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No by-law exists to fine owners

Officers warn 4 owners not to leave dogs in hot cars

By Laureen Sweeney

Public Security personnel warned four dog owners July 14 against leaving their pets in cars during extreme temperatures. Officers remained on the scene until the drivers returned to ensure the dogs' safety and to issue "stern warnings."

"It was one of those sweltering days," said Public Security director David Sedgwick, referring to reports listing a temper-



Underdog by C. Lee *p.*Social Notes by V. Redgrave *p.*Letters *p.*Real estate by A. Dodge *p.* ature reading of 33° Celsius with a humidex of 40.

Even with car windows partially open, "on a day of extreme heat" it's not advisable to leave a dog in a car, he said in describing the four documented incidents.

In each case, passersby alerted Public Security to the possible risk, starting at 11:53 am when a parking inspector was told about a springer spaniel in a car at the municipal lot on Victoria. The four windows were rolled half-way down but the inspector remained with the car and the dog was given water until the driver returned at 12:10 pm to "a stern warning."

Car fire lights up de Mais.



The engine of an Audi is seen here on fire July 12. See p. 4.

Photo: Lloyd Gross

Duffield leaves Westmount. See p. 4.

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Fire strikes house, cars

By Laureen Sweeney

Firefighters responded to two car fires and a small house fire from July 10 to July 20, Public Security officials said.

The first involved a Porsche in a driveway on Belvedere Rd. at Summit Rd. shortly before 10:23 pm that generated loud popping noises. Patrollers, who blocked the road for firefighters, reported that in the absence of any apparent cause for the fire the incident was to be investigated by police and fire officials. On July 12, two days later, the bike patrol came across an Audi stopped at the northwest corner of de Maisonneuve and Victoria while white steam issued from the hood. Firefighters were called and in this case the radiator was reported to have caught fire, melting the front end of the car. The street was blocked to cars and bikes until the fire department left. See photo above and p. 4.

No one was reported injured in what was described as a small house fire at 16 Thornhill *continued on p. 4*



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Purse thief spotted, caught on return visit to Vic Hall

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A security camera at Victoria Hall, observant Sports and Recreation officials and quick work by Public Security and police resulted in the capture of a suspect July 27 in the theft of a purse from the building two months earlier.

"He was actually wearing the same clothes," said Public Security director David Sedgwick in reporting the incident.

Suspect on camera in May

It was back on May 29 when the suspect had been shown on camera removing the victim's purse from the back of a stroller while her grandchild attended a class on the second storey of Victoria Hall. By the time she reported it and staff viewed the video, the thief was long gone.

"I kept his photo on my computer," said Dave Lapointe, assistant director of Sports and Recreation, whose office had been relocated to Victoria Hall during construction of the Westmount recreation centre.

Just after noon on July 27, when sports coordinator Andrew Maislin was outside with the summer camp, he suddenly spotted someone he recognized as the suspect, called Lapointe on his cell phone for confirmation of the description and reported the man was entering Victoria Hall.

Lapointe checked out the photo on his computer. The suspect appeared to be wearing the same three-quarter shorts, two-tone shirt and cap twisted to one side, Lapointe said. "The first time, he brought a bike in and left it just inside the front door. This time he left a basketball in the same place."

Followed on foot

They called police and Public Security, while Lapointe printed off the photo and

Maislin tracked the suspect on foot as he left the building and proceeded through the back lane and south on the park path behind the houses on Lansdowne and then west on de Maisonneuve.

"He kept playing with the basketball, which made it easier," said Maislin.

Exited building on Victoria

Maislin was joined by assistant Public Security director Greg McBain, Sgt. Kim Colquhoun and other public safety officers, as well as Lapointe. "We kept an eye on him while waiting for police," Maislin said. Losing sight of the suspect temporarily as he turned south on Victoria, they spotted him again as he exited the building at number 245.

As the suspect approached 325 Victoria, just north of de Maisonneuve, police arrived and intercepted him. A 35-year-old Montreal man was identified and released on the spot on a promise to appear in court in connection with the theft.

"Our security cameras have been a great addition," Sedgwick said.

When program and community services coordinator Claude Danis phoned the victim to give her the news, "she was ecstatic," even though the money was likely gone, Lapointe said. The woman had reported the purse contained \$400, which she had just withdrawn from the bank.

"Never leave valuables unattended, no matter where you are," Lapointe noted.

And he knows from firsthand experience, having had his own wallet stolen from the pocket of a jacket he had hung in Victoria Hall during a party several years ago. They had been able to watch the thief in action after the fact in that case, too. "I kept a picture of him on my computer for a long time," Lapointe said. But unlike the latest incident, the thief was never caught.

Demo approved for redesign of house at 42 Belvedere Rd.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city's Demolition committee has approved – with conditions – plans to replace more than 50 percent of the exterior walls and roof of the two-storey house at 42 Belvedere Rd., along with additions, according to a decision dated July 10.

The work, as outlined the day before at a demolition hearing, includes adding a third storey within a sloping roof and two extensions set back from the street and somewhat nestled into the steep rock cliff rising to the northeast of the property.

Among the general conditions of work schedules, site management plans and measures to reduce the construction impact on neighbours, the committee asked for a parking plan for workers and a monetary guarantee of \$130,000. While two letters of objection were received prior to the hearing, no opposition was voiced at the public session concerning the actual demolition or the specifics of the work.

One letter was against the construction of mega houses, which does not apply in this situation, said Councillor Patrick Martin, who chairs the Demolition committee. The other came from a nearby resident who stated he would present his objections in person but never showed up.

In explaining the committee's decision, Martin said: "It's a huge property of 19,000 square feet, and the proposed house is well within the guidelines." The rock face is to be preserved and the cliff will "remain somewhat visible," he said.

The garden was also to be retained.

To work quickly

"We would expect the work to take place quickly so the new roof could get on before winter. That's good news."

At the hearing, the only questions asked came from Martin and concerned drainage of the roof, as well as radon, given the house is built on the rock plateau of an old quarry. Paul Grenier, the architect, said the sloping roof would drain onto the garden and that radon was not an issue. As well, there would be no blasting, he said.

The meeting was attended by Grenier, owner Marc Alain Tremblay, two former owners and a neighbour.

The demolition and replacement program had been recommended by the city's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). Designed in 1936 by Westmount architect Norton Fellowes, the house was not considered to be an outstanding example of the "modern era." As well, the new design integrated well with the streetscape (see July 3, p. 2).

Mum advised to bring 2 children inside

A caller to Public Security July 23 reported that two children appeared to have been left in a car for two hours on Upper Lansdowne Ave., officials said. When patrollers responded they found a 14-year-old and a two-year old in the car outside a house where their mother was reportedly working. The officers advised the woman to take the two inside.



Ever wondered what a burnt car engine looks like?



A photograph taken after the flames were extinguished by firefighters shows the state of the car's entrails. The owner and driver of the car reported to an onlooker that as she was driving, smoke began to pour out of the hood so she pulled onto de Maisonneuve from Victoria. After she exited the car, a fire started around the engine area. A few minutes later, the tire blew up and caused a small explosion through the hood. For another photo and story, see p. 1. Photo: Lloyd Gross

Fire reports

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on July 20. Dense smoke from the roof of the home at the corner of Clarke was noticed by public safety officer Louis Léger while patrolling shortly before 6 pm just as firefighters were arriving.

Officers blocked streets in the general area. The cause of the fire was not reported.

The fire was contained at 6:25 pm but the street remained closed at 7:30 pm.

Smoky barbecue brings out firefighters

Just at the start of barbecue season, firefighters answering a call for smoke at 200 Lansdowne at 8 pm on June 16 traced it to the rear of property at 4800 de Maisonneuve - the Westmount Estates apartment building.

Someone was reported to have been using a very smoky "home-made barbecue," according to Public Security officials. The building's superintendent was reported to have already doused it and

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has 'blowout' ending cleaned up. By LAUREEN SWEENEY It was quite the show-stopper for the

Shakespeare in the Park performance July 18, complete with popping sound effects, a burning tree and a blackout. Public Safety Officer Paul Denis, who

was monitoring the bike path through Westmount Park during the event, "thought the popping was part of the show until a spectator told him a tree was on fire," said Public Security director David Sedgwick.

It turned out that a heavy electrical load on the wiring behind the stage caused the electrical blowout, he said. People were told to stand back, and with the arrival of

Hydro Westmount and then Montreal firefighters, The Taming of the Shrew came to an abrupt and dramatic conclusion.

The incident occurred about 8:49 pm after the start of the performance at about 7 pm.

The tree was not seriously damaged and the electrical matter was left in the hands of Hydro crews.

Because the performances of Repercussion Theatre typically attract many people, Public Security diverts traffic off the bike path portion through the park "as a safety precaution," Sedgwick explained. Cyclists are asked to walk through or take another route. The path passes close by the Shakespeare site.

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to head the department in Baie d'Urfé, where he also lives. An engineer, Duffield grew up in Westmount son of former city councillor Peter Duffield. He began working for the city as a summer student

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Andrew Duffield. Westmount's assis-

tant director of Public Works, will leave the

city of Westmount August 10 after 14 years

Duffield leaves Public Works

to head Baie d'Urfé department

engineer,

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Shakespeare in the Park

joined Andrew Duffield June 7, Works in 1998 2010 on his appointment to the newly created position and was of assistant director for pointed to the Public Works. newly created position of assistant director June 7, 2010 (see June 15, 2010, p. 7).

A farewell lunch was held August 2.

Duffield's departure "will be a great loss to the department because he has basically been handling all our water and sewer projects since 2006," said Public Works director Marianne Zalzal. That was the year Westmount acquired responsibility for its water network following the demerger from Montreal.

Until a replacement is found, other personnel will pick up Duffield's responsibilities, she said.

One is Cristian Sipos, a professional engineer hired by the city in May as a water works engineer. "He's very well qualified and had been working with water works in Montreal." Zalzal said.

Duffield has been overseeing the final testing of the new water main on Sherbrooke from Greene to Clarke so it can be put in service this week.

City to seek input into urban plan for Victoria village

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A public consultation meeting to obtain input from residents and merchants in updating the urban plan for the Victoria village and the southwest sector is expected to be held in October, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said last week.

"We'll be looking for suggestions for enhancing the community environment while continuing to provide easily accessible services," she explained.

Planning to announce the meeting at the August 6 city council session, Lulham noted that a first step in retaining the retail vitality of the area was already under way with the current rezoning process to limit street level occupancies to commercial use in five commercial zones along Sherbrooke and Victoria Ave.

This was outlined at an information meeting June 20 (see July 3, p. 1) as well as at a zoning consultation July 16 as part of a complex legal procedure leading to a possible referendum.

Anyone requesting registers be opened in any of the five zones has until August

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15 to do so through the City Clerk's Office. Otherwise, the zoning changes would be adopted at the city council meeting September 10.

Lulham said the city's proposed vision for the southwest area will be to create a "complete community" for the people who live and work there as opposed to the positioning of Greene Ave., for example, as a "shopping destination."

"At the meeting, we'll talk about everything: terrasses, creation of a public square at Prince Albert and Sherbrooke, ways to improve shopping, short-term parking and potential uses for the train station – even external concerns such as the superhospital."

Regarding the hospital, she noted, preemptive steps were taken several years ago to prohibit the proliferation of doctors' offices – and the traffic they generate – by prohibiting them in private homes and at street level in commercial buildings.

The city has already commissioned and received a consultants' report on recommendations for the southwest sector while merchants have asked for a public meeting.



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Smaller than before, but with more seating Public square taking shape on Greene Ave.

By Laureen Sweeney

As the new condo building at 1250 Greene takes shape at the corner of de Maisonneuve, plans to create a village square or plaza are now under way to provide about 15 tables along with additional seating, the *Independent* learned last week.

While some passersby have said that

the area appears smaller than expected, Councillor Cynthia Lulham said it will, however, provide approximately the same number of tables as the previous terrasse of Les 5 Saisons and "much more seating."

"What people may not remember," she said, "is that it used to be a big open space but only part of it was used for tables. border at the sidewalk."

Lulham, who is commissioner of Urban Planning and Parks, said she had met on the preliminary plan August 1 with Urban Planning director Joanne Poirier and Public Works officials. "Moving forward with aesthetics and engineering, we want to have everyone on the same page working to- *continued on p. 10*



There was a parking lot to Aerial view showing the terrasse for 1250 Greene along de Maisonneuve the west and a planted as presented in June 2010 by architect Brian Burrows. Image: Le Groupe Architex



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLASS FULL FULL, NOT EVEN HALF FULL IN WESTMOUNT

On Saturday, while returning home, I made a left turn onto Westmount Ave. from the Boulevard, and white smoke began to pour from the engine of my Volvo. I stopped immediately. A kind runner passing by had me open the hood, and determined that the problem was the Prestone.

The car was not quite at the curb. After calling CAA, my friend and I took shelter in the shade across the street. Two residents of Sunnyside, Joyce and Alan Schwartz, out for a stroll, stopped, spoke to us and after Alan moved the car closer to the curb, then stayed with us until the tow truck arrived, almost an hour later. In addition, they called their friends who brought us bottles of chilled water, and these friends took us home, helping my friend across the street, and me with my walker in and out of their car. (I do not have the friends' names.)

Westmounters are cold and unfriendly?!

We see the Westmount glass very full not half empty, when individuals who are complete strangers, take the time and offer the kindness, such as Joyce and Alan did.

Thank you so much all four of you.

NANCY SHIP, METCALFE AVE., and Naomi Kahane, Sherbrooke St.

MONTREAL'S PROPOSED EUTHANASIA BY-LAW IS SCARY

On Thursday, July 26, a dog named Wicca was put to sleep by court order. Two days later, an article was written in Eastern US-based North Country Gazette (www. northcountrygazette.org/2012/07/28/dog _euthanasia/) stating: "If you live in Montreal and own a dog, you may want to consider moving."

Unless the people of Montreal take immediate action, a new by-law being proposed by city government would be even more Draconian than the current one, which resulted in the death of the much beloved Wicca.

The Montreal SPCA says a new by-law planned to be enacted by the city would "provide for automatic and mandatory euthanasia in cases where a dog causes a skin laceration regardless of the context or the severity of the injury."

This means that even if the dog's claw scratches someone, it would be put to death 24 hours later. A 24-hour period is given to get an assessment by an animal behaviourist. However, these people are difficult to book, and it could take weeks.

Westmount is a city of dog lovers, and I presume this would also affect us.

Please contact Mayor Gérald Tremblay by opening the city of Montreal website at http://ville.montreal.qc.ca, then click on "Democratic participation," then "Mayor's office," then "contact the mayor."

Tell him what a travesty this would be. We live in a land of freedom, but it seems government is taking more and more of it away. What next? What will they take away from our children?

Belinda Bowes, ACADEMY RD.

Editor's note: According to Public Security director David Sedgwick, such a Montreal bylaw would not apply within Westmount.

CITY VEHICLES IMMUNE FROM TICKETING?

When walking around Westmount, one often encounters trucks with one set of wheels up on the sidewalk (see photo).

For the individual pedestrian this is merely annoying; for someone pushing a



Westmount Hydro vehicle parks part-way on curb. Photo: Marcel Behr

Correction

The name of the new vice principal of Roslyn was published incorrectly in the issue of July 3. It should have read Rosanne Caplan.

twin stroller, this practice renders the sidewalk impassable, forcing me take the stroller onto the road.

I wonder, why do trucks park on the sidewalk? And why do city trucks never seem to have parking tickets?

Marcel Behr, Cedar Ave.

BYE BYE AMC, **BYE BYE BETTER MOVIES**

Every Westmounter at one point or another has probably seen a movie at the AMC Forum. Not only is it conveniently located, but also it features a broad range of movies - not only blockbusters, but also a lot of foreign movies. That's where I saw A Separation, the Iranian masterpiece that won an Oscar last year. Actually, it is frequently the only place in Montreal where one can see some of the movies that it features.

> Well, not anymore. Cineplex Odeon replaced AMC and started operating the theatre on Friday, July 13 – maybe that's a bad omen. The popcorn is better at Odeon, but usually the choice of movies is similar to what a moviegoer in Omaha might get.

> Let's hope that the new administration will continue featuring those unique movies. Otherwise, seeing them in Montreal will be limited to an ever diminishing number of places.

GUY SAUVÉ, ST. CATHERINE ST.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

I have lived and worked in Westmount, off and on, for over 40 years. Almost daily, I have driven or walked past the Laurentian Bank on the southeast corner of Victoria and Sherbrooke. Not once, to the best of my continued on p. 7

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recollection, has the large clock on the exterior of that building told the correct time. What's more, I think it has changed its incorrect time now and then.

In view of the fact that this bank is increasingly growing in value and importance, and in view of the fact that this is a valuable piece of real estate in a prominent spot, why don't they fix their clock?

Just asking.

Sheila Whitzman, de Maisonneuve Blvd.

See paper copy for this letter

ogy for, nor denial of, the atrocious behaviour that is the subject of complaint in those letters.

I think Ms. Gillies should be warned that these letters will continue until cyclists show some signs of mending their ways. Her association would make better use of its resources by conducting an educational campaign for its members and cyclists generally on how to behave rather than having one of its members write letters to the *Independent* bemoaning "the North American obsession with the car."

Meanwhile, we continue to observe daily: cyclists going down one-way streets in the opposite direction, driving on sidewalks, running lights and stop signs, cursing pedestrians who dare get in their way, riding at night in dark clothing without reflectors. Apart from being annoying to pedestrians and motorists, these practices are a danger to the cyclists themselves.

One would think that the association would advocate against them for the safety of its own members if for no other reason. But no, the self-righteous cyclist culture trumps all objective consideration.

Ms. Gillies writes further that "The Master Traffic Plan is meant to increase cycling and decrease the number of cars in our city." I remind Ms. Gillies that the plan has not yet been finalized; the city is no doubt reflecting objectively based on the many comments and suggestions it received. Any infrastructure improvements for cycling should be tied to strict regulation and an enforcement plan against offenders.

It is a pity that it has come to this, but cyclists will have brought it on themselves. ROBERT COWLING, PARKMAN PL.

HEY, HEY, HO, HO, BAD CYCLIST BEHAVIOUR HAS GOT TO GO

Regarding, negative attitudes toward cyclists, as a decades-long experienced urban cyclist, I find that Marilynn Gillies' letter (July 10, p. 6) in support of bike paths inadequately addresses the concerns of previous letter writers (whom she referred to) and other citizens, who take issue with errant cycling behaviour.

I agree with Ms. Gillies that the city could have organized Westmount Park's bike path temporary closure and detour better during the road work, including officially leaving open a long section of bike path that wasn't affected. But you cannot blame a lack of, or poor, planning by the city for cyclists biking on the park's pedestrian paths during that period.

Illegal cycling through the park should

not be explained away as a "result." It was a choice. If cyclists didn't want to detour on the street, they could have walked their bikes on the pedestrian paths, as indicated on the signs. Some did (including myself), but many didn't. And that was the problem, just as it is so many times in other situations: cyclists heedlessly doing what they want to do.

Many people I know (both cyclists and pedestrians) agree with me that all sorts of discourteous and dangerous cycling behaviour abounds. Individual cyclists and cycling associations cannot expect to garner public support for expanding the bike path network when too many cyclists choose to ride without regard to the rules of the road, sidewalks and parks. Increasing the bike network won't change bad cycling behaviour as is often claimed; that will require something else, though I don't know what.

SUSAN KAZENEL, KENSINGTON AVE.

LETTER TO MAYOR TRENT ON PARKING IN WESTMOUNT

Of course, I'm going to cave. I thought I could fight it, have the system work for me, have justice work in favour of the individual, etc. But, no, I'm going to cave. I'm paying the \$52. And that buys me this letter.

I'm in the Eastern Townships, so I could get in my car, drive for 90 minutes, park at the municipal court, wait to be heard, argue my case, hear the verdict and hopefully wind up vindicated. But then to buy lunch or dinner, get back in my car and drive for another 90 minutes would cost \$35 in gas, another \$10 for parking, a meal, to *continued on p. 8*





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CYCLIST BEHAVIOUR CONTINUES TO BE EXCUSED

Marilynn Gillies of the Westmount Walking and Cycling Association writes "it is disheartening to read the recent negative letters about cyclists." (see July 10, p. 6 for her letter.) Yet she offers neither apol-

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say nothing of the cost to the environment having driven nearly 300 kilometres.

But that's what one does, isn't it, Mr Mayor? One caves. One expects to cave. The system is set up so that the majority of people seeking justice cave.

Point in question: On May 2, 2012, I park beside 243 Clarke Ave. from 11 am to 12:15 pm, when I drive off to do an errand. I return after 12:30 pm and re-park beside 221 Clarke and receive a ticket for having parked at the same location from 11:35 to 13:47. The functionnaire had marked the sidewall (not the tread, mind you) of my tire so, when he saw the mark again, bingo!

And there are no sympathetic ears at 21 Stanton. Within minutes of having received the ticket, I am talking with Sgt. Denis Proulx, parking supervisor at Westmount Public Security. A shrug of the shoulders accompanies his comment that the ticket was already in the system. All I have to do is to plead not guilty and send it in. But that's not how it works, is it? I'm required to plead my case in court.

So, of course, I'm going to cave. From experience, I tell you the truth: it is easier and cheaper to find legal, predictable street parking in New York City than it is in Westmount, Quebec. Parking meters in both places cost the same, but tickets are easier to avoid in New York, thanks to Westmount's overzealous and, dare I say, incompetent parking functionnaires.

Surely, Mayor Trent, your employees have better things to do and better ways to do them.

Brian Merrett, North Hatley

Walk in Summit Woods proves costly

Among many people warned this summer about the parks curfew, three men in their twenties, who received tickets for \$217 each at 1:40 am June 16 when they were found in Summit Woods in violation of the midnight curfew, Public Security officials report. Two were residents of Montreal, the other of Terrebonne. They were described as not very co-operative. Their illegally parked car was also ticketed for \$52.

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Public Security nabs water works thief in playground

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

On the lookout for someone who had been stealing brass couplings from temporary water supply hoses during city works projects this summer, public safety officers pursued and nabbed a suspect July 26 in the playground of St. Léon's school.

In relating the incident, Public Security officials said the department received a call from a resident of Clarke Ave. at about 11:22 pm saying someone was tampering with the hoses near the school, where a water works project was under way.

The caller remained on the phone while officers were en route to the area and describing the suspect as dressed in black and entering the schoolyard with a bike.

Police were called and public safety officers Paris Papadatos and Marie-Ève Par-

Two missing seniors found

Two missing men in their seventies were tracked down by the same public safety officer in two separate incidents July 17. "This is kind of rare. Often you can search and search in vain," said Public Security director David Sedgwick.

Auxiliary PSO Paul Denis found a 75year resident of St. Catherine St. (near Kensington) as he walked north on Atwater below Dorchester after he went missing after 6 pm. After arrival of police, Denis drove the man home at 7:07 pm to be reunited with his wife. ent cornered the suspect hiding behind some bushes. Asked what he was doing there, the man is reported to have said he had gone there to urinate. A bag on the bicycle handlebars which appeared to contain pieces of metal was holding cans, he explained.

In fact the bag did contain pieces of metal as well as tools: a screwdriver, hack-saw and hammer.

Officers handcuffed him to prevent him fleeing until the arrival of police who took a 59-year-old Montreal man to the police operational centre. The incident is reported to be under investigation.

Public Works and the contractor arrived on the scene and the missing hose pieces were believed to be aluminum rather than brass. Water service was restored to a few homes, which had been disconnected during the incident.

At 7:48 pm, another call was received for a 74-year-old who had wandered out of the McDonald's outlet in Alexis Nihon Plaza. While bike patrollers began looking for the man south of St. Catherine, PSO Denis decided to search outside Westmount, where he located him looking at a parking meter to the east on Sherbrooke St. After being spoken to but appearing disoriented, the man began walking back toward Atwater.

He was subsequently left in the care of police.



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A patient room to call your own

By Julie Quenneville

Given the option, nobody would choose to spend more time as a patient in a hospital than is absolutely necessary. But when our health depends on it, sometimes we simply don't have a choice.

During those times, one of the most important aspects of your stay – on top of receiving the best care – is your comfort and surroundings.

Because your hospital room is typically where you spend most of your time, the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) is completely changing the patient experience by moving to single-patient rooms across all of its hospital sites – the Lachine and Montreal General hospitals, and the Glen site, which will be the new home for the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Montreal Chest Institute, a research institute and a new cancer centre.

When you are admitted to hospital, what are some of the elements most important to you? Privacy? Dignity? Security? A calm environment? Having a room to yourself will go a long way in achieving all of these. In addition, you will have views of the outdoors; lighting and temperature controls (including air conditioning); space for a friend or a loved one to sleep overnight; and TV and internet access to help reduce stress.

The MUHC has spent a lot of time talking to patients, doctors and other healthcare professionals to make sure everyone's opinions and expertise were taken into consideration when planning these rooms.

Benefits of single-patient rooms

The last thing you want during your

stay is to catch a hospital-acquired illness, so steps have been taken to lower patients' risk of infection. A joint study by the MUHC and McGill University found that single-patient rooms can shorten a person's stay by as much as 10 percent, and reduce the infection rate for three highly resistant strains of bacteria, including Cdifficile, by as much as 50 percent.

Sink in room near door

"The patient's room can be a powerful tool against the spread of infection in a hospital," says Dr. Charles Frenette, director of Infection Control and Prevention. "It will be adapted to the staff's needs and facilitate healthy habits. For example, placing a sink in the room near the door allows staff to wash their hands before seeing another patient."

25 square metres that will change patient care

The efficient layout and large size of the rooms will also greatly improve how care can be delivered. Each patient room will boast 25 square metres of space, which includes a bathroom and shower, and a work area for healthcare professionals.

The larger size means most diagnostic equipment can be brought inside the patient room rather than having to move the patient for tests and treatment.

Each room will also be equipped with a computer to access to a patient's electronic patient file, which will reduce errors in the transcription of information.

The redevelopment project is being made possible in large part thanks to the generosity of the community through The Best Care for Life Campaign, a \$300-million fundraising effort, of which \$261 million has already been raised.

Prugger chases off thieves at midnight

Astri Prugger of Victoria Ave.'s Astri Prugger Design chased three young men and one young woman who had stolen the sandwich board from her shop's property on July 27 around midnight.

She lives near her shop and noticed the foursome making off with it. She immediately pursued – barefoot and wearing her nightgown. She grabbed the sign and retrieved it from one of the group. "It is disrespectful to have this kind of vandalism and for people to think it's okay to do this kind of thing," she told the *Independent*. "It's personal. It costs hundreds of dollars to replace a sign like ours. We had someone graffiti it recently, and we had just received the new one. It is so difficult to run a small business and it is one more thing to worry about. I am indignant." To learn how you can help the MUHC provide the best care for life for the patients of today and for generations to come, visit muhc.ca/cause.

> Julie Quenneville is the director of development at the McGill University Health Centre.



Snakes alive!

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Parenting as a Sport

Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum

For most families, summertime is better known as planting season or baseball season or ragweed season. For the Dannenbaums, it's the start of snake season.

Our second son, you must understand, is Nature Boy. He is also, as we have regrettably discovered, a Parselmouth. That's right, a snake-whisperer.

Snake charmer

This child is impressive not so much in his ability to *catch* snakes – as all self-respecting Dannenbaums are wont to do – but in his ability to *charm* them. Within minutes of being snared they become inexplicably subdued. Agreeable, even. And content to just hang around, typically draped over his neck, as he goes about his usual activities.

It was in this unsettling configuration that he came indoors for lunch several summers ago.

"Eli!" I exclaimed, horrified.

"What?" he answered, genuinely perplexed. "It doesn't bite."

"Neither does a well-fed piranha," I countered. "It slithers. Please get it out of my house."

He retreated, snake-laden shoulders sagging in pitiful resignation.

Though this first bullet had been dodged, his snakes became a regular presence at all other family functions. They joined us for bonfires, languished on our deck, nestled in our hammock and even rode in our cars. After all, how else was one supposed to ferry the latest pet from remote hiking trails or distant campsites, back to our cottage?

Oddly enough, with time, I too became inexplicably subdued – if not entirely agreeable – about this transport system. With tooth-gnashing mindfulness, I developed an uncanny ability to remain focused on the road ahead, while willfully ignoring the creepy reptile being held mere inches behind me.

Things change

That is, until one recent trip.

Arriving back at home, the kids spilled out of the car, and ran off towards the lake. I noticed that Eli was bounding with particular gusto, and that his arms seemed to be swinging freely. *Too* freely.

"Eli," I hollered after him. "Where's your snake?"

"Not sure!" he hollered back.

I stood rooted to the spot, and stared into the vehicle through the still-open door. I wondered how many hours it would take me to jog back to the city.

Later that evening, he consoled himself over his "loss" by cuddling one of his longtime buddies. He was unusually chatty.

"Did you know, mom, that snakes have no eyelids?"

"I did not," I replied.

"And they're missing the part of the brain that would make them capable of learning," he continued.

"You're kidding!" I said. "Who would have guessed?"

"Heyyyy" he cried, affronted, cradling his little slitherer tenderly and turning away.

"Did *you* know, Eli," I went on, "that snakes are *deaf*? You needn't worry about insulting him."

Getting used to it

Insults notwithstanding – and though I am loath to concede it – I have grown inured to, if not frankly fond of, the added critters in our menagerie. I have scavenged terrariums from garage sales and roadside rubble. I have helped build and paint a habitat that would eclipse most cruise ship cabins. I have even, in Eli's absence, successfully nabbed a snake on my own – a particularly sizeable and magnificent specimen, if I do say so myself.

I am now working on warming to his latest passion: the dock spider.

Unlike her husband, who was born and raised in the bush, city-slicker and mother of four in Westmount Ingrid Kovitch-Dannenbaum grew up spending hours at the piano, from which no creepy crawlies ever emerged. Terrasse

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gether toward the capital works budget process."

She hoped a plan would be ready to present to council in general committee at the end of September.

According to Poirier, the size of the portion of private land used by the 5 Saisons terrasse for tables was 2,400 square feet. The new area for tables on private land will be 2,100 square feet. But the city will also be using public land to the west along de Maisonneuve so the total area will be about the same, she said.

The size of the new square was raised initially at the May 4 meeting of city council by Sidonie Kerr, a resident of 250 Clarke.

"My concern is the amount of space being allocated to tables and chairs," she said. Suggesting there had been some 20 round tables in front of Les 5 Saisons, "I see it may not be the amount of space I had hoped for."

"It's not as big but it's quite sizeable," Mayor Peter Trent had replied.

The concept of creating a landscaped village square was part of the redevelopment negotiations with the condo developer, which included incorporating the 5 Saisons store into the project at ground level.

Since a grocery store requires some 17 feet of height, the area was rezoned to allow additional height to the structure (see June 15, 2010, p. 1).

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Summertime and the livin's easy



Gypsy Jazz in the Park played for a relaxed crowd the afternoon of July 22 in Westmount Park. Seven Sunday afternoon outdoor concerts make up the city's Summer Concerts in the Park series. The remaining two take place August 12 and the last on August 19 with Under the Three, a group of young jazz musicians.

problem: ageism!

found each other in this messy, messy

place, and clung on. Despite the ugly real-

ity of their lives, they managed to stay to-

gether and happy. Now that they are up for

adoption, things should have been a

breeze for this duo, but there is one big

terest in Aurora, but not the older Atticus.

And loyal as she is lovely, Aurora refuses to

leave Atticus. She just must have her

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People looking to adopt have shown in-

Dogs left in car

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two to three inches. The officer stood by as a precaution, however. During that time, the meter expired so the driver returned at 12:50 pm to receive both a dog warning and a parking ticket.

Two dachshunds were found closed in a Honda at 2:05 pm in the parking lot for Bureau en Gros at 4036 St. Catherine. All four windows were entirely closed. The public safety officer asked the store to broadcast a call for the owner. When no one responded, she alerted security personnel at Alexis Nihon Plaza across the street.

Advised of the negligence

Hearing the call, the owner returned at 2:35 pm by the which time police were also on the scene and the driver was "was advised of the negligence," Sedgwick said. She was also issued a \$57 ticket for parking in the Bureau en Gros lot without authorization.

Meanwhile, at 2:12 pm another complaint was received for a dog in a car outside 202 Olivier. This time the bike patrol responded to find the complainant had been able to remove the dog from the car. The owner returned at 2:25 pm – also to be warned.

"The caller wanted the owner ticketed," Sedgwick said. "But we don't have a by-law that applies to the situation. All we can do is watch out for the dog and try to find the owner." He also recalled cases where a dog in "dire" circumstances had been extricated from a car with the assistance of police.

Tickets to be issued for riding bikes in parks

Tickets for \$37 will be issued starting this week to cyclists who ride through parks in Westmount – other than those on the bike path, Public Security officials said. The offence is a violation of the city's parks by-law.

As they geared up for a crackdown over the last two weeks, officers have warned more than two dozen cyclists.

While the riding of bicycles on public sidewalks is also prohibited under Westmount's traffic by-law, that regulation is left to police to enforce as a provision of the Quebec highway safety code, which supersedes the municipal by-law, explained Public Security director David Sedgwick.



In this bichon pair, while it's true that Atticus may be twice Aurora's age, he just doesn't let that get in the way of his feel-

ings for her. He's 10 and she's 5, but as far as Atticus is concerned, they were made for each other. After all, what's age got to do with it?

Aurora, for her part, may be young, but she sure knows what she likes - and that's Atticus.

These bichons have been together for a very long time, and once shared a shady past they would both like to forget. The kind of past that involved being raised by a backyard breeder who had way too many dogs on her hands to care for.

By some miracle, Attitcus and Aurora



Atticus and Aurora

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Two peas in a pod

Greta creates a new master bathroom



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This is your Design Sleuth, Greta von-Schmedlapp, with her esteemed interior design consultant, Aurelien Guillory.

Now, my fellow design enthusiasts, I will give you a quick primer in bathroom design using a current project of Aurel's to illustrate the major essentials. If you follow these elements in their proper sequence, I, Greta von Schmedlapp, will guarantee a superb result and a greatly enhanced, sensual bath/spa experience!

First, the paramount one: measure meticulously every surface: floor, walls and ceiling. Secondly, indicate the exact placement of all electrical switches, lights and outlets. If this is an old bathroom, re-think their positions. Also, think about placement for the area for shaving, the hair

dryer and perhaps a space for a radio or MP3 player for the morning news, or a relaxing meditation chant ... or even some romantic crooner!

For the spirit too

We are creating not just a place to have a bath or shower, but a special spot for the spirit as well.

As Aurel preaches, colour and light are the most effective and inexpensive tools in enhancing any room.

Then, the crucial lighting elements are added: centering a four-cube crystal halogen set on the wall of mirror over the two modern rectangular basins. Remember with the lights reflecting in the mirror, we get double the amount! Aurel reminds our clients that mirror is less expensive per square foot than ceramic or marble, so go up to the ceiling and have your accent trim or top moulding butt against the mirror to add the illusion of depth.

The final structural detail is raising the ceiling centre to accommodate a 3-36" colour-corrected fluorescent tube set behind a simple panel of translucent plexi. Voila! A faux skylight.

The crystal lights on the mirror are wired with a dimmer, which is a great relief at midnight, when you might need to search for an Aspirin, without being blinded with full wattage lights.

Dimmers also set the mood for a friendly shower together after a long day, perhaps with her favourite perfume dropped into the aromatherapy steam unit. I will let your imagination take the scene from here – we musn't be lurid in a Westmount journal, after all!

We always encourage our clients to install a secure safety bar; it will aid your steps at the shower.

What men want

The husband's two favourite luxury touches are the centre recessed niche for the shampoo and other shower "sauces." It is steel-plated brushed nickel to match all the hardware. And the linear drain. (One of his pet peeves in their former house was always standing in the off-centre circular bent chrome drain.) This other device is a slender, perforated quarterround of steel running the length of the shower, giving a smooth floor and invisible drain. Oh, what a lovely feeling!

Until next time. Here's my toast to you. Signed, dear Greta von Schmedlapp, design sleuth at large.



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This June no exception



The following article relates to the registration of deeds of sale for Westmount property in June 2012, provided by city officials. A list of sales can be found on p. 19.

June is typically the month when buyers who have been looking all spring for Westmount homes to buy finally sit down at the notary's office and sign the deeds, and this year was no exception.

In June, 25 single-family homes changed hands, compared to 18 in May, which was the highest this year. Last year, there were 24 sales in June, then 25 more in July and 25 more in August.

This year, though, the average price of the 25 sales was \$1,626,360, compared to \$1,401,083 in June last year. Though that is hardly indicative in a relatively small sample, the prices represented a mark-up of almost 25 percent over the municipal evaluation, compared to last June's 19.7 percent, and the "typical" Westmount house value topped \$1.5 million for the third consecutive month, a level never before reached.

Highest price in June was a relatively modest \$2,750,000 for 3255 Cedar Ave., which had been picked up by a renovator in April last year for \$1,750,000, then transformed and remarketed for exactly \$1 million more. It was one of five sales in the month to top the \$2-million mark; only four came in below \$1 million, the lowest a tie between 430 Clarke and 716 Grosvenor, each of which changed hands for \$830,000.

Highest mark-up in June involved 595 Victoria Ave., which sold for \$1,400,000 while evaluated at \$827,900, a 69-percent hike on the tax value.

Only two sales went for less than municipal evaluation, with 4354 Westmount Ave. the lowest at 89 percent. The average mark-up was just under 25 percent and gives a good indication of what will happen in the next (2014) valuation roll, which is supposed to reflect the value of homes on July 1, 2012.

Also changing hands in June were five condo- *continued on p.* 13





for deed signing

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minium resales, as well as a dozen sales of units in the newly-constructed buildings at 4500 Côte des Neiges and 11 Hillside. The latter averaged \$316,908 with all the prices ranging from \$255,290 to \$490,800, while the resales were mostly higher, up to \$1,550,000 for Apt. 1902 at Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine, the highest price for a condominium this year. The average resale price for condominiums in Westmount this year is just over \$740,000 in 23 sales, the same volume as for the first six months of last year.

Only one non-residential sale was registered in June, involving one of the storefronts inside 4055 St. Catherine St., which went for \$20,000. This is the fifth sale this year of commercial premises in the longneglected basement of 1 Wood Ave.

While share-sales of duplexes and even apartment buildings have become more popular of late, none took place in June.

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3255 Cedar was the highest price in June at \$2,750,000.

Price makes his debut at Hudson theatre

Grosvenor Ave. resident and actor Doug Price is scheduled to make his debut at the Hudson Village Theatre in Norm Foster's comedy Ned Durango Comes to Big Oak.



Doug Price

Photo courtesy of Barbara Ford

The story is about a restaurant in financial distress and ways the townspeople try to revive it.

Price plays Orson Hubble, "a brighteyed optimist who works for Tom Shaw, the owner of the restaurant in trouble."

Big Oak runs from Wednesday, August 8 to Sunday, September 2.

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Under the Tuscan Sun sells out for Queen E.



Social Notes from Westmount and Beyond Veronica Redgrave

The 9th annual Under the Tuscan Sun event, held on May 24 at the Parisian Laundry, attracted a fun crowd.

The sold-out \$150-ticket eve was a fundraiser, cochaired by Cynthia Price and Gerry Shadeed, for the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex (QEHC). The dynamic duo was hugely helped by committee members Bob Anderson, Salma Belhaffaf, Bente Christensen, Sandy Cochrane, Domenico D'Alesio, Nauzie Dibai, Allanah Furlong, Brian Marcil, Christine Pickrell, Mark Roper, Talia Noya, the QEHC's Ruth Pelletier, Sarah Malka and executive director and CEO Irene Tschernomor.

Westmount's By George catered the event with delicious Italian cuisine, complemented by wines spon-



Westmounters Craig Klinkhoff and Marie-Julie Trahan greeted other Westmounters including Westmount Mayor Peter Trent, Denise and city councillor Tim Price, Joan Ivory, Sue and Jawaid Khan, Leslie and Brian Dunn, Liliana



Karma Hallward and Merne Price.



Christine Pickrell, Irene and John Tschermoor, and son John.



Bente Christensen, Gary Shadeed and Cynthia Price.

Simpson, Karma Hallward, Niki Coulourides Bichet, Karen and James Griffin, Merne Price, Cathy and Tony Fargnoli, Domenico D'Alesio, Judy and Michael Martin, Barb Molson, Anna Burgos, and Susan and Rick Hart.

Also noted amidst the bunches of sunflowers were Pierrette Sévigny and Richard McConomy, Sandra Fargnoli and brother Rob, Suzanne and Bruce Shadeed, Warren Allmand, Mark Saykaly, and Gino Berretta.

CTV's Mark Shalhoub was emcee. Title sponsor Travelway Group International was supported by supporters Aéroports de Montréal, ALDO, Ascenseurs Thyssen Krupp, Bent-Leathers, ley BGL Brokerage, Charles Bronfman, Christie Innomed, Fort Insurance, Gainev Foundation, Griffintown Media, MacDougall, Mac-Dougall & MacTier, Malcom Campbell, Metro,

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 Summer Concerts in the Park: The Spirit of Swing Trio, 2 to 4 pm at the Westmount Park lagoon. Chairs are not provided.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Summer Concerts in the Park: Under the Three, 2 to 4 pm at the Westmount Park lagoon. Chairs are not provided.

Monday, August 20

Westmount Municipal Association meeting, 7 to 9 pm in the reading room at the Westmount Public Library.

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NOVA recognizes 2 long-time supporters



Penny Eakin, left, presents a gift to Diana DeBoe, Hazel Harrington's daughter, who accepted it on her behalf.

On May 30, NOVA Montreal patrons, board members and guests gathered at its offices on Victoria Ave. to honour two long-time supporters: Hazel Harrington and William Ridley, both Westmounters.

Penny Eakin, former president of NOVA Montreal and current member of the Special Advisory Committee, spoke



Marla Stovin with William Ridley. Photos courtesy of NOVA Montreal

about the "many years and unending enthusiasm Mrs. Harrington had for the organization," said Marla Stovin, executive director.

Paul Amos highlighted "the unique qualities that Mr. Ridley brought to the organization for over 35 years," said Stovin.



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BUILDING PERMITS 😭 What's permitted

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the June 4 meeting of city council.

- **55 Sunnyside**: to build a second storey over the back half of the split-level house;
- **205 Edgehill:** at a Category I house, to repair building envelope, modify the terrace and install new air conditioning units;
- **90 Hillside**: to repair building envelope;

100 Hillside: ditto;

- 110 Hillside: ditto;
- 120 Hillside: ditto;
- 130 Hillside: ditto;
- 140 Hillside: ditto;
- 150 Hillside: ditto.

The following permits for demolition, exterior construction, alteration and renovation were approved at the June 18 meeting of city council.

- **185 Côte St. Antoine**: to cut two trees; **543 Bachere to cut two trees**;
- **543 Roslyn:** to cut two trees;
- **175 Côte St. Antoine**: to replace front door and exterior veneer of house;
- **33 Rosemount:** to build a roof deck on top of the garage;
- 4826 Sherbrooke: to erect a sign for "Frui-

terie Mont Victoria;"

- **366 Wood**: at a Category I house, to replace some windows and doors and modify the curtain wall; to build a new terrace in the back vard:
- 4450 Sherbrooke: to replace all windows;
- **158-160 Côte St. Antoine**: to build a deck on top of the garage and stairs connecting to the main house;
- **79 Arlington**: to landscape in the back yard including a new patio and fence;
- **420 Côte Št. Antoine**: at a Category I house, to replace some doors and all windows;
- **365-367 Redfern**: to replace some windows;
- **4333 Westmount**: at a Category I house, to create a new mudroom entrance at the north side, replace front doors and expand south dormer; replace all windows and modify some window and door openings;
- **4328 Montrose**: landscaping to include resurfacing the parking apron and walkway;
- 47 Stayner: to replace front windows;
- **357 Kensington**: at a Category I house, landscaping of rear yard to include a new fence, stone terrace and planting areas;
- 3200 Trafalgar: landscaping of rear yard to

Not stumped

Ever wondered how to get rid of a stump? This circular-saw-on-steroids was doing the job on a huge one at Prince Albert and York on June 15. Photo: Westmount Independent

include new stone terrace, walkway and wrought iron railing;

- **250 Clarke**: to replace railings on balconies of the apartment building;
- **424 Roslyn**: to replace front windows of main building and coach house, as well as a door;
- **4815 de Maisonneuve**: to erect a back fence;
- **647 Grosvenor**: to build new front steps of natural stone, new rear balcony; install iron railings for all balconies and main front steps;

3274 Cedar: at a Category I house, to restore and renovate building envelope;

- **464 Wood**: to replace a window and door; **15 Forden**: landscaping of front yard to in-
- clude redoing the landing and steps;
- 4826-4830 Sherbrooke: to repair masonry;400 Côte St. Antoine: to replace garage door;
- **58 Somerville**: to erect a back fence;
- **4858 Sherbrooke:** to erect a sign for "Brasserie Central."

Top scorers, Westmount bridge club

Westmount tally bridge winners with top accumulative bridge scores for the three best sessions in July were:

- 1. Gerald Ratzer with 12,190 points.
- 2. Michel Blouin with 12,000 points.
- 3. Jackie Ricard with 9,910 points.
- 4. Dael Perry with 9,220 points.
- 5. Viviane Agla with 9,180 points.





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AVIS PUBLIC DEMANDES DE PARTICIPATION À UN RÉFÉRENDUM SECOND PROJET DE RÈGLEMENT N° 1434

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, de ce qui suit :

- Lors de sa séance extraordinaire du 17 juillet 2012, à la suite de l'assemblée publique de consultation tenue le 16 juillet 2012 sur le premier projet de règlement n° 1434, le conseil municipal a adopté le second projet de règlement portant le n° 1434 intitulé « RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1303 CONCERNANT LE ZONAGE – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 ET C5-20-05 (USAGE COMMERCIAL) ».
- 2. Toute personne intéressée, dans une zone concernée d'où peut provenir une demande ou, selon le cas, dans une zone contiguë à celle-ci, peut signer une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du second projet de règlement n° 1434 qui sont susceptibles d'approbation référendaire soient soumises à l'approbation de certaines personnes habiles à voter.

À cet égard, soyez avisés qu'une copie d'un résumé du second projet de règlement peut être obtenue sans frais par toute personne qui en fait la demande au bureau du greffier situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest.

Une demande visant à ce que les dispositions du règlement soient soumises à l'approbation des personnes habiles à voter peut provenir des **zones** concernées et contiguës suivantes :

ZONES CONCERÉES	Zones contiguës
C5-20-01	R3-16-01, R3-27-01 et C5-20-02
C5-20-02	C5-20-01, R3-16-01, C5-20-03 et R3-27-01
C5-20-03	R3-16-01, C5-20-02, R3-27-01 et C5-20-04
C5-20-04	C5-20-03, R3-16-01, R3-27-01, R9-27-02, C5-20-05, R3-20-08, R3-29-01, R9-30-01, R9-21-01 et R3-28-01
C5-20-05	C5-20-04, R9-27-02, R3-28-01, R3-20-08 et C17-20-06

Une illustration des zones concernées et des zones contiguës à celles-ci est jointe au présent avis. Un exemplaire à plus grande échelle de cette illustration est également disponible pour consultation au bureau du greffier.

- Vous pouvez en outre obtenir les renseignements suivants du bureau du greffier en communiquant au 514-989-5318 ou en vous présentant à l'hôtel de ville durant les heures d'ouverture :
 - a) les personnes intéressées qui ont le droit de signer une demande et à l'égard de quelles dispositions elles peuvent le faire;
 - b) l'objectif d'une telle demande et ses conditions de validité;
 - c) le nombre potentiel de signataires dans votre zone;
 - d) toute autre information pour la bonne compréhension de la démarche.
- 4. Pour être valide, toute demande doit :
 - a) indiquer clairement la disposition qui en fait l'objet et la zone d'où elle provient;
 - b) être reçue au bureau du greffier au plus tard le 15 août 2012; et



PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART IN A REFERENDUM SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW No. 1434

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

- At a special meeting held on July 17, 2012, following the public consultation meeting held on July 16, 2012 in connection with the first draft By-law No. 1434, the Municipal Council adopted the second draft By-law No. 1434, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 1303 – ZONES C5-20-01, C5-20-02, C5-20-03, C5-20-04 AND C5-20-05 (COMMERCIAL USE)".
- 2. Any interested person in a concerned zone from which an application may originate or, as the case may be, in a contiguous zone to said zone may sign an application requiring that the provisions contained in the said second draft By-law No. 1434, which are subject to approval by way of referendum, be submitted for the approval by certain qualified voters.

To that effect, please be advised that a copy of the summary of the second draft by-law may be obtained, free of charge, by any person who so requests at the office of the City Clerk, located at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West.

An application requiring that the provisions of the by-law be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters may originate from the following **concerned and contiguous zones:**

CONCERNED ZONES	CONTIGUOUS ZONES
C5-20-01	R3-16-01, R3-27-01 and C5-20-02
C5-20-02	C5-20-01, R3-16-01, C5-20-03 and R3-27-01
C5-20-03	R3-16-01, C5-20-02, R3-27-01 and C5-20-04
C5-20-04	C5-20-03, R3-16-01, R3-27-01, R9-27-02, C5-20-05, R3-20-08, R3-29-01, R9-30-01, R9-21-01 and R3-28-01
C5-20-05	C5-20-04, R9-27-02, R3-28-01, R3-20-08 and C17-20-06

A sketch of the concerned zones and the contiguous zones to said zones is attached to this notice. A large sketch of the zones is also available for consultation at the office of the City Clerk.

- 3. The office of the City Clerk can provide you with the following information at 514-989-5318 or in person at City Hall during business hours:
 - a) the interested persons which are entitled to sign an application and in respect of which provisions;
 - b) the object of such an application and the conditions of its validity;
 - c) the number of potential signatories in your zone;
 - d) any other information you may need for a better understanding of the application process.
- 4. To be valid an application must:
 - a) state clearly the provision to which it refers and the zone from which it originates;
 - b) be received by the office of the City Clerk <u>no later than August 15, 2012</u>; and

be signed by at least

12 interested persons

of the zone from which

it originates or by a

majority of them if their

number does not ex-

Is an interested per-

any person not dis-

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and who meets the fol-

lowing conditions on

• is domiciled in a zone

from which an appli-

cation may originate;

has been domiciled

any sole owner of an

immovable or sole occupant of a business

establishment, not dis-

qualified from voting

and who meets the fol-

lowing conditions on

July 17, 2012:

for at least 6 months

July 17, 2012:

in Quebec;

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- c) être signée par au moins 12 personnes intéressées de la zone d'où elle provient ou par au moins la majorité d'entre elles si le nombre de personnes intéressées dans la zone n'excède pas 21.
- 5. Est une personne intéressée :
 - a) toute personne qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le 17 juillet 2012 :
 - être domiciliée dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
 - être domiciliée depuis au moins six mois au Québec;
 - b) tout propriétaire unique d'un immeu-

ble ou occupant unique d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **17 juillet 2012** :

- être depuis au moins 12 mois propriétaire d'un immeuble ou occupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
- avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande un écrit signé par le propriétaire ou l'occupant demandant l'inscription sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant;
- c) tout copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise qui n'est frappé d'aucune incapacité de voter et qui remplit les conditions suivantes le **17 juillet 2012** :
 - être depuis au moins 12 mois copropriétaire indivis d'un immeuble ou cooccupant d'un établissement d'entreprise situé dans la zone d'où peut provenir une demande;
 - être désigné, au moyen d'une procuration signée par la majorité des personnes qui sont copropriétaires ou cooccupants depuis au moins 12 mois comme celui qui a le droit de signer la demande en leur nom et d'être inscrit sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant. La procuration doit avoir été produite ou être produite avec la demande.

Dans le cas d'une personne physique, elle doit être majeure, de citoyenneté canadienne et ne pas être en curatelle.

Dans le cas d'une personne morale, il faut :

• avoir désigné parmi ses membres, administrateurs ou employés, par résolution, une personne qui, le **17 juillet 2012,** est majeure, de



- has been for at least 12 months, owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
- having filed, or file at the same time as the application, a writing signed by the owner or the occupant requesting that his or her name be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be;
- c) any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on **July 17, 2012**:
 - has been for at least 12 months, undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment situated in the zone from which an application may originate;
 - be designated, by means of a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months as being the one having the right to sign the application in their name and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been filed, or must be filed with the application.

In the case of a natural person, he or she must be of full age and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of a legal person, one must:

• designate by resolution one of its members, directors or employees who, on **July 17, 2012**, is of full age, a Canadian citizen, not under curatorship,

The \$50,000 response



Rotary auction raises \$22K

The re-born Rotary Club of Westmount auction and sale raised \$22,000 on June 1 and 2. The event was held at the RMR armoury on St. Catherine, given the demolition going on at the arena, its long-time site.

The event had not been held since 2008, but had previously been every year.

Westmounter Joelle Vineberg (centre of inset photo) has type 1 diabetes. Her parents, Samantha and Justin, and brother, Mitchell, have helped organize a big team of participants (large photo) for the annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes. "Joelle's Gang" raised over \$50,000 for the walk this year alone. The event was held at Centre de nature de Laval on June 10. Photos courtesy of S. Vineberg





citoyenneté canadienne, qui n'est pas en curatelle et qui n'est frappée d'aucune incapacité de voter prévue par la loi;

• avoir produit ou produire en même temps que la demande, une résolution désignant la personne autorisée à signer la demande et à être inscrite sur la liste référendaire, le cas échéant.

Sauf dans le cas d'une personne désignée à titre de représentant d'une personne morale, nul ne peut être considéré comme personne intéressée à plus d'un titre conformément à l'article 531 de la *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités.*

- 6. Les dispositions qui n'auront fait l'objet d'aucune demande valide pourront être incluses dans un règlement qui n'aura pas à être approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter.
- Le second projet de règlement n° 1434 peut être consulté au bureau du greffier, au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Westmount, durant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au jeudi de 8 h à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h à 13 h.

DONNÉ À WESTMOUNT, le 7 août 2012

Mario Gerbeau, greffier de la ville

nor disgualified from voting;

• having filed or file the resolution with the application, designating the person authorised to sign the application and to be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except in the case of a person designated to represent a legal person, a person shall have his or her name entered on the list in only one capacity, as per section 531 of *An Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*.

- 6. The provisions in respect of which no valid application is received may be included in a by-law that is not required to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters.
- 7. The second draft By-law No. 1434 may be consulted at the office of the City Clerk, at 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, during office hours Monday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 7th day of August 2012.

Mario Gerbeau, City Clerk



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CENTRE DES LOISIRS DE WESTMOUNT Participez au concours Capsule témoin du Centre des loisirs de Westmount !

Les Westmountais sont invités à proposer l'un des **12** éléments à être inclus dans une capsule témoin qui sera enterrée sous le CLW. Procurez-vous un formulaire d'inscription dans un édifice municipal ou envoyez un courriel à capsuletemoin@westmount.org avec votre nom, adresse, une description de l'objet et pourquoi vous pensez qu'il représente le Westmount d'aujourd'hui. Faites partie de l'histoire de notre communauté.

Exposition des plans du CLW

Les plans du nouveau Centre des loisirs de Westmount, incluant le plan de chacun des 3 niveaux de l'installation ainsi qu'une interprétation visuelle, seront exposés à la Bibliothèque de Westmount et au Victoria Hall.

Suivez l'avancement du projet

Recevez des mises a jour par courriel à propos de la construction ; envoyez un message d'abonnement au centredeloisirswestmount@westmount.org. Vous pouvez également nous suivre sur Twitter @constructalert. Aimez-nous sur Facebook au westmountrecreationcentre et consultez le www.westmount.org pour tous les détails du projet.



SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE Rappel : chiens en laisse

Le Service de la sécurité publique de Westmount rappelle à tous qu'à l'extérieur des parcs canins, les chiens doivent être gardés en laisse en tout temps dans la ville. Toute infraction est passible d'une amende de 75 \$. Info : 514 989-5222.



BIBLIOTHÈQUE Club de lecture d'été TD : Imagine!

Imagine un été où tu pourras trouver des livres, des jeux et des activités qui donneront libre cours à ton imagination. Le Club de lecture d'été TD est un rendezvous à ne pas manquer : merveilleux, fantastique et fantasmagorique ! Demande ta trousse de lecture d'été au comptoir des enfants. Info : 514 989-5229.

Ciné-Club d'été

Avez-vous la passion du cinéma? Si tel est le cas, notre club de cinéma estival est là pour vous. Joignez-vous à nous les mercredi 8, 15, 22 et 29 août à 14 h dans la salle Westmount afin de regarder des films primés. Brendan Kelly, chroniqueur du journal *The Gazette*, se joindra à nous à titre de critique de cinéma le 22 août. Info : 514 989-5386.

DATES À RETENIR

Le 27 août à compter de 8 h 30 Registration for fall and winter activities Victoria Hall

Le 10 septembre à 20 h

Séance du conseil Hôtel de ville

Soirée cinéma en plein air : *A Monster in Paris*

Assistez à un film sous le ciel étoilé au parc Westmount le vendredi 24 août au crépuscule. Venez en famille et apportez vos chaises pliantes et couvertures ! Du maïs soufflé et des boissons seront offerts au profit des Scouts de Westmount. Info : 514 989-5299.



ÉVÉNEMENTS COMMUNAUTAIRES Concerts d'été dans le parc

Apportez une chaise ou un pique-nique pour un dimanche après-midi de musique jazz, classique ou populaire au parc Westmount près de l'étang entre 14 h et 16 h. En cas de pluie les concerts auront lieu au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke Ouest. Le 12 août : Trio l'Esprit du swing

Le 12 août : Ino i Espiri du sw Le 19 août : *Under the Three*

Info : 514 989-5226.

Poésie en plein air

Une présentation de poésie et de musique avec des interprètes de la communauté le mercredi 29 août de 18 h à 20 h au parc Westmount près de l'étang. Apportez votre chaise. En cas de pluie l'événement aura lieu au Victoria Hall. Info : 514 989-5226.



Herbe à poux : rappel à tous

À Westmount, les résidents et les commerçants doivent s'assurer qu'il n'y a pas d'herbe à poux qui arrive à sa floraison sur leur propriété. Renseignezvous en consultant le www.westmount.org ; vous trouverez des photos et d'autres informations. Des inspecteurs remettront un avis si l'herbe à poux est détectée sur une propriété privée. Si vous observez la présence d'herbe à poux dans un espace public, nous vous prions d'appeler le Service des travaux publics immédiatement pour demander qu'elle soit enlevée. Info : 514 989-5268.





WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE Enter the Westmount Recreation Centre Time Capsule Contest!

Westmounters are invited to make a proposal for one of the **12 items** that will be included in a time capsule to be buried deep in the WRC. Pick up an entry form in a City building or send an email to **timecapsule@westmount.org** with your name, address, a description of the item and the reasons why you believe the item represents today's Westmount. Be part of our community's history.

WRC Plans on Display

Plans of the new Westmount Recreation Centre will be on display at the Westmount Public Library and at Victoria Hall. These include detailed architectural plans of the 3 levels of the facility as well as an artist's rendition.

Follow the progress of the project

Receive regular email updates on the progress on the WRC; send a message to westmountrecreationcentre@westmount.org. You can also follow us on Twitter : @constructalert and like us on Facebook at westmountrecreationcentre. Check us out on www.westmount.org for all the project info.



PUBLIC SECURITY Reminder: Dogs on leash

The Public Security Department reminds everyone that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times in the City, except inside designated dog runs. Non-compliance may result in a fine of \$75. Info: 514 989-5222.



LIBRARY TD Summer Reading Club: Imagine!

Imagine a summer of books, games and activities that will give free rein to your imagination. You will be charmed and enthralled by tales of wonder this summer! Ask for your Summer Reading Club Kit at the Children's Desk. Info: 514 989-5229.

Summer Film Club

Do you have a passion for film? If so, our Summer Film Club is for you. Join us Wednesday afternoons on August 8, 15, 22 et 29 at 2 p.m. in the Westmount Room to view award-winning films. Brendan Kelly, entertainment columnist for The Montreal Gazette will be our guest reviewer August 22. Info: 514 989-5386.



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DATEBOOK

August 27 from 8:30 a.m.

Registration for fall and winter activities Victoria Hall

September 10 at 8 p.m.

Council Meeting City Hall

Movie Night in the Park: A Monster in Paris

Come watch a fun family film under the stars in Westmount Park on Friday, August 24 at dusk. Don't forget your lawn chair and blankets! Popcorn and drinks will be available for sale from the Westmount Scouts. Info: 514 989-5299.



COMMUNITY EVENTS Summer concerts in the Park

Bring a chair or picnic and listen to live jazz, classical and popular music Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Westmount Park at the lagoon. In case of rain, the concerts will take place at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West. August 12: The Spirit of Swing Trio August 19: Under the Three Info: 514 989-5226.

Poetry in the Park

A poetry and music event in Westmount Park featuring local performers on Wednesday, August 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring a chair. Rain location: Victoria Hall. Info: 514 989-5226.



PUBLIC WORKS Ragweed reminder

In Westmount, residents and business owners are responsible for ensuring that ragweed is not left to flower on their property. Check the City's website for photos and other information about the plant. Inspectors will issue reminders where ragweed is detected. If you find ragweed on any public property, please contact the Public Works Department immediately to ask that it be removed. Information: 514 989-5268.

Westmount, à votre portée. Pour toute question ou commentaire, veuillez nous contacter : Westmount at your fingertips. Contact us with any comment or question: www.westmount.org assistance@westmount.org

TRENDSETTERS

ALICIA LORRENTE

By Veronica Redgrave

As I was wandering through Westmount Park to the library, I noticed a lovely young mother with her two children. Noting her style, I had to meet her. She is European – and an artist. Style savvy? She is from Barcelona. Ah, that explains it. Europeans have "the look." Casual, yet elegant. Not too trendy. Never trying too hard. And, yes, never too much bling. Trendsetter introduces you to abstract expressionist Alicia Lorrente.

STYLE

ans, I like Marie Saint Pierre and Philippe Dubuc.

LIVING

I am a minimalist. I like to mix casual with couture.

How would you describe your personal

style?

What is your favourite way of dressing? Good quality casual.

On weekends, what do you like to wear?

I dress the same on weekends as I do on weekdays.

And when you are painting canvasses?

I never wear an artist apron. When my favourite pants and shirts are too old to wear in the street, I wear them in the studio. I have these fabulous pants that are now covered in paint. If it is cold in the studio, I wear an old ragged cashmere sweater.

Who are your favourite designers?

Marni, Comme des Garcons, Yamamoto, Costume National, Balenciaga, and anything Tom Ford does. For CanadiThere are many artists whom I truly admire. Picasso of course, Miró, Tapies, Cy Tombly, Robert Ryman, Motherwell, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Georg

Who are your favourite artists?

Baselitz, to name a few.

If you had a choice, where would you live in the world, money being no object?

I have chosen Montreal. I am very happy living here.

What is your favourite flower? Do you have flowers in your home?

I always have flowers in my house. I love tulips and white lilies with their delicious scent.

Who would you invite to a dinner party if you could have anyone in the world, from any era?

Picasso, Glenn Gould, Simone de Beau-

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Westmount artist and mother of three, Alicia Lorente inside her Arlington home. Originally from Barcelona, Lorrente has lived in Montreal for 24 years. "I like beauty...I look for it everywhere," she said.

voir, Peter O'Toole, Coco Chanel, Madonna, Tom Ford, Quentin Tarantino, Pedro Almodovar, Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, Laurie Anderson, Katharine Hepburn, Tilda Swinton – I could just keep going!

FASHION

Today many stores such as Zara offer the latest looks at an affordable price. What do you think of today's fashions?

I love that today everything goes. It is no longer wide legs or skinny pants, wide belts or narrow ones. Finally people can wear whatever they want without being out of fashion. I think that stores like Zara have a big influence and are making the general public more aware of the way they dress.

When I first came to Montreal from Barcelona 24 years ago, I was surprised to see how fashion was not a statement here. Today people are aware of who they are, and this makes the overall picture much more beautiful.

I like beauty... I look for it everywhere.

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