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Mary Tofts: Rather do than watch

by Maurice Krystal

The timing was perfect. As I approached the house on Westminster a woman younger than I expected opened the door to check for mail. I smiled at her and she said I must be here to interview her mother. The banter between mother and daughter about the mail was fast, well rehearsed and witty. They joked about burning bills and robbing banks.

Mary Tofts is a well-served, lively lady of 80 who has a slight British accent that still can be heard in spite of living in Canada for just over six decades. She was born in Gorseston-on-Sea, a seaside resort on the east coast of England, before the outbreak of WWII.

Her original plan was to go to New Zealand in 1957 and be sponsored by her aunt, but **Aunt Gladys** had to return to England to take care of a childhood friend. So she flew to Montreal to have an adventure and then to visit friends in the USA. A hairdresser by trade, Mary was informed that she would have to rewrite tests to work in this field. She got an office job at *Cook Toledo Motors* near the Forum. Soon after she joined the Army Reserves and there she met her husband, **Fred Tofts**. He was a mechanic and a racing car enthusiast.

They had three children: **Frances**, who is a hairdresser and lives upstairs, **David**, who is Chief Warrant Officer in the Army Training Authority and **Sandra** who is a laboratory technologist at Dawson College.

Mary is the grandmother of five children and the great grandmother of three.

While raising her family in NDG, Mary worked as a hairdresser where part-time work was possible. Volunteering with Fred in local sports leagues in hockey and baseball became an important part of their lives. When the kids were starting to be out on their own, they downsized and moved to MoWest in 1980. In 2004 Mary became widowed.

Mary was raised in England with a long family history of military traditions. Not surprisingly, she gravitated towards the Reserves when she arrived in Canada. She became active in the Royal Army Service Corps (that ran a private club at the corner of Cavendish and Sherbrooke, now the *Wheel Club*).

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Ten dollar tree giveaway

Back by popular demand, the ten dollar tree giveaway will happen again this spring. You'll want to sign up ASAP to get this fantastic bargain on a beautiful, mature tree. This time we're offering three varieties, but act fast, quantities are limited and trees will be given away on a first-come first-served basis.

For a nominal \$10 admin fee, your tree of choice will be delivered right to your door. To qualify, bring your completed order form (available at the Community Centre and on the web) to the Community Centre or to ckearney@montreal-west.ca starting May 7 all the way through May 14. Orders received before the start time will not be considered. Full details of the choices and the order form will be available on the Town website.



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May 16



Musical Thursday a success!

"Music can cure things medication never will." (unknown).

On April 5, *Extra Miles* senior visiting program's long-time friend **Laurie Altman**, piano, together with **Richard Roberts**, violin, **Kuriko Yokoyama**, violin, **Douglas McNab-ney**, viola, and **Geneviève Guimond**, violoncello, treated over 150 people to inspiring selections by Antonin Dvořák. (Laurie was a true inspiration; she was soooooo very sick).

Thanks for the support

None of this would have been possible without the volunteers, including Ms. **Lucy De Petrillo's** class at Elizabeth Balfantyne School. The students came back to reconnect with their friends from the *NDG Senior Citizens' Council*, whom they met in November and to help meet, greet and assist the Musical Thursday guests. They worked very hard and gave so

many an enjoyable afternoon.

Tea and treats followed the concert. At least 40 people, who would not have been able to attend such special show, were able to do so because of our generous sponsors. Some participants, referred by the CIUSSS, were provided transportation to and from the concert and went home with a gift of home baked goodies).

Tracie Swim thanked the volunteer musicians and volunteers from the community "for being part of the cure!"



Jason Faith, Lyle Goldsmith and Tyler Goldsmith

Battling cancer together

Jason Faith is a 10-year-old MoWester whose great friend is **Tyler Goldsmith**. Tyler's father, **Lyle**, has been battling stage 4 colon cancer for just over a year now. Tyler wanted to do something to help his dad, so he let his hair grow since last August in order to hold a Shave to Raise event for the JGH cancer fund. The event was held earlier this year at his school, Beechwood Academy, and Jason was there to support his friend. Tyler's original goal was to raise \$2,500, but he has now raised \$15,000. That is one incredible young man!

Jay was inspired by his friend's actions and wanted to do something to contribute. So Jason held a fundraising lunch with his hockey team ATBB Westluc Maroons and also approached his school for a dress down day fundraiser. In total, Jason has managed to raise over \$1,000, all for the JGH cancer care unit on behalf of his friend Tyler.

175^e anniversaire de la police de Montréal

Journée porte ouverte

En 2018, le Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) fête son 175^e anniversaire. Pour cette occasion, le 14 mai prochain le poste 9 organise une journée porte ouverte pour les aînés de Montréal-Ouest. Ceux-ci seront invités à venir prendre un café et un gouter avec le commandant et visiter les nouveaux locaux du poste de quartier 9, situé au 5501, Westminster à Côte Saint-Luc. Inscrivez-vous au **280-0409**.

Journée récompense

Le 17 mai prochain aura lieu la 5^e édition de la « Journée récompense pour contrer l'intimidation » visant à souligner la contribution remarquable de vingt jeunes exceptionnels de 5e et 6e années. Cette activité-récompense vient clôturer les démarches de sensibilisation pour contrer l'intimidation, qui ont été effectuées aux écoles primaires Elizabeth Ballantyne et Edinburgh, entre autres.

Ces jeunes ambassadeurs de la non-violence auront le privilège de signer le « Livre

d'Or de la jeunesse »; ils recevront des présents du SPVM, visiteront le poste de quartier 9 et auront la chance de rencontrer l'unité canine et celle des motards. Ensuite, les policiers inviteront les jeunes à dîner dans un restaurant à Montréal-Ouest.

Nous tenons à féliciter ces jeunes qui sont une source d'inspiration et qui témoignent de l'engagement constructif de la jeunesse montréalaise.

*Agents sociocommunautaires
Marie-Christine Nobert et Andrew Iacovella*



The MoWest Curling Club “Day Ladies” celebrated their 100th anniversary during the 2017-2018 season. The Day Ladies’ league is the only league at MWCC that is exclusive to women. Originally known as the Ladies’ Branch, it was formed in February 1918, six years after the founding of the club.

The centennial year started off with a bang on December 2 with a gala dinner. Then, on February 24, teams from the Montreal area, and from as far away as Lacolle and Lachute, participated in a centennial bonspiel; teams were piped onto the ice in true Scottish tradition and it was a festive atmosphere in the lounge as spectators watched the games and enjoyed refreshments.

When the Ladies’ Branch was inaugurated, The Great War was still raging; Armistice was still almost nine months away. It was in 1918 that women were granted suffrage in all Canadian provinces.

At first, female membership at MWCC was restricted to close family members of the men’s club and for many years,

women’s involvement was quite limited. Over time, participation grew.

Today, MWCC’s membership includes more than a hundred women. Many women curl both during the day and in the evening, and there are several social members who carpet bowl, play bridge and take part in the club’s many social activities. Meanwhile, as they begin the league’s next century, the Day Ladies continue their long tradition of helping to support and give leadership to the club. They host several luncheon bridges during the curling season – an important fundraising activity – and they organize golf in the summer.

The Day Ladies are always eager to recruit new members, including women new to the sport; lessons are available. Newbies gain skill and confidence very quickly under the guidance of **Sandra Jones**, our

Curling Club Day Ladies’ Centenary

100 years and still rocking!



Photo: David Allen

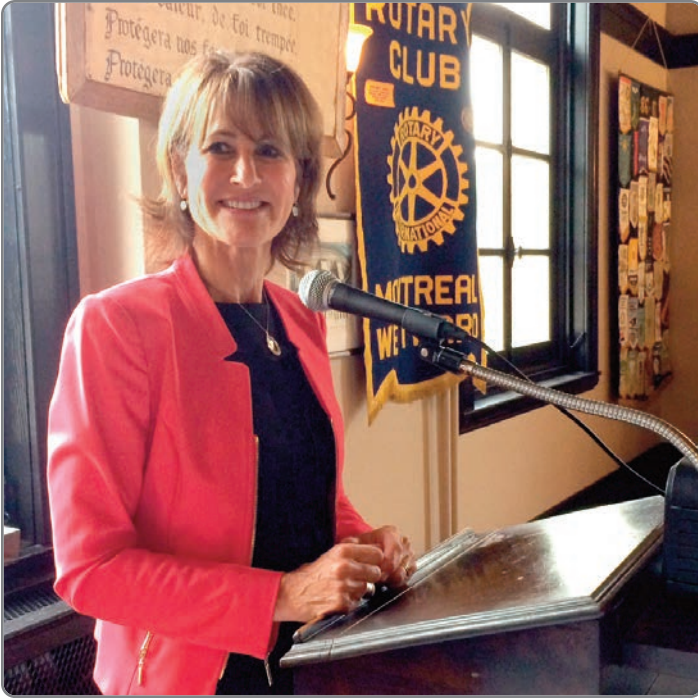
Hurry hard! Great sweeping to bring another rock into play at the Centennial Bonspiel. Sweeping burns calories and builds cardio and muscle.

in-house curling pro, and find a very warm welcome among their new curling friends. What a great way to get active and have lots of fun. To learn more

about the Day Ladies or other leagues, visit the club’s web site at mtlwestcurl.org.

from Joslyn Shultz

Rotary



Wine and cheese with Kathleen Weil

We had a successful wine and cheese with **Kathleen Weil** on Friday, April 6. **President Ron** introduced Kathleen, the Minister Responsible for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers.

It was a very informal speech. She said her portfolio was created because the Premier went to the Gaspé and was confronted by the English

speaking population there. They said they need more services in English. She also said that all ministers should take responsibility for English speaking constituents. Civil servants need to form a permanent team and structure the work that has to be done. She has had a dialogue with the community to find out what their needs are. She went to all the regions and met with

the school boards and other leaders in the communities. One of the top priorities is access to English health care. The dialogue is ongoing with Health and Social Services **Minister Barrette**.

She talked briefly about the brain drain and said 2/3 of English university graduates leave the province. She also mentioned that once you trigger change the possibilities are endless. We have to develop an action plan. Kathleen also mentioned that access to information in English is hit and miss; what are the rules? She ended her talk by saying that we need the energy and input of everybody and need a paradigm shift.

Saturday, May 12 Lobsterfest

The T. Peter Webster Memorial Lobster Festival, sponsored by the *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* will take place on Saturday, May 12 at 6:30 pm at the Arena.

The cost for this all you can eat event is \$90 per person, with children 16 years and under half price and 8 and under free as long as the children are accompanied by an adult. In 2017 we were able to give tax receipts of \$50 for each ticket; we expect the amount to be about the same this year.

We serve wonderful lobster as well as boeuf bourguignon,

salad and dessert. There will be a variety of other foods as well as a cash bar serving a variety of beers, wines and other alcoholic beverages along with soft drinks and juices. There will be a silent and a live auction and a raffle draw.

What we support

The event is a fundraiser for local and international Rotary charities. Locally, we are supporting the *NDG Food Depot* by sponsoring cooking classes. We also support MW Canada Day, Royal West science fair, *YMCA Strong Kids* as well as many others. Internationally we are helping a Rotary Club in Peru that gives free medical/dental clinics through volunteer doctors and dentists. For many years we have supported *CYMA, Canadian Youth to Armenia*: young people rebuilding schools and hospitals. We support the *Rotary Foundation* that gives scholarships and works with the *World Health Organization* on polio eradication.

Please join us. This is a fun family event which has been my favourite over the years. It is limited to 400 tickets and usually sells out. Hope to see many of you there. Please contact me for tickets.

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In memoriam



Dorothea Kirchberger

It is with sadness that we learned **Dorothea Kirchberger** passed away in August.

"Miss Dorothy" was a teacher and founding member of *Little Red Playhouse Pre-school*. She spent over 25 years dedicating her time to teaching early education of pre-school

children in the communities of Montreal West and NDG.

Dorothea can be remembered as well riding around through Town on her bicycle. She was an avid swimmer and enjoyed the MoWest and NDG pools immensely. **Erich** and Dorothea were big supporters of the yearly Austrian Ball.

In their retirement years, Dorothy and her husband moved from their beloved home in NDG to the Toronto area. They enjoyed being with their daughter, **Simone**, and son, **Peter**, as well as their many grandchildren in the north part of Toronto. Dorothea spoke with such pride of her children's and grandchildren's contributions to their communities and sporting activities.

Our MoWest and NDG adult children and parents alike are so fortunate to have known "Miss Dorothy" thanks to her loving impact on our lives. We will cherish these memories forever.

With love,

Ann MacKay

10th annual Jane's Walk - May 4-5-6

Our neighbourhood native trees Les arbres indigènes de nos quartiers

Do you know the trees in your neighbourhood? Come discover them with your guide, **Louise Chenevert**. Even though leaves may not have opened, there are other ways to identify them; by their fruits, seeds, cones, buds and bark. We will focus on our native species, but we will see foreign imports and hybrids. We will discuss their environmental benefits and their threats.

You will have the opportunity to sample beverages as birch juice and authentic spruce and root beers. Handouts will be available. The walk is an easy kilometre on flat sidewalks and through parks. Meet me in front of the Town Hall at 11 am on Friday, Saturday (2 pm) or Sunday (11 am), May 4-6. Please register with Montreal Urban Ecology Centre promenadesdejane.com/en/participer-a-une-promenade/ for walks 85-87 or 88.

Looking forward to sharing my knowledge with you and making new discoveries together of our natural heritage. Louise at Mtltree-walks@gmail.com or **464-9094**.

Discovering the Falaise St-Jacques

The Saint-Jacques escarpment is a 4-km long green space between the Vendôme metro station and the Saint-Pierre interchange, behind the buildings on Saint-Jacques Street. Have you ever wondered what this line of greenery represents? It is one of the 10 eco-territories on the Island of Montreal! Let's talk about the history of the cliff, its ecological and environmental wealth and its future! Spring is a good time to observe the variety of birds that frequent it. Hosted by City Councilor **Peter McQueen** and biologist **Patrick Asch**. Meet at 6400 St-Jacques on Saturday, May 5 at 11 am. Please register for walk 76 at: promenadesdejane.com/promenades/sauvons-la-falaise-saint-jacques-172/.

Mary Tofts

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She then joined the NDG Legion where she has been the membership chairperson for the past five years.

She is also very active in the 50+ Club, Santa's Breakfast, Tuesday Nights in the Park and Canada Day festivities. Most of

the time, she would be helping to prepare food. Mary is also a member of the MoWest Service Council that meets twice a year to discuss things people in the community want done or changed. She looks after seniors' concerns, since everyone on the council looks after a section of the community, such as roadside signs, traffic lights, and funding to help those in need.

Mary believes that the main reason she

is so active is her history. Volunteerism is what military families do, both in peacetime and war. It is also giving back to the community, one she has enjoyed living in for almost four decades. Rather than sitting and watching, she prefers to do. And it keeps her mentally and physically healthy.

If you too would like to help out like Mary, contact the Community Centre at **484-6186** and speak to **Marian Scully**.



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Elizabeth Ballantyne School



The adults are Miss Sharon, Miss Alison and Miss Farah from Room 19, along with Naya Koussa and her Sports and Recreation team from Pointe Aux Trembles City Hall and their mascot Confetti

The Case of the Yellow Balloon



Thursday, February 15 was a very special day for the kindergarten students in Room 19... we celebrated the 100th day of school! This long awaited and highly anticipated day was finally here!

We dressed up in our 100th day decorated shirts, our 100th day hats and added some *Froot Loops* necklaces. We paraded around singing 100th day songs, and our parents joined us in many fun activities. The day ended with a big celebration cake and we sang *Happy 100 Days to Us!*

There was one last activity before we

would say goodbye to our moms and dads outside. We were each given a balloon that said "100" and had a little tag attached. These balloons were released in honour of our special day. The little tag explained that the children of Room 19 at Elizabeth Ballantyne School were celebrating the 100th day of school. There was also a request to anyone who might find the balloon to contact the teacher, and we cleverly included the e-mail address.

Once we were outside, we counted by 10's to 100 and then released those balloons. We watch them float away, wonder-

ing where they might be going and who might find one.

Approximately one hour after the balloons were released, **Sharon Friedmann**, our teacher, received an email. It was from a very excited young woman who works at the city hall in Pointe-aux-Trembles! Our balloon had travelled over 25 km in one hour! This person explained that as she was eating lunch, she noticed a yellow balloon outside her window and went out to investigate. In her email, she said that she would like to do something special for the kids in Room 19 and explain to them what she had found. Her name was **Naya**. She and Miss Sharon began to communicate, and together they came up with a plan.

Naya arrived at EBS on March 13 along with several of her team members and their mascot, **Confetti!** You can imagine how excited we all were when Naya and Confetti walked in with a giant bag of happy face yellow balloons and a gigantic map of Montreal. We played a game that involved guessing where our balloon had landed and sticking the balloon on the map at that spot. Naya then showed us the distance between our school and the Pointe-Aux-Trembles city hall building, so we could really understand how far our balloon had travelled. We each had our picture taken with Confetti and we even received loot bags full of amazing goodies. What an exciting morning it was for the Room 19 students!

After Naya and Confetti left, we discussed what our yellow balloon might have seen on its long journey to Pointe-Aux-Trembles. Each student wrote about and illustrated the trip of the yellow balloon. We made a book from these pages and sent it to Naya and her team to thank them for the treats and for a special memory THAT WE WILL NEVER EVER FORGET!

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Louis Charles et Aran avec la présidente de la commission scolaire Marguerite Bourgeys madame Diane Venne Lamarche et le Directeur Général de la commission scolaire Marguerite Bourgeys monsieur Dominic Bertrand

Tout d'abord, un collectif de huit élèves, la spécialiste de musique et un bédéiste ont préparé une bande dessinée qui met le français à l'honneur. Inspirés par une chanson francophone, les élèves ont discuté de l'importance de parler une même langue : le français. Puis, accompagnés par le bédéiste **Michel Grant**, ils ont créé une bande dessinée. Dans le cadre de la journée internationale du français, le mardi 20 mars, cette production a été exposée au Musée de la Civilisation à Québec. Deux élèves étaient sur place pour représenter notre école. Ils ont rencontré plusieurs invités de marque.

Le vendredi 23 mars avait lieu notre traditionnelle activité de cabane à sucre. **Monsieur Gagnon** de la *Sucrerie Gagnon* est venu offrir à nos jeunes une belle occasion de s'approcher des petits animaux de la ferme et déguster de la bonne tire d'érable au son d'une musique traditionnelle.

Dans le but de favoriser une belle transition scolaire, nous avons profité de ce beau moment pour inviter les petits de la garderie Little Learners. Nos titulaires du préscolaire ont animé des activités au gymnase. Une belle façon d'apprivoiser la grande école.

Dans le cadre du cours d'éthique et de culture religieuse, nos enseignants ont décidé de travailler les compétences du programme en utilisant une démarche de philosophie pour enfant. Tous les vendredis à une période fixe dans l'horaire, nos jeunes s'exercent au dialogue et échangent sur des thèmes qui sont significatifs pour eux.

Nous avons reçu dernièrement une journaliste du journal *Le Devoir*. Elle a rencontré des élèves qui ont présenté leur vision de l'importance de la philo pour enfant. Par la suite, elle a assisté à un cours dans une classe de 5e année.

Vous pouvez lire cet article en suivant ce lien : ledevoir.com/vivre/524052/reportages-enfants-du-primaire-qui-apprennent-a-penser.

À venir dans la prochaine chronique

Nos jeunes représentent l'école au colloque UNESCO à Rigaud et à Winnipeg. La visite de la caravane Pierre Lavoie à notre école et une petite présentation de notre projet Cinéma des classes de 5e année.

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Edinburgh School



Storytelling finals



Congratulations to **Jesse Finkelstein** and **Boris Teigrob** for representing Edinburgh at the EMSB story telling finals with their colourful reenactment of *L'aventure de Guimauve et Tuxedo*. **Clara Bordo** did an equally impressive presentation with her story entitled *Tilly*. We are extremely proud of all our students.

Heart and Stroke Foundation

Once again this year Edinburgh school will be participating in the Jump Rope event to help raise funds for the *Heart and Stroke Foundation*.

Alzheimer group (AGI) and Edinburgh students

Edinburgh students have teamed up with members of the AGI in an intergenerational exchange. This exchange was organised by our parent volunteer **Joanna Duy**. Students and seniors worked together planting seedlings for our outdoor garden. This was a wonderful experience for students and seniors.



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Judo 2017-2018

On April 11 the judo group hosted a demonstration for the parents. Under the direction of judo sensei **Steve Morrissette** and our special guest Olympian **Marie-Hélène Chisholm**, each participant demonstrated the techniques (holds, throws) and various skills they had learned throughout the year. Congratulations to the entire class and thank you to Steve for his continued commitment to the judo program and our community. A special thank you to our guest **Marie-Hélène Chisholm** for joining us and inspiring our youth.

Mudhen baseball

Mudhen baseball has always emphasised fun, while teaching the basic skills and learning the game in a non-competitive environment. We rely on the commitment of our incredible team of volunteer coaches as we compete against other cities in a 10-game season.

Spring training started the first week of April led by our baseball director, **Howie Schwartz**, and members of the Concordia Stingers baseball team. This year we have teams at each level from Mosquito to Midget playing a 10-game season against CSL, Westmount, TMR, DDO and Hampstead.

If you aren't a Mudhed and you haven't experienced the joy that is Mudville, come by Percival field, aka Henway Park, and watch a game.

Soccer

The soccer season is off to a late start due to the cold weather, but we are well on our way. Drive by Hodgson Field any evening of the week or a sunny Saturday morning and you will see our girls' soccer teams, led by head coach **Sabrina Manolakos**, hard at work practising drills and scrimmaging.



The boys are playing over on the Royal West field, under the direction of our technical director **Greg Macgregor**. Often you will hear the crowds from the sidelines as parents and fans cheer on the players in close, nail biting matches.

Our youngest players, Little Strikers and micro players, are over at George Booth Park, learning the basics of soccer though games and fun drills. Players play games like "soccer bees" and "Red Light, Green light" as they learn to control the ball while having fun.

T-ball

One of our most popular programs this year has been T-ball for our mini Hens ages 3-6. Run by *Sportball Quebec*, players will learn how to run the bases, throw and catch a ball or a bean bag, hitting off a tee.

Introduction to baseball

This program is designed for 7 and 8 year old players and runs out of our very

own Henway Park. Players learn to throw, catch a ball, hit off a tee and run the bases. **Howie Schwartz** and **Jean Ducharme**, who was a Mudhen when he was younger, have all the kids running bases and learning how to hit a coach pitch. Come out and watch our mini Hens as they learn the game of baseball.

Rugby

Soon we will hit the fields with our coaches **Susy Binstock** and **Patrick Gavin** for another great season of mini rugby. Every week we watch as our younger players learn how to run with the ball, practise their coordination and learn basic ball handling. Our older group are practising game situations and safe contact skills as they get ready for any jamborees! We will be hosting our first ever rugby jamboree on May 27 at Hodgson field. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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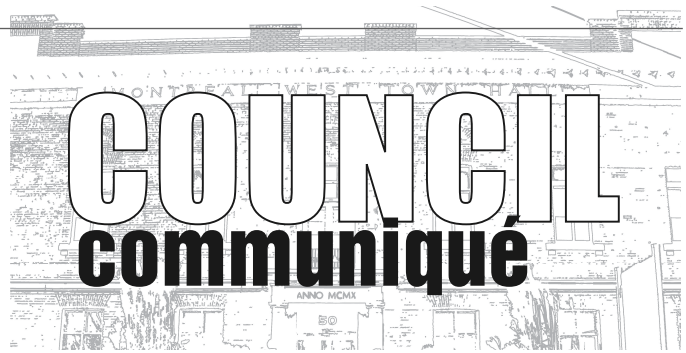
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MAYOR'S REPORT



Agglomeration reform

After having had an initial and positive meeting with Mayor Plante, I met with Minister Martin Coiteux to bring him up to date on our plans to work on agglomeration reform. Minister Coiteux understood our position and was very supportive of our plans to work with Montreal to resolve many of the inequities in the Agglo.

Internally, the Association of Suburban Municipalities has formed a few subcommittees composed of mayors and senior administrative staff to work on developing and supporting our positions on the various issues. It is intended that these committees will work with their Montreal counterparts to reach solutions we can implement together.

CIUSSS West-Central Montreal

The *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal* (CIUSSS) is the umbrella organization that oversees many of the health and social services that are available to Montreal West residents. These services include the CLSC Benny Farm, the Jewish General Hospital, the Constance-Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre, the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre, Catherine Booth and the Julius Richardson Hospital among others. This CIUSSS is one of five such umbrella organizations on the island plus the MUHC and CHUM.

Last week, our CIUSSS held a meeting with the elected officials of the towns and boroughs it serves to help us better understand its mission and where it fits into the continuum of health and social services. Even as a pharmacist working within the system for the past 30 years, much of what I heard was new to me and very enlightening. I extended an invitation to the management of the CIUSSS to take their information session on the road and visit the towns they serve to inform their end users directly. They were very receptive to the idea and I hope to be able to help organize a session for residents in the near future.

Rotary Club of Montreal Westward LobsterFest

The Rotary Club of Montreal Westward holds one of its two major fundraisers, LobsterFest, on **May 12 at 6:30 pm** in our Legion Rink. The ticket costs \$90, but you get a \$50 tax receipt. All you can eat fresh lobsters and other foods. Please come support this invaluable organization and this fun event. Contact Doug Yeats for tickets at doug@westendpiano.com.

Coffee with the Mayor

The next Coffee with the Mayor will take place on **Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 to 8:30 am** in the Community Centre.

*Beny Masella, Mayor
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Let's talk about the emerald ash borer



You've undoubtedly heard about the emerald ash borer (EAB), that nasty insect that's been destroying millions of ash trees across North America. In an interesting development, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has begun raising a type of wasp, *Tetrastichus planipennis*, which seems to be effective in killing the destructive beetle in the larvae stage. NRCan will be releasing thousands of these wasps in 12 different areas in Quebec and Ontario in an attempt to control the spread of the borer. We, at Public Works, will keep an eye on the development of this process to see if it is something worth considering here.

However, until there is a proven permanent solution for the spread of the EAB, we'll continue to treat the Town's public ash trees with the *TreeAzin* vaccine. So far, that's offered an effective solution with very few public ash trees succumbing to the infestation. But unfortunately that it is not the case with private ash trees where, since June 2017, 39 trees have been lost due to the insect.

What you can do to help?

1. If you suspect that a tree on public land is infested with the EAB, please call Public Works at 514-485-8597 ASAP.
2. If you suspect that a tree on your property is infested, please contact an arborist for confirmation. If it has to be felled, it must be disposed of according to strict regulations. And remember, you always need a permit to fell a tree. The permit is free but absolutely required. Call Vlad Florea-Archir at the Town Hall for information at 514-481-8125.
3. If you have an ash on your property that can be saved and want to take advantage of our *TreeAzin* subsidy program, please contact the Town Hall at 514-481-8125.
4. And finally, having lost so many trees to EAB, it's now more important than ever to plant new trees on public and private land. With this in mind, the Town will hold its annual **\$10 Tree giveaway program**, where residents can choose from a selection of beautiful species to plant at home. For further information about this program, contact Chris Kearney at ckearney@montreal-west.ca.

Any more questions? Please contact me.

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Dealing with telephone scams



Recently, I received a telephone call from a fraud artist pretending to represent the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and, in short, looking for me to pay money to avoid some sort of litigation. Of course, the CRA does not initiate such calls. It was a scam. And, unfortunately, Canadians are being increasingly targeted in these fraudulent attempts. In Canada, thousands of people fall victim to such telephone scams each year. Regrettably, most of the people targeted are elderly. I personally worry about the elderly in Montreal West.

In addition to the CRA scam, some fraudsters claim to be someone close to the family with an urgent problem that requires money (an accident, legal dispute or other problem). These fraudsters manipulate their victims into giving them

thousands of dollars. Their method is clear: they generally contact you by phone and ask if you recognize them. You may think it's your grandson calling and automatically say his name, "Sammy is that you?" The defrauder then uses that name to seem credible, asking you to send a large sum of money for an urgent situation. If you agree to transfer the funds or give money in person to someone else, you will never see your money again.

What should you do to avoid these situations? First of all, remember that Canada Revenue Agency and Revenue Québec never call people to ask for "tax" money or to discuss litigation matters. If you get such a call, hang up and contact the CRA or Revenu Québec yourself. They'll let you know if you have a legitimate tax problem.

Secondly, if a strange caller asks if you recognize him, just say "no" and then ask personal questions that only this supposed friend or family member could an-

swer. Refuse to give money until you check the caller's story with other family members. Ask for a phone number to call him back or tell him to call you later so you have time to check out his story. When in doubt, do not hesitate to hang up. The key is to avoid being too trusting. A healthy dose of skepticism will protect you. Learn to trust your instincts if you feel something 'isn't quite right.

If you are a victim of fraud or theft, or if you suspect you might have been, immediately contact the following resources for help: SPVM (Montreal police): 911 or the Elder Abuse Help Line: 1-888-489-2287. Please also inform our Public Security department so we can monitor any targeted attempts on the elderly of our town.

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Increased municipal powers



In Canada, municipalities are not recognized in the Constitution, and are therefore often referred to as "creatures of the province". They are governed by provincial legislation, and what they can or cannot do depends on the powers bestowed on them by the province.

In an effort to rectify some of the constraints this imposes, last June the Quebec government tabled and adopted Bill 122, "An Act mainly to recognize that municipalities are local governments and to increase their autonomy and powers". The Bill establishes a renewed vision of relations between the provincial and municipal governments and gives rise to a decentralization of power to the municipalities in several areas.

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Land use planning

Local municipalities will now have broader powers over urban planning, including zoning. For instance, a municipality is now able to acquire, by agreement or expropriation, any property whose state of deterioration or dilapidation poses a threat to the safety or health of

others if, after a 60-day notice, the required work has not been carried out. In addition, if the municipality adopts a public participation policy that is in compliance with provincial regulations, it will no longer be subject to the requirement for a referendum.

Taxation and municipal finance

Bill 122 removes the obligation to obtain authorizations from the Ministry for certain financial transactions, and changes some requirements regarding financial management and reporting. It amends taxation powers of local municipalities, permitting them to modify the rates charged on the transfer of properties up to a maximum of 3% on properties exceeding \$500,000, and giving them the power to charge regulatory dues. For example, the municipality may adopt a by-law which sets up a reserve fund for a specific purpose, explicitly stating how the fund will be used and how the fees will be collected.

Governance

When a municipality wants to present a new by-law or make amendments to an existing one, it must give notice of this in a public meeting. While previously, a draft of this new or amended by-law had to be made available to the public two days

prior to Council adopting it, Bill 122 now requires that the draft by-law must also be presented at a council meeting. The adoption of the by-law must be done at a separate meeting from that of the tabling or presentation of the draft version. This, and various other amendments, was made to improve the transparency of decision-making.

Transparency and information for citizens

The bill introduces new procedures concerning the publication of public notices and the rules governing the awarding of contracts. Currently, all contracts greater than \$25,000 must be listed on the municipality's website. This requirement is extended to an annual disclosure of all contracts over \$2,000 if the total for that supplier exceeds \$25,000. The 2017 list can be viewed on the MW website under Town Hall Administration/General Information.

We welcome these moves to both autonomy and transparency, which serve to reinforce the role of council and citizens in local decision-making.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE



Réforme de l'agglomération

Après une première rencontre positive avec la mairesse Plante, j'ai rencontré le ministre Martin Coiteux afin de le mettre au parfum de nos plans pour travailler à la réforme de l'agglomération. Le ministre Coiteux a compris notre position et s'est montré très favorable à nos plans pour s'affairer avec Montréal à la résolution de plusieurs des iniquités de l'agglomération.

À l'interne, l'Association des municipalités de banlieue a formé quelques sous-comités composés de maires et de cadres supérieurs de l'administration pour élaborer et soutenir nos positions sur les différents sujets. L'intention est que ces comités travailleront avec leurs vis-à-vis montréalais pour arriver à des solutions que nous pourrions mettre en place conjointement.

CIUSSS Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal

Le Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (CIUSSS) est l'organisme qui chapeaute plusieurs des services de santé et services sociaux offerts aux résidents de Montréal-Ouest. Il regroupe le CLSC de Benny Farm, l'Hôpital général juif, le Centre de réadaptation Constance-Lethbridge, le Centre de réadaptation MAB-Mackay, l'Hôpital Catherine Booth et l'Hôpital Richardson, entre autres. Ce CIUSSS est une des cinq organisations-cadres sur l'île, en plus du CHUM et du CUSM.

La semaine dernière, notre CIUSSS s'est réuni avec les élus des villes et arrondissements qu'il dessert pour nous aider à mieux comprendre sa mission et où il se situe dans le continuum des services de santé et services sociaux. Même comme pharmacien œuvrant à l'intérieur du système au cours des 30 dernières années, beaucoup de ce que j'ai entendu était nouveau pour moi et très instructif. J'ai lancé une invitation aux gestionnaires du CIUSSS d'amener leur séance d'information dans les villes qu'il sert afin d'informer directement les utilisateurs finaux. Ils se sont montrés réceptifs à l'idée et j'espère pouvoir aider à organiser une séance pour les résidents dans un avenir proche.

FestiHomard du Rotary, club de Montreal Westward

Le Rotary, club de Montreal Westward, tiendra une de ses deux collectes de fonds principales, son FestiHomard, le **12 mai** prochain à notre aréna de la Légion. Les billets coutent 90 \$ et un reçu de 50 \$ pour fins fiscales vous sera remis. Du homard frais et autres mets, tant que vous en voulez. Venez soutenir cet organisme inestimable et cet événement agréable. Contactez Doug Yeats pour vos billets à doug@westendpiano.com.

Café avec le maire

Le prochain Café avec le maire aura lieu le **jeudi 24 mai de 7 h 30 à 8 h 30** au Centre communautaire.

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Parlons de l'agrite du frêne



Vous avez certainement entendu parler de l'agrite du frêne (AF), cette sale bestiole qui a détruit des millions de frênes partout en Amérique du Nord. Développement intéressant, Ressources naturelles Canada (RNC) a commencé l'élevage d'un type de guêpes, *Tetrastichus planipennis*, qui semble efficace pour tuer la larve du coléoptère destructif.

RNC relâchera des milliers de ces guêpes dans 12 secteurs du Québec et de l'Ontario pour tenter de circonscrire la propagation de l'insecte térébrant. Aux Travaux publics, nous surveillerons l'évolution de ce processus pour voir s'il doit être considéré ici.

Cependant, jusqu'à ce qu'il y ait une solution permanente éprouvée pour combattre l'AF, nous continuerons à traiter les frênes du domaine public au vaccin *TreeAzin*. Jusqu'à présent, cette solution s'est avérée efficace et très peu de frênes publics ont péri. Ce n'est malheureusement pas le cas des frênes privés; depuis juin 2017, 39 arbres ont été perdus à cet insecte.

Que pouvez-vous faire pour aider?

1. Si vous croyez qu'un arbre du domaine public est infesté par l'AF, veuillez contacter les Travaux publics dès que possible au 514-485-8597.
2. Si vous croyez qu'un arbre sur votre propriété est infesté par l'AF, contactez un arboriculteur pour le confirmer. S'il doit être abattu, l'on devra en disposer conformément à une réglementation très stricte. Et n'oubliez pas, vous avez toujours besoin d'un permis pour abattre un arbre. Ce permis est gratuit, mais absolument requis. Contactez Vlad Florea-Archir à l'hôtel de ville pour renseignements au 514-481-8125.
3. Si un frêne infesté sur votre propriété peut être sauvé et si vous voulez profiter de notre programme de subvention pour le *TreeAzin*, veuillez contacter l'Hôtel de Ville au 514-481-8125.
4. Et finalement, après avoir perdu autant d'arbres à l'AF, il importe, maintenant plus que jamais, de planter de nouveaux arbres sur les terrains publics et privés. Conséquemment, la Ville tiendra son **programme de l'Arbre à 10 \$** annuel, où les citoyens peuvent choisir parmi un éventail de belles espèces à planter à la maison. Pour plus de renseignements, contactez Chris Kearney à ckearney@montreal-ouest.ca.

D'autres questions? N'hésitez pas à me contacter.

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Escroqueries téléphoniques



J'ai récemment reçu un appel téléphonique d'un escroc prétendant représenter l'Agence du revenu du Canada (ARC) et qui, en gros, voulait que je paye une certaine somme pour éviter un litige. Évidemment, l'ARC ne procède pas de cette façon. C'était une fraude. Malheureusement, les Canadiens sont de plus en plus visés par ces tentatives d'escroquerie. Au Canada, des milliers se font prendre par ces supercheries téléphoniques chaque année et la plupart des cibles sont des personnes âgées. Le sort des aînés de Montréal-Ouest me préoccupe personnellement.

En plus du coup de l'ARC, le fraudeur pourrait se prétendre proche de la famille vivant un urgent problème nécessitant de l'argent (accident, conflit juridique ou autre). Ces arnaqueurs manipulent leurs victimes et les amènent à leur remettre des milliers de dollars.

Leur méthode est claire : le filou vous contacte généralement par téléphone et demande si vous le reconnaissez. Peut-être croirez-vous que c'est votre petit-fils qui appelle et automatiquement prononcerez son nom, « André, c'est toi? » Le fraudeur utilisera alors ce nom pour se rendre crédible et vous demandera d'envoyer une large somme pour une urgence. Si vous acceptez de transférer des fonds ou de remettre de l'argent comptant à quelqu'un d'autre, vous n'en reverrez jamais la couleur.

Que faire pour éviter ces situations? D'abord rappelez-vous que l'Agence du revenu du Canada et Revenu Québec n'appellent jamais les gens pour réclamer des « taxes » ou discuter de litiges. Si vous recevez un tel appel, raccrochez et contactez l'ARC ou Revenu Québec vous-même. Ils vous informeront si vous avez réellement un problème de taxes.

Si quelqu'un vous téléphone et demande si vous le reconnaissez, dites « Non » et posez des questions auxquelles seul le prétendu ami ou membre de la famille pourrait répondre. Refusez de remettre

de l'argent avant d'avoir pu vérifier son histoire auprès d'autres membres de la famille. Demandez un numéro de téléphone pour le rappeler ou dites-lui de vous retéléphoner plus tard, et prenez le temps de vérifier son histoire. Dans le doute, n'hésitez pas à raccrocher. Évitez de trop faire confiance. Une bonne dose de scepticisme vous protégera. Apprenez à vous fier à votre instinct si quelque chose vous semble un peu « croche ».

Si vous êtes victime de fraude ou de vol ou croyez l'avoir été, contactez immédiatement les ressources suivantes : le SPVM (police de Montréal) au 911, ou la ligne Info-Abus pour personnes âgées au 1-888-489-2287. Veuillez aussi en informer notre service de Sécurité publique pour que nous puissions surveiller toute tentative visant nos aînés.

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Pouvoirs municipaux accrues



Au Canada, la Constitution ne reconnaît pas les municipalités, et alors, on y réfère souvent comme des « créatures de la province ». Elles sont régies par la législation provinciale et ce qu'elles peuvent ou ne peuvent pas faire dépend des pouvoirs que la province leur confère.

Dans le but de rectifier certaines des contraintes que cela leur impose, en juin dernier le gouvernement du Québec présentait et a adopté le projet de loi 122, « *Loi visant principalement à reconnaître que les municipalités sont des gouvernements de proximité et à augmenter à ce titre leur autonomie et leurs pouvoirs* ». La loi renouvelle la vision des relations entre les gouvernements provincial et municipaux et donne lieu dans plusieurs secteurs à la décentralisation des pouvoirs vers les municipalités.

Aménagement du territoire

Les municipalités locales ont dorénavant de plus vastes pouvoirs en matière d'urbanisme, dont le zonage. Par exemple, une municipalité pourra maintenant acquérir, de gré à gré ou par expropriation, toute propriété dont l'état de détérioration ou de délabrement présente un

risque pour la santé ou la sécurité des personnes si, 60 jours après un avis, les travaux exigés n'ont pas été effectués. De plus, si la municipalité adopte une politique de participation publique en conformité avec la réglementation provinciale, elle ne sera plus soumise aux obligations d'un référendum.

Taxation et gestion financière

Le projet de loi 122 supprime l'obligation d'obtenir des autorisations ministérielles pour certaines transactions financières et modifie des exigences en matière de gestion financière et de rapports. Il amende les pouvoirs de taxation des municipalités, leur permettant de modifier les taux des droits de mutation jusqu'à un maximum de 3 % sur les propriétés au-delà de 500 000 \$ et leur accordant le pouvoir d'imposer des redevances réglementaires. Par exemple, la municipalité peut adopter un règlement qui crée un fonds de réserve à des fins explicites, identifiant expressément à quoi il servira et comment les droits seront perçus.

Gouvernance

Quand une municipalité souhaite présenter un nouveau règlement ou amender un règlement existant, elle doit en donner avis lors d'une réunion publique. Alors que précédemment, un projet de ce règlement, nouveau ou amendé, devait être rendu disponible au public deux

jours précédant son adoption par le conseil, le projet de loi 122 exige maintenant que le projet de règlement soit aussi présenté à une réunion du conseil. L'adoption du règlement doit se faire lors d'une réunion du conseil distincte de celle de son dépôt ou de la présentation du projet. Cela et d'autres amendements divers visent à améliorer la transparence de la prise de décision.

Transparence et information aux citoyens

Le règlement introduit de nouvelles procédures concernant la diffusion des avis publics et les règles gouvernant l'octroi des contrats. Présentement, tous les contrats de plus de 25 000 \$ doivent apparaître sur le site Web de la municipalité. Cette exigence est élargie à la divulgation annuelle de tous les contrats de plus de 2 000 \$, lorsque le total pour ce fournisseur excède 25 000 \$. On peut consulter la liste 2017 sur le site Web de Mo-Ouest sous Administration générale/Renseignements généraux.

Nous accueillons favorablement ces mouvements vers l'autonomie et la transparence qui servent à affermir le rôle du conseil et des citoyens dans la prise de décisions locales.

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Thanks to everyone who supported our Scout Group; your generous purchases will go a long way to keep our programs healthy and strong. Sales were very good as each youth who participated was given a percentage of their sales towards future activities. The MW Scout Group has been running this fundraiser for 40+ years. A proud community tradition!

*from Scouter Rainbow
(Karen Johnstone)*

Cubs

March is the month for Kub Kar preparation. Over the course of three weeks, under the supervision of parents and Scouters, the boys and girls built wooden racing cars with plastic wheels. Once again, the Cubs displayed

impressive skill and creativity in preparing their designs.

During the last meeting of the month, the Pack held its annual Kub Kar Rally with many parents, siblings and volunteers



Adults left to right: Robert Eiser (Baloo), Lee-Ann Simpson (Darzee), David Roy (Ring-tail), Philippe Leroux (Chil), Todd Stedl (Kaa), Ranger Slater Covenden, Brendan Mirotnick (Bagheera). Cubs: Noah Leroux (Best Design), Adam Dong (1st place), Elliot Silvestor (2nd place), Ethan Botner (3rd place)

in attendance. Scouters and parents supported and cheered for each other's entries over the course of many heats to determine the fastest and slowest Kub Kars.

Congratulations to **Adam S.** (1st), **Elliot S.** (2nd), **Ethan B.** (3rd) and **Noah L.** for best design – Baguette, (honourable mention to **Sophie E.** for her

pizza design). Special thanks again this year to **David Roy** for his dedication to the annual Kub Kar Rally, his help and guidance building the Kars and for setting up the track on the

night of the race.

In April and May, the Cubs will learn basic elements of first aid and how to make a first aid kit for any occasion. They will also participate in a clean-up exercise in one or more MoWest parks in an effort to pick up trash left over from the winter and to beautify our Town. Our spring camp will consist of a visit to

Kingston and its most famous historical sites including a sleep-over at Fort Henry.

*from Scouter Chil
(Philippe Leroux)*

Scouts

The Scouts have been keeping busy with activities inside and outside. A day hike on Mont Saint-Hilaire was a great way to enjoy the first nice weekend of spring. And even with a lot of slipping and falling, everyone managed to have a great time.

We got a chance to taste some interesting foods and learn about cultures from around the world during our annual Culture Night. The Scout truck race took place recently, giving the Scouts a chance to show off their creativity by crafting their own trucks, which were quite impressive. As we move closer to summer, we've been planning our bicycle trip across Prince Edward Island with a lesson about simple bike repairs given by Rover, **Jonathan Haldiday**. With this trip and a spring camp in sight, we are looking forward to more great scouting adventures.

*from Scouter
Isaac Million-Lovett*

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Guiding



Girl Guides
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The Girl Guides have been busy selling the traditional cookies. There is one Spark who has sold eight cases all on her own! That is a total of 96 boxes of cookies! She is certainly a SUPER cookie seller!

Sparks

The Sparks loved visiting western Canada. They learned interesting facts about each province and had an activity to do as well.

For Manitoba, the girls designed a new coin for the Canadian mint. For Saskatchewan, they played a memory match game with photos from the province. For Alberta, they pretended to be ponies giving rides to Brownie dolls. Some dolls had an easier time of it than others! Finally, in B.C. they drew their own interpretation of Ogopogo or Naitaka, the lake monster, believed by some to live in Okanagan Lake. They had great fun finishing up their tour of Canada.

Brownies

The Brownies followed an international theme this month. They also traveled virtually to see Brownies in Kenya and New Zealand. The girls located those countries on the world map. (most Quebec schools do not include geography at the Grade 2/3 level), they found out what girls of their age do in Girl Guides there, what they wear and how much they have in common with Brownies in Canada.

We also discussed what priorities there would be for the use of a limited supply of water. What would they do if they had to walk to fetch the water and carry it home? The girls were also challenged to do their part right here at home to take action for a better world by saving water and trying not to use single use bottled water.



Véronique Belzil-Boucher, Janet King and Elizabeth Barnes

Photo: Christine Downey

Elizabeth Barnes gets a Gold Chief Commissioner's award

Elizabeth Barnes, the only Ranger in the Monklands district who lives in Mo-West, has completed her Gold Chief Commissioner's award. This is the highest award a girl can earn while in Rangers. She has been diligently working toward this award over her three years as a Ranger.

Her final service project was an idea and design she came up with all on her own. She decided to coordinate a large group of volunteers who expressed an interest in helping to make a square for a blanket to be donated to *Dans la rue*. The blanket can fold up into a pillow to make it easier to carry or to give the recipient a place to rest his head.

There were young and old, novice and expert crafters who all came together under her direction to make 178 squares. Elizabeth taught those who had an interest in learning how to knit or crochet. Not only did Guiding members, but friends, family and the MoWest community all came together to help make this blanket a reality. **Janet King**, or Brown Owl extraordinaire for those of us in MoWest, was a great mentor to Elizabeth. The yarn and time to create this beautiful blanket were all donated.

Congratulations, Elizabeth!

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Children's Library



Poetry month

The month of April is National Poetry Month and the Children's Library has honoured this event by reading and displaying suggested readings for all to see and borrow.

Quilling

Quilling is the art of creating decorative designs by rolling thin strips of coloured paper, shaping them and gluing them together. If you want to try this out, we invite you Thursday, May 3, 2-4 pm, 5-12 years old, \$5/child (\$3/Friend of the Library).



Illustrators tour the country and bring the joy of reading to young readers.

This year, our library has the honour to host the national award winner **Anne Glover**. She enthralles audiences with her dynamic storytelling and unforgettable string figures, and leaves communities in a merry tangle of string wherever she goes! We are happy to welcome her in the library as part of the TD Canadian Children's Book Week Saturday, May 12, 11-12 am; \$5/child (\$3/Friend of the Library). A load of fun for the whole family!

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Nous avons des beaux sacs de tissu qui attendent d'être colorés! Voulez-vous avoir un sac

avec le logo de la bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal-Ouest



pour transporter la pile des livres que vous empruntez? En plus, ce sac peut être offert en cadeau! Venez le jeudi, 22 mai; pour les enfants âgés 3-13 ans, de 11 h 00 à 12 h 30, \$10 par sac.

The most popular titles for the past month

Would you like to know what other members of the library enjoy reading? The most borrowed book for the last 30 days has been *Minecraft – The*



Big Book of Building, Mods & Circuits.

Coming in June

We are busy in the library preparing for the summer reading program. More information to follow in the next issue of *The Informer!*

Nous avons commencé à préparer le club de lecture estival. Plus de renseignements à venir dans la prochaine parution de *l'Informer*.

The Library will be closed May 21.
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Kosher corner

Monthly Shabbat service

It is great to see how the MoWest monthly Shabbat evening service is steadily growing with each passing month! We hope you can join us Friday, May 4 at 6:30. To arrange a Kiddush in honour a special occasion, please contact **Rabbi Mendy Marlow**.

Lag BaOmer

Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer count – this year, May 3 – is a festive day on the Jewish calendar. All over the world, Lag BaOmer is marked with festive outings, picnics, bonfires, parades and other outdoor activities. In Israel, tens of thousands gather

in the small Upper Galilee village of Meron to celebrate together. The night is lit up by bonfires of all sizes; the singing and dancing is a sight to behold. To learn more about this unique holiday please visit Chabad-Westminster.com/LagBaOmer.

Lag BaOmer kosher BBQ!

Please join us in celebrating our very first (annual) MoWest Lag BaOmer celebration Wednesday, May 2 as we get together for a kosher BBQ and outdoor activities hosted by the **Schwartz family!** Please contact Rabbi Mendy Marlow to RSVP and for exact time and address.

Mommy and me

Would you like to get together and yent with local moms and their tots in a friendly Jewish setting? Contact **Chaya Marlow** (chayamarlow@gmail.com) to join a bi-monthly *Mommy and me*.

Coming holiday!

Save May 20 for an exciting Shavuot brunch! Stay tuned for details.

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News from the pews

MW United

... the brick one

Stocked for summer?

Are you going to the Book Browse Plus, Saturday, May 5 between 9:30 and 3? You can gather up books, games, CDs, puzzles... enough to stock up your house, your cottage and wherever else you spend time. Children and adult stuff – occasionally you find a reference book that piques your interest, too. Prices are ridiculously low, so load up. We will have bags, boxes and wheelbarrows to get your picks home, so no need to limit yourself. See you there sipping coffee while you peruse....

So a Bishop and the Dalai Lama were talking...

The *Book of Joy* comes out of conversations between **Bishop Tutu** and the **Dalai Lama** – who better to speak of joy! It is being discussed on two more Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 pm, May 2 and 9. Please feel free to join in. Call **482-3210** for information.

Mother's Day = Christian Family Day

Whatever May 13 is for you, it is a special worship service at MWUC. The Sunday school participate in the service, and considering we have around 30-some children, it becomes an exciting, creative and spontaneous time. Warning: There will be laughter in church... but then, there often is with Rev. **Mark Hammond**....

Meditation in motion

Our last indoor Labyrinth Walk of the season will be Tuesday, May 29 between 7 and 9 pm. Socks or slippers still apply for any interested in this walking meditation. An outdoor Labyrinth is still a dream, but no firm plans to date.

Join us any Sunday at 10 am. Family friendly, accessible and welcoming. Hope to see you there.

from Susan Upham

St. Philip's

St. Philip's was recently featured on the Facebook page of the *Anglican Foundation of Canada*, as their new director, the Rev. Canon **Judy Rois**, dropped by for a short visit. The foundation has provided grants and loans for the restoration of the masonry on the tower and for the re-roofing of the Memorial Hall, and we are grateful for their support.

Work on the Memorial Hall will continue this summer with repairs to the exte-

rior masonry as well as starting to repair some of the interior damage caused by the leaking roof. Also over the summer, you will see plywood covering our front doors on Brock Ave. Do not be alarmed – we are not closing! The doors have endured 89 years of sun, rain, wind and snow, and we are now having them restored professionally.

Organ Restoration Fund

We are also making plans for the restoration of our pipe organ, originally built in 1912 and installed in the second St. Philip's Church on Easton. In 2014, a heating pipe leak caused major damage to the electronics of the console. This past Palm Sunday, we launched a campaign to raise funds to replace the console. Organist **Peter Butler** and the choir will lead Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 10, with the offerings going to the Organ Restoration Fund.

Spring fair, May 12

Our famous bake table will have the usual assortment of delicious cakes, cookies, breads and other goodies. We will have a wide selection of used books and at least a dozen craft vendors, selling jewellery, artwork, handmade soaps, etc. Outside will be a community yard sale. Anyone who wishes to clean out their attic or garage can rent a table for \$25 and make some cash from their "junk!" Call the church office at **5481-4871** to reserve a table.

Refugee sponsorship

Together with St. Thomas' Church, we are starting to raise money for our second refugee sponsorship. On Sunday, May 6 at 4 pm, St. Thomas' will be hosting a service of Evensong, with offerings going to the sponsorship. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

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First Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the kids who received their First Communion April 29 and congratulations to those who will receive their Confirmation May 27. It has been a wonderful and dynamic year, and we would like to thank our Director of Children's Ministry, **Rebecca Malone**, who has recently joined our team full time.

If you are interested in registering your child in sacramental preparation for next year, or are interested in learning more about our Children's Ministry, please visit the website at stignatiusmtl.org or e-mail kidsmin@stignatiusmtl.org. Registration will be open by the end of May.

from Fr. Leclerc



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Public Library

What I have just watched

by Carol Foster

Having watched approximately 80% of the 1500 DVDs in the library, I especially enjoy promoting what I call "sleepers" as well as the more widely reviewed ones that I have enjoyed.

Some favourite sleepers include a poignant cowboy movie *A Perfect World*, starring Clint Eastwood and Kevin Costner, as well as the documentary *All the Way to School* which will both break and warm your heart at the same time.

The Exception, with Christopher Plummer, and *Line of Duty*, a British TV police drama series, are two of the more main-stream ones I have watched recently and I dare anyone who has ever heard of Tonya Harding to get a glimpse of what really went into creating one of the most sensational scandals in sports history by watching *I, Tonya*.



Just in

Night of Fire – Colin Thubron
To Die but Once – Jacqueline Winspear
The Deceivers – Alex Berenson
When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing – Daniel H. Pink

Note that the complete list of new items to the library are available on our online catalogue.

Coming events

May 30 at 7:30 pm, Montreal West Reads: **Archie Fineberg** presents Montreal's street art gallery: The best of the city's graffiti and wall-art.

May 9 at 2 pm, Tea and Books: the second Wednesday of the month you're invited to chat about books you've read over a hot cuppa. All are welcome.

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It has been a very busy month at our library as we near the finish line with our automation project, with over 75% of our catalogue online. We are in the midst of bar coding every item in the library. We will begin training our volunteers in May with the go-live date to be in June. We will be holding training sessions for members throughout the summer. Please don't hesitate to come in and check out the new system.

Tea and Books

Although we are busy with the automation, we are still trying to keep our members engaged by hosting lively discussions. One of these events, new to our library, is our monthly Tea and Books where we have members drop in, share a cuppa and talk about what they are reading or watching. The drop-in event takes place the second Wednesday of every month. The recommendations are varied and we are sure you will find something to suit your tastes. This past month we spoke about **Louise Penny**, **Louise Erdrich** and **Ann Patchett**.

50+ Club

May

- 18** A Tribute to Mothers luncheon
- 24** Lecture by photographer **Frederic Hore**: A Taste of the Maritimes
- 29** Bridge
- 31** Discover the Haitian community of Montreal by *Amarrages sans Frontières*



June

- 2** *National Circus* show: show time 2 pm
- 7** Documentary: *Lost Rivers* as presented by *Les Amis de Meadowbrook*. 7 pm
- 28** Upper Canada Playhouse: *It's Your Funeral*

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Ditty bags?

When thinking about *IODE* contributions to the war effort during WWI and WWII, minds often turn to the “big ticket” items such as trucks and ambulances. However, it is also important to recognize the thousands of “little things,” such as the ditty bag, that made an equally huge impact on those individuals who received them. These small, drab, drawstring bags were stitched by the thousands by *IODE* chapters across Canada. They were filled with necessities such as soap, razors and comforts like pocket books, cigarettes and personal notes of encouragement. These ditty bags filled with love and comfort from home were received with extreme enthusiasm by the service men and women (and often prisoners of war) who were fortunate enough to get them.

In today’s world, the ditty bags now called personal property bags and contain the necessities for traumatized women arriving at a shelter. These colourful bags contain travel toiletries given by community churches, toothpaste and brushes from local dentists as well as cosmetics, note pads, hair brushes, soap and tissues received through public donations. At the April 10 meeting, 20 bags were prepared for *Auberge Transition* and 20 for *Chez Doris*. Donations may be dropped off at 131 Wolseley Avenue North.

Spring has finally arrived so keep a lookout for the 1000 red and white tulips that were planted last year in Strathearn Park by **Bruce Thicke** of Public Works to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday. The tulip bulbs were donated by *Veseys* through the cooperative effort of the Town and the *IODE* HMS Victory Chapter. A plaque, funded by the *IODE*, will be placed in the park to inform the public.

1000 red and white tulips that were planted last year in Strathearn Park by Bruce Thicke of Public Works to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday



Community Centre

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Special Events

Tuesday, May 29: Community Night
Strathearn Park, 6-8 pm

Demos by our ballet and hip hop dancers, face painting, inflatables, food, plus!

**Tuesday, June 12:
Geek Night and Kids Fest**
Strathearn Park, 6 pm

Events are cancelled in case of rain.

Like our facebook.com/montrealwest page for updates or sign up for the Town bulletin on our website: montrealouest.ca/en/subscribe-to-bulletin/. Info: montreal-west.ca or **484-6186**.

Ballet

Ballet is new this year in our summer camp activities. Join **Miss Shirley** for fun mornings of ballet and initiation to other dance styles. Learn basic steps that will form choreographies adapted to the dancers’ ages and abilities as they interpret various rhythms and music styles. Ballet or dance experience not obligatory.

Dates: July 9-13 or July 16-20

For additional information, please call **484-6186**.

Outdoor express class

If you love the outside and like to work out, but do not have a lot of time, then this program is for you.

The Community Centre will be offering an outdoor express class on Mondays and Wednesdays starting May 14 at 9:15 am and 7 pm. Let the playground be your fitness centre and bring out the child in you. Register today! Need more information, contact the Community Centre at **484-6186**.



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Kids’ Triathlon

The Kids’ Triathlon that was planned for June 3 will be postponed to July. Details will be in next month’s *Inform*, so keep an eye out about registration for this new event in Town.

Town Council meeting: March



by Carol Foster

Dealing with snow in winter is a fact of life in Canada and the efficient and timely way of removing it from streets and sidewalks in MoWest has traditionally been the envy of many surrounding municipalities.

However, the snow-clearing methods used by the Town have prompted frequent criticism from several Council-attending residents. These people felt a substantial amount of money could be saved from property taxes if the snow was simply blown onto lawns rather than picked up and carried away. The Mayor argued that this process would not result in significant savings, nor would it be as desirable.

This winter, because the frequent heavy snowfalls quickly filled the Town's dump site to capacity, it became necessary to blow some of the snow onto lawns. The owners of these lawns immediately voiced their own criticisms of this method to the Mayor.

In order to totally clarify this contentious issue, the Mayor detailed the costs of both methods of snow clearing. The bottom line of this comparison showed that if the Town switched to using lawns rather than the snow dump to deposit the snow, the homeowners' tax bill would be reduced by only \$28 per year.

First question period

Both the lack of sufficient garbage bins and the nuisance of delivery trucks blocking traffic during rush hours on Westminster were the subjects first raised during this question period. In reply, the Mayor noted that some of the overflowing garbage bins were due to residents using them to dispose

of their household garbage. But, he added, since "street furniture" is now being looked into for Westminster, the garbage bins will be included in this discussion. He also said that the regulation that deliveries should take place between 10 am and 3 pm requires better enforcement.

The next issue involved continued concern regarding traffic safety at the railroad crossing. It was suggested that this problem might be helped by forbidding left turns from Sherbrooke onto Westminster. Unfortunately, according to the Mayor, there are no quick fixes to this problem. Relieving congestion in one area would only create congestion in another since vehicles would simply use the side streets in the Town to reach their destination.

Council was then presented with a quite unique and very colourful musical protest. Two "Raging Grannies" decked out in flowered and feathered hats, called attention, by song, to the danger of transporting hazardous materials by rail through residential areas in the Town and doing this without warning. Their concert also included their dismay at the Town's use of salt to melt ice on streets and sidewalks.

Following a round of applause for this presentation, the Mayor explained that it is up to the federal government to mandate CP to make any changes to its distribution methods. As for the environmentally damaging use of salt, he stated he "is on the same page".

The last questioner worried about the possibility that Montreal's new light-rail train project might affect the train service currently available in Montreal West. The Mayor gave assurances that, to the best of his knowledge, this would not happen.

This resident's second question was whether Montreal's recent prohibition of

wood-burning stoves and fireplaces would induce MoWest to follow suit. The Mayor feels any future bylaw in the Town should only affect the installation of these fireplaces in new construction and not the ones presently in existence.

The next item on the agenda involved a request for the rental of Toe Blake Park in order to hold a summer wedding at that site. Signatures of neighbours, agreeing to this proposal, had been obtained and the Town agreed to this request subject to a number of conditions including a midnight curfew.

The issuance of several contracts was reported, including supervision of the infrastructure work to be done on Percival as well as laboratory services for qualitative control. A contract has also been signed for road line markings.

Councillors' reports

Ninety-six percent of the first instalment of property taxes has been received, according to **Councillor Feeney**. \$3.5 million dollars were spent in the past month, with \$2.9 million of this money going to pay the first instalment owed to the Agglomeration Council. The hiring process has been busy. A new part-time PSO has been hired, many students have been applying for summer jobs and a communications person is being sought to help with the Town's website update.

Twenty building permits, five notices of infractions and two fines have been issued. The construction season will soon be in full swing and residents are urged to get their applications in to PAC as early as possible.

Councillor Mazzone welcomed the new PSO, **Simon Sebeh**, and noted that among his other qualifications, he also speaks four languages. These officers continue to provide "vacation watch" for residents temporarily out of town.

A dozen contractors dealing with snow removal have been surveyed and two were found to be operating without a permit. Councillor Mazzone reminded residents that landscape contractors also need permits.

The St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and the Cotton Tail Party were both big successes, with the latter attended by young families from NDG and Lachine as well as MoWest. **Councillor Ulin** continued her report with the information that there have been more than 100 applications for summer jobs in the recreation area, the pool will open June 1 and the air in the arena is reported to be as good as the air outside it.

Since there was no report from Councillor Torres due to her absence and no further questions asked during the second Question Period, the meeting was adjourned.



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Réunion du Conseil : mars



par Carol Foster
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Traiter avec la neige en hiver fait partie de la vie au Canada et la manière efficace et opportune utilisée pour l'enlever des rues et trottoirs de Mo-Ouest fait traditionnellement l'envie de nombreuses municipalités environnantes.

Cependant, cette même méthode de déneigement que la Ville utilise suscite de fréquentes critiques de plusieurs habitués des réunions du Conseil qui estiment que l'on épargnerait des sommes substantielles des taxes foncières si la neige était empilée sur les terrains avant des propriétés plutôt que transportée au dépôt. Le maire a soutenu que cette façon de faire ne générerait pas d'épargnes significatives et ne serait pas souhaitable.

Cet hiver, en raison des nombreuses chutes de neige importantes qui ont rapidement rempli le site de neiges usées de la Ville, il est devenu nécessaire de la souffler sur les terrains. Les propriétaires touchés ont immédiatement fait connaître leur mécontentement au maire.

Afin de vider cette question épineuse, le maire a détaillé le coût des deux méthodes. Le résultat net démontre que si la Ville opérait pour le rejet sur les terrains plutôt que pour le dépôt à neige, les impôts fonciers annuels des propriétaires ne baisseraient que de 28 \$.

Première période de questions

Le nombre insuffisant de poubelles ainsi que la nuisance des camions de livraison qui obstruent la circulation durant les périodes d'affluence sur Westminster ont été soulevés pendant la période de questions. Le maire a indiqué que, dans certains cas, des résidents qui utilisent les poubelles pour des déchets domestiques provoquent leur débordement. Mais il a ajouté que puisque l'on étudie actuellement le mobilier urbain sur Westminster, les poubelles

seront incluses dans les discussions. Il a aussi mentionné que le règlement stipulant que les livraisons doivent avoir lieu entre 10 h et 15 h devrait être mieux appliqué.

Le point suivant visait la préoccupation continue de la sécurité au passage à niveau. On a suggéré que l'interdiction de tourner à gauche sur Westminster depuis Sherbrooke pourrait atténuer le problème. Malheureusement, de l'avis du maire, il n'y a pas de solution facile à ce problème. Diminuer la congestion à un endroit ne ferait qu'en créer à un autre puisque les véhicules utiliseraient alors les rues secondaires de la ville pour arriver à destination.

Le Conseil a ensuite eu droit à une protestation musicale plutôt unique et très colorée. Deux « Mémés déchaînées » portant leurs chapeaux fleuris et emplumés ont, en chanson, attiré l'attention sur les dangers du transport ferroviaire de matières dangereuses à travers des secteurs résidentiels de la ville, et cela, sans avertissement. Leur concert incorporait aussi leur consternation due à l'utilisation du sel par la Ville pour faire fondre la glace sur les rues et trottoirs.

Après les applaudissements qui ont suivi cette présentation, le maire a expliqué qu'il revient au gouvernement fédéral de mandater le CP pour modifier ses modes de distribution. Quant à l'usage du sel dommageable pour l'environnement, il s'est dit « à la même page ».

Le dernier intervenant s'inquiétait de la possibilité que le nouveau train léger de Montréal puisse affecter le service ferroviaire actuellement offert à Montréal-Ouest. Le maire l'a assuré qu'à sa connaissance cela ne se produirait pas.

Le point suivant à l'ordre du jour visait une demande de location du parc Toe Blake pour un mariage cet été. Le requérant avait obtenu les signatures de voisins en accord avec la proposition et la Ville a acquiescé à la requête avec un certain nombre de conditions, dont un couvre-feu à minuit.

On a rapporté la signature de plusieurs contrats, dont un pour la surveillance des travaux d'infrastructure sur Percival ainsi que pour des services de laboratoire à des fins de contrôle de qualité. Il y a également eu un contrat pour le marquage dans les rues.

Rapports des conseillers

Selon la **conseillère Feeney**, la Ville a reçu 96 % des premiers versements d'impôts fonciers et la Ville avait dépensé 3,5 M\$ au cours du mois précédent, dont 2,9 M\$ comme premier paiement dû au conseil d'agglomération. Le processus d'embauche s'est activé; un nouvel ASP à temps partiel a été engagé, de nombreux étudiants ont posé leur candidature pour des emplois d'été et l'on recherche une personne en communications pour aider à la mise à jour du site Web de la Ville.

Vingt permis de construire, cinq avis d'infraction et deux amendes ont été délivrés. Nous serons bientôt en pleine saison de construction et l'on exhorte les résidents à soumettre leurs demandes au CCU le plus tôt possible.

Le **conseiller Mazzone** a accueilli **Simon Sebeh**, le nouvel ASP, qui, en plus de ses autres compétences, parle aussi quatre langues. Il a rappelé que les ASP offrent toujours la « surveillance en vacances » des demeures de résidents temporairement hors de la ville.

Une douzaine d'entrepreneurs en déneigement ont été contrôlés et deux opéraient sans permis. Le conseiller Mazzone a rappelé aux résidents que les entrepreneurs-paysagistes doivent aussi détenir un permis.

Le succès a couronné le déjeuner de la Saint-Patrick et la fête du Lapin, cette dernière ayant attiré de jeunes familles de NDG et Lachine, comme de Mo-Ouest. La **conseillère Ulin** a poursuivi son rapport en indiquant qu'il y avait eu plus de 100 demandes d'emplois d'été pour le secteur Loisirs, que la piscine ouvrirait le 1er juin et que l'air à l'aréna est aussi bon à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur.

Comme il n'y avait ni rapport de la conseillère Torres en raison de son absence, ni aucune question soulevée pour la deuxième période de questions, la séance a été levée.

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COMING EVENTS

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April

- Sun 29 Afternoon Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 2-4 pm.
Fundraiser to sponsor a refugee family. St. Philip's.
Meet at St. Thomas' (6897 Somerled).
Encounter Mission. All welcome; invite a friend!
St. Ignatius. 7 pm. Also Monday; same time.
- Mon 30 Town Council Meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

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- Tue 1 IODE meeting.** Community Centre. 2-4 pm.
- Wed 2 Soccer uniform pick up.** CRA. Also, Thursday. 5-7 pm.
- Fri 4 10th annual Jane's Walk.** Continues on Saturday and Sunday. Please see page 5.
- Sat 5 Book Browse Plus.** MW United. 9:30 am-3 pm.
West End Quilters' 30th show. St. Ignatius church hall.
10 am-5 pm. Continues Sunday: 10 am-3 pm.
Fashion bazaar. *Grannies for Good* a chapter of the Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign of the *Stephen Lewis Foundation* is holding a fundraiser of new and slightly used women's clothing. Westmount Park United (de Maisonneuve, corner Lansdowne). 10 am-4 pm.
- Sat 12 Spring fair.** St. Philip's. 9 am-3 pm.
- Lun 14 Journée porte ouverte au poste 9.** Inscrivez-vous au 280-0409. 5501, Westminster. 10 h 30 au 13 h 00.
- Thu 24 Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:20 am.
- Sat 26 MW Horticultural Society's Plant sale.** Parking lot on Westminster opposite MW United. Cash only. 9-10 am.
Spring sale and BBQ. MW Presbyterian. 9:30 am-2:30 pm.
- Mon 28 Open House. Le jardin d'enfants Curzon Creative Pre-school.** Drop in or RSVP (489-7860). 9-11:30 am.
Town Council Meeting. Town Hall. 8 pm.
- Tue 29 Community Night.** Demos from ballet and hip hop dancers, face painting, inflatables, plus. Strathearn Park. 6-8 pm.
Evening Labyrinth Walk. MW United. 7-9 pm.
- Thu 31 Municipal taxes due** (second installment)
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Plant sale

The *Horticultural Society's* annual plant sale will be held Saturday, May 26 from 9-10 am. The sale will take place in the Town parking lot on Westminster opposite the United Church. The plants come from the weeding and trimming back of overabundant gardens in the neighbourhood. Along with the usual ferns, lily-of-the-valley, forget-me-nots, day lilies and other abundant perennials, there are always some interesting surprises. Plants are healthy, and prices are rock bottom.

Anyone doing a little garden clearing is welcome to contribute to the sale. Plants can be dropped off at the back yard of 162 Westminster North (driveway on Nelson) on Thursday, May 24.

Garden tour

The garden tour will be held on Father's Day, June 17. The list of gardens on view will be sent to horticulture society members. Anyone wishing to join should contact **Philippa Vikander** at **489-3293**.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: All items are in excellent condition. Antique sofa and chair set, golden velvet; antique buffet, mahogany, French finish; antique china cabinet, mahogany, French finish, matching the buffet. Patio furniture set, cast aluminum, table and six chairs, including seat cushions. Price to be discussed. Contact: **487-3565** or olgica.zingg@sympatico.ca.