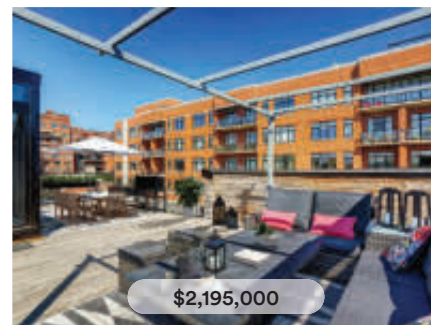
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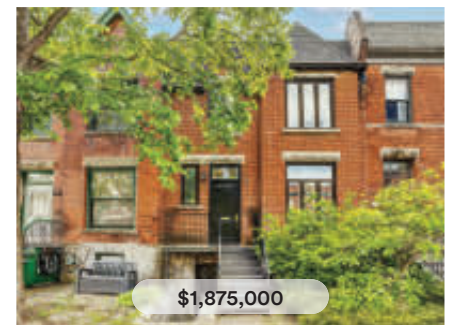
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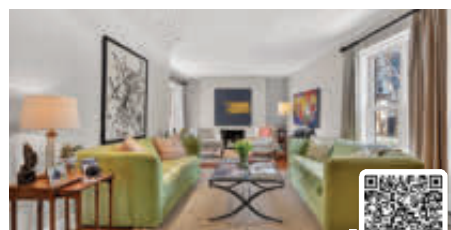
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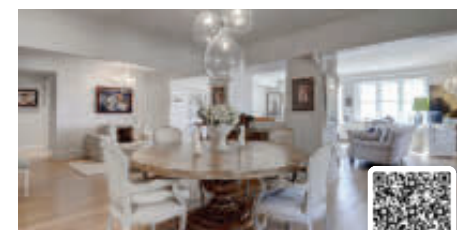
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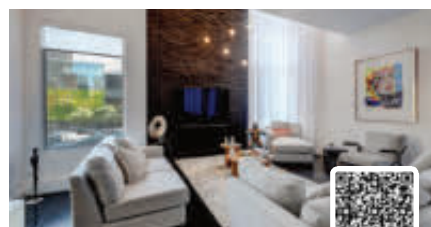
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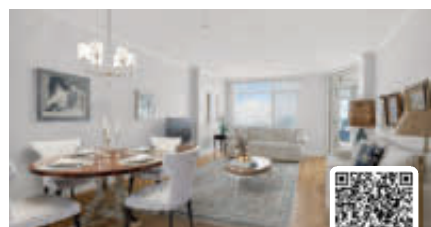
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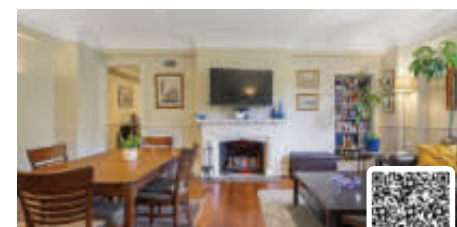
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