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## NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

for gardens starting this spring

by Loof Lirpa

The *Informer* has learned that the mandate of the Planning Advisory Committee will be expanded to include all elements of the exterior appearance of a resident's property, including the garden design, especially in the front of a property.

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## GIOVANNA TADDEO:

### V Fit Pro

by Maurice Krystal

The *V Fit Pro* sign is next to the bicycle store on Milner. Exactly two years earlier, I had accompanied **Maureen Hastie** down these same metal steps as she interviewed the owner and coach of *Academie Karate Alexandru Sorin*.

The place seems to look bigger, brighter and cleaner. **Giovanna Taddeo** is a woman probably in her mid-30s with the inner peace and confidence you would expect from someone possessing a 6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt. The youngest of four children, she grew up in Point St. Charles where her parents owned a grocery store. When she was 12, the family moved to Ville LaSalle, but she adamantly followed her siblings footsteps and attended James Lyng High School in the St-Henri/Point district. While in high school she enrolled in a Tae Kwaon Do school with her brother and sisters. One day, to her disappointment, she saw the dojo was closed with a notice of bankruptcy.

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## in memoriam

### Stuart McLean

We spoke by phone for about an hour. He was up north somewhere in the Laurentians relaxing. When I said I could come to him he hinted that he didn't want his space encroached upon. He spoke slowly and I scribbled notes. Much of it was his memory growing up in Mo West. He compared the place to a comfortable cocoon, a place he felt safe. He said he was both athletically and academically challenged and called himself a dreamer while growing up.

He had a wicked little laugh when he described coming back to our town incognito to see what changes had been made. He said he preferred the simpler and more innocent days of the older, more isolated Mo West. When I sent him my draft he made some small changes that showed his writing skills. It did read better. It also showed there was a very private side to Stuart when it came to his family. He asked that the names of his sons be removed from the piece to protect their privacy.

from Maurice Krystal



Photo: Scott Blackburn



Mayor Beny Masella and Carol Foster

## Adult library launches new extended hours

Saturday, March 4, Mayor **Beny Masella** and several Town Councillors, members, board members, staff and volunteers of the MW Public Library gathered for coffee and cookies to launch the new extended hours. Now, the library will be open Saturdays, 12 to 4 pm and Mondays to Thursdays 10 am to 4 pm, with no mid-day closing, and evenings 7 to 9. The new hours are designed to attract more users to the library and make it even more accessible to current members.

The Public Library in Montreal West is not the stereotypical you-can-hear-a-pin-drop place, but a social gathering spot where people can go to borrow the latest bestseller, popular movie, talking book, must-see TV series, get technology advice and, yes, to chat and catch up on the latest happenings in the Town. It's a warm and friendly place with a relaxed ambience that members have grown to cherish and it's hoped the new hours will bring more into the fold.

People interested in the library can drop by 45 Westminster S, across from the Town Hall and have a look around, ask questions and join if they wish. Annual membership is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.



## Rebirth of an abandoned garden

Alexandra Risen and her husband bought a house in the early 2000s in downtown Toronto perched on one of the many ravines that run through the city. With the house came an acre of abandoned garden choked with weeds and debris under which were discovered a crumbling pagoda, koi pond and bridge that once belonged to a larger estate. A good ten years was spent digging, pruning and coming to terms with the stubborn physical landscape while undertaking the immense challenge of reviving the century old garden.

Ms Risen documented the painstaking transformation bringing sustainable order to her patch of earth in the memoir *Unearthed: Love, Acceptance and Other Lessons from an Abandoned Garden* and she will share her experience with us Monday, April 17 at 7:30 pm. The *MW Horticultural Society* meets at the Town Hall.

We serve refreshments, and people have the opportunity to talk with the speaker. We ask \$5 from non-members but it is not too late to pay for a 2017 membership (\$20) which includes admission to all presentations. Admission or membership payable at the door.

## Informerly yours

### Sharks!

On February 17, former MoWest resident, **Aidan Chopra**, now of Boulder, Colorado, was featured on the TV show *Shark Tank*. Aidan and his business partner **Scott Lininger** were pitching their company *Bitsbox* to the sharks in order to “make a deal” with those gazillionaires and get some exposure in front of eight million people.

In the end, even though Aidan and Scott did an excellent job of selling *Bitsbox*, they didn’t accept the deal that was offered. But happily, the exposure on national television resulted in an enormous boost in subscriptions and they are on the way to becoming sharks themselves.

Aidan’s parents, **Jenny and Shab Chopra** of Brock North are extremely proud of him and hope to retire someday soon. FYI, *Bitsbox* is a subscription-based company that teaches kids to love coding.



### Busy knitters

Members of the Community Centre’s third knitting course completed this blanket started by those of the second course in the fall. Each square is unique, made with care to practise tension or a new pattern. There are 46 squares, with an edging made by two students who were learning how to do lace work.

**Pearl**, new to knitting, struggled valiantly and succeeded with the help of *YouTube* videos for left-handed knitting, and all the students mastered the arts of knit and purl, increasing and decreasing and reading patterns. The two intermediate students also learnt simple cable patterns for a headband or pocket. And all of us said that knitting is fun.

The blanket is destined to be given to *Auberge Transition* or *Dans la Rue*.

### Do my eyes deceive me?

Something unbelievable might be happening: finally replacing one of many burnt out lights at the MoWest train station! But are they using people or light bulbs?



### Grannies for Good

On February 8, a group of residents were treated to an interesting presentation on the *Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign* of the *Stephen Lewis Foundation*. **Joanne Gormley**, a member of the *Grannies for Good*, a chapter of the foundation, talked about her recent trip to Zambia and South Africa.

Joanne is planning her second annual Gently Used Clothing Sale on May 13 and is asking all of us to do a spring cleaning of our closets and give away those items we never wear! All money raised will go towards the African grandmothers who care for their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

You can contact Joanne by emailing her at [jo123gormley@gmail.com](mailto:jo123gormley@gmail.com) to find out where you can bring your clothes and the location of the sale in May.



Attendees at the presentation on the *Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign*. Joanne in back row (RHS).

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## NEW GARDENING REGULATIONS

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This means all plantings in gardens or containers and other decorative changes, like garden rocks or statuary, whether permanent or not, must be approved by the PAC, which also means a permit will be necessary. **Joyce Teiber**, President of the *Horticultural Society*, will join the PAC as an *ad hoc* member for the spring and summer period to lend her expertise to the process which is expected to be chaotic in this the first year of the new rules.

The PAC recognized that, because of their popularity, annuals would pose a problem and they are exempt from the permitting process to the extent that residents must choose from an approved list of species and colours. The list was developed in concert with the *Horticultural Society* and local flower and plant sellers who will be mandated to advise residents of the new rules and regulations and prominently display a list of the approved annuals. If a resident wants to plant or display annuals that are not on the approved list, then a permit must be obtained in the required manner. For plantings of perennials, a sketch of the planting, together with a photo of the exterior of the property, must be submitted with the permit application. Species that grow too high, too wide or are too colourful relative to the property may not be accepted.

“The complete rules and regulations will be posted online before the spring planting season gets under way and following them will make it easy to realize your project,” said a spokesperson for the Town. *Horticultural Society* members, who always obey all the rules, will be exempt from the permitting process.




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# COMPOSTING: Let's have a chat!

This past fall, many residents engaged in a discussion about composting with senior McGill University students. As part of a capstone research project, a group of enthusiastic School of Environment students conducted research on the barriers and motivators to household composting. Composting is an effective and easy way for cities to reduce their carbon emissions, decrease the size of landfills (which contribute to air and soil pollution) and reduce waste disposal fees.

Many municipalities across Canada have jumped on the composting bandwagon, with Montreal West joining in 2013. Check out next month's issue

for more details on the benefits of composting!

While many of us care about environmental well-being, only about 40% of households in Montreal West actually make use of the municipal composting service on a consistent basis. Through their research, McGill students found that increasing the visibility of composting and facilitating information sharing between residents could encourage greater participation. Building on their findings, the Town is launching a composting action plan aimed at improving composting levels and bringing greater awareness to environmental issues. In addition to our monthly features in *The Infor-*



Melody Kwong, Elena Bouton, Melissa Paris St-Amour, Ashely Zastar-Zelinsky and Audrey Carleton

mer regarding a variety of composting tips and tricks, we will be implementing composting at all Town events. We look forward to chatting with you about all things composting (or sus-

tainability more generally) at our next community gathering!

*from Chris Kearney and the GIS Team*



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## Rotary

# EGBERT GAYE

## Black Community Contact



**Egbert Gaye** was our speaker February 9. February is Black History Month and has been celebrated in Canada since 1995. Egbert was born in Trinidad and is the editor of *Black Community Contact*. He is a wealth of knowledge and anyone who can sit around a table with *CJAD's Tommy Schumacher* is tough.

Egbert said it was MoWest Rotary President **Vince Occhionero** who invited him to talk to the club. Vince participates in many black community events and wanted Egbert to talk to us about our support of their fundraiser last September. It is important to acknowledge the exploits of people because we live in a small world. He stated that the culture of hate is so pronounced, but the culture of hate has no place in our society. The recent Quebec City attack was a shocker. Something has to be done and we have to "circle the wagons" on this culture of hate. We have to know our neighbours. The things the *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* does will build a better community.

Did you know that Champlain had a black navigator **Mathieu de Costa** when he came to Quebec. Next Egbert talked about the black girl who burnt down half the city of Montreal in 1734; her name was **Marie Joseph Angelique**. Railway porters were all black back in the day and the Negro Community Centre is 110 years old, older than *Rotary* in Canada. Black history month is important. Egbert talked about Dr. **Charles Este** who was a huge community builder and we can not forget **Oscar Peterson** and

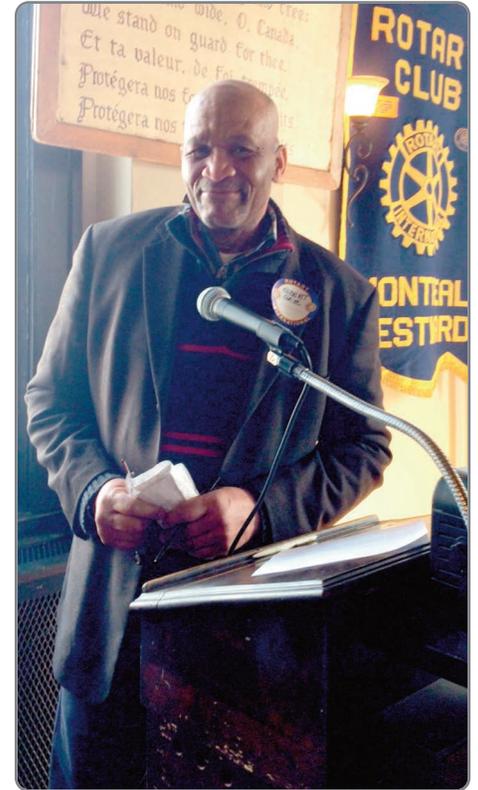
**Oliver Jones**. **Marlene Jennings** made inroads in politics. **Tamara Thermitus** was named head of Quebec's human rights commission. She is a brilliant lawyer. The PQ were against the nomination, at first, because they said she was too diversified, but diversity should be recognized and promoted. He said that so many people are so far away from what *Rotary* represents. He said immigrants just want to make their lives better and do the best they can and they want respect. Stereotyping people is wrong. Egbert ended his talk by telling us to continue to do the great work we do.

### Paul Harris Fellowship

We are looking to the Mw community for candidates for a Paul Harris Fellowship. A person who would qualify for consideration would be someone who volunteers their efforts to help make our town and community better. Please submit your candidates along with a brief description of what and how they have made our community better. We will be presenting these awards later this spring. Please send your nomination along, with a brief letter explaining why they deserve it, to [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com).

### Coming speakers and events of note

- April 13 Maître **Frank Catalano**, notary – Update on mandates and assisted dying  
 May 25 **Kathleen Weil**, MNA, Minister of Immigration and Inclusiveness  
 June 3 Saturday: **Lobsterfest**



### Come join us for lunch

The *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* meets Thursdays at the Town Hall. Luncheon buffet is served at 12:30 pm with speaker at around 1 pm. Cost for a guest is \$20. Your attendance brings good speakers and good fellowship. If you know a local business person, please ask him or her to be a speaker and to attend a meeting.

For information, please contact **Doug Yeats** at [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com).

*from Doug Yeats*



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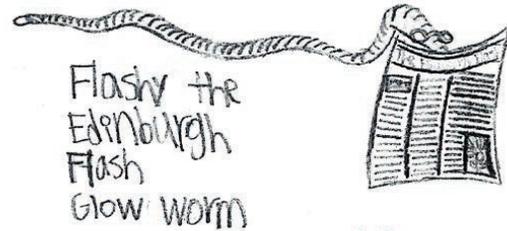
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## Edinburgh School



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— Ryan C. W.C.  
Room 15  
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Ryan Cuthbert's drawing of the **Flashy the Edinburgh Flash** glow worm won first place in the *Edinburgh Flash* mascot contest! Flashy will be the school mascot for 2017. Congratulations Ryan!



## By future journalists

The *Edinburgh Flash* is a newspaper written, edited and published by budding reporters in the grade six classes. The monthly paper is distributed to the entire Edinburgh community. Here is an article written by A. J. Itovitch, the *Edinburgh Flash*'s main writer.

### The definition of Edinburgh

In my definition of a great school, Edinburgh hits the mark. I feel that Edinburgh is an environment that makes students feel at home and most of the students are excited to come to school each morning. In my seven years at Edinburgh, I've had principals from A to Z (**Auclair** to **Zampini**) each one being just as good as the last. Our current principal has taken fundraising to the next level by raising over \$5000 for our Terry Fox Run alone. We have also sup-

ported the Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation and do the Dictée P.G.L. each year. Last month, we did a food drive for the Notre-Dame-de-Grace food depot and a few grade 6 Edinburgh students (myself being one of them) sorted all the food into categories. The amount of food was truly breathtaking!

Our school has many events during the year including the spring fair and carnival week, we also have assemblies on each important holiday which support multiculturalism at our school. Every other Friday, our school has pizza days and either free dress days or house colour days where we dress in our house shirts. Our houses are Pythons (Green), Porcupines (Yellow), Penguins (Blue) and Pandas (Red). Also, each month, we have our frozen yogurt day. Led by Grade 6<sup>s</sup> **A. J.** (me), **Kai**, **Xavier** and **Charlotte**, we also have the *Edinburgh Flash* monthly newspaper.

At our school, we have our amazing Home and School committee that organizes many of our events including the grade 6 graduation where each year there is a theme like *Star Wars* or *Hollywood*. Each year, we have the *Halo Race* and the *GMAA* sports tournaments. We also have our robotics team and school band and choir who are led by our science teacher **Mr. El Hama** and music teacher **Mme Christine**. In conclusion, *Edinburgh* is a school like no other and has great school spirit.

A. J. Itovitch



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### STEAM at EBS

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, critical thinking, and co-operation.

Rooms 8 and 9 students worked on an in-class STEAM project. Students had to



build catapults that could knock down a cardboard tower. They worked in groups and were given a set of criteria to meet. Students enjoyed the project working with their peers and being able to relate to the topics learned in class.

Cycle 2 students have been learning about food chains in Miss Donna's science and tech class. They are also learning that they can transfer this information to other subjects. Students have used their new

found knowledge of food chains to create their own PowerPoint presentation in class. In STEAM mode, they integrated Science and Art by creating a collage of a polar bear food chain!

### Anti-bullying day

We celebrated anti-bullying day on February 22 – our students did us proud by showing up in pink T-shirts to support this event!

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## IODE



*IODÉ* HMS Victory Chapter celebrated the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting in February. Reports were given, including **Heather Ferguson's** Citizenship report that 6820 volunteer hours were performed by our eight members in the past year, hours not reported elsewhere are sent to *IODÉ* Canada, who passes them on to Statistics Canada. These hours of service include **Karen McElligott's** faithful monthly delivery of birthday cards, made by the 36<sup>th</sup> Montreal Brownies and signed by them and by our members, to *St. Andrew's Home*; and more than 300 cards handmade by Karen and by **Barbara Marshall** for Valentine's Day and Christmas for the veterans at *St. Anne's Hospital* and for the residents at *St. Andrew's*.

Among other reports, President **Janet King** attended the 116<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of *IODÉ* in Toronto last May. We collaborated with the chapter in the Gaspé to present \$7,000 to the *Veterans' Hospital* for a pressure sensor system for their wheelchairs and beds. We donated the equivalent of \$10,000 in toys, clothing, furnishings, Christmas gifts and personal property bags to the *Auberge Transition*. Our fundraiser of Attic Treats and Treasures was amazing; thanks to a lot of hard work, to great neighbours and friends.

MoWest is a great place to have an active chapter of *IODÉ*; we really appreciate the donations and support from all our friends and thank the Town for the use of the Community Centre for our meetings.

New members are always welcome to help us at the second Tuesday of the month, 2-4 pm at the Community Centre.

*from Janet King*

## École des Amis-du-Monde



### Unis pour l'Action

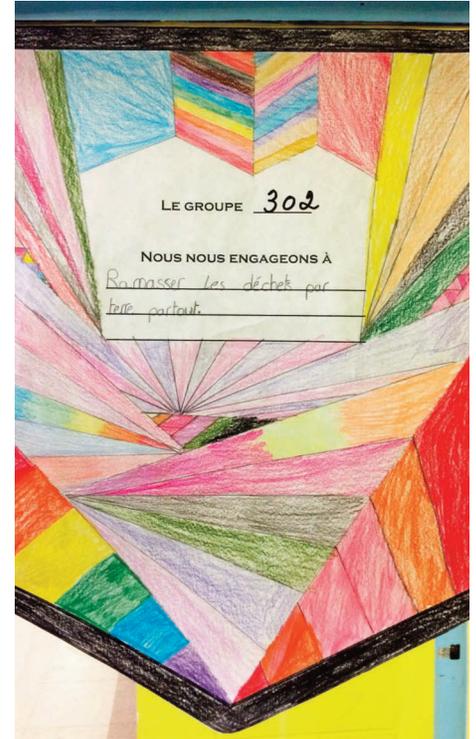
Le 23 février dernier avait lieu la journée *Unis pour l'Action* au théâtre St-Denis. Pour souligner l'évènement, les élèves du conseil des élèves de notre école (de la 4<sup>e</sup> année à la 6<sup>e</sup> année) ont été conviés en raison de leur engagement social. Ils y ont été accompagnés par la technicienne en éducation spécialisée de l'école ainsi que par une éducatrice du service de garde. Chacun a apprécié l'évènement et est revenu fier et motivé à poursuivre son engagement auprès de la communauté.

### Carnaval d'hiver

Le matin du lundi 27 février, tous les élèves de l'école ont eu le privilège d'aller se sucrer le bec grâce à la présence d'une cabane à sucre mobile que nous avions réservée à l'école. Les élèves étaient ravis de sortir sur le côté de l'école et déguster leur bâton de tige d'érable tout en écoutant de la musique rythmée de type rigodon.

Pour poursuivre les activités de la semaine, les élèves ont eu droit à des récréations musicales ainsi qu'à une merveilleuse activité de Zumba animée par deux enseignantes de notre école. Ainsi, les élèves ont pu danser avec leurs camarades et leurs enseignants durant une quinzaine de minutes, au grand plaisir de tous.

Pour terminer la semaine, plus de 40 parents bénévoles sont venus soutenir le comité organisateur le vendredi après-midi. En effet, de nombreuses activités hivernales avaient été planifiées. Ainsi, avec leurs enseignants, tous les élèves de l'école ont eu l'occasion d'aller dans des structures gonflables louées pour l'évènement, de jouer au hockey sur glace et à quelques autres sports



en plus d'avoir accès aux modules du parc situé en face de notre école.

Cette semaine de carnaval a été un merveilleux moment pour démontrer aux enfants tous les plaisirs que peut procurer l'hiver et pour amorcer la semaine de relâche qui s'annonçait en beauté.

### Brigades vertes

Pendant tout le mois de février, les élèves du conseil se sont mobilisés pour enseigner à toutes les classes de l'école en quoi consistait la différence entre la poubelle, la récupération et le compost. Par le biais de petites formations données dans les classes qui s'inscrivaient, les élèves ont pu transmettre leur savoir et former des élèves écoresponsables.

### Réalisation d'un blason

Chacune des 25 classes de notre école s'est vu offrir un modèle de blason sur lequel les élèves devaient décrire un engagement qu'ils prenaient collectivement pour prendre soin des lieux de l'école ou de la planète. L'emballage fut au rendez-vous et toutes les classes ont volontairement participé, accrochant ensuite leur blason sur la porte de leur local afin de permettre aux autres d'en prendre connaissance. Nous avons senti l'effort collectif de nos jeunes, mais aussi de tous les adultes de l'école, à vouloir que les choses changent pour le mieux. C'est par des petits gestes de la sorte que l'on peut conscientiser nos jeunes à ce qu'ils sont en mesure de faire, un jour à la fois, pour changer le monde.

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## GIOVANNA TADDEO:

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At the time it was not so obvious, but she learned that everything happens for a reason.

While she attended Dawson College, she was drawn back into the world of martial arts and attended the evening program at the *Kentokukan School*. She admired the beliefs and values of morality and virtue practised there and at \$20 a semester, she didn't think they were in it to take her money.

After Dawson College, she decided to go to John Abbott to study police technology. In Italy, Giovanna's father was a member of the Carabinieri, Italy's national police force. In 1996, she obtained her black belt in karate and represented Canada in a tournament in Amsterdam, coming back with a gold medal. After graduating from John Abbott in 2000 and obtaining her police training in Nicolet, she applied to the Montreal police force but was turned down due to lack of experience. But once again she learned that "things happen for a reason".

She was hired by the St. Lazare police force, but two months later she saw a position advertising a posting in the Kativik Regional Police (Northern Quebec) for a four-month contract. The setting intrigued Giovanna and her original plan was to get experience and reapply to the Montreal force. Instead she went north in 2001 and stayed for four years.

Non-native police in the north do not have an easy time and, as a female, she faced even more of a challenge. Giovanna learned the key to success was to treat people with respect. She initiated martial arts classes in the community of Kuujjuag and for the next four years she helped create positive role models.

In 2005, she returned to Montreal to be with her family because her mother was ill. Her plan was to apply again to the Montreal



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force but, as she likes to say, things happen for a reason and she ended up joining the *RCMP*. After training, she returned to Montreal joining the aboriginal crime task force. In 2009, she helped initiate a pilot program known as SMART (Sustainable Martial Arts Recreational Training). 2011 brought her full circle back to James Lyng to give karate courses to the youth and adults in that community. Unfortunately the SMART program ran out of funds in 2014 when the community decided to fund hockey over martial arts.

In that same year Giovanna once again decided on a change and gave up her career in the Mounties and joined *SNC Lavalin*. She felt she needed a change and decided she didn't need to be a police officer to help people. After the company's scandals linked to the Gaddafi regime in Libya, the company hired investigators to root out corruption. She travelled the globe for two years and though it was exciting she decided she wasn't helping people.

On July 29, 2016, she left *SNC* to return

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to her love of martial arts and decided to open her own school. After months of research and trying to find the best location, and although a few places were close to signing leases, as soon as she saw the empty location on Westminster and Milner, she knew it was the right fit.

### Classes offered

The next evening, I dropped in to watch a woman's kickboxing class. They were led through short, high-energy workouts on footwork, punching and kicking. They were constantly moving and all the pictures I tried to take were blurred. It was hard to believe these were beginners! Classes in karate for children (based on age) and adults are given at different hours of the day and evening. Joining her is her long-time mentor and coach from the *Kentokukan School*, **Shinan Wayne Donovan**, who gives a course in Fit and Fight on Thursday nights. Giovanna also works one-on-one as a personal trainer.

Giovanna is ecstatic about her new venture. She feels she can now take her teachings to the next level and offer self defense seminars, drug awareness and anti-bullying information sessions, martial arts day camps for kids and, as a long term goal, she would like to start a martial arts based afterschool program.

Last but not least, she is in the midst of obtaining certifications with the Canadian Centre for Activity and Learning as well as Can-Fit Pro to be able to give fitness classes for seniors. Giovanna's three siblings, **Nick, Maria and Antonietta** are all entrepreneurs involved in running cafés. She's happy to be following their lead and knows they will coach her along the way. "There's no stopping her now!"

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The annual skating show combines skaters from our figure skating program, co-ordinated by **Anne Smith** and coached by **Heather Smith**, and skaters from the learn to skate program co-ordinated and coached by **Mackenzie Bullet**. These skaters have been working since October to learn new skills and their numbers.

A special thank you to **Beth Bloodgood Ames** for all the homemade costumes and our volunteer coaches **Maya Radhakrishna** and **Christina Dahdah** for their many volunteer hours as coaches to the figure skating program. As well, thank you to **Sandra Palucci** and the other parent volunteers for all their time and help.

The show would not be possible without the many volunteer hours of **Anne Smith**. Thank you to Anne for all her hard work and passion for the figure skating program. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the rink staff **Mike Barrett** and **Chris Kearney** for everything they do for the program.



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### T-ball

- Ages 5 and 6, May 10-June 14

### Introduction to baseball

- Ages 7 and 8, May 13 – June 17

### Soccer (U8 – U15)

- Mandatory evaluations are at Soccerplexe Catalogna. (April 22 for girls and April 23 for boys)
- Season starts May 6 (weather permitting)
- Uniform pick up May 3 and 4, 5-7 pm at the Arena
- U8 coaches' clinic April 24 at RWA, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Micro coaches' clinic April 25 at RWA, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Referees' clinic is April 26.

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## Guiding

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The Girl Guides in Montreal West have been quite busy.

### Sparks

The Sparks have continued to learn about Guiding around the world with guest speakers who have visited the four permanent World Centres. The girls had a great time dressing **Topaz** in a sari, common dress from the world centre in Pune, India.

Two new girls were enrolled with the unit in February. It is never too late to join in on our fun!

Speaking of fun, the Sparks also had a special opportunity to learn about space and science. Some of our MoWest Sparks joined other Sparks from around the province for this exciting day filled with science!

### Brownies

The Brownies had their own special provincial event. Some of our Brownies joined in with 70 Brownies in February for the *Superhero Academy*! The girls met the requirements for the Being You Challenge. They made capes, shields and built a personal self-esteem tree to bring home. They also had the chance to meet **Darwin**, a great horned owl. He showed the young ladies some of his superhero powers too! They also participated in a Zumba session. It is very important to ensure you keep your superhero body in shape!!

### Guides

The Guides have been busy learning about Guiding around the world and how it is growing. Did you know that Guiding in our district (which is a region stretching from MoWest to Rosemount) has grown by

11%? Our district has grown the most in the province!

The Guides are also starting to learn about first aid. Guider **Alex** is a certified first aid trainer and she is sharing her knowledge with the girls. They are having great fun re-enacting the various scenarios.

As well, the Guides had a chance to visit *Geordie Production's Water Weight*. It was a special showing just for the Girl Guides. They all loved the play!

### District winter camp

All three of our units had a chance to participate in a district winter camp. The camp was held the second weekend of March break. There were 40 girls and ten leaders who had a fantastic time at the *Centre Plein Air Notre-Dame-de-Fatima* on Île-Perrot. It is a camp we have visited before. Although there was not enough snow for snow shoeing and tubing activities we have enjoyed in the past, the girls still enjoyed the outdoors. They had a chance to explore the camp grounds through a scavenger hunt; playing hide-and-seek; and, of course, going on a hike. The girls were a bit disappointed that the snow storm which fell on Montreal on the 14-15<sup>th</sup> did not come a bit earlier so we could have enjoyed all the fun winter has to offer!

### Cookies!

Spring is here, and so are the spring cookies! There will be a door-to-door campaign held the weekend of April 8, for girls to sell unit cookies to areas of Montreal West where a member of Guiding does not live. The spring, traditional cookies are the chocolate and vanilla sandwich cookies. If you prefer the mint cookies, there are a few left. All you need to do is ask. The cookies are \$5/box. The same price they have been for many years.

*from the Guiders of MoWest*

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## Montreal West Scout Group



Beavers painting their Beaver Buggies



### Beavers

The Colony sanded, glued and decorated their Beaver Buggies before racing them in front of a crowd of cheering friends and family. The buggies had racing stripes, googly eyes and penny weights to make them run faster. The finalists were **Alex Phillipson** and **Gabriel Cockburn** with Gabriel's car winning two of the last three races. Everyone is a winner in Beavers, so everyone received a new badge for their vests. The last two meetings in March were focused on navigation and communication. It was amazing to watch 6- and 7-year-olds doing simple Morse Code.

### Scouts

We now have seven Scouts and three leaders registered for the Canadian Jamboree in Nova Scotia this summer. The boys have spent many long hours working on improving the snowmobile as part of a STEM project for the jamboree. They have entered a competition along with many other jamboree participants. Good luck, boys! They will all be working very hard to raise funds to pay their bills so please be generous when placing your fertilizer orders.

### Venturers

It is difficult to get the Venturers together as they are all very busy young people with school and part time jobs. Still they found time to take part in many activities: skating at Beaver Lake, a games night with the Rovers and a well attended bowling night at Rose Bowl.

The weekend of March 3 found a small group at Mont Tremblant. The weather was too cold to ski on Saturday, at  $-26^{\circ}$ , so four brave souls opted to hike the mountain from the bottom, through the trees. It was a good option as the hard packed trail did not require snowshoes. They stopped at the lookout on the Caps trail to have a break and a snack. It was a really nice view, sunny and cool. They recuperated in the hot tub and went skating in the afternoon near the chapel. Sunday was a ski day with only a

few icy trails. At  $-6^{\circ}$  and with no wind, it was a great day of skiing.

On the weekend of February 25, our **Andy Wang** attended the Solo Wilderness First Aid course at Tamaracouta. This was Andy's final requirement to finish his Chief Scout Award. Congratulations on all the hard work! He will receive his award at our spring banquet.

### Rovers

Four Rovers (**Arnaud, James, Alex, Sabrina**) took advantage of the Christmas holidays to hang out at a condo at Owl's Head from December 26 to 29.

On January 15, the Rovers who travelled to Nepal last spring (**Sabrina, Erin, Amber, Alex**) were invited to a Quebec Council awards ceremony with the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec in attendance. They were presented with the Medal for Good Service. **Sabrina Manolakos** and **Alex Manolakos** and their parents attended. Congratulations to you all.

Future plans include helping with deliveries of the fertilizer drive, sale of MWSG activity wear clothing, bagging/BBQ at *Provigo* and several possible races and triathlons during the late spring and summer.

### Fertilizer garden sale

If you have not been approached by a member of our Scout Group and wish to place an order, please contact **Bob King** at **481-6523**.

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## News from the pews

### MW Presbyterian

#### Looking back

Once again, we are mourning the loss of one of our long-time members: **Pamela Duff**. Pam died on February 7 in her 98<sup>th</sup> year. She was an active participant in all our activities – a loyal, gracious and cheerful friend to all. Pam's life was celebrated February 25. We send our deepest condolences and love to her family.

#### Baptism

On Sunday, March 5, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to **Khalil Addae Mwamba Antoine**, son of **Kofi Antoine** and **Valene Yammie**.

#### Welcome

On Sunday, March 12, we welcomed ten new members into our church family: **Comfort Achah, Enjei Achah, Mesue Ebon-gole, Kolle Jonas, Anita Magha, Maurine Manyi, Gladys Nchang Mbena, Becky Lemni Ngwa, Jevon Tebo** and **Jordan Tebo**.

On Thursday, March 9, **Togbe Prosper Adzah** was reunited with his children – **Derrick, Patrick, Ernest, Angelica, Pearl** and **Princess** – who had travelled here from Africa. We wish them a warm welcome.

#### Special services

- Wednesday, April 12:  
Passion Narrative, 7 pm
- Thursday, April 13:  
Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
- Friday, April 14:  
Good Friday, 10:30 am
- Sunday, April 16:  
Easter Communion, 10:30 am

#### Reminder

Mark your calendars for our spring sale and BBQ to be held Saturday, May 27 from 9:30 am-2 pm. Donations of treasures, baked goods, jewelry and books would be greatly appreciated. For more info or to arrange for pick up of donations, please call **Jacob Nde** at **578-0080** or **Julius Ashu** at **692-1404** or the church office at **484-7913**.

- Prayer night: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, 7 pm in the church hall, Ballantyne entrance.
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 pm in the church parlour, Ballantyne entrance.
- Weekly Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 am followed by a social hour.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of our events and services. We are the little stone church.

*from Janet Dimock*

### St. Ignatius of Loyola

Easter is nearly upon us! St. Ignatius of Loyola parish invites you to celebrate the joy of the Easter season with us. Palm Sunday is April 9, and we have the blessing of Palms at the 9 and 11 am Masses. On Holy Thursday, we have a service to mark the Last Supper at 8 pm and on Good Friday, April 14, we will have our Veneration of the Cross service at 3 pm. April 16 is Easter Sunday and we welcome you to our services at 9 and 11 am. The 9 am Mass features our traditional choir while the 11 am Mass has our new Worship Band leading contemporary music.

If you haven't been to St. Ignatius in a while, consider coming to reconnect with God any Sunday. We have a brand new family room as well as a great new audiovisual system. If you're attending the 11 am service, stick around and catch up with your neighbours over a coffee and refreshments.

Easter is always a joyous celebration where we mark the glory of the Resurrection and is the high point of the Christian calendar. Please consider joining us.

*from Fr. Mike Leclerc*

### St. Philip's

We have good news on our refugee sponsorship. Our family has an interview scheduled with Canadian immigration officials March 28, at the refugee camp in Malawi. We are very excited that their application is moving forward, and it is possible that they may arrive before the end of the year.

#### Holy Week and Easter

Our schedule for Holy Week and Easter will be much the same as in past years. On Palm Sunday, April 9, we will have the Palm Sunday Procession and Liturgy of the Passion at 10 am. The service will begin in Memorial Hall.

On Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 pm, the choir will lead the service of Tenebrae. This is a service of readings, with psalms chanted in Gregorian plainchant, and takes place in near-darkness. It is a wonderful opportunity to be still in the presence of God, and very different from our usual worship.

On Thursday, April 13, at 6 pm, we join with St Thomas' Church on Somerled for a pot-luck supper and the Eucharist of Maundy Thursday (foot-washing and commemoration of the Last Supper).

Good Friday, April 14, we will have our usual Good Friday Liturgy at noon, with St John's Passion chanted by the choir, veneration of the cross, and communion.

## News from the pews

On Saturday, April 15 at 7 pm, we have an Easter Vigil for children. We gather in front of the church to light the Easter fire, bring the light into the dark church, and tell the story of Easter in an interactive way that gets everyone involved. Bring bells to ring.

Finally, on Easter Sunday, April 16, we have services at 8 am (traditional language, no music) and 10 am (sung service with choir and special music).

After Easter, on Sunday, April 22, we will have a community pot-luck after the 10 am service. Bring a dish to share if you are able, but come regardless for good food and fellowship.

### Spring fair

Our spring fair will take place on Saturday, May 13. Besides our famous baked goods, and the popular book sale, we will have numerous craft vendors, and a community yard sale. Rent a table for \$25 and turn your spring cleaning into a little profit, or come and browse the treasures available.

## MW United

...the brick one

### Ahhh, April

So here we are, unsure when to store the snow shovels and when to pull out the rake. Perhaps some overlap is prudent. Cozy reflective time yields to walking reflection or outdoor bench-time as Lent makes its way reassuringly towards Easter and spring.

For Palm Sunday morning (April 9), **Robert Sigmund** has chosen a variety of selections for the choir to present with readings, all inspired by the stories of this season. No lengthy dirges, rather an array of music that tumbles around artfully amongst the choral voices. We are blessed by some

lovely lead voices that truly join together like a "matched team" as **Marnie Haig** has observed. But don't take our word for it.

### Easter adorns and defines us

April 16, the chancel is festooned with spring blossoms. The organ pipes in the procession of choir, clergy and elders, and the hopeful message of Easter is pronounced, sung and celebrated. What a joyous experience as we mark this pivotal occasion in our Christian faith. All are welcome.

### Another kind of walk

Sunday, April 30 between 2 and 4 will be a Labyrinth Walk in Wadsworth Hall. Rain or shine, this indoor walking meditation invites you to leave the outside world behind, while you trace the ancient pathway. Socks or slippers, please.

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### Unburden those bookcases...

Now is your chance to make space on your shelves by donating books, good magazines, CDs, records, games, puzzles and the like to the book browse which will happen Saturday, May 6, 9:30 am-3 pm. Boxes and bags can be left inside the church doors, day and evening from now on. And thanks. More next time....

May this hopeful season bring its gentle inspiration to you in whatever form.

from Susan Upham



## MW 50+ Club

### April

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- 8** *Black Watch Military Tattoo*  
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- 19** Butterflies Go Free
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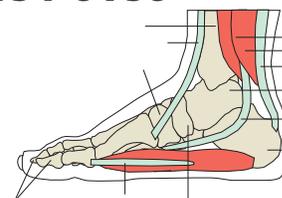


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Le 24 février dernier, les élèves de l'école Elizabeth Ballantyne relevaient le défi du Skate-a-thon avec énormément d'enthousiasme. Leur enseignant d'éducation physique, monsieur **Stéphane Fortin**, organise depuis de nombreuses années cette levée de fonds qui se déroule à la patinoire municipale, dans une ambiance très festive. Les jeunes patinent dans le but de ramasser de l'argent afin que la bibliothèque puisse acheter de nouveaux livres, pour le plus grand bonheur de tous nos membres. Notre chef bibliothécaire **Casey Scott**, s'est jointe aux enfants pour patiner et a également cuisiné des biscuits afin de régaler les patineurs. Nous saisissons cette occasion pour remercier tous les gens qui ont encouragé les enfants lors de cette activité, les nombreux parents bénévoles pour leur soutien, les enseignants et enseignantes qui ont supervisé les élèves à l'entraînement avec patience durant plusieurs séances, Casey pour ses talents de patineuse et de cuisinière et monsieur Fortin pour sa généreuse implication au fil des ans.

Grâce à cette collecte de fonds, plus de cents livres enrichissent maintenant notre collection française. Parmi ces nouveautés, vous trouverez, à la section point orange, de nombreux livres pour apprenti-lecteurs de la série LEGO et plusieurs autres sur des thèmes en demande comme *Monsieur et Madame, Pokémon*, les *Shopkins*, et la *Pat' Patrouille (Paw Patrol)*. Nous avons ajouté à la section documentaire les premiers livres de la série *Qui va gagner? (Who would win?)*, des livres de cuisine, de bricolage et de sport. Enfin, les amateurs des personnages de *Madam* seront heureux d'apprendre que nous avons maintenant sur nos rayons le quinzième exemplaire de la série *Game Over* et les deux plus récents romans de la série *Kid Paddle*. Évidemment, ces nouveautés circuleront d'abord parmi les élèves

qui ont patiné afin de recueillir les fonds pour en faire l'acquisition, mais ils seront disponibles pour vous prochainement.

Due to the wonderful success of the EBS Skate-a-thon, we are adding over 100 wonderful new English books to the collection. These include *The Book of Heroines*, *The Book of Heroes*, *Spy Camp and Spy School*, *Ripley's Believe it or Not - Absolutely Absurd*, as well as books from the *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* series and the *Hank Zipzer* series. There are too many to list here, so please be sure to drop by and see all the great new titles our skaters have been able to acquire for your reading pleasure!

### April 22 is Earth Day

The library will be celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, with a very special activity. The Redpath Museum will be visiting with a hands-on presentation of endangered species and conservation, followed by a craft activity and a chance for interaction with the museum's artefacts! Children 3-12 years old are welcome with an adult. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Space is limited - contact the library to reserve your spot!

### Holidays

The library will be closed for Easter weekend - April 14 through April 17.

Le 2 mars dernier, nous avons eu des bibliothécaires spéciales pour célébrer l'anniversaire du **Doctor Seuss!**

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## Cotton Tail Party / La fête du lapin

Sunday, April 2 2- to 10-year-olds Town Hall, 2-4 pm

Come and enjoy an outdoor egg hunt, face painting, crafts, followed by a magic show by *Le Theatre Magique*.

Tickets: Community Centre; cost per child: in advance:  
\$10 residents / \$12 non-residents; at the door: \$15 for all.



## Red Cross Babysitting

11 years +

Saturday, April 22 or May 27  
Community Centre

Learn the skills required to carry out  
babysitting duties.

Saturday, 9:30 am-4 pm. Cost: residents:  
\$60/non-residents: \$65

## Free presentations

Friday, April 21, 1 pm

Brain Series: Movement and the Brain  
Speaker: Dr. *Karen O'Reilly*  
Music Room, Town Hall



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Let's Celebrate  
Canada's Centennial!

Friday, April 28, 1 pm  
Expo '67

Speaker: **Bruno Stenson**  
Music Room, Town Hall

Wednesday, May 3, 1 pm

The Ghosts of the Carricks: An Irish  
Famine Odyssey in Rural Quebec  
Speaker: **Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin**  
Music Room, Town Hall

## Spring programs

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- Baby Boogie: Saturday, 9:30 am
- Music and Movement: Saturday, 10:30 am
- Parent & Tot exercise class: Tuesday, 11:20 am-12:20 pm
- Youth Chess: Fridays, 4 pm,
- Captain Catalyst Science Fun: Saturdays, 10-11:30 am
- Youth Hip Hop (13-17 years old): Thursdays, 5:30 pm
- Pre Ballet and Ballet (3-10 year olds)

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**Early bird prices for summer pro-  
grams are available until April 28.**

## Adult Library



Montreal West  
Public Library

### New extended hours!

Saturday: noon-4 pm  
Monday-Thursday: 10 am-4 pm  
and 7-9 pm  
(no lunch time closures!)

### New additions

#### Fiction

Berenson, Alex	<i>The Prisoner</i>
Delaney, J.P	<i>The Girl Before</i>
Goodwin, Daisy	<i>Victoria</i>
Jenoff, Pam	<i>The Orphan's Tale</i>
Ware, Ruth	<i>The Woman in Cabin 10</i>

#### Mystery

Cleeves, Ann	<i>Cold Earth</i>
Fossum, Karin	<i>Hell Fire</i>
Harper, Jane	<i>The Dry</i>
Hunt, Andrew	<i>Desolation Flats</i>
Tursten, Helene	<i>Who Watcheth</i>

#### Non-fiction

Collection	<i>Best American Essays 2016</i>
Garten, Ina	<i>Cooking for Jeffrey</i>
Ghosh, Amitav	<i>The Great Derangement</i>
Ricardo	<i>Slower is Better</i>
Schwalbe, Will	<i>Books for Living</i>

#### DVDs

*Homeland* Season 5  
*Manchester by the Sea*  
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## Town Council Meetings: February



by Carol Foster

**Bernard Côté**, the chief assessor of the City of Montreal, agreed to attend a meeting scheduled for February 18 to address the results of the City's latest property assessment rolls, was the first item in **Mayor Masella's** report. Another information meeting will be scheduled shortly to update residents on phase two of the Davies Park project. Some features which will be added to the park include a water feature as well as pathways and lighting additions. A government grant of more than \$1.4 million has been obtained for infrastructure work on portions of the northern sections of Brock and Ballantyne.

The Mayor gave special thanks to **Stéphane Dulude**, the Town's Director General, for his expertise in obtaining substantial assistance from the government for the myriad of projects the Town has undertaken during his tenure. Masella added that although the Mayor is considered the head of the Town, the Director General is the one who actually makes the Town work. Mr. Dulude will be greatly missed as he moves on to his new post, having been appointed a Judge of the *Tribunal administratif du Québec*.

The Mayor concluded his report by reminding residents that Coffee with the Mayor has been moved to Thursday mornings.

### First question period

Several residents had questions about the Recreation and Community Centre project survey. One man questioned the clarity of one of the questions which he felt could be skewed to prompt a desired response. Clarification was also sought as to the percentage of the responses which would determine the decision of Council to move forward or not. Other questioners wanted to know which way Council was already leaning concerning the project and what the cost of the survey was.

Both the Mayor and **Councillor Tasker-Brown** responded to these concerns by stating the questions had been prepared by a professional survey company. How the percentage of positive or negative responses will affect the final decision has/had not yet been determined. The interpretation of the results of the survey will depend on a number of determinates (such as response rates, etc.). The cost of the survey was \$7,000. A meeting was scheduled for March 16 to discuss the results of the survey with a member of the survey team present.

A resident from Brock South, who said she was speaking for 37 other residents in that area, thanked Council for arranging to have a police car present on that street to ticket traffic offenders. She also expressed appreciation for the flashing cross walk sig-

nage provided at the intersection of Brock South and Avon. The Mayor assured her that once the report from the traffic consultant, who has observed the conditions on that street, has been received, residents will be invited to sit down and discuss the progress being made. In reply to another query he stated that PAC is still deliberating the conditions required by the builders of the new condo project on Brock South, but no referendum would be appropriate since the amendment to the zoning bylaw took place in May, 2016.

Tree Canada is giving out grants for up to \$5,000 for tree-planting projects to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and an enterprising and tree-appreciating resident from Radcliffe is applying for one of those grants. She is asking for \$2,500 in order to engage some local groups in planting trees along the *Hydro-Québec* servitude land in compliance with ongoing negotiations with that corporation. She asked Council for a letter of support for her project and Councillor Tasker-Brown agreed to have her request reviewed. This resident also suggested a maple tree be planted in one of the Town's parks in memory of **Stuart McLean**, a well-known storyteller and former resident.

### Councillors' reports

**Councillor Feeney** noted that 86% of the tax bills due in the first instalment have been received. She added her appreciation to that expressed by the Mayor for Mr. Dulude's diligence in obtaining grants and assisting in contract negotiations, as well as his many other contributions to the management of the Town. She concluded that he will be greatly missed.

Assuming the responsibility of her new Public Security portfolio, she reported five crimes in January including one break-in, two stolen cars and two thefts from cars. The usual cautions were issued. The police, who will randomly show up in the heavily trafficked Brock South area, have issued nine tickets during their first appearance. A flashing crosswalk sign was installed at the corner of Avon and Brock South and a similar one will be installed at the Community Centre crosswalk.

Fifty centimetres of snow in the Town were dealt with; fluctuating weather necessitated the refilling of several potholes as well as repairs to the outdoor rinks, was the report from **Councillor Torres**.

Councillor Tasker-Brown announced that Earth Hour, which promotes greater awareness of all environmental issues and requires turning off all lights from 8:30-9:30 pm, will be held on March 25 and acknowledged worldwide. A sign will be placed in the area of Ronald Drive to publicize changes from an amendment to the

zoning bylaw which governs that zone.

Mayor Masella read a report from **Councillor Ulin** in her absence. He described the various events and activities planned for March Break. He also announced that the adult library has expanded its opening hours and will be holding an open house on March 4 to promote its offerings and to encourage new membership.

### Second question period

Safety at the "crazy" intersection of Sherbrooke and Westminster was brought up by a resident new to Council meetings. No significant remedies for this level-crossing problem are currently foreseeable, especially since all focus is now on the proposed new light rail system. However, the installation of traffic lights at that intersection is still being studied, replied the Mayor. The resident's next question received a sympathetic chuckle from the audience when he asked if the Town had a remedy for removing squirrels that were causing damage in his backyard and the Mayor had to again acknowledge no adequate solution has yet been discovered.

The rebuilding of a manhole entrance into the underground network system is causing distress to a resident on Westminster South. She feels the foundation of her house has been gradually sinking over a number of years but she has never been able to provide Council with a professional assessment of the problem. Now she wonders if deterioration of the underground area which is requiring repairs and which is quite close to her property might be a factor in her assertion that her foundation is undergoing a problem. The Mayor explained, as he has continually done, that absolutely nothing can be determined without the resident producing concrete proof that a problem exists.

The resident went on to state that these repairs are also forcing her garbage pickups to be neglected and require her to park her car on the street, both practices which can invoke tickets from the Town. Exception for ticketing is always made in such cases was the reply and she was advised to send a note to Public Security making them aware of the situation. With that, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Réunions du Conseil : février



par Carol Foster

Traduction par René Boucher

Le premier point du rapport du **maire Masella** indiquait que **Bernard Côté**, évaluateur en chef de la Ville de Montréal, a accepté de participer à une réunion prévue pour le 18 février pour traiter des résultats du dernier rôle d'évaluation foncière de la Ville. Une autre séance d'information sera programmée sous peu pour informer les résidents de la deuxième phase du projet du parc Davies. Parmi les accessoires qui s'ajouteront se trouvent un jeu d'eau, des sentiers et de l'éclairage. Une subvention gouvernementale de plus de 1,4 M\$ a été obtenue pour des travaux d'infrastructure sur des portions des sections nord de Brock et Ballantyne.

Le maire a chaleureusement remercié **Stéphan Dulude**, directeur général de la Ville, pour son expertise dans l'obtention d'aide substantielle du gouvernement pour la multitude de projets que la Ville a entrepris alors qu'il était en fonction. Il ajouta que bien que le maire soit considéré comme le chef de la Ville, c'est le directeur général qui de fait voit à son bon fonctionnement. Monsieur Dulude nous manquera grandement alors qu'il entreprend de nouvelles fonctions, ayant été nommé juge du Tribunal administratif du Québec.

Le maire a conclu son rapport en rappelant aux résidents que le « Café avec le maire » se tient dorénavant le jeudi matin.

### Première période de questions

De nombreux citoyens avaient des questions concernant le sondage sur le centre communautaire et sportif. Un homme a mis en doute la clarté d'une des questions qui, selon lui, pouvait être biaisée, invitant une réponse souhaitée. Il demanda aussi des éclaircissements quant au pourcentage de réponses qui amènerait le Conseil à aller de l'avant ou non. D'autres intervenants voulaient connaître le penchant du Conseil à l'égard du projet et le prix du sondage.

Et le maire et la **conseillère Tasker-Brown** ont réagi à ces préoccupations en indiquant qu'une firme professionnelle de sondage avait préparé les questions. Comment le pourcentage de réponses positives ou négatives affectera la décision finale n'avait pas encore été déterminé. L'interprétation des résultats du sondage dépendra de nombreux facteurs (comme le taux de réponse, etc.). Le sondage a coûté 7000 \$. Une réunion était prévue pour le 16 mars pour discuter des résultats du sondage et un membre de l'équipe de sondage sera présent à cette rencontre.

Une citoyenne de Brock Sud disant parler au nom de 37 autres résidents du secteur a remercié le Conseil d'avoir fait le néces-

saire pour que des policiers soient présents dans cette rue pour dresser des procès-verbaux aux automobilistes contrevenants. Elle a aussi dit apprécier la signalisation clignotante pour passage piétonnier installée à l'angle Brock Sud et Avon. Le maire lui a certifié qu'une fois reçu le rapport de l'expert en circulation qui a observé les conditions dans cette rue, les résidents seront conviés à une discussion sur la progression du dossier. En réponse à une autre demande, il a indiqué que le CCU est toujours en délibération quant aux conditions demandées par les entrepreneurs du nouveau projet de condos sur Brock Sud; par ailleurs, un référendum ne serait pas approprié puisque les amendements au règlement de zonage datent de mai 2016.

Arbres Canada accorde des subventions atteignant 5000 \$ pour des projets de plantation d'arbres en célébration du 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du Canada; une résidente du chemin Radcliffe, entreprenante et amante des arbres, demande 2500 \$ d'aide afin d'engager des groupes locaux pour planter des arbres le long de la servitude d'*Hydro-Québec* conformément aux négociations en cours avec cette société. Elle a demandé une lettre d'appui à son projet au Conseil et la conseillère Tasker-Brown a répondu qu'elle ferait en sorte que sa demande sera étudiée. Cette résidente a aussi suggéré qu'un érable soit mis en terre dans un des parcs de la ville en mémoire de **Stuart McLean**, conteur bien connu et ancien résident.

### Rapports des conseillères

La **conseillère Feeney** a noté la réception de 86 % des premiers versements des impôts fonciers dus. Elle a ajouté son appréciation à celle exprimée par le maire pour le zèle démontré par M. Dulude pour l'obtention des subventions et son assistance dans les négociations des contrats de même que toutes ses autres contributions à la gestion de la Ville. Il nous manquera grandement.

Assumant ses nouvelles fonctions à la Sécurité publique, elle rapporta cinq crimes en janvier, dont une introduction par effraction, deux vols de voitures et deux vols dans des véhicules, et répéta les conseils de prudence habituels. Les policiers qui patrouilleront au hasard dans le secteur achalandé de Brock Sud ont délivré neuf contraventions lors de leur première présence. Un signal clignotant pour passage de piétons a été installé à l'intersection Avon et Brock Sud et un autre du même type apparaîtra au passage piétonnier du centre communautaire.

Cinquante centimètres de neige nettoyés dans la ville, le temps changeant qui a nécessité le remplissage de nombreux nids-de-poule et des réparations aux patinoires extérieures,

voilà le rapport de la **conseillère Torres**.

La conseillère Tasker-Brown a annoncé que l'Heure pour la Terre qui promeut une plus grande sensibilisation aux questions environnementales et demande l'extinction de tout l'éclairage de 20 h 30 à 21 h 30 se tiendra le 25 mars et sera marquée dans le monde entier. On érigea un panneau dans le secteur de la promenade Ronald pour publiciser les changements découlant d'un amendement au règlement de zonage touchant cette zone.

En l'absence de la **conseillère Ulin**, le maire Masella a lu son rapport. Il a décrit les divers événements et activités planifiés pour la semaine de relâche. Il a aussi annoncé que la bibliothèque pour adultes étend ses heures d'ouverture et ouvrira ses portes le 4 mars pour promouvoir son offre et attirer de nouveaux abonnés.

### Deuxième période de questions

Un résident, nouveau aux réunions du Conseil, a questionné la sécurité à l'intersection « démente » Sherbrooke et Westminster. Il n'y a actuellement aucune solution prévisible pour ce passage à niveau, particulièrement alors que le nouveau système léger sur rail occupe l'avant-scène. Cependant, la possibilité de feux de circulation est toujours à l'étude selon le maire. La question suivante du résident a suscité des sourires de sympathie dans l'auditoire alors qu'il demandait si la Ville avait une solution pour se débarrasser des écureuils qui causent des dommages dans sa cour arrière; le maire a dû reconnaître qu'on n'avait encore découvert aucune solution valable.

La reconstruction d'un regard d'accès au réseau souterrain cause de l'angoisse à une résidente de Westminster Sud. Elle croit que les fondations de sa maison s'enfoncent graduellement depuis quelques années, mais n'a jamais pu fournir une opinion professionnelle du problème au Conseil. Elle se demande maintenant si la détérioration du sous-sol qui occasionne ces réparations à proximité de sa propriété ne serait pas un facteur au soutien de son allégation voulant que ses fondations se dégradent. Le maire a expliqué, comme il le fait toujours, que rien ne peut être résolu sans que la résidente produise une preuve concrète de l'existence d'un problème.

La résidente a poursuivi en indiquant que ces travaux font que ses ordures ne sont pas ramassées et la forcent à stationner son véhicule sur la rue, deux choses qui peuvent lui valoir des contraventions de la Ville. On lui répondit qu'il y a toujours des exceptions faites dans de tels cas et qu'elle devrait transmettre une note à la Sécurité publique pour avertir de la situation. La séance fut ensuite levée.



Snowy day on Westminister. March 16, 2017.

## COMING EVENTS

Please call the editor: Heather at 489-7022  
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**Next deadline: April 12**

### APRIL

- Mon 3** **CRA baseball tryouts begin** (registration required). Royal West Academy.
- Tue 4** **Knights Novice and Atom hockey uniform return.** Legion Rink.
- Sun 9** **Palm Sunday.** St. Ignatius. 9 and 11 am Masses.
- Wed 12** **Knights PW/BT/MG hockey uniform return.** Legion Rink.  
**Passion narrative.** MW Presbyterian. 7 pm.  
**Tenebrae (Service of Darkness).** St. Philip's. 7:30 pm.
- Thu 13** **Maundy Thursday service.** MW Presbyterian. 7 pm.  
**Holy Thursday Mass.** St. Ignatius. 8 pm.
- Fri 14** **Good Friday service.** MW Presbyterian. 10:30 am.  
**Good Friday Liturgy.** St. Philip's. Noon.  
**Good Friday service.** St. Ignatius. 3 pm.
- Sat 15** **Easter Vigil for children.** St. Philip's. 7 pm.
- Sun 16** **Easter services.** St. Philip's. 8 and 10 am.  
**Easter Sunday Mass.** St. Ignatius. 9 and 11 am.  
**Easter service and Communion.** MW Presbyterian. 10:30 am.  
**CRA soccer registration closes.**
- Mon 17** **MW Horticultural Society** presents Alexandra Riven's Transformation of an Abandoned Garden. Non-members, \$5. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.
- Thu 20** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30 am.
- Sat 22** **CRA girls' soccer tryouts.** Soccerplexe Catalogna. 9 am-1 pm.
- Sun 23** **CRA boys' soccer tryouts.** Soccerplexe Catalogna. 9 am-1 pm.
- Mon 24** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.  
**CRA U8+ soccer coaches' clinic.** Royal West Academy. 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Tue 25** **CRA micro soccer coaches' clinic.** Royal West Academy. 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Wed 26** **CRA soccer referees' clinic** (registration required). Royal West Academy. 6:30-8:30 pm.  
**CRA baseball uniform pick up.** Continues on April 27. Legion Rink. 5-7 pm.
- Sat 29** **Empty Bowls.** NDG Food Depot (2146 Marlowe). \$25 for bowl and soup. 10:30 am-3 pm.

## Classifieds

**WEEKLY TORAH CLASS:** to join, please contact Rabbi Mendy Marlow mendymarlow@gmail.com or 632-9649.

**FOR RENT:** office space and hall for meetings at 6 Ronald Drive. Please contact Francis at 621-1698.



Photo: Caroline Hanrahan: Eurasian finch

## Who's at your feeder?

Bird activity around the feeder is starting to pick up with that spell of warmer weather. Saw my first cardinals; juncos should be along soon.

As I wind down my winter feeding station, I leave you with my gourmet bird suet recipe:

- 1 cup beef suet (IGA frozen fish section)
- 1 cup peanut butter, natural, no salt, sugar
- 2 cups corn meal (natural food section)
- 1/2 cup bran
- 1/2 cup hulled sunflower seeds

Cook fat and peanut butter on low; mix well. Add dry ingredients to a bowl and mix. Add wet to dry.

Put into two plastic containers. (5 x 5 x 1" high). Put in freezer... one hour. Cut out a square 4 x 4 and use the edges to stuff into a hanging suet log. Place the 4 x 4 square piece into a standard suet cage.

Thanks again for the emails and photos. Let me know how you keep the pesky squirrels from your feeder. See you again in November.

Until next time, happy bird watching.

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