

Petition handed in to city Olivier residents oppose more parking

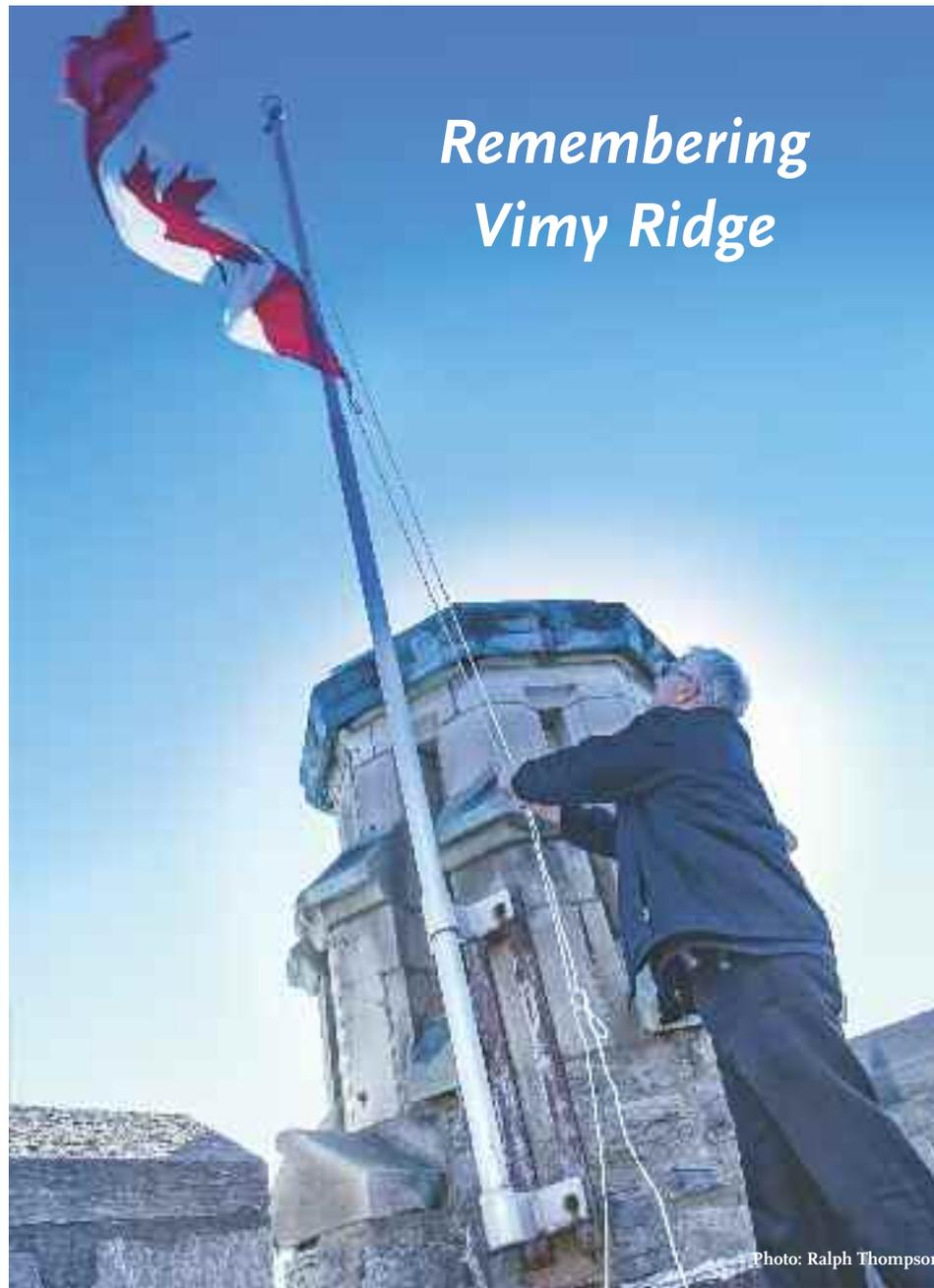
BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

A petition from residents of Olivier Ave. was deposited at the council meeting April 7 asking the city not to impose parking on the second side of the street intended to create more parking for Greene Ave. shoppers.

Presented by Councillor Nicole Forbes on behalf of 49 signatories in her ward, the petition is to be handed over by the city clerk's office *continued on p. 10*

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Remembering Vimy Ridge

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Patrick Reilly, city chauffeur and city hall superintendent, atop city hall's tower, lowers the Canadian flag to half-mast April 9. He then lowered the Quebec flag and shortly after, on the front lawn of city hall, the Westmount flag. See story, p. 8.

Pay-by-plate parking favoured for 'easy use'

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Is Westmount on the brink of joining other North American cities in operating technologically advanced automated parking systems?

Councillor Philip Cutler, commissioner of Public Security, and Public Security director Greg McBain returned April 1 from a parking industry conference and exhibition in Chicago with a view to moving forward on such a new parking system this year.

"The goal is to get it in place by the end of 2015," Cutler told the *Independent* April 7. An amount of \$650,000 has been allocated in this year's capital works budget for the project *continued on p. 22*

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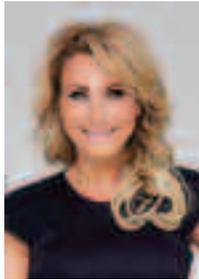
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BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Flora-Lee Wagner has been chosen by the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) to receive the Derek Walker Volunteer of the Year Award. The announcement was made last week in advance of the award's presentation to be made during the organization's annual general meeting Wednesday, May 6.

Artist, interior designer and longtime contributor to the community, Wagner has served as president of the Westmount Historical Association (WHA) and of the now defunct Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC). She has also been a member of the board of the WMA and is the stalwart organizer of the Westmount Artisans' Festival.



File photo: Laureen Sweeney

Wagner in 1999 during the launch of the campaign to restore the train station.

WMA names Wagner for Volunteer

To be presented May 6

But to WMA co-acting president Maureen Kiely, who nominated Wagner, one of her most significant contributions was her involvement almost 20 years ago in saving the abandoned Westmount train station for future use.

Wagner's advocacy at city council meetings and her active participation in numerous smaller ways also underlined the

value of her volunteer commitment.

"This represents decades of work for the community," Kiely said. "She's been a prime mover who has spoken out on issues she felt strongly about. People don't realize how much work goes into some of these things, such the Artisans' Festival."

The price of admission to this event – a monetary or food donation – "has become

WMA keeps co-presidency for now

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

The two co-acting presidents of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) are expected to continue sharing the top position for another year, the *Independent* learned last week. The "acting" portion of their title will, however, disappear.

Maureen Kiely and Paul Marriott had undertaken as vice presidents to fill the void left by the resignations of president Peter Starr and past president Jean-Pierre Picard in January. They had expected a new president to be elected at the WMA's annual general meeting May 6.

The recent decision to allow their names to stand as co-presidents for the coming year will allow them to work to rebuild the citizen watchdog organization and "get it back on track," Marriott said.

Following the annual meeting, the two will simply become "co-presidents," eliminating any confusion over their evolving interim title used to describe the new function they assumed following the resignations.

Originally announced as "acting co-presidents" (see January 20, p. 18), the title evolved into "joint acting presidents" (see Letter, continued on p. 3

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at Vic Hall meeting of the Year award

the backbone” of the Public Security Unit’s Christmas food drive by typically generating more than \$2,000, she pointed out.

Pleased to be recognized

Wagner told the *Independent* she had been unsure about allowing her name to stand in nomination. “But it’s nice to be recognized for opening my mouth,” she added with a laugh.

She believed she had been a thorn in the side of city council when she spoke up at meeting after meeting over particular concerns, including the need to allow residents to park on the street overnight. “I worked on that and pushed and pushed.”

Wagner represented her neighbourhood on the CTAC during her term as president but “closed it down because the city wasn’t paying any attention to us.”

The train station preservation and a campaign raising \$850,000 for its restoration is especially close to her heart. She remembers how a CP railway representative sat at her kitchen table along with another member of the WHA to hear their arguments for preserving the station, which they saw as an important part of West-



Flora-Lee Wagner at home, April 10.

mount’s history. “He told us: ‘Be careful what you wish for!’” The station required a lot of work. It has since undergone exterior restorations but remains unused.

Over the years, Wagner said, one volunteer position led to another. Through each she met other community-minded Westmounters, including the late Don Wedge. In fact, she recalled initially driving him to the *continued on p. 18*

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January 27, p. 6), and then to “joint co-presidents” (March 3, p. 7) and now “co-acting presidents.”

Many of the WMA’s board members resigned three months ago over differences

of opinion on “solidarity” (see story January 20, p. 18). Along with Starr and Picard, they included François Prenevost, Jerry Miller, Marilyn Vanderstaay, Brigitte Stock and Medhi Ghafouri.

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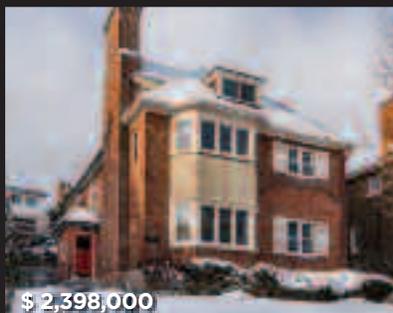
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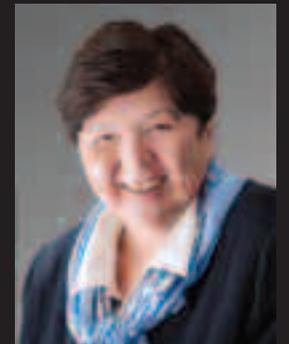
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Council ponders possible sound barrier on highway



Mike Mossop addresses city council April 7 about the sound barrier.

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Mike Mossop of Columbia Ave. asked city council April 7 if the city might consider placing a sound barrier directly on the Ville Marie expressway rather than north of the railway tracks as is currently being studied.

Since Canadian Pacific has refused to allow the city to use any of its land for a sound barrier and space is tight, "We may have to go back to putting it on the highway," Mayor Peter Trent replied. This was one of the original options discussed many years ago but since put aside.

"I would like to see all the options explored," Mossop said.

A feasibility study in the throes of completion has been looking at various options on the north side of the tracks, which

would also help muffle the sound of trains. Space restrictions have been limiting the outcome.

Councillor Theodora Samiotis who has been involved in discussions with the study consultants, told the *Independent* last week the city had mentioned the option of moving the sound barrier to the highway during their meeting March 19 along with representatives from the Quebec ministry of Transport (see March 24, p. 3).

"We need to find a solution," she said. Without one, plans to install a "living wall" to the west of the sound barrier starting at the Westmount Athletic Grounds are being held up since the two are to be connected.

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Tom Flies appointed assistant director for Urban Planning

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

After a long search for an assistant director of Urban Planning, city council appointed Tom Flies at its meeting April 7. He becomes second in charge of the department as it faces many zoning and planning challenges.

“I look forward to working with him,” said director Joanne Poirier. “He’ll be a great addition to the department.”

Flies, who has been working in land-use planning with the National Capital Commission in Ottawa for the last year, will assume his new responsibilities Monday, May 11, said Councillor Theodora Samiotis in moving the motion of his appointment as commissioner of Urban Planning.

As a professional urban planner as opposed to being an architect, Flies is expected to bring insight and direction in this area at a time the city is facing challenges in the south-east particularly the whole Tupper parking lot-St. Catherine area, she said.

Flies graduated with a master’s degree in Urban Planning from the University of

Montreal in 2009 after obtaining an undergraduate degree in geography (man and society) in 2006 from Université Paul Valéry Montpellier III, France, part of one of the oldest universities in Europe.

Since then he has worked on a number of different projects that involve various aspects of research and planning including the areas of transport and cycling.

In addition to English and French, he speaks and writes German, Dutch and Luxembourgish.

Dislodged grate leaves deep shaft uncovered

A patrolling public safety officer discovered a grate had been removed from a ventilation shaft March 31 at 6:26 am, Public Security officials said. The exposure of the 20-foot-deep shaft in the lane between Tupper and St. Catherine was deemed dangerous and the superintendent of a building just west of Atwater was informed. Public Works barricaded off the hazard until it could be corrected.

Payne made interim assistant director, Public Security

BY LAUREN SWEENEY

Public Security sergeant Stephen Payne was named interim assistant director of the department at the city council meeting April 7. The appointment, effective Monday, May 4, enables him to serve as second-in-command during the maternity leave of assistant director Kim Colquhoun.

Payne, 50, a 30-year city employee, worked as a student in Public Works and began his career in maintenance at the police station. After joining Public Security in 1988 as a parking inspector, he was appointed a public safety officer and then promoted to the rank of sergeant in May 2011 (see June 1, 2011, p. 1).

He grew up in Westmount, attended Westmount Park School, Marymount, Champlain College and Concordia and is well known to many residents. He is the son of the late police constable George Payne, who served the city for 33 years.

“Steve has always been an exemplary officer and is well respected by colleagues and residents,” said director Greg McBain. “He’s very enthusiastic and a good role

model for the younger members of the department. I’m very pleased he’ll be helping to fill the void during Kim’s absence.”



Stephen Payne, at his office, April 10.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Most people might think that a drive from the humble Southwest through the [neighbourhood of] stately homes of Westmount would be pleasant, but for over a half year now our daily drive has featured a most unpleasant sight: A dead squirrel has been hanging from the roof of a house at the southeast corner of Dorchester and Greene since early last fall.

We've seen its corpse sway in the breeze, get covered in ice and snow, and slowly become more desiccated and ghostly as the months go by.

I realize that in times of austerity the enforcement of municipal ordinances regarding the timely disposal of dead animals is perhaps not the highest priority, but I would ask the good people of Westmount to try to adhere to a more civilized standard of rodent removal and thus spare the delicate sensibilities of those of us who have no choice but to pass through your town.

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A dead squirrel hangs from a cornice on a building at Greene and Dorchester April 13.

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Annual art exhibition and bake sale of St. Margaret Day Centre, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, 50 Hillside Ave. first floor.

"Tea At Two" at Contactivity Centre, celebrating volunteer week and April birthdays, 2 pm with Westmount harpist Helen Rainville. Reserve: 514.932.2326.

Westmount Historical Association's April lecture "Preservation of 1847 Braemar ouse: 3219 The Boulevard," 7 to 9 pm at the Westmount Public Library. Free for members; others \$5 at door. Info: 514.932.6688.

From April 16 to June 15, the city of Westmount requires that dogs be kept on leash at Summit Woods.

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Panthers undefeated



The Priory's Panthers were undefeated during the LCC basketball tournament and also during the regular basketball season, winning the finals at the championship game on March 25. Some of the players, from left, top: Maeve Harrington, Sofia Scalia, principal and coach Tim Peters, Alexandra Merfu, Simone Pinto and Lara Arab-Makansi. Bottom: Roxana Barin, Linnea Nguyen and Mitra Rajae.

Photo courtesy of The Priory

Police Report

Three suspects arrested day after taxi robbery

BY MICHAEL MOORE

The following news story is based on information from police reports provided by a Station 12 constable in an interview with the reporter.

Downtown Montreal police officers responding to an armed robbery call on March 9 arrested a trio of suspects matching the description of individuals who had held up a taxi driver at gunpoint in Westmount the previous day, according to a police report.

At approximately 1 am., a call was placed to Station 20 alleging two men and a woman had robbed a man at gunpoint near Crescent. The suspects were described as two white men just under six-feet tall, one of whom had several facial tattoos and piercings, plus a white, 5'5"-tall woman.

Officers were called to the scene spotted the trio and gave chase as they fled, eventually catching all three in a laneway off of Mountain St.

The arrest came just 24 hours after two

male suspects and one female one matching the same description had used a gun to rob a taxi driver dropping them off in Westmount, said Station 12 constable Adalbert Pimentel.

On March 8, a taxi driver picked up the three individuals near St. Denis and, after an initial detour, took the trio to the corner of St. Catherine and Atwater. The woman and the tattooed man exited the vehicle, while the third suspect asked to be taken south to the corner of Dorchester and Atwater. While stopped near Weredale Park, the remaining man reportedly pulled out a gun and ordered the driver to turn off the engine, drop the keys and hand over his money and cell phone. The suspect then fled the vehicle with the cash and phone while the driver used the cab radio to inform his company to call police.

Though the suspects' pictures and descriptions match, Pimentel said police couldn't conclusively proclaim the trio at the centre of both incidents until an investigator had completed the examination process.

Beats last year's results

Electricity consumption drops 3.7% during Earth Hour

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

This year during Earth Hour, March 28, the consumption of electricity in Westmount decreased some 3.7 percent from 8:20 pm to 9:35 pm compared with the same time period last year of 2.6 percent, Hydro Westmount officials said last week.

The weather was colder this year so the overall consumption level was higher, however, said director Benoit Hurtubise. "That was no surprise," he added. Once an electric furnace kicks in, consumption increases.

While it was also reported last year to have been a cold night, the general figures

indicate 2015 was even colder.

This year, during Earth Hour, a peak in consumption of about 52.9 megawatt amperes (MVA) was recorded at 8:20 pm, which had decreased to about 50.9 MVA at 9:35 pm, Hurtubise said.

Last year, over the same time period, the decrease went from about 49 MVA to about 47.7 MVA (see story April 8, 2014, p. 7).

Plaque stolen

A commemorative plaque was stolen from a rock in Queen Elizabeth Gardens April 2, Public Security officials said. The plaque marked a memorial tree. The theft was witnessed by a nearby resident who stated the suspect had left in a car. More information was turned over to police.


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Back for an answer



From left, Sophia Dimitrakopoulos joins Bobby Emblem and Owen Frankel in asking city council April 7 when they would be getting a skateboard park. The two boys had asked council for one November 3. Councillor Rosalind Davis, commissioner of Sports and Recreation, explained that while some people wanted one, other residents did not but they were welcome to use the empty Melville Pond. "Keep asking the question," Councillor Christina Smith told them.

Photo: Laureen Sweeney

Westmount lowers flags for Vimy Ridge Day

BY LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount lowered its flags to half-mast at city hall and the cenotaph April 9 to mark the World War I battle of Vimy Ridge in northern France in 1917.

"Vimy Ridge Day" was so designated by federal government legislation in 2003 in recognition of the battle being the first time Canadians coast to coast fought together against a common enemy and in remembrance of close to 11,000 Canadians who died or were wounded that day.

Among them were 274 casualties from Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR), said Lieut.-Col. Colin Robinson, a former commanding officer of the regiment and now its honorary lieutenant colonel. These included 100 fatalities.

This is believed to be one of the first times in recent years at least that the city has commemorated the event. "Vimy is one of the RMR's battle honours," explained Mayor Peter Trent, a former honorary colonel of the RMR. "And the RMR is Westmount's regiment."

The RMR was part of the first wave of at-

tackers at Vimy Ridge and secured its objectives on time, according to author Ted Barris in his book *Victory at Vimy: Canada Comes of Age*. "The Royal Montrealers' advance moved like clockwork," it states.

Turning point

Robinson, who visited the Nine Elms war graves for Vimy in 2008 said he found the 88 RMR markers (some soldiers buried two to a grave) in a row, arranged by rank and alphabetical order. The alignment was "unique" among war cemeteries, he said.

A total of close to 3,600 Canadians were killed in the capture of Vimy Ridge, a battle considered to be a turning point for the country and a defining moment in the country's national identity. It was the first time during the war that all four Canadian divisions fought as a unified formation.

The RMR, whose armoury is located on St. Catherine St. adjacent to the Westmount recreation centre, marked the event with a regimental dinner and the lowering of its flags. A movie night was held by the RMR Foundation showing *The Battle of Vimy Ridge*.

The aim of the film event was to promote awareness of the battle, educate Canadians as to its significance and support the Vimy Foundation's project for building an education centre to be unveiled in France on April 9, 2017 on the grounds adjacent to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.

See photo, p. 1.

Dog brings \$76 ticket

A 17-year-old Westmount woman was issued a \$76 ticket April 2 for failing to pick up after her defecating dog on the football field at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), Public Security officials said. The dog owner was also given a warning for allowing the black Labrador retriever to walk off leash. Officers responded to a complaint at 8:38 am from someone at the WAG who complained that a woman regularly walked the dog at that location off leash. She was located at the dog run and observed as she left, at which time the dog ran onto the field.



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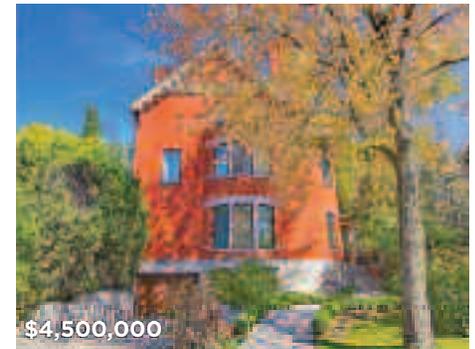
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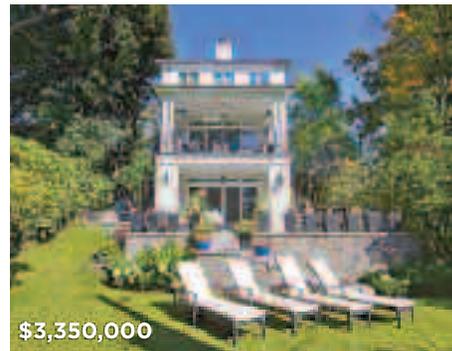
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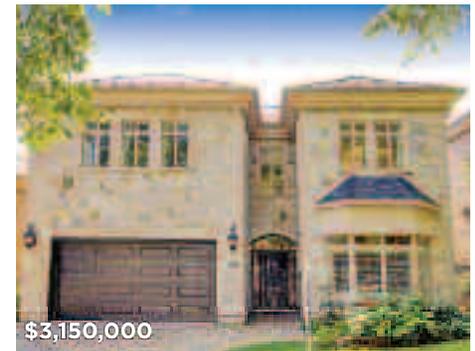
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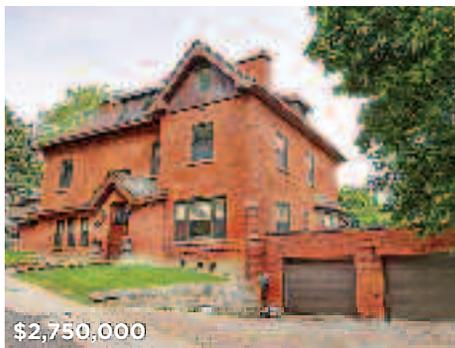
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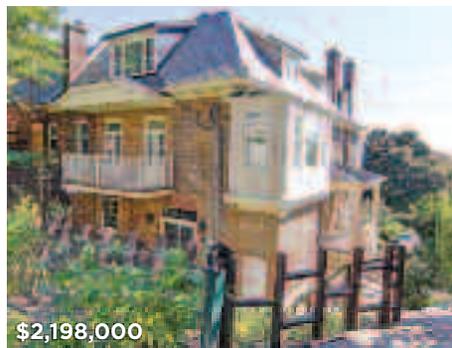
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Easter bunnies came and went



The Westmount conservatory was popular on a cold morning April 5, Easter Sunday. Several small children gathered around to look at the rabbit family, as a dog watched too. The rabbits come from the Town and Country farm and were to be returned there April 8, according to Jayme Gerbrandt, city horticulture and arboriculture inspector.

Photo: Ralph Thompson

Olivier cont'd. from p. 1

fice to the city's Transportation Advisory Committee for review and recommendations, she said.

Giovanni D'Antono, who spearheaded the petition but did not attend the meeting, told the *Independent* it was residents' response to a city plan to open up 30 parking spaces on the east side of Olivier in non-winter months to generate commercial activity on Greene (see story November, p. 8).

"We're not supposed to make parking available to everyone who wants to come to Greene Ave. for shopping," he said. "Olivier is a narrow residential street that's tight for parking. We've already had two summers of parking on both sides during construction on Greene.

"Why always Olivier? Why don't they go to Clarke, or Elm or Wood, or let people pay for parking on Sherbrooke or St. Catherine? As residents, I think we should come first."

Forbes said that parking on both sides of a street tends to act as a traffic calmer and in this case would help deter speeding.

D'Antono, who has lived on Olivier for 10 years, said the city's design and reconstruction of Greene with its wide mid-block pedestrian crossings had reduced the number of parking spaces on both sides as well as at the corners.

And now he does not feel Olivier residents should have to bear the brunt of that decision.

He said he had intended to present the petition personally at the city council meeting February 2 but had mixed up the time of the meeting and arrived an hour early to find the door locked on a very cold evening. "I was freezing waiting."

Instead, he handed it over to Forbes to submit.

Neighbour awakens to sound of crash as tree uprooted

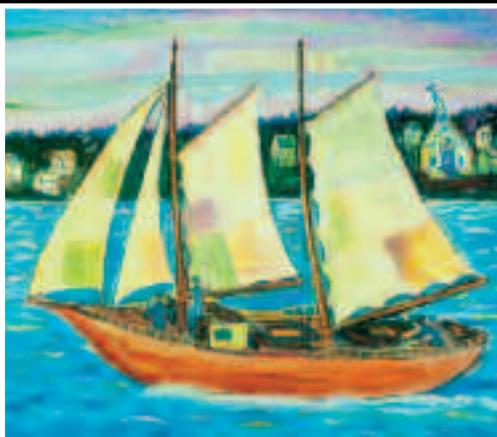
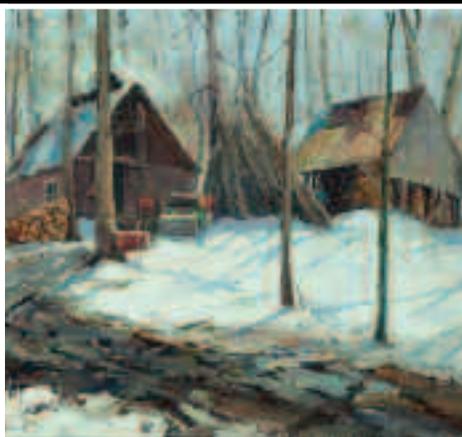
A resident of Edgehill was awakened by the sound of a car crash April 3 just before 5:18 am, Public Security officials said. Officers responding to the scene found the car sideways on the sidewalk across from 217 Edgehill and a tree "totally uprooted."

Two young men were found beside the car. One was reported to have said he didn't know what had happened. He hadn't been going fast but just "missed the corner."

Police took an accident report but in the absence of a witness, it could not be confirmed who was actually driving the car. The mother of one, a Westmount resident who owns the car, arrived at the scene. It had to be towed away.

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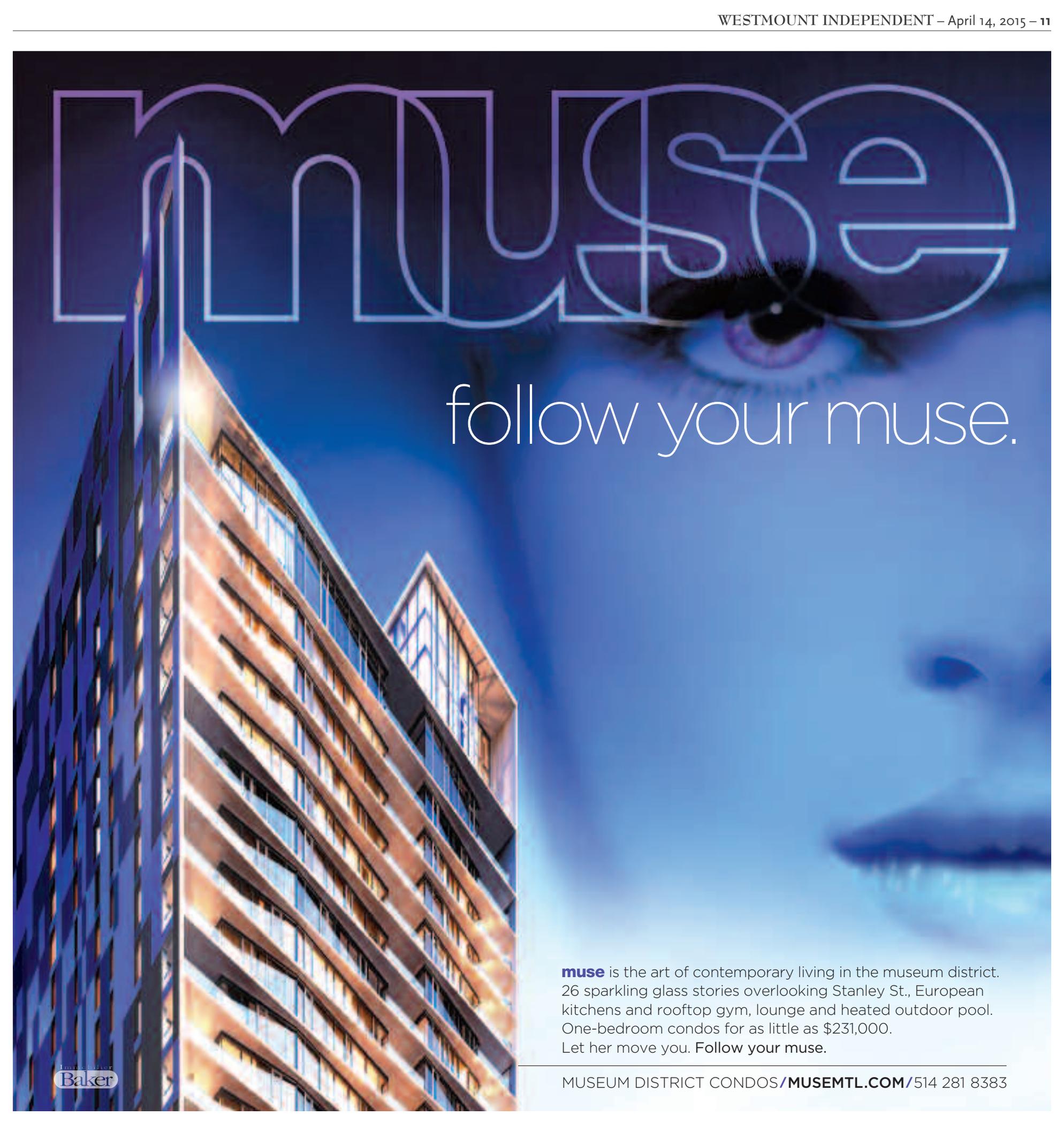
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at first but quite rambunctious. Catherine, the baby, is happy and bold at age 3.

These traits can add joy to any home, but these children have particularly strong personalities. They will need structure and order to temper overly aggressive play and tantrums, which are an understandable outcome of growing up in a chaotic environment. Further, the children experience some developmental delays related to speech and toileting and a family with strong parenting skills is needed to nurture the children through their milestones.

Despite some of the changes the children have faced in recent months, they form a united triad who will always have each other. They will therefore be best served by a home in the downtown area that can accommodate siblings.

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For more information please contact Batshaw Youth and Family Centres at 514.932.7161, ext 1139.

Budding artists graduate from Victoria Hall art class



A vernissage of art works created by a group of grade-school children who took part in a weekly art class offered by the Sports and Recreation department at Victoria Hall since January was held in the building's concert hall March 25. The group's instructor, Alma Casilia (centre), introduced her young students to the works of famous artists such as Claude Monet, Wassily Kandinsky, Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo.

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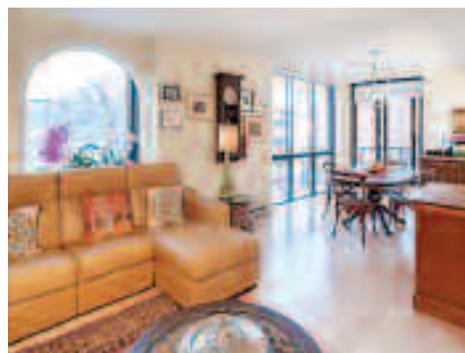


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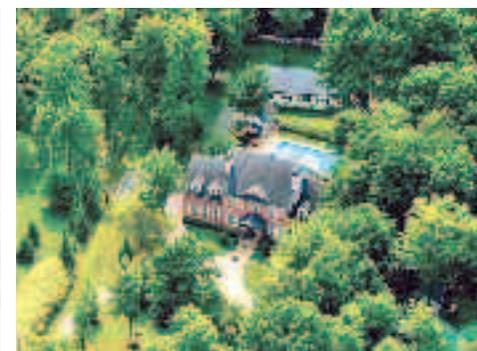
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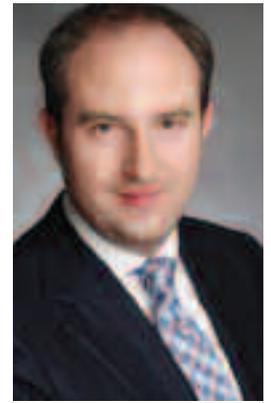
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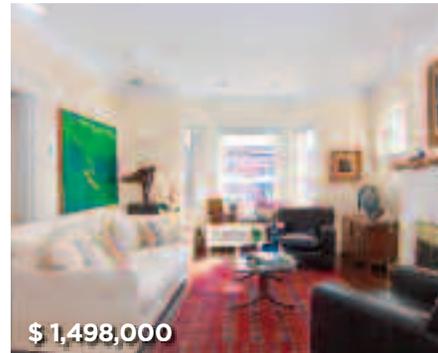
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Underdog Noushka has come a long way

BY JOANNE PENHALE

Several Westmount connections make life a little easier for the dog Noushka – and interesting for those in her circle.

The three-legged German shepherd got a new leash on life after she was featured in the *Independent's* Underdog Club column in December 2009. (See “Three-legged Noushka from Lebanon needs a foster home ASAP,” December 1, 2009, p. 21.)

Fast forward to August 2010, and what

started as a five-week commitment to foster became lifelong when Noushka’s home became that of Lezli Kirsch, a former Westmounter.

Noushka’s leg was amputated in Lebanon after it was left broken and turned gangrenous. Beirut for the Ethical Treatment of Animals teamed up with the Underdog Club, which at the time had a

dog portrait gallery coupled with adoption days in an empty storefront on Sherbrooke, and Noushka was brought to Canada.

“There was something about Noushka that just called out to me,” said Kirsch, who explained Noushka originally looked lost and scared, but within a few weeks calmed down, *continued on p. 20*



This German shepherd, Noushka, was adopted in 2010 by former Westmounter Lezli Kirsch, right, who is seen here with her friend Westmounter Bronwen Mantel March 29.

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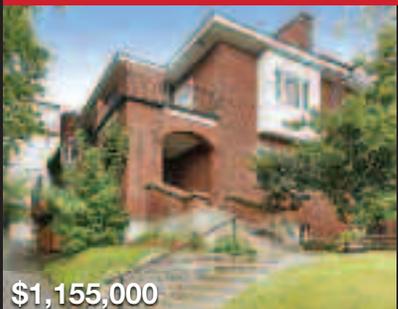


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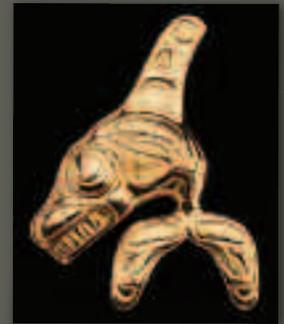
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*Social Notes
from Westmount
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VERONICA REDGRAVE

The Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) of Jerusalem hosted a fascinating event January 29.

The Westmount-based organization invited **Catherine Bachand**, CEO of One Drop, as guest speaker. For some time CFHU had been investigating possibilities to link the university's expertise and resources with One Drop's mission.

The luncheon, hosted at Richter, was part of the Albert Einstein Business Forum, meetings organized under the aus-

pices of CFHU.

Forum chair, Westmounter **Matthew Price-Gallagher**, was noted welcoming guests along with CFHU president **Ari Brojde**, also a local res, and executive director **Simon Bensimon**.

Brojde addressed the group, speaking of his family's Peter Brojde Center for Innovative Engineering and Computer Science with Laboratory for Miniature Integrated Systems at the University.

The centre was founded by Brojde's mother, Anna, in honour of her late husband and Ari's father **Peter Brodje**. Anna was present at the luncheon.

Immediate past president of CFHU, **Monette Malewski**, introduced Bachand, who gave an inspiring presentation about One Drop's water projects throughout the world. Some of its undertakings use the drip irrigation system, invented by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which also re-cycles 80 percent of its waste water.

Bachand stressed that the non-profit's endeavours were always "collaborative, working with local partnerships."

Created by Cirque du Soleil's founder Guy Laliberté, the One Drop Foundation recently had a shout-out at the UN. Jim Kim, president of the World Bank and part of *continued on p. 17*



Robyn, left, and Ari Brojde.

Richard Bass MA, OPQ

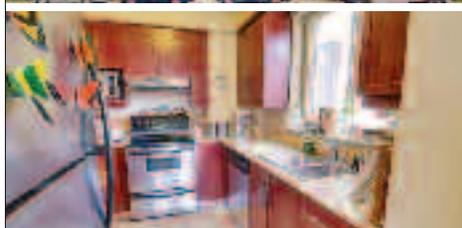
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Catherine Bachand, left, and Monette Malewski.



Anna Brojde and Lewis Dobrin.

Joolz hosts event for autism

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the UN's chief executive board, mentioned One Drop in a video.

Bachand quoted some alarming statistics, one of which was "a child dies every 20 seconds because there is no access to clean water."

Noted applauding the talk were Westmounters Ari's wife Robin Brojde, Dominique Anglade, CFHU board members Lewis Dobrin and Carol Koffler, as well as Muriel Pariente, Michael Bergman, Irwin Tauben and Philip Nadler, from Richter.

Guests chatted over coffee and marvelous macaroons before departing into a cold sunshine.



Joolz Bar à Bijoux owner Lydia Mamane hosted a vernissage April 2 put on by students of Giant Steps School in honour of autism awareness month. Some 25 guests attended the 5-à-7 wine-and-cheese event, which displayed the artwork for sale. Giant Steps school was founded in 1983 to provide resources for children with autism.

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Town of Mount Royal when both were on the WMA board to pick up information on the volunteer-of-the-year award organized by the citizen municipal association there. It served as a model for the WMA award with which she is now being honoured.

Wagner grew up in Montreal and moved to Westmount and her present home on Claremont just north of Sherbrooke 44 years ago. She studied art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' school of art and design (1961 to 1964) and interior design at the Hammersmith College of Art and Building in London (1966 to 1967).

She has worked professionally in ani-

mation at the National Film Board, at the Laura Ashley store on Crescent St. as its manager of home furnishings as well as other businesses before setting up her own. She now considers herself semi-retired.

Open door reveals skis, bikes

An open garage door was spotted by a patroller April 9 at 7:28 pm on Church Hill near Montrose, Public Security officials said. Items such as skis and bicycles were exposed to view. Officers managed to close the automatic door after being unable to reach the resident.

Cars collide at Sherbrooke, Lansdowne

Two cars collided April 8 at 8:30 am at the intersection of Lansdowne and Sherbrooke, Public Security officials said. No injuries were reported. One had been going south, the other west. Both sustained damage to the front end. Traffic was diverted by public safety officers and police after a patroller came across the accident around at 8:30 am.

Resident leaves door ajar

A basement door was found ajar April 5 at a house on Grosvenor between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine, Public Security officials said. Police were called, but public safety officers remained on the scene in the meantime until the resident arrived home stating the door had been left open by mistake. It had been reported by a neighbour at 9:40 am.



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AVIS DE DEMANDE DE DÉMOLITION

À TOUTES LES PERSONNES INTÉRESSÉES

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné que la Ville de Westmount a reçu une demande pour un permis de démolition et un programme de remplacement pour le bâtiment situé au **3217, The Boulevard**.

Ce projet implique une démolition substantielle du bâtiment original. En vertu du règlement 1317, puisque le projet entraîne la démolition de plus de 50% des façades, le projet doit être examiné par le Comité de démolition. Ce projet consiste en la fermeture et l'agrandissement de l'empreinte de l'étage des combles existant et l'addition d'un volume important au-dessus du garage existant situé à l'est.

Tous les documents pertinents concernant cette demande de permis de démolition, incluant les plans, peuvent être consultés au bureau de la directrice du Service de l'aménagement urbain, situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount pendant les heures d'ouverture, soit du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

Toute personne qui veut s'opposer à la démolition doit, dans les dix (10) jours de la publication de l'avis public, ou à défaut, dans les dix (10) jours qui suivent l'affichage de l'avis sur l'immeuble concerné, faire connaître par écrit son opposition motivée à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l'adresse ci-après.

De plus, toute personne désirant exprimer son accord à la démolition proposée ou présenter toute autre proposition, doit également le faire, par écrit, à l'intérieur du délai de dix (10) jours, à la greffière adjointe de la Ville à l'adresse suivante :

Services juridiques et greffe
Ville de Westmount
4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest
Westmount (Québec) H3Z 1E2

Toute personne qui aura déposé auprès du greffe, une opposition motivée par écrit ou fait une proposition par écrit, à l'intérieur de ce délai, sera avisée de la date, de l'heure et du lieu de la séance publique du comité de démolition au cours de laquelle cette demande de permis de démolition, et le programme préliminaire pour la réutilisation du sol à être dégagé seront étudiés. Ces personnes (ou leurs représentants dûment autorisés par écrit) pourront être entendues par le comité de démolition au cours de cette séance publique.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 14 avril 2015.

Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe de la Ville

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION APPLICATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westmount has received an application for a demolition permit, and for the replacement program for the building located at **3217 The Boulevard**.

This project involves a substantial demolition of the original building. In accordance with by-law 1317, as the demolition work exceeds 50% of all façades, the project must be submitted for consideration by the Demolition Committee. This project consists of enclosing and extending the footprint of the existing attic storey and adding a significant volume on top of the existing garage established to the east.

All relevant documents concerning this demolition application, including plans, may be consulted at the Office of the Director of Urban Planning located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, in Westmount, during regular business hours, from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any person wishing to oppose the demolition must give the reasons for objecting, in writing, within 10 days of publication of the public notice or within 10 days following the posting of the notice on the concerned immovable. The written objection must be sent to the Assistant City Clerk at the address below.

Likewise, any person wishing to express support for the proposed demolition, or make any other comment in this regard, must also do so, in writing, to the Assistant City Clerk, within that period of ten (10) days, at the following address:

Legal Services and City Clerk's Office
City of Westmount
4333 Sherbrooke Street West
Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1E2

Any person who has filed, in writing, objections or comments with the City Clerk's Office, within the specified delay, shall be notified of the date, time and place of the public sitting of the Demolition Committee at which the application for the demolition permit and the proposed preliminary program for the reutilization of the vacated land shall be considered. These persons (or their representatives who have been duly authorized in writing) may be heard by the Demolition Committee at the public sitting.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this April 14th, 2015.

Nicole Dobbie
Assistant City Clerk

Spring banquet awards winter athletes

The second of the semi-annual banquets for the 2014-2015 season was held by the Sports and Recreation at Victoria Hall the evening of April 8.

The following was the department's list of award recipients and presentation of trophies.

MOST IMPROVED SKATING PARTICIPANTS:

Beginner: JiaBoa Xue, Seoyeon Lim, Allen Sun, Vasili Polymenakos, Leon Li and Mathias Primavesi.

Intermediate: Lina Lee and Simone Côté.

Advanced: Floriane Baudin and Lynn Dabboussy.

Powerskating: Sophie Kalichman and Aaron Maxwell.

GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER sportsmanship awards: Tuleen Fayez, Adelka Felcarek Hope.

BOYS INDOOR SOCCER Sportsmanship Awards: Antonio Chiasson, Michael Blaikie Tomiuk, Alireza Kadkhodaie.

GIRLS HOCKEY Sportsmanship Awards: Krystyna Blaikie Tomiuk, Siqi Shearwood.

MIDGET INTER-CITY Sportsmanship Awards: Jeremy Epstein, Scott Spector, Eli Zuckerman.

MIDGET INTER-CITY Most Improved Player Awards: Wesley Osterland, Joseph Karam, David Kalichman

BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE Sportsmanship Awards: Jarrett Richman, Graeme Norris

BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE Most Improved Player Award: Jonathan Aucoin, Peter Emblem

BANTAM INTER-CITY SEASON CHAMPIONS:

Coaches: Eric Pothier, Spencer Good-

man and Andrew Robb; players Julian Ludwick, Cyrus Sarmad, Andrew Turner, Paul Westenberg, Vaughn Trestan, Tyler Stern, Jordan Sager, Nicholas Pothier, Philippe Miller, Sam Lee-Howes, Nicolas Huot, Kieran Hamilton, Justin Goodman, Ryan Garber, James Galbraith, Joshua Feldman

BANTAM INTER-CITY Sportsmanship Award: Kieran Hamilton, Charles Richards

BANTAM INTER-CITY Most Improved Player Award: Cyrus Sarmad, Dimitry Cherepanov

PEEWEE HOUSE LEAGUE Sportsmanship Awards: Johnny Rees, Brett Spector

PEEWEE HOUSE LEAGUE Most Improved Player Award: Louis Colas, Jonathan Milner

PEEWEE INTER-CITY Sportsmanship Awards: Philippe DeKoninck, James Lustig

PEEWEE INTER-CITY Most Improved Player Awards: Jack Kerklaan, Konrad Horner

ATOM HOUSE LEAGUE Sportsmanship Awards: Yoshitada Hatta, Dhruba Chowdhury

ATOM HOUSE LEAGUE Most Improved Player Award: Elliott Abry, Mohammed Shaer

ATOM INTER-CITY Sportsmanship Awards: Toby Graham, Joseph Tilden

ATOM INTER-CITY Most Improved Player Awards: Andrew Sager, Charlie Velan

NOVICE HOUSE LEAGUE Sportsmanship Awards: Xavier Nelliah-Tremblay, Shalev Cooperstock

NOVICE HOUSE LEAGUE Most Improved Player Award: Lorenzo Messercola, Julian Beauregard

NOVICE INTER-CITY Sportsmanship Award: Sebastian Segal, Alex Assaf

NOVICE INTER-CITY Most Improved Player Award: Ethan Martin, Ryan Kwong.



Close to 400 kids crowded into Victoria Hall around 6 pm April 8 for the city's sports banquet. Mayor Peter Trent, city councillors Patrick Martin, Theodora Samiotis, Christina Smith, Nicole Forbes, Rosalind Davis, Philip Cutler and Victor Drury and staff served up a spaghetti supper that was rapidly devoured. Bruce Stacey, facilities manager, brought calm to the rowdiness and opened the evening's proceedings.
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and became protective of Kirsch, following her everywhere.

The dog frequently joins Kirsch in a kayak on the Lachine canal, a pastime Kirsch said they will resume in May.

Noushka is featured in several YouTube videos, including one featuring kayaking on the canal (Search for "3-Legged Rescue Dog Enjoys the Good Life!" on YouTube).

Another is narrated by Kirsch's friend Bronwen Mantel, a Westmouter and Emmy-award-winning actress, who is the "tiger voice" in a video which can be found at <http://youtu.be/KoREorj0EMk>.

Piano prodigy Antal plays at Place K



Pinchas Antal gives a piano performance at Place Kensington March 22 as Ilse Gardner, left, and Harry Weiss listen.

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although it's been only a few years since he first started playing the piano, there are those who believe that Pinchas Antal will go far in life as a musician.

Antal, 14, started studying his instrument under piano teacher Vladimir Krassov four years ago. During this brief time, according to Krassov, Antal has managed to reach a university level in his musical ability.

Antal, who is a member of the Chabad Westmount centre, recently had the opportunity to take 10 days of master classes with classical concert pianist Valery Sigalevitch in France. He also recently won first place at the Cresendo international music competition held at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Antal has given recitals in and around Montreal, including a short performance on March 22 at the Place Kensington sen-

ior citizens' residence on St. Catherine, where he was warmly received and enthusiastically applauded.

Antal comes from a musical family and took up studying the piano after his older brothers and sisters began learning the instrument but decided to pursue other musical studies. He often performs difficult pieces from memory without sheet music.

Krassov, who is a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory, says he recognized Antal as having prodigious talent soon after becoming his teacher. He persuaded his father, Mordechai, to spend more than \$14,000 on the purchase of a baby grand piano, which was a minimum requirement for this level of study.

Although he applied to and was accepted to one of Montreal's leading music conservatories, Antal says he plans to pursue a private regime of studies for the time being.

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1481

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné que le règlement 1481 intitulé « **RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 1315 SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIRS À CERTAINS FONCTIONNAIRES DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT** » a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance ordinaire tenue à l'hôtel de ville le 7 avril 2015.

L'objet de ce règlement vise à modifier la définition de "cadre" à l'alinéa 3 de l'article 1 afin d'y inclure tous les cadres qui devraient avoir l'autorité de signer.

Ce règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne peut consulter ce règlement sur le site Web de la Ville, au www.westmount.org, et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffe situé au 4333, rue Sherbrooke Ouest à Westmount, du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 14 avril 2015.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1481

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law 1481 entitled "**BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 1315 ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT**" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a regular sitting held at City Hall on April 7, 2015.

The object of this by-law is to amend the definition of "Manager" found in paragraph 3 of section 1 to include all current managers that should have signing authority.

This by-law comes into force according to law.

Any person may consult said By-law on the City's Website, www.westmount.org, and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk located at 4333 Sherbrooke Street West in Westmount, from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Nicole Dobbie
Greffière adjointe / Assistant City Clerk

www.westmount.org

No work allowed over holiday weekend

Three contractors were told to stop work over the holiday weekend, Public Security officials said. Two incidents were reported April 4, Good Friday, a legal holiday in the city. One was near 475 Roslyn; the other at 313 Elm. A third was discovered on Sunday at 4175 St. Catherine, where workers were emptying carts into a dumpster.



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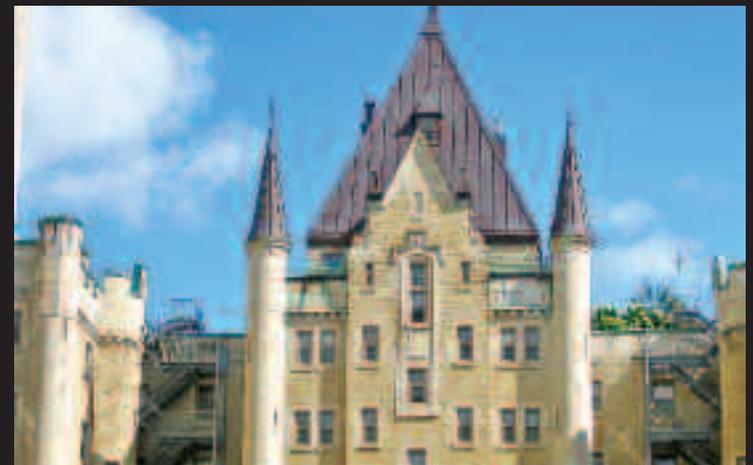


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After learning about many different types of hardware and software variations on the market, Cutler said a “pay-by-plate” system was one that seemed best suited for Westmount to serve residents, merchants, Public Security and the city.

“It’s an amazing system that is so easy to use, manage and enforce,” he said. “What we’re looking for is something that would take the pain out of parking – that is customer friendly. No one likes to get a ticket. It’s a big deterrent for a commercial area.”

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Rather than paying “by space,” as long as a plate is paid up, a car can move around to park in different spots in the city. The meters can be programmed to allow for various rates, times of day, locations and even types of permit, Cutler said. “There are so many options that can be built into it.”

As well, he added, the experience of other municipalities has been that city revenues increased 20 to 60 percent after the

installation of automated parking systems, which paid for themselves within the first year of operation.

Bilingual, built for winter

“We were looking for a system that integrates hardware, software and the citation [ticket] writer,” he explained. It also had to be bilingual and built for winter.

The systems he and McBain checked out were proven at minus 30° C. “That was the first question we asked. We were interested to find out some of the companies were Canadian and that their systems are in use farther north than we are.”

Westmount’s aging coin-operated meters are not only due for replacement but are also “definitely” outdated, he conceded.

“Parking is a big, big industry,” McBain explained. The trade show “gave us an opportunity to see what’s out there. We attended seminars and learned how in some places parking is a very serious problem.” So many handicapped permits have been issued in some municipalities that some of their streets are lined with those cars. “It’s out of control.”

Both Cutler and McBain are members of the city’s Transportation Advisory Committee, which is expected to study the various options and present recommendations.

Art for arthritis



Westmount organizers of an event to support The Arthritis Society gather in Westmount April 10. From left: Jane Martin, Alan Klinkhoff and Christiane Loiseau show the works of artist George Russell, which will be among those he has donated to sell at an event hosted by the national organization and Concordia University’s PERFORM Centre. It is to take place Thursday, April 16 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Loyola Jesuit Hall and Conference Centre.

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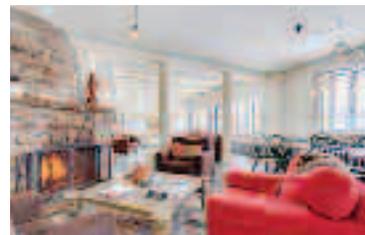
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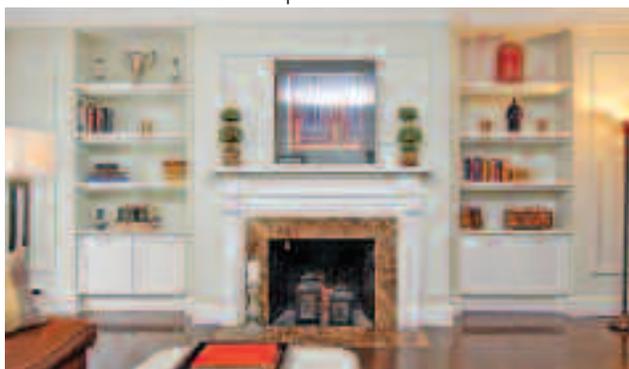


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