



## Semyrozum wins world silver for judo in Ecuador

◀ Westmounter Roman Semyrozum captured a silver medal at the 2026 Cadet Judo World Championships held in Ecuador from August 20 to 23. See p. 13 for story.

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## Westmount Rugby Club turns 150

► Members of the Westmount Ravens (red jerseys) and the Ottawa Ospreys (blue) play a match in Westmount Park on August 22 during an all-day tournament to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Westmount Rugby Club, which competes under the “Ravens” banner. See p. 13 for story and another photo.

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## City’s project-office chief Flies leaves Westmount again, for Laval

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city is losing Tom Flies, its senior director of the city’s project office and territory management, to Laval. This is Quebec’s third largest city.

Flies (pronounced “Fleeze”) has been the city’s first and only person to have been named a “senior” director.

The *Independent* was told of the pending

departure by the city’s substitute director general Dave Lapointe August 17. “Tom’s last day will be September 4. We will wait for the return of the DG [director general Julie Mandeville] before looking at recruitment.”

Mandeville has been away on leave of absence for several months but the date of her return has not been ..... announced.

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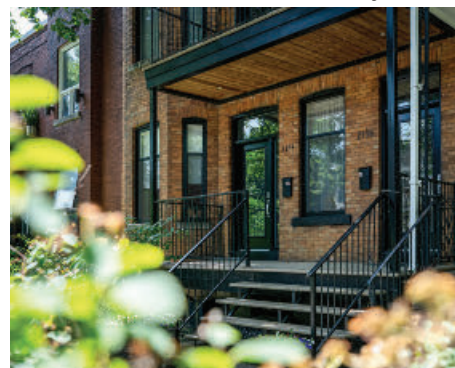
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## Grosvenor fire forces residents out overnight

# Be sure large appliances are properly connected: Public Security warns

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

An electrical fire at a house at 635 Grosvenor August 19 was confined to the kitchen but generated so much heavy smoke that it could be smelled on Côte St. Antoine, Public Security officials said.

Residents were checked by Urgences Santé for possible smoke inhalation and not allowed to return overnight.

The fire, for which Public Security was called at 9:30 pm to block the one-way street at Westmount Ave., was attributed to a kitchen oven that required 240 amp voltage being incorrectly connected to a 120 amp wall outlet.

"It's important for residents to check the voltage required for a large appliance before plugging it in," warned Public Security Sergeant Yook Wong.

The street was blocked until 11 pm.

## Back to school requires special attention from drivers

Back-to-school time this year requires local motorists to be especially careful on

three local streets where the recent reconfiguration of traffic may cause confusion on Metcalfe, Kensington and Argyle, Public Security officials said.

Motorists are warned to be especially careful of children crossing the streets differently.

"It is important for drivers and students alike to keep an eye out for changes that include newly painted crosswalks and signage," said Sergeant Yook Wong.

The new directions are now Metcalfe (from Sherbrooke to Côte St. Antoine) one-way north; Kensington from Côte St. Antoine to Sherbrooke) one-way south, and Argyle (Thornhill to Côte St. Antoine), one-way south.

## Correction: Devon Park court shown

Last week (p. 12), the (correct) upper caption was erroneously repeated under the lower photograph, which in fact showed the Devon Park tennis court and its fence on August 23. – DP.



Cars in front of city hall on August 28 at 8 am, one of the first days of the new traffic configuration for parts of Argyle, Kensington and Metcalfe. For more coverage, see p. 12.

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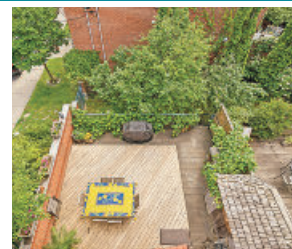
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# Signs at Greene rail bridge permanently on



There are two relatively new (see September 17, 2024, p. SL-16) video screens (one for each direction) at the CP rail bridge over Greene Ave., located below Dorchester. They initially flashed warning messages only at over-height trucks, but now they are always displaying their messages.

CP spokesman Terry Cunha was unaware of the situation when emailed by the *Independent* August 28, the day of these photos, but he did state that the signs are not CP's.

When asked if the signs belonged to the city of Westmount and about their operation,

its communications director Mugisha Rutishisha wrote back August 31 at press time, saying: "To our knowledge, the video display screens on the north and south approaches of the CP viaduct on Greene Ave. are owned and managed by EXO and CPKC Rail. They are responsible for the operation and access to the viaduct's over-height vehicle detection system. Under normal operating conditions, the screens should activate and display a warning message only when the sensor detects a vehicle exceeding the permitted height clearance. The city has notified EXO and

CPKC Rail of the current issue with the display screens."

An email was sent to EXO at press time to make further enquiries. The *Independent* will carry any response in a future edition.

The signs started to be like this by August 14 at the latest, according to nearby resident Charles Anderson.

The hanging metal sign to the south of the bridge, also meant to alert trucks, has now disappeared. It was often knocked down or askew.

There was another strike on August 30.

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*Flies, cont'd from p. 1*

Flies confirmed his departure, telling the *Independent* that “I am currently focused on wrapping up my responsibilities and ensuring a smooth transition.”

*Thanks Westmount*

News of Flies’ appointment was carried on the Laval website, where he was quoted as thanking his Westmount teams and colleagues. “I was lucky to have you by my side and to benefit from your competence and dynamics.”

He names Mandeville and Lapointe as well as the Westmount management team for their support.

Tom Flies on the job. Left photo: at an “Imagine Westmount 2040” public consultation on January 29, 2020. Below photo: at a public meeting on Westmount’s southeast on June 18, 2025. To the left is city director general Julie Mandeville.

He said he leaves on his “new adventure” with “immense gratitude” for their relationships and lessons.

Starting with Laval’s urban planning department September 21, Flies becomes its assistant director, for permits and environmental quality, according to its website. “His judgment, and leadership will be invaluable assets as we pursue our ambitions,” it states.

*Westmounters quoted*

Among many comments on Laval’s website, former Westmount councillor Mary Gallery was quoted as wishing Flies “every success in Laval,” stating “Your profession-

alism, dedication and commitment to the community will certainly be missed.”

Frédéric Neault, Westmount’s director of Urban Planning, said Laval was “privileged” to have Flies on its team.

It is not the first time that Flies has left Westmount.

From May 2015 to July 2020 (see April 14, 2015, p. 5), he was assistant director and director of Urban Planning here before he left to work for the Montreal borough of Outremont (see August 11, 2020, p. 10). He came back in November 2023 to hold his current position (see September 26, 2023, p. 9).



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Library’s makerspace event in park

# ‘Public living room’ attracts an estimated 98

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The first outdoor event for Westmount library’s The Studio makerspace brought out an estimated 98 participants to various activities August 22 in Westmount Park. Called a “public living room,” the site saw many of the participants design and create a large cardboard castle, one of five activity “stations” run by Studio staff, guided by Claire Pienaar, its facilitator. The Studio’s event was conceived by

Nhu Dang, a 17-year-old graduating student from Westmount High, and her friends. The event also included a booth from the city of Westmount’s Public Works involving “cyanotype and anothotype prints.” This is a process described as creating prints using sunlight. “My take-away,” said Pienaar, “is that Nhu’s original concept of a relaxed, no-cost pop-up space where people can freely socialize is something we could use more



A “living-room” pop-up event in Westmount Park August 22 was organized by the Westmount Public Library’s The Studio makerspace.



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of in everyday life. We are grateful that we had a chance to help Nhu make this event a reality.”

**Across from library**

The event took place on the flat green space immediately across from the library’s east-facing entrance (see August 11, p. 5). Originally developed as a school assign-

ment, Nhu’s proposal to the library caught the interest of the team at The Studio, according to Pienaar. “It aligns with so much of what we value and support at The Studio: accessibility, creativity, intergenerational programming and connection across community. The collaboration was a perfect fit.”

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## Councillor's column

PAUL LEVINE

Taking on two new commissionerships, public order and seniors, has given me the opportunity to engage with residents on issues that matter deeply to our community. While these portfolios are quite different, they share a common goal: ensuring Westmount residents feel safe, supported and connected.

### Public order

One of my first priorities as commissioner of public order has been strengthening communication between residents and law enforcement.

In May, we organized two public meetings, at Westmount Square and 1 Wood Ave., with [outgoing] Commander Lamarche of the SPVM [Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal] Station 12. Officers from the SPVM's Hate Crimes and Public Relations divisions also participated.

Both meetings were well attended and gave residents an opportunity to raise their concerns directly with police representatives. For many, it was their first opportunity for this type of dialogue since the demonstrations that began following the events of October 7, 2023.

The exchanges were respectful and constructive. Residents shared their experiences, while police representatives discussed the steps being taken to address public safety concerns.

These meetings built on ongoing efforts to strengthen cooperation between Westmount and the police service. Over the past year, Mayor Michael Stern, Councillor Kathleen Kez and I have met with Commander Lamarche, Montreal police chief Fady Dagher and representatives of the Hate Crimes Division to discuss issues affecting our community and ways to improve public safety.

## Public order, seniors portfolios target safety, support & connection

Following the firebomb attack at a local synagogue in June, Councillor Jonathan Chomski and I visited the congregation to offer our support. I commend Westmount Public Security and the SPVM for their rapid response. A suspect was subsequently identified and arrested. Mayor Stern and other members of council also expressed their solidarity with the community.

Following the incident, the city sought additional reassurance regarding security measures ahead of the high holidays and the return to school. There has also been a stronger police presence at demonstrations outside the Israeli consulate at Westmount Square, helping to reinforce public confidence and safety.

Given the success of the recent public sessions, a third meeting, at the 4300 [de Maisonneuve], is being planned for September. Our goal is straightforward: to give residents a forum where their concerns can be heard and addressed.

### Seniors

My second new responsibility, the seniors portfolio, is equally important. Westmount's older adults contribute enormously to our community, and ensuring they have access to programs, services and opportunities that enhance their quality of life is a priority.

Since being appointed seniors commissioner in July, I have met with directors from the Westmount Public Library and the Sports and Recreation department to review existing programs and identify opportunities to better respond to evolving needs.

I have also met with Andee Shuster, the councillor responsible for the senior well-being strategy in Côte St. Luc, to learn about successful initiatives supporting older adults.

My volunteer work with Contactivity has also given me first-hand insight into the important role community organiza-

tions play in helping seniors remain active and engaged.

I am particularly excited about Westmount's first Seniors Fair on September 30. The event will bring together organizations, resources and information to help seniors remain active, informed and connected. Residents will also have an opportunity to share their views and priorities through a consultation that will help guide future initiatives.

In the coming months, I plan to meet with organizations such as Contactivity, the Rotary Club and Centre Greene to explore how the city can continue supporting their valuable work.

Both public order and seniors are portfolios that depend on listening. Whether addressing concerns about safety or improving services for older adults, meaningful progress begins with community engagement.

I look forward to continuing this work with residents to ensure Westmount remains a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for all.

*Paul Levine is the city councillor for District 6 (Greene village below Sherbrooke, from Melville to Atwater).*

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So let this letter wake up council and administration [senior unelected city officials] to the modest, undemanding needs of our older residents.

Recently, I watched R & V negotiate their return from the Westmount recreation centre: one with a walker, the other a cane, attempting to descend a passage that is too high, occasionally slippery under rain or snow, and plainly unforgiving. It was only afterwards that I understood the full extent of the problem.

The journey there means negotiating the incline; the return, the decline. In both directions, the only passage across is interrupted by a fast-moving, rowdy bike path. For anyone using a mobility aid this is not a minor inconvenience. It is an enormous source of anxiety for anyone already managing the very real fear of falling. The possibility – indeed, probability – of an accident is not theoretical.

R & V do not want to become sacrificial lambs to poor design in Westmount.

This generation of women may have grown up pleasing everyone first, but my spunky and sprightly friends are opinionated about the obstacles they encounter. Their daily walk should fuel independence between residence and recreation. They should be free to choose their path without feeling timid or intimidated.

There is no middle ground when it comes to a sense of safety and security. But the joy of stepping out independently can easily be overtaken by the consequence of injury. A sudden or subtle situation can arise and blindside you. What looks like a minor design oversight to one person can feel like an insurmountable obstacle to another.

So, councillors and council: why not prioritize the elderly residents of the Manoir [Manoir Westmount at Sherbrooke and Lansdowne]? Many have been part of this

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community for decades, with children and grandchildren who also call Westmount home. The beneficiaries of Westmount Park should include them, too.

I propose that the city fast-track repaving and re-designing this passage for elderly pedestrians. A safe, level and predictable route is not an indulgence. It is a basic matter of dignity.

Please don't wait for an accident to prove what is already obvious. Step it up and fix the passage before R & V, or someone else, takes a fall they may not get up from.

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*An open letter to Mayor Michael Stern*

Over the past several months, Westmount residents have engaged with city hall in good faith – reviewing municipal documents, attending meetings, asking respectful questions and seeking clear answers about the future of our community.

After attending the August 4 city council meeting, it became painfully clear how those efforts are being received. Watching legitimate questions shut down, open debate muzzled and residents escorted [away] by Public Security felt less like an exercise in local representation and more like government by decree.

Local government is not a venue for unchecked authority, and elected councillors are independent public officials sworn to exercise due diligence rather than rubber-stamp executive proposals. Listening is not simply waiting for a resident to stop speaking so a motion can be passed.

It requires genuine curiosity, respect for process, and a willingness to engage with opposing points of view. When dissent is treated as an inconvenience and debate is cut short, democracy is reduced to a mere formality.

In times of local disagreement, what Westmount truly needs is diplomacy, transparency and a commitment to rigorous deliberation before decisions are finalized.

That is why I am profoundly grateful to Councillor Matt Aronson, alongside councillors Kathleen Kez and Shawn Moss. At

the August 4 meeting, they demonstrated exactly what principled civic leadership looks like. By standing up for proper procedure, asking difficult questions and demanding open debate, they reminded us that disagreement is not disloyalty – it is

**Choosing the future we build**

*Provincial representative's  
column*  
JENNIFER MACCARONE

As a mother and as an MNA, I often find myself thinking about the future. Not just the next school year, the next budget or the next headline. I think about the Quebec my children will inherit, and the kind of community we're building together.

Like many parents, I want my children to choose to stay in Quebec. I want them to have access to quality education and healthcare, meaningful work, an affordable home, and the opportunity to raise a family if they choose. I want them to know their talents and ambitions are valued here.

Every day in Westmount–St. Louis reminds me why I believe in Quebec's future. Our riding reflects so much of what makes Quebec special: diverse backgrounds, languages, faiths and perspectives. We're home to students and seniors, entrepreneurs, researchers, artists, healthcare professionals, newcomers and families that have been here for generations.

We don't all think alike, and that's one of our greatest strengths. Communities aren't built by people who agree on everything. They're built by people who listen, respect one another and work toward something bigger than themselves. Across our riding, I hear different stories but similar hopes. Parents want good schools. Seniors want to age with dignity. Young adults want to believe they can build a future here. Businesses want stability to invest and grow. Patients want access to quality healthcare.

*Human aspirations*  
These aren't partisan aspirations. They're human ones. But hope has to be matched by opportunity. If we want young people to choose Quebec, we have to make it possible for them to build their lives here. That means modernizing student financial assistance to reflect today's realities. It means paying internships so students are compensated for their work. It means making home ownership more accessible, including by expanding the QST rebate on

the very foundation of good governance. Leadership may try to stifle discussion, but as citizens, we will not relinquish our role. We will continue to uphold our participatory democracy, stand up for our rights, ask the necessary questions and maintain the restless curiosity that true self-governance demands.

IZAYA WENER, CHURCH HILL

new housing. And for young Quebecers who want to build something of their own, it means allowing them to use part of their RRSP to start or take over a business without the usual tax penalty.

Study here. Work here. Build something here. Put down roots here. That's the kind of Quebec I want for the next generation.

And that future must be built with all Quebecers. My parents voted in two referendum campaigns. I voted in one. Young adults who will vote in October know those debates only through history books. Whatever our individual views, I hope their generation writes a different chapter, defined not by uncertainty or division, but by what we choose to build together. I want them to believe they don't have to leave Quebec to pursue their dreams. That they can study here, find meaningful work, build something of their own, afford a home and put down roots.

Choosing Quebec shouldn't mean limiting their ambitions. It should mean having a place where those ambitions can grow. I believe our greatest strength has always been our ability to build rather than divide, to choose dialogue over polarization and recognize our diversity not as a weakness to overcome, but as a strength.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting thousands of residents across our community. Those conversations have reinforced a simple truth: public service begins with listening. I don't represent only those who agree with me. I represent an entire community, and every voice deserves to be heard with respect. We may not always reach the same conclusions, but we share a responsibility to leave our children a Quebec stronger than the one we inherited. The future won't be shaped by one election or one government. It will be shaped by the choices we make as neighbours, parents, citizens and as a society.

In the weeks ahead, each of us will have the opportunity to help shape that future. Whatever your perspective, I hope you'll engage, ask questions, listen to one another and, above all, vote. Our democracy is strongest when every voice is heard.

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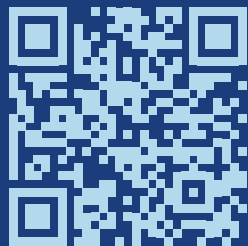
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# New traffic configuration around city hall makes its début



A small traffic jam was in progress at Argyle and Côte St. Antoine August 28 at 8 am (top photo), as most drivers at the intersection – including at least some Selwyn House School parents – tried to make their west on the Côte Rd. The situation was substantially the same the morning of August 31.

Due to a new traffic plan, they can no longer go north/uphill on Argyle from that point. It was one of the first days of the new

set-up.

“This one-time visit is not a comparison – much less a scientific one – with what went on before,” cautioned *Independent* editor David Price, “and the situation could get better or worse as a new rhythm develops.”

Kensington, now south only to Sherbrooke, and Metcalfe, now north only from Sherbrooke, were quiet (bottom two photos). Please note that the cars in those two photos are parked.

PHOTOS: D. PRICE.



# Westmount Rugby Club celebrates its 150th anniversary

By MARTIN C. BARRY

Although it's a sport that probably doesn't get as much attention as others in Canada, rugby is very much alive in Westmount, as demonstrated by the fact the Westmount Rugby Club is marking its 150th anniversary this year.

"I think this would be a far more popular sport if more people knew about it," Tom Edmeades, a former club captain and club president, said in an interview with the *Independent*.

"I am firmly of the (clearly biased, but there you are) opinion that our club is a part of Westmount life that far too few people know about," he added.

Edmeades noted that the club, which is two years younger than the McGill and Harvard rugby clubs, is recognized as the oldest independent (rather than college-affiliated) rugby club in North America. It competes as the Ravens.

The club's members celebrated their milestone anniversary on August 22 with a tournament in Westmount Park.

As such, they invited teams from around the province, and a couple from Ontario as well, to take part with the objective of not only celebrating the club's rich history, but also that of club rugby in Quebec.

Also on August 22, the club's members celebrated with a 150th anniversary banquet dinner at another Westmount institution – Selwyn House School. Old boys and girls from the WRC's last 60 years, along with special guests from Rugby Quebec, Rugby Canada and the Montreal rugby community attended.

## Current roster

Westmount Rugby is currently home to two senior men's rugby teams, one senior women's team and a mini-rugby program run by Westmount Rugby in partnership with the city of Westmount.

The men's teams play in the Quebec

Rugby Federation's Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves, and the women play in Division 3. Westmount Rugby trains and plays home games at Murray Hill Park.

According to information posted on the Westmount Rugby Club's website, the club was first established sometime between 1876 and 1878. At one time, the club was associated with the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.

In the 1930s, the club split from the MAAA, and changed its name to the Montreal Scottish RFC. By the 1970s, the team had moved to Westmount and had changed its name to the Westmount Rugby Club, officially incorporating in 1976.

What were the tournament results? According to Edmeades, "There weren't really any."

The tournament was short of players, and so, "in an entirely fitting spirit of rugby, many participants switched teams and played multiple back-to-back games partly to make the tournament work and also



Westmount Ravens of the Westmount Rugby Club (at right) and the Ottawa Ospreys (left) play a match in Westmount Park on August 22 during an all-day tournament to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Westmount Rugby Club.

partly just because it was a great deal of fun. Season rivals became teammates and it was an excellent celebration of the sport." See p. 1 for another photo.

## Semyrozum brings home silver for judo

Westmounter Roman Semyrozum captured a silver medal in judo and became a vice-champion of the world at the Guayaquil World Championships Cadets Individuals held in Ecuador from August 20 to 23.

The 16-year-old, 12-year judo veteran competed in the event with 456 other 15- to 17-year-olds. The male side of the tournament had eight weight classes, bracketed by ones for under 50 kilograms and over 90. His own division, of 29 athletes, was for those below 60 kilograms.

"The impressive result highlights years of hard work, discipline, sacrifices and perseverance, and the dedication of the athlete, his coaches, family and club," said his father Volodymyr Semyrozum, who is also the head coach and technical director at Sports Centre Ippon on Côte St. Catherine, where Roman trains.



IMAGE COURTESY OF VOLODYMYR SEMYROZUM.

"The achievement of Roman ... is an inspiration to the next generation of judokas [judo practitioners] and a strong reflection of the depth of talent within Montreal's sports community.

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Roman's next big tournament is the Saber Tashkent Grand Prix Cadets that will take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in November 2026.

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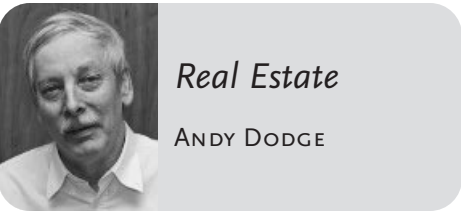
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*Note: The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in April 2026, gleaned from city sources. A list of sales can be found on p. 15.*

Westmount’s real estate market continued to resemble a roller coaster in April this year. After zooming up from an average \$2,387,500 in January to \$3,179,800 in February, the market shot down to an average \$1,817,100 in March and then way up to \$4,202,563 in April.

The eight sales in April included three over \$5 million and only two under \$2 million, the lowest price of \$1,650,000 paid out for 23 Winchester Ave., while the top price of \$9,000,000 purchased 617 Clarke Ave., in the upper curve of the street, above The Boulevard.

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Nearby at 3200 Trafalgar Ave., the large

# April transfers: The roller coaster continues

house sold for \$5,250,000, almost 30 per cent less than its city valuation, while one of the newer houses on The Boulevard close to The Study, at 3221, sold for just under \$3,500,000, some 26 percent higher than its municipal tax assessment, representing the biggest mark-down and highest mark-up of the month, respectively.

Only three condominiums sold in April, the first of three months making up the second quarter of 2026, and including three distinct price brackets. Highest price, more than \$3 million, went for an apartment at 1350 Greene Ave., only the second apartment to sell in that building in the last decade, according to our records.

A two-storey townhouse-type condominium at 392 Lansdowne Ave., near the corner of Sherbrooke St., sold for \$1,345,000, the first sale we have seen in that complex to go for more than \$1 million.

Lowest price in April went for a small third-floor apartment at 1 Wood Ave. which went for \$830,000.

In the first quarter of 2026, 11 condos sold for an average \$1,161,091, just about



617 Clarke Ave.

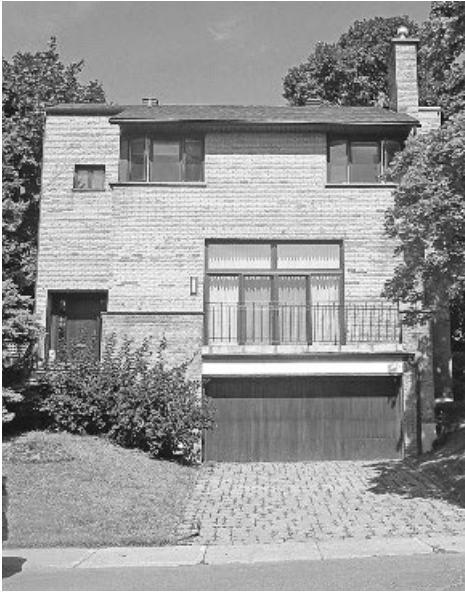
the same average as the 15 that had changed hands in the fourth quarter of 2025.

The only other sale in April involved a 60-percent share of the duplex at 1-3 Park-

man Place, corner Claremont Ave., which went for \$1,425,000, including the occupancy of No. 1 Parkman Place and a parking spot. It represents the highest price paid for a share of a duplex in Westmount since the other 40 percent – and occupancy of 3 Parkman Place – sold for \$1,445,000 in September 2021.



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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 6591 Argyle            | Terry Joseph Kocisko & Elizabeth May Prosen | \$7,700,000 | \$6,948,200              | 10.8%     |
| 617 Clarke             | Vincent Duhamel & Anne Charron              | \$9,000,000 | \$7,493,900              | 20.1%     |
| 3221 The Boulevard     | Federico Berloni                            | \$3,495,500 | \$2,772,500              | 26.1%     |
| 7 Thornhill            | Julian Teixeira & Daria Iannetta            | \$2,400,000 | \$2,171,200              | 10.5%     |
| 3200 Trafalgar         | Hamnett Pinhey Hill                         | \$5,250,000 | \$7,443,700 <sup>1</sup> | -29.5%    |
| 734 Upper Belmont      | Yanli Zhou                                  | \$1,925,000 | \$1,926,100              | -0.1%     |
| 786 Upper Lansdowne    | Bhavna Khanna & Vincenzo d'Angelo           | \$2,200,000 | \$2,063,200              | 6.6%      |
| 23 Winchester          | Brian Kreisman                              | \$1,650,000 | \$1,783,200              | -7.5%     |
| CONDOMINIUMS           |                                             |             |                          |           |
| 1250 Greene #303       | Estate Erna Schaefer (Sari Ellen)           | \$3,184,000 | \$2,608,700              | 22.1%     |
| 392 Lansdowne          | Gem Jibodh                                  | \$1,345,000 | \$1,073,700              | 25.3%     |
| 1 Wood #302            | Lorne Shusterman & Karen Lynn Shusterman    | \$830,000   | \$1,120,000              | -25.9%    |
| SHARE SALES            |                                             |             |                          |           |
| 1-3 Parkman Place, 60% | Martine Guérin & Saleh Romeih               | \$1,425,000 | \$1,171,680 <sup>2</sup> | 21.6%     |

<sup>1</sup>Valuation includes \$58,400 for 19.93 square metres of land in Montreal

<sup>2</sup>Valuation is 60 percent of \$1,952,800. Occupancy of 1 Parkman Place.



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A beautiful Portuguese water dog with black-and-white markings and ticking, adorable Fanny is presently in a foster home for the Montreal SPCA.

She is a wonderful sporting girlie who enjoys cuddling and playing between walks and outdoor adventures.

She was adopted as a very young puppy and unfortunately lost her primary master at five years old. The family moved from a house to a flat and Fanny followed. With time, they felt that a house would be better for her and have high hopes that she will be adopted in a residential neighbourhood with backyards and parks to play in.

Fanny is a very healthy eight-year-old, up to date with her inoculations, and is spayed and microchipped. She is active, she understands commands and is treat motivated. She grew up in the company of a cat and would be companionable with a dog-friendly feline.

Fanny is presently in a foster family, enjoying a backyard and green spaces for walks, and hoping for continuity in her adoptive family to come.

If you would like more information on Fanny, please search for the Montreal SPCA website at [www.sPCA.com](http://www.sPCA.com), then scroll to



# Fanny

her information page from her identification number, 2000426012. Please click on the “Fill out the form” black rectangle in order to fill out the areas set out for your contact information and your presentation of interest.

An adoption coordinator will contact you to follow up, and you can then discuss adoption and move forward with arrangements for a visit and family time.

Fanny is an affectionate and intelligent companion who will likely find her place happily in your family and home environment, aligning to your daily routine.

Your neighbour,  
Lysanne

# Young mommy Odalie and tiny kitten Oleander



*9 Lives*

LYSANNE FOWLER

On the left, let us present Odalie, this stunning dilute tortoiseshell with striking green eyes. She is a young (two-year-old) mommy.

On the right, here is Oleander: a delightful tuxedo with a perfect black mask and cap, white shirt and booties. He is Odalie's tiny 10-week-old kitten. Odalie was found abandoned in an apartment, and she has

been an amazing mother to two litters totalling eight kittens. Oleander is her last little one, so endearing and playful.

Initially, they were all taken in by Joan and Penny, who have found homes for all but Mommy and this little one.

Both are very healthy, have been vaccinated and have had their parasite treatments. Odalie will be spayed before she is adopted.

For more information, additional photographs and videos of play and purrs, please contact Penny to discuss adoption at her email [pennysk8@gmail.com](mailto:pennysk8@gmail.com) or at 514.865.7369 by text.

Your neighbour,  
Lysanne



## Police Report

# Back-to-school could mean more locker-room thefts

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

With a return to classes by primary as well as high-school and college students,

police at Station 12 are warning that an increase in reported locker-room thefts is possible over the coming weeks.

That was the word late last week from Cst. Mike Yigit, community relations officer at the Stanton St. police detachment.

He said a rise in this type of activity isn't only seen at learning institutions at the start of each new school year, but also at local exercise gyms.

“With school starting up, we see this with the lockers again, but also at the gyms,” he said.

According to Yigit, perpetrators in the most recent cases, on August 20 and 25, appeared to be after credit cards.

In one of the incidents, at Dawson College, a student who'd left a wallet inside a locker while attending an activity in a gym subsequently filed a complaint with the police that two credit cards were stolen from

the locker after it had been broken into.

According to the police report, the suspect took the credit cards to several retailers in downtown Montreal where they were used to purchase more than \$300 in merchandise.

In the other incident, at a Westmount fitness gym, a client, whose credit cards had been stolen from a locker without her realizing it, found out after receiving a text message from the credit card issuer, saying there had been an uptick in questionable transactions on the account.

According to the police report, the lock had been picked or otherwise compromised without having to damage it.

## Mustang stolen

In the only other criminal incident reported last week by Station 12 police, a late model Ford Mustang that was left in a

parking spot on a street near Westmount Square around 1 pm on the afternoon of August 21 was no longer there when the owner returned a short time later.

While there were no signs of forced entry, Cst. Yigit cautioned that it may have been a case involving an owner who simply misplaced their vehicle.

“He was not familiar with the area,” he said. “So, we're not exactly sure whether he might have parked it somewhere else and forgot.”

According to the police, a certain number of stolen vehicle reports end up being resolved when the owner finds the misplaced vehicle.

## We welcome your letters

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# Centaur gala previews upcoming season: Louis Riel, Godot & co.



Social Notes

VERONICA REDGRAVE

“Stories in the Spotlight” at the Centaur Theatre celebrated the English-language performing arts.

The gala’s success was made possible by the hard-working committee: Centaur board chair **Susan Da Sie**; **Patricia Baker**, chief executive director Waterford Consulting PB Inc; **Haleema Mini**, Centaur director development; **Christine Maydossian**, **Adela Nitu**, vp/president finance and administration Altex Inc.; **Norma Tombari**, Norma Tombari Consulting, and **Roberto Menegati**, Menegati Design.

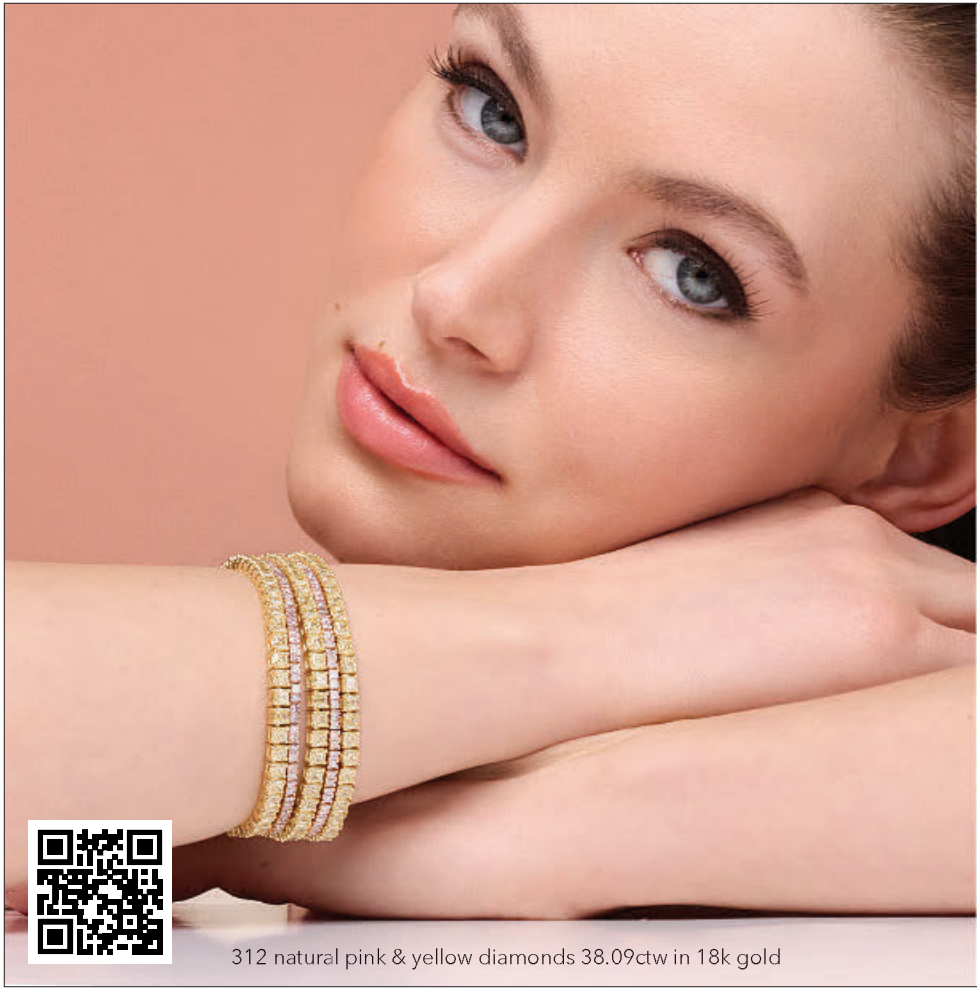
They were supported by the evening’s patrons Exeaire Aviation, Fiera Capital and the Kent Group (RBC Wealth Management). Honorary chair was media celeb **Terry DiMonte**.

The night’s headline performance featured legendary Montreal jazz artist **Ranee Lee** – The Queen of Jazz – who captivated guests with songs special- ly curated around the

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Rebecca Gibian, Eda Holmes, Ranee Lee, Michael Baratta, Susan Da Sie and Terry Di Monte.





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**Social notes, cont'd from p. 17**  
Centaur's upcoming 58th theatre season. Her performance was a moving ode to the connection between music and story-telling.

The evening continued with performances highlighting talent that will grace Centaur's stages next season.

Actor and singer **Étienne Thibeault**, who will appear as Louis Riel in *Women of the Fur Trade*, performed a song by Mi'kmaq artist **Willy Dunn**. Actors **Wood Barthelmy** and **Frédéric Charbonneau** delighted audiences with a scene from *Waiting for Godot*, introduced by the Centaur's artistic director **Eda Holmes** and associate artist **Rebecca Gibian**, who will co-direct the production.

Actor/musician **Raoul Bhaneja** added his distinctive musical talents – including a surprise harmonica performance during the *Godot* scene – while comedian **Joey Elias** brought the house down with a hilarious stand-up performance.

Centaur's intimate black-box theatre was transformed into a mischievous "speakeasy" where Cabaret Cowboys provided a swinging late-night soundtrack. The immersive atmosphere of the evening was created by designer Roberto Menegati, who drew inspiration from the glamour of jazz-age clubs in tribute to Rane Lee's legendary career. Menegati was also super chef for the evening, creating a gourmet culinary experience.

Long-time Centaur supporter and donor **Marisa Testa** added a sweet finale with Italian desserts.

Among the guests were **Andréanne**

**Moreau**, city councillor Champlain-l'île des Soeurs; **Belle Grivakis**, president Hellenic Ladies Benevolent Society and **Ernie Grivakis**, founder/CEO VVS Films; Centaur board member **Michael Baratta**, chair emeritus, deputy business unit leader, Quebec audit partner, KPMG LLP; **Christopher Winn**, **Junith** and **Robert Mee**, **Tat-suko** and **Michael Cooper**, **Beth** and **Hugh McAdam**, **Beth** and **Hartland Paterson**, Exeaire Aviation's vp client experience **George Nader** and vp finance **Ivano Mosca**; **Brian Bronfman**, president Brian Bronf-

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The *soirée* raised more than \$100,000 in support of Centaur's programming.

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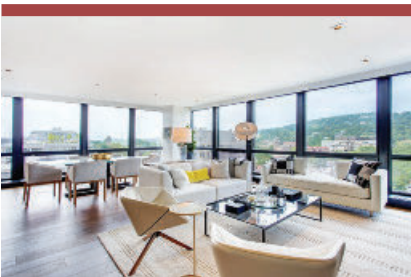
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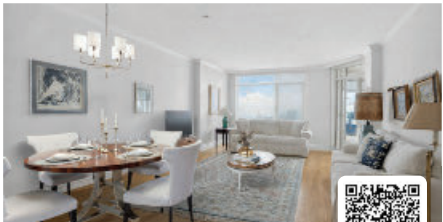
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