

Council Meeting

April 29th, 8 PM

Town Hall

Montreal West Town Council

There have been reports of muggings of school children by street gangs in Montreal West as well as NDG and Westmount. It is important that you know the facts as we know them today and know what you can do to keep yourself and your kids safe.

According to SPVM Commandant Sylvain Bissonnette of PDQ Station 9 which serves Montreal West, Côte St-Luc and Hampstead, “there are no street gangs in Montreal West” but they “visit us from other sectors.” To date, there have been two reported incidents in Montreal West but the problem also affects the areas served by PDQ Stations 11 (NDG), 12 (Ville Marie Ouest and Westmount) and 26 (Côte-des-Neiges). The perpetrators ask for the time and usually the victim pulls out their phone or iPod to check the clock. At this point, the perpetrators ask for the phone. According to Commandant Bissonnette, it seems to be teenagers “hanging around the Villa Maria Metro station but also around buses like the 51 and 162. This is not a new situation, we do arrest people, like we did last week. But it still goes on.”

Accordingly, as Monday, April 22nd, the SPVM has increased its visibility in our area. Montreal West PSOs will also patrol the Westminster area in the after school period.

Commandant Bissonnette recommends, whenever possible, to stay in groups and keep iPods, cell phones and other technology out of view.

He also suggests that if you are a victim of a mugging or any other crime, be sure to report it immediately to the SPVM at PDQ Station 9 at 514-280-0109 or call 911 for immediate action. Even if you see something unusual, please call immediately to give the police the information. As well, inform our own Montreal West Public Security Officers by calling the central dispatch at 514-630-1234.

Our PSO's can serve as another set of eyes if they are made aware of the situation.

Please continue to be vigilant. Make sure your kids are aware of the dangers on the roads everywhere and the importance of keeping their eyes and ears open. Thank you for your cooperation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

On Sunday, May 26th, 2013 Montreal West will be holding its annual hazardous waste collection day, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building (250 Bedbrook).

Types of HHW accepted for dropoff are: paint, batteries, aerosol cans, medication, vehicle batteries, fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, spent propane canisters and chemicals.

Camp

Get your kids organized for the summer by signing them up for the Montreal West Day Camp. 8 weeks of fun activities and making new friends await with our qualified and experienced staff.

Visit <http://www.montreal-west.ca/en/day-camp/> or call 514-484-6186 for more info.

Daily updates and testimonials are also available if you “like” us at www.facebook.com/campmw

Pool

The weather may still be cold outside but register for your pool membership before April 26 to benefit from our early bird discount! Full pool schedule and programs available at <http://www.montreal-west.ca/en/arena-and-pool/> or call 514-484-6186.

Community Center

Registration for summer programs is ongoing, register for adult programs as well as morning or afternoon programs for kids aged 2-10 now!

Early Bird discount until April 26!

For full program list call 514-484-6186 or visit <http://www.montreal-west.ca/en/youth-activities/>.

Green Waste

The weekly green waste collection will take place starting Friday, April 26th and continuing until the end of November.

Accepted green waste

Garden and landscape waste, dead leaves.

New: Conifers small branches

Small branches of conifers (cedar, fir, pine, spruce, etc.) no more than 1 meter long and 5 centimeters in diameter, tied in bundles are now accepted in the green waste collection on the above indicated dates. Outside of this period, these branches will be allowed in the garbage collection.

Excluded green waste

Table waste, soil and stone, pet litter and waste, as well as conifer branches longer than 1 meter or whose diameter exceeds 5 cm and branches of deciduous trees (maple oak, poplar, etc.).

Containers

The only accepted containers are paper bags, unwaxed cardboard boxes or any other reusable rigid container.

Plastic bags of any type will no longer be picked-up.

Parks

Please note the Town will be conducting work in the following children's playground areas over the coming weeks; Dave Reid, Rugby and Davies Parks. The work has been initiated to replace the old, dilapidated equipment and ensure the Town conforms to the Quebec safety code.

In an attempt to minimize the impact on users and residents in the area, the work will result in the temporary closure of the each park for a short duration.

We appreciate your patience during the renovation period.

Free For All Day!

On Saturday, May 25, starting at 9 a.m., Montreal West residents are invited to place any unwanted yet functioning and useful items at the curb for free pickup by other members of the community.

All uncollected items must be removed by homeowners that same evening. Please note that residents who fail to remove their items may be subject to a fine. All treasures are claimed in an "as is" condition. The purpose of this event is to encourage re-using and recycling in MoWest. The Town provides this information as a public service and assumes no responsibility for the treasures collected.

Happy hunting!

Art in the Park will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2013 in Davies Park.

This is an outdoor exhibit, organised by the Recreation & Culture department and is dedicated to encouraging the growth and development of art & creativity in our Community.

Artists (painters, photographers, musicians, sculptors, children's art activities etc.) will be invited to exhibit and sell their artwork during the event at no cost and will be provided with a table and a designated area in the park.

The event is open to applicants who are residents or merchants of Montreal West. The 'Artist Application Form' can be found at the Montreal West Community Centre (8 Westminster south) and on our website www.montreal-west.ca

Application deadline is April 29, 2013

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by May 10, 2013

For more information call 514-484-6186 or contact Marian Scully by email mscully@montreal-west.ca

Grasscycling?

Recycling grass is easy to do, it consists of leaving cut grass on the lawn after mowing the lawn. The result is reduced lawn maintenance and decreased fertilization and watering costs. Cut grass decomposes within two or three days leaving no trace behind. It is a natural fertilizer and speeds up decomposition of stubble.

Recycling grass is a simple and effective way of maintaining your lawn and protecting our environment!

Benefits of grasscycling

There are many reasons to be a herbicycler! 6 Good reasons:

For the environment: The grass clippings are an importance source of methane (CH₄). By decomposing in landfill in the absence of oxygen, they produce biogases which contribute to increase greenhouse gas emissions. The methane is 21 times more powerful than carbon dioxide (CO₂).

To save on fertilizer purchase: Provide nutritive elements (mainly nitrogen) for the lawn through the decomposition of the cut grass;

To humidify the lawn: hydrate the soil naturally and protect it against drought, because grass wastes contain a large amount of water; 90 % Water by weight

To strengthen the lawn: nourish the micro-organisms that are beneficial to the soil and which help to decompose the thatch.

To reduce the volume of your waste, which reduces pollution associated with grass decomposing in landfill.

To save time: no time wasted on collecting and bagging grass clippings. Greatly reduce the volume of garbage that will end up in landfill!

The Town Remembers Tom Harvey

Thomas Harvey passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the age of 73. Tom proudly served the community of Montreal West for 44 years.

He started as a police officer for Montreal West from 1963 to 1971. From 1976 to 1992 he returned to Montreal West as a fireman for the Montreal West Fire Department when it opened its doors.

When Tom had to retire from the Fire Department for health reasons, he worked as a custodian for Rosedale United Church. In 1995 he returned to Montreal West as a Public Security Officer until his retirement in 2007. As a Public Security Officer, Tom served the communities of Montreal West, Hampstead and Cote St-Luc.

He will be missed in the Montreal West Community.