

## Todd Shapiro: The Amazing Todsky

by Maurice Krystal

Todd Shapiro has been into magic since the age of ten. His first professional gig started at the early age of 14. For almost the next four decades he has performed thousands of shows and has taken his clever illusions around the globe, only to come back to his MoWest origins. He's done performances in Europe, Asia and South America. In Canada he's gone as far north as communities within the Arctic Circle and as far west as Vancouver Island. He has performed at children's parties, adult shows, the London tube stations and restaurants. He was a regular performer at *Le Bifèque* before it closed.

Todd grew up on Roxton Cr. and attended Edinburgh School. It was there that his interest in magic grew. When he told his father that this is what he wanted to do in life, he asked his son, "From this you're going to make a living?" While riches did not come pouring in, magic served a deeper need.

### The magic of magic

Todd describes himself as being a shy child. Even today, he sees himself as introverted. But in front of an audience, where he controls the situation, where he controls the situation, where he misdirects others into seeing what he wants them to see, he feels a rush of self-confidence. He uses magic to inter-

act, and knowing how magic helped him when he was a youngster, he wants to pass on his knowledge to the next generation. With this in mind Todd has opened a magic store in MoWest where a whole range of tricks are sold. As well, classes, both privately and in groups will be taught to those who have always been intrigued by the conjuring arts. Lessons can be in English and French. Must be five years or older.

If the **Amazing Todsky** emulates anyone in the field of magic, it's **Cardini (Richard Valentine Pitchford)**, a British magician who was popular in the 1930s and 40s. He maintained the persona of a classy gentleman in top hat and tails, but slightly inebriated. Cards and lit cigarettes would appear in his hand and mouth and it would seem to shock him, as if the magic was happening to him. Sleight of hand, gestures and the appearance and disappearance of objects were all precisely timed to music.

Todd didn't always think he would end up being a magician. He obtained a BA in creative writing from Concordia and had plans to write the great Canadian novel. He wrote two self-described mediocre novels and so decided to spare readers by not attempting to publish. He also had a flare for music and plays the guitar and recorded a music CD.



Photo: Adam Price

Six years ago Todd moved a few blocks from the area he was brought up in. He lives there with his wife **Chantalle** and his two definitely not shy sons, **Elijah** and **Ezra**. He is a five-minute bike ride away from his magic store. He plans to use his store as an office to work on integrating music and his writing to enhance his magic shows a la Cardini.

Located on the third floor of a commercial building, I asked if this was a poor location. With

a twinkle in his eye he countered, "Magic stores thrive in secret locations so the Muggles won't find out the secrets." (You have to be a Harry Potter fan)

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## Formerly yours

Why all grandparents should belong to  
the MoWest Children's Library...

...for when their grandchildren come to visit!  
Thank you Pam!

Granddad Bill Foster reading to Dylan (2½) and Jackson (5½)



# ART etc.

The 31<sup>st</sup> edition of *ART ETC.* is coming soon! Save the dates: Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20. We will be having over 30 artisans and many are local MoWest neighbours. The *Horticultural Society* will be providing the tea room Saturday and the *Children's Library* will be taking over Sunday.

This is such a wonderful community event and we are so proud of this event which brings together several community groups and lots of local artisans. So please visit the show and bring some new people with you. We'd like to challenge residents to invite friends from other communities to come with you to the show.

So save the date and we'll see you there!

from Cate Gregory



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## Night Landscapes

**Conor Sampson** is a lighting designer and architect who teaches lighting design at the McGill University School of Architecture. He is the principal of lighting design firm *C.S. Design* in Montreal will be speaking to the *Horticultural Society* October 17.

The focus of his talk *Night Landscapes* will be general principles of landscape lighting, health and visual impact of LED Lighting, and dark sky and light pollution as well as lighting techniques for the small garden.

This promises to be an interesting presentation on a topic not previously investigated by our garden club. Prepare to be fascinated by the role of lighting in the night landscape, Monday, October 17, 7:30 at the Town Hall. Everyone welcome; \$5 admission applies to guests only.

Montreal's Jazz Legend **Oliver Jones** will retire this December after a career that has spanned over 76 years. One of his last performances will be a fundraising concert benefitting the Lachine Hospital. **Monica McDougall**, a MoWest resident and Executive Director of the Foundation, is thrilled about the event. "The Foundation is extremely honoured to have Mr. Jones perform one of his very last concerts for us."

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the purchase of new medical equipment for the community hospital which joined the MUHC in 2008, and is scheduled for a \$71.5 million renovation project beginning in 2018.

The show will take place on Thursday, November 17 at *L'Entrepôt* in Lachine. Tickets are \$95 and can be reserved by calling the Foundation at **934-1934** ext. 77333. For more information visit [lachinehospital-foundation.com](http://lachinehospital-foundation.com).

## Don't miss Oliver Jones' performance



## Help purchase a new school for LRP

The *Little Red Playhouse* has an opportunity to purchase a new school where it can accommodate 60 children in its classrooms and have 15 one-on-one rooms for children to receive language and behavior therapies. This new home will ensure that more and more young children in need of LRP's special touch will be able to attend a pre-school tailored to their special needs.

To support the purchase, *Little Red Playhouse* is hosting a Comedy Fundraiser at Club Soda. The show will feature three hysterically funny comedians: **Phil Shuchat**, **David Acer** and **Ralph Harris** ([innovative-comedy.com/ralph-harris/](http://innovative-comedy.com/ralph-harris/)). There will be a silent auction as well as a live auction.

The date is December 1. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$150 (\$125 tax receipt).

I invite you to join **Liam, Colm** and me at this very special event and show your support for LRP's children. Tickets will go on sale October 1, but I can hold tickets for you now. Please let me know if you would like to attend and the total number of tickets you will need. If you cannot attend, consider purchasing a ticket or two and give it to a friend as an early holiday gift.

Thanks for your support.

Warm regards,

*Sharon McCarry*  
President and Executive Director, La  
Fondation Place Coco  
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The Little Red Playhouse

### in memoriam

## Sandra MacDonald

**Sandra MacDonald** (1949-2016) died August 30 after a three-year battle with cancer. She was born on July 5, 1949 to **Audrey Morrison** (nee Squires) and **Ian MacDonald** in the Rosemount section of Montreal, but it was Montreal West where she would live and work for most of her life.

Sandra's open arms and open heart touched many in the community starting with the children that she looked after in her day care. When her own children went off to school, she started working for the Community Centre, Public Works and then Recreation.

When retired 20 years later, she devoted herself full-time to her five grandchildren, who were the lights of her life. Whether at home, at work or waiting in line at the bank, Sandra always had a big smile and encouraging words for everyone she met. In addition to her own two children, she served as surrogate mother for many friends and neighbours who needed help throughout the years. Her sense of humor and loving spirit were with her to the end and had a profound effect on those around her as evidenced by the tears of her doctors and nurses.



A celebration of her life was held on Sunday September 11 where a packed hall buzzed with people hugging, laughing and crying, and kids running all around – exactly as Sandra would have wanted it.

Sandra leaves behind her mother and stepfather **Irvin Morrison**, sister **Cathy MacDonald**, brother **Garry MacDonald** (**Lynne McVey**), son **Derek Wallace** (**Bianca Bayer**) and daughter **Amy Wallace** (**Peter Grant**). She also leaves behind her grandchildren, **Liam**, **Aubry**, **Sydney**, **Aidan** and **Amelia**. She was predeceased by her brother **John MacDonald** and her father.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the West Island Palliative Care Centre that took such wonderful care of Sandra in her final months.

*from Amy Wallace*

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I feel that Montreal West is really changing.

Recently, I had an experience that was quite disturbing. I engaged a roofer to repair my tar and gravel roof. He was well known as he had repaired many roofs in the area and neither he nor I was aware of a bylaw requiring a permit.

The work started on a cloudy morning and, to my surprise, I was confronted by a rude security person demanding to see my permit. He ordered us to stop immediately or he would call the police. I've lived and worked as an optometrist in Montreal West for over 40 years and I was shocked and astounded at being threatened with police action for trying to fix my roof.

The roofers stopped the work, even though it was about to rain. I rushed to the Town Hall with the required papers and paid a \$50 fee and was told the work could continue. About a week after the work was done, I was notified that my permit had to be picked up and that I needed to pay another \$158 or I would be fined. I paid, and assumed this was the end of the matter.

Imagine my surprise, today, when I received a summons to pay the City of Montreal a fine of \$447 or go to court in Montreal to plead my case.

I remember a gentler time in Montreal

West when a security person such as the late **Tom Harvey** would give out a warning and allow you a chance to rectify the situation before threatening to call the police or further fines. At that time security worked for and with the people of the community, rather than becoming enforcers and creating a hostile environment. I was always proud to live and work in Montreal West and never would have thought I would be rudely treated with threats to call the police and now summoned to court in Montreal for what I, and most reasonable people, would consider a very small oversight. I wasn't building a three-storey hotel, I was only repairing my roof and didn't realize I needed a permit.

This type of treatment is certainly not a change for the better in the small closely knit community of Montreal West.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Peter Prupas*

### RESPONSE

Like all other towns on the Island, Montreal West requires permits for most renovation work, particularly if it involves anything on the exterior of the home. We have been actively streamlining the building permit application process over the last few years by adding a second Planning Advisory

Committee (PAC) meeting per month and removing many simple projects from PAC review, such as flat roof replacements.

At the same time, the Town has been engaged in an active campaign since early 2015 to inform residents of the need for building permits, including permits for roof replacements. These permits are required before beginning any work. The need for building permits has been widely publicised in *The Informer*, the Town e-bulletin, on our website and has been raised repeatedly at council meetings. Our PSOs are highly trained professionals who have the unenviable task of ticketing residents who do not comply with Town bylaws.

We understand these matters can sometimes be the cause of distress and confrontation. But we hope residents understand that, when an infraction is evident, it is the PSOs role to enforce the bylaw. We certainly regret if any misunderstanding arose during the issuing of this ticket as we endeavour to provide courteous service to residents under all circumstances.

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# Colin Newhouse - Handicap International



**Colin Newhouse** was our guest speaker several weeks ago. Besides being *Rotarian Kathie Montgomery's* better half he is also a Paul Harris Fellow. He came to talk to us about *Handicap International* and explosive weapons in populated areas.

*Handicap International* was started 35 years ago in Cambodia and has had a Canadian chapter for the last 13 years. They now are in 60 countries working on 250 different projects. They have won numerous awards, two being the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 (shared with **Jody Williams**) and the 2011 Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

They do more than locate and disarm land mines and cluster bombs. They are in war zones and also places where natural disasters hit. They work on long term development such as education and hospitals. Rehabilitation, cure and prevention are their focal points. The Canadian chapter has raised \$28 million for projects around the world. Some of the countries *HI* is working in right now are Mozambique, Columbia, Haiti and Syria.

Colin talked about the work they are currently doing in Syria and said there are 1.5 million refugees internally and there are three main external camps for Syrians fleeing the country. The camps are in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. The Zaatari refugee camp has 190,000 people in it making it Jordan's fourth biggest city.

There are two innovations that *HI* has made in these camps, the first is that the camps have several disability kiosks and the second is they use "hit and run operations". This operation brings in an expert, but only for 24 hours as there is less chance

of the person being kidnapped. *HI* Canada just received \$4 million in aid from *CIDA* for their programs in Syria to help them continue their work there. Colin finished his presentation by telling us to visit their web site a [info@handicapinternational.ca](mailto:info@handicapinternational.ca) and you can donate on line.

## Friday, November 4 Rotary Oyster Party - Town Hall

Our annual Oyster Party, sponsored by the *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward*, will take place on Friday, November 4 at 6 pm at the Town Hall. The cost for this all you can eat oyster event is \$60 per person. In 2015 we were able to give tax receipts of \$40 for each \$60 ticket; we expect the tax receipt amount to be similar this year. We serve wonderful fresh Maritime oysters. There will be a variety of other foods, cold cuts, bread and buns, desserts, coffee, tea, etc. There will be a cash bar serving a variety of beers, red and white wines and various other alcoholic beverages along with soft drinks and juices. There will be a silent auction along with a live auction and a raffle draw.

The event is a fundraiser for local and international *Rotary* charities. Locally, we are supporting the *NDG Food Depot* with cooking classes. We also support MoWest 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 using 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 schol-

arships and works with the *World Health Organization* on polio eradication. Please join us. This event is a fun family event. Hope to see many of you there. For tickets please contact me (**Doug Yeats**) at [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com). This event is limited to 200 tickets and usually sells out.

## Coming Rotary events October

- 6: **Peter Labelle** – Buruli Ulcer and Other Neglected Tropical Diseases, update on Rotary project
- 13: Past District Governor **Bonnie Black** – The Rotary Foundation
- 20: District Governor **Nabil Oudeh**
- 27: **Estelle Ross** – It's About Time

## November

- 3: No Thursday noon meeting
- 4: **Oyster Party**
- 10: The Honorable **Marc Garneau**, Member of Parliament, Notre Dame de Grâce-Westmount

## Paul Harris Fellowship

We are looking to the MoWest Community for candidates for a Paul Harris Fellowship. A person that would qualify for consideration would be someone that 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 next spring. Please send your nomination along with a brief letter explaining why they deserve this to: [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com).

*from Doug Yeats*



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## Don't miss *I Can Dream Theatre's Remembering Titanic*

2016 could very well be the year where *I Can Dream Theatre* is getting the most exposure! Following the successful screening of the documentary *The Making of a Dream*, the theatre group for adults with special needs will be performing in their fifth production entitled *Remembering Titanic* on November 11 and 12.

The November 11 presentation will be preceded by the group's first (and now annual) gala where various organizations around Montreal will be showing their support towards this vibrant group of amazing individuals.

2016 may be giving *I Can Dream Theatre* a great ending to a fantastic year, but it is also paving the way for some exciting new initiatives in 2017.

### Travelling troupe

A travelling troupe, made up of a smaller group of its 24-member cast will be travelling around the city of Montreal and performing an abridged version of *Remembering Titanic* at various schools, for students from Grade 4 and up. This is a really exciting opportunity for the group in getting their collective feet in the doors of some great educational institutions and connecting with them. It also will provide an entrepreneurial opportunity for its cast as they have been formally hired as actors for this endeavour.

A bit farther down the road will be the establishing of a vocational/work-oriented program for the members of the theatre group, which will provide learning oppor-

tunities in various areas such as cooking as well as clerical and industrial skills.

There are also plans under way to launch a summer camp within the next year as well. Stay tuned for more details around this.

*I Can Dream Theatre's* motto which is "If you can dream it, you can live it." is sounding truer than ever! While the group continues to produce of the most liveliest and heart-warming shows you will ever see, it is also branching out into new avenues that will bound to impress in new ways.

For more information on *I Can Dream Theatre*, visit our website at [icandreamtheatre.com](http://icandreamtheatre.com).

You can also find us on Facebook (*I Can Dream Theatre*), as well as Twitter and Instagram (@icdtmtl).

### Tickets and info

For information around our gala evening and the premiere performance of *Remembering Titanic*, contact us at [icandreamtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:icandreamtheatre@gmail.com). Tickets for our second show performance (November 12) will be available to purchase online at a later date. Keep up to date on our social media pages for those details.



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*Alexandre et Zachary*

### Le projet amérindien

À l'école des Amis-du-Monde, nous avons un projet rassembleur portant sur les Premières Nations. Nous avons préparé des projets amérindiens comme des signets, des masques, des maquettes, des totems, etc. Toutes les classes ont préparé des choses amérindiennes, de la maternelle à la 6<sup>e</sup> année. Par exemple, les signets ont été faits par le groupe 402 et les masques, par la classe 401. Les maquettes ont été réalisées par les classes de première, troisième et quatrième années. On a affiché tous les projets sur les murs, les fenêtres et les tables près de l'entrée de l'école.

*Eileen, Romina, Soomin*

### Semaine des « services de garde »

Chaque année, il y a une semaine spéciale pour les services de garde. Cette année, c'était la semaine du 16 au 20 mai. Pour célébrer le personnel du « service de

garde », nous avons mis des chandails de couleurs différentes chaque jour. Nous avons eu une journée en rouge, une autre en bleu, une autre en vert et une en blanc. Le dernier jour, il fallait s'habiller à l'envers. Nous disons merci aux éducatrices et aux éducateurs pour les activités qu'ils font avec nous et nous les remercions de nous aider avec nos devoirs.

*Eric et Adrian*

### Concours agenda

À la fin de chaque année scolaire, on a le concours de l'agenda. Pour ce concours, on fait un dessin et les plus beaux se retrouvent sur l'agenda scolaire. Ainsi, tout le monde qui veut participer fait un dessin qui a rapport avec un thème de l'école. Chaque classe choisit le dessin qu'elle veut voir en finale. Les dessins choisis sont affichés sur la fenêtre de l'atrium. Ensuite, nous votons encore une fois pour décider quel dessin sera choisi pour aller sur la couverture de l'agenda de notre cycle. Puisque nous avons trois cycles au primaire, nous avons trois gagnants par année. Nous connaissons les gagnants dès l'automne prochain.

*Zachary*

[Les gagnants sont 1<sup>er</sup> cycle : **Ekaterina**, 2<sup>e</sup> cycle : **Michelle** et 3<sup>e</sup> cycle : **Uranbileg**]

### Les bénévoles

Dans notre école, il y a différents élèves bénévoles comme les arbitres, les animateurs de jeux et les bénévoles de la maternelle. Les arbitres sont ici pour régler les conflits entre les élèves à la récréation et pour s'assurer qu'ils respectent les règles du jeu. Les animateurs animent les jeux de

table aux récréations appelées « récrés branchées » et animent les jeux d'échecs. Pour ces récréations, il y a plein de jeux d'échecs placés sur les tables afin que les élèves puissent jouer à des jeux différents de sur la cour d'école.

*Christina et Laura*



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### Introducing our new Principal

**Mauro Zampini** started out wanting to be a principal. After 20 years working in a high school, he knew that he belonged with elementary kids.

His four children have an impact on his ability to do his job because they are also elementary school age. Having young kids helps him to understand his students better. If he could have a different job, it would be as a full time dad with his kids. In fact, his favorite part of being a Principal is walking around outside at recess time getting to interact with the kids.

He believes now that he was an average student when he was in elementary school. The mistake that he has learned from most is that when he was a teenager, he spent too much time working and not enough time doing sports and interacting with his friends. He thinks that this mistake still has an impact on him. Finally, Mr. Zampini

finds that his two best personal traits are being approachable and patient. I personally find that he is also very funny.

*from Sahana Dunkley*

### Live from La Fête nationale concert...

Members of the Edinburgh choir, under the direction of **Dimitris Ilias**, had the opportunity to sing at the *Fête nationale du Québec à Montréal* concert that took place on stage at the Quartier des Spectacles on June 23. This huge free outdoor concert kicked off the official celebrations at the Place des Festivals with thousands in attendance. The children sang *Y'as Pas Deux Chansons Pareilles* with famous Québec singer **Jean Pierre Ferland**. They practised the song in May and June and participated in two rehearsals onstage at the Quartier Spectacle with M. Jean Pierre Ferland.

The concert was filmed and shown on *Radio Canada* television.

Our choir was thrilled to participate.

Here are some quotes from our performers:

"It was awesome to sing on such a huge stage." **Hannah Salkovitz**

"What a great experience! I loved singing in front of so many people." **Ava Salkovitz**

"It was really fun to be on stage in front of thousands of people and to meet Jean-Pierre Ferland!" **William Demaine**

"It was great being in front of so many people to sing our song but it was also really nerve racking!" **Kai Blondin**

"I don't think I'll ever get to sing in front of so many people again! It was awesome!!!" **Emrik Blondin**

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## Elizabeth Ballantyne School



### A new principal and a super start!

My name is **Michael Brown**,  
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of Elizabeth Ballantyne School.

I am thrilled to be back here, having  
enjoyed my two-month stay in the spring. I  
was previously Vice-Principal at Lauren Hill  
Academy for five years. I have always fos-  
tered student voice in schools to encourage  
them to take ownership of their own educa-  
tion. Regular communication between par-  
ents and teachers is the foundation on which  
academic success is built, and is also essen-  
tial to the creation of well-rounded citizens.  
I wish all MoWest and EBS families an ex-  
cellent school year!

### Lots of excitement

The school year started with lots of ex-  
citement as we welcomed returning and  
new families from near and far. Wednesday,  
August 31, the staff and students enjoyed a  
welcome back party in the afternoon. At the  
end of the day, Iron Man and Spiderman  
dropped by for a surprise visit! Everyone  
was very excited as they listened to Iron

Man offering some important advice. "Eat  
a healthy diet, work hard at school and be  
sure to listen to your parents and your teach-  
ers". He also reminded them that they can  
all be Super Heroes by helping other peo-  
ple. Spidey (who is a bit shy), didn't have  
as much to say, but he nodded in agreement  
with his good buddy. What a Super Start to  
the school year!

### Cycle 3 news

Cycle 3 began the new school year with  
teamwork! iPads brought a first day scav-  
enger hunt into the 21st century. Students  
were working together in the park, collect-  
ing items, snapping pictures, or taking  
videos. The theme of team building contin-  
ued on the first field trip to Cap St. Jacques  
with obstacle courses, capture the flag and  
other cooperative games. Good friends have  
already been made and teamwork is now in  
place. In addition, the prefects of 2016-17  
have been chosen to help with the smooth  
running of the school. Congratulations to all  
of these responsible students!

To learn more, visit our website at  
[embs.qc.ca/elizabethballantyne/](http://embs.qc.ca/elizabethballantyne/).



**Outdoor soccer**

The fall session of sports with the Civic Recreation Association is well under way. Soccer started on a sunny September morning. Players ranging from ages 4 to 15 could be seen on the fields playing games and mini-matches. The games were close and as the season comes to an end you can see the teams coming together as a unit. We are heading into the playoffs and finals on September 24 and 25. Good luck to all the teams.

**Rugby**

MoW rugby took to the field in a number of jamborees this year. Our U6 and U8s improved dramatically over the summer and everyone found themselves playing real rugby by the end of August. Our U10s were dominant every week, after having trained and played together for the last few years. The U12s joined up with NDG to play full contact and demonstrated some real individual strengths.

Thank you to all the parents who drove their kids out in freezing, wet weather and then again on hot, dry days to jamborees throughout the city. The CRA would like to thank all the coaches led by head coach **Susy Binstock**. These volunteer coaches worked tirelessly each week to ensure each player was welcomed and encouraged to enjoy the game.

**Gymtastic**

Our Gymtastic program started early September at the Elizabeth Ballantyne gym. We have participants ranging from 3½ years old and up learning their gym stops, walking on the beam, learning their pike holds and doing somersaults. Led by **Dede Yim** from *Wimgym* gymnastic club, our team of coaches is ready for another session of jumps, cartwheels and donkey kicks.



**Judo**

We are very fortunate to have our sensei, **Steve Morissette** back for another year of judo. Steve has developed a non-competitive judo program right here in MoWest that teaches techniques to progress in the belt system, develops physical abilities and mental control. His classes are very popular and fill up quickly. We look forward to seeing his students at the next demonstration

**Future Stars hockey  
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Season: October 13-March 2  
 Cost: \$415  
 Ages: children born in 2010-2011-2012  
 Days: Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm and Thursday 5-6 pm

**Figure skating**

Season: October 7-March 19  
 Cost: \$230 (R) \$250 (NR)  
 Age: 7+  
 Beginner: Friday, 4-4:55 pm  
 Advanced: Friday, 4:55-5:50 pm

**Indoor soccer  
with Greg MacGregor and Alison Piela**

This is a 10-week indoor soccer program for girls and boys. The focus of these classes is to improve skills and technique. Class sizes are kept small to ensure each player receives individual attention.

Fall session starts October 3  
 Winter session starts January 9  
 Cost: \$125 (R) \$145 (NR)  
 Ages: 5 and 6 years old (co-ed)  
 Ages: U8 to U13 boys and girls (separate)  
 Location: Royal West gym

Please check the website for dates and times

**Women's indoor soccer**

This 10-week program provides women 19+ the opportunity to learn and play recreational soccer. Coach **Greg Macgregor** will guide you through the rules as well as teach basic to more advanced skills.

Fall session starts October 3  
 Winter session starts January 9  
 Cost: \$145 (R) \$165 (NR)  
 Location: Royal West High gym

**Skating lessons**

These classes are for the first time skater to the more advanced skater. Classes have a low ratio instructor to skaters and teach skating skills through circuits and fun games.

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Join us on Saturday, October 29 from 1-2 pm for Spooky Tales! Carley and **Brigitte** will be reading Halloween stories and doing a craft. This activity is bilingual, geared to children 3 years old or over, and registration is \$3. Space is limited so please call **484-7194** or email [mwcl@videotron.ca](mailto:mwcl@videotron.ca) to reserve your spot.

Fall programming is well under way, so call to inquire if there are spaces available in Mother Goose, Tales for Tots, Lego Club, Makerspace, Story Sparklers, or Mother Daughter Book Club.

If you are looking for a unique birthday gift for a child, we offer a birthday books program. Simply fill in a registration form approximately six weeks before the big day. A book for the library will be bought with your \$25 donation, inscribed with your child's name and a birthday message and added to the library collection. Your child will be the first to borrow the book and will also receive a birthday card and bookmark.

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#### Prevention tips

- Travel in a group whenever possible.
- Hide your valuable jewellery until you reach your destination.
- Refuse a gift from a stranger and do not let that person come close to you.

If you are a victim of fraud or theft, or if you think you might be, immediately contact the following resources for help:

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## Montreal West Scout Group



### Beavers

Our Beaver Colony started its meetings in September and we are absolutely bursting at the seams – 30 children in all! It is a bit chaotic, but we are getting in the groove learning openings, closings, Motto, Promise and Law. Our new “kits” will become full “eager Beavers” at their investiture October 4. We have learned some new songs, games and played in the park at the Community Centre, after we picked up the garbage as part of our Community Service. We have also made “Beaver Bags” to carry our supplies from home to meetings. Some of us went on a sleepover in a barn, collected eggs, gathered vegetables, fed the animals and cooked over a fire. A great way to start the new year! We are going to a fall camp. All is well in our pond!

### Cubs

The Cub Pack began its meetings mid-September with 11 new Cubs. We’ve been mostly devoted to games and sharing the basic principles of the Cub Pack with our newest Cubs. We’re learning about the Cub Law, Promise and Motto, as well as getting introduced to Scouts Canada’s new Canadian Path program. The Canadian Path is a revitalized program with a focus on youth-led activities. We’re all learning to work within the new program, completed the planning of our Cub Code of Conduct and our first adventures. In the next few weeks, we’ll start planning our fall camp scheduled in mid-October.

### Food drive

During the week of October 17, the MWest Scout Group will be holding its annual collection of non-perishable foods. In the early evening of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (depending on the area) a Beaver, Cub or Scout may ring your doorbell and ask for a food donation that will be delivered to the *NDG Food Depot*. The *Depot* is the primary food bank in the area. Last year they distributed over 15,000 food baskets to needy families and individuals.

In June, we were honoured to receive an Outstanding Contribution Award from the *Food Depot*, in recognition of the almost 20 years of the Scouts have been collecting food on their behalf.



Beavers at Davies Chalet

When a Scout calls on your house, please be generous. (If we miss you, please leave a message at **481-6523** and we will collect your donation in the next few days).

### Blood drive

Wednesday, October 26, from 1:30-8 pm, the Scout Group will be assisting *Héma-Québec* by sponsoring a blood donor clinic at St. Philip’s Church (Sherbrooke and Connaught). It is important that we have a good participation, as blood is delivered to 1000 patients in Quebec every day. Our clinic is just one, but it is important.

For more information about *Héma-Québec* and the process of giving blood (including who is eligible), please visit their website at [hema-quebec.qc.ca](http://hema-quebec.qc.ca).

We hope to see you there!

### Popcorn

Would you like to support Scouting while having a tasty treat? One of our members may ask you to buy popcorn. We several varieties of flavoured corn, as well as microwave corn and popping corn. To be honest, the cost is higher than an equivalent product at *Costco*, but the quality is good and a large part of the profits are returned to the Scout Group. Orders will be taken in the first weeks of October and delivered in November. The profits this year will go directly to renting a bus or buses for our winter camp.

### Registration

There are openings in all sections except Beavers. To make enquiries email **Karen Johnstone** at [karenmansfieldjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:karenmansfieldjohnstone@gmail.com).

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### NEW ACQUISITIONS

#### Fiction

D'Aprix, Cynthia *The Nest*  
Hashimi, Nadia  
*A House Without Windows*  
Mackintosh, Clare *I Let You Go*  
Stuart, Amy *Still Mine*  
Thien, Madeleine  
*Do Not Say We Have Nothing*

#### Mysteries

Billingham, Mark *Die of Shame*  
Mosley, Walter *Charcoal Joe*  
Patterson, James *Bullseye*  
Penny Louise *A Great Reckoning*

#### Non-fiction

Covey, Stephen *Primary Greatness*  
Grescoe, Taras *Shanghai Grand*  
Hoskyns, Barney *Small Town Talk*  
Montefiore, Simon *The Romanovs*  
Moor Robert *On Trails*

#### DVDs

*The Little Prince, The Office – Season 1*  
(British), *Star Wars – The Force Awakens,*  
*Call the Midwife – Season 5.*

## Guiding

# Off and running to a great start!



photo: Christine Downey



#### Sparks

The Sparks unit has tripled in size! Most of the new girls are all in kindergarten! These enthusiastic young ladies have made their own recycled bags out of old t-shirts. These bags are to help them keep their Sparks supplies all in one location. They have also learned about the Sparks promise. Although it is a larger group than we have had in a few years, they are wonderfully patient and helpful with one another. Already, they on the right path for a future of Guiding.

#### Brownies

The Brownies are also off to a solid start. They are having so much fun they wanted to share their fun with more friends. This

being the case, they held a successful "Bring a Friend" evening. Although Brown Owl is no longer the head leader for the Brownie unit, some of the traditions she started have been carried on. One of these traditions was working on the Wheels Badge in the early fall. In mid-September, Brownies arrived with bikes and skateboards and all the right fitting protective equipment. With a Public Security officer to help, the young ladies truly learn and understand the rules of the road.

#### Guides

The Guides have great plans for this year. Given their meetings are now Friday night, there is not the stress of getting homework completed before going to the meeting. At the start of the year, the girls are focusing on learning a bit about the history of Guiding, the promise and law and how to perform the weekly opening ceremony. When all of the basics are known, the girls will be off and running on other exciting adventures.

#### Coooooookies!!

When you read this, the chocolatey mint cookies will be available for purchase. Many of you wait all year for this special time! If they are not your preferred Girl Guide cookie, have no fear, we still have a limited supply of the traditional cookies available. There will be a cookie blitz planned for the MoWest area the weekend of October 15-16. You may just have a group of young ladies knocking at your door to see if you would like to support a wonderful organization!

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## News from the pews

### St. Philip's

Sunday, October 2 at 4 pm, **Peter Butler** and the choir will lead traditional Choral Evensong, with prayers for refugees. We will be joined by parishioners from St. Thomas and Trinity Memorial, and the offering will go toward our tri-parish refugee sponsorship. A wine and cheese reception will follow the service.

Harvest festival celebrations this year have moved to the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. The church will be decorated for the season, and following the 10 am Eucharist we will gather in Memorial Hall for a pot-luck lunch. All are welcome, as there is always plenty of food to go around.

Have you ever wondered what is behind the big oak doors? Saturday, October 22, is your chance to find out. The doors will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Organist **Peter Butler** will present short recitals on the organ at 1:30 and 4:15. There will be guided and self-guided tours of the church, a display of pictures and artefacts from our 125-year history (both from the parish archives and from private collections) and afternoon tea.

Afterwards, we will celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gala dinner at the Curling Club. A number of former members will be returning from out of town to celebrate with us. A limited number of tickets are available (\$50 each) from the church office.

If you have walked by the corner of Brock and Sherbrooke, you may have noticed the vegetable garden, partly hidden behind the shrubs. If you need a tomato or pepper, or a sprig of herbs, please help yourselves. Thank you to **Cynthia Nichols** and her team of volunteers who have created the garden and to all who donated plants. We hope to expand it next year.

### MW United

...the brick one

By the time you are reading this, we will have voted on calling a new minister! But as I write, nothing can be said as yet. Once the person is called, they must give their current congregation 90 days notice, so we won't be laying eyes on them until January 1, 2017. The democratic process in the United Church takes its time, but the result will be worth the wait I can assure you.

In the meantime, worship goes forward as usual employing a variety of ordained clergy, trained laity, and some just regular members who will fill the pulpit on any given Sunday morning. There is a richness in this diversity.

#### October continues on schedule

October 2 is World Wide Communion Sunday when we join with Christians everywhere around the globe in serving Communion. Thanksgiving Sunday will be the following week. Then with cottages closed, October 16 there will be a welcome back lunch of soup and sandwiches following the service, and so it goes. By the end of the month, we are preparing for the family bazaar – so heads up!

#### Have Labyrinths got you puzzled?

Two of our walkers are holding a workshop to explain and explore the use of the Labyrinth as a meditative tool to those unfamiliar with it. Whether you have attended a workshop or not, you are welcome to come to our next walk on Tuesday, October 25 between 7 and 9 pm. As always, Wadsworth Hall is where we spread the Chartres Cathedral design. The gentle music and candles are meant to provide an

atmosphere that allows you to quiet your thoughts, so that your intuition can be heard. Socks and slippers required please. No cost, no experience necessary.

So remember to save Saturday, November 5 for the bazaar between 10 and 2. Home baking, preserves, knitting, silent auction, men's store, kids' toys, not to mention lunch and so much more. More next time.

In the meantime we are at 88 Ballantyne. Worship, Sunday school and nursery at 10 am. Phone **483-3210** or visit [mwuc.org](http://mwuc.org), or just come. All welcome.

from Susan Upham

### MW Presbyterian

This is being written on Labour Day weekend. There are hummingbirds at our feeder building up their strength for their long trip south. The leaves are just beginning to turn. Welcome to the fall.

We also welcome back our minister, Rev. **Sampson Afoakwah**, who was away in July and August. He spent part of his vacation in Ghana – visiting family and friends. Our thanks to Rev. **Carlton London** and Elder **Joyce Kuchah** for leading the Sunday services in his absence. Also to **Hermann Mbounou**, Clerk of Session, for tending to pastoral concerns.

#### Our deepest sympathy

To **Janet Dimock** and her family – **Hugh, Geordie and Marnie** and eight grandchildren – on the passing of her beloved husband, **James**, July 6.

To **Claudine Abangma Lekunze** and her family, on the passing of her aunt, **Manyi Cerise Abangma**, June 30.




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## News from the pews

### Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered, June 5, to **Amah Janna-Estelle Nde**, daughter of **Jacob Didier Nde** and **Anna Indah Fon** and June 12, to **Liam Owen Graham**, son of **Bradley Lyndon Graham** and **Jennifer Ann Austin**.

### Looking back

On July 3, the MWPC African Choir hosted a fund-raising service and lunch. Our thanks to Rev. Afoakwah, drums; **Kwame Ansah**, keyboard; and **Samuel Sowah**, bass guitar and to all who supported this event.

### Congratulations

To the following graduates: from high school: **Diane Tendongze**; from college: **Richmond Bassong**; from university: **Alexandre** and **Gabrielle Davidson**.

To **Damilola Lameed** who participated in Math Day 2016, the largest online francophone math contest in North America. Damilola was the best in her class.

### Looking forward

We welcome **Hans Najeme** as the new Chairman of the Board of Managers.

Our fall card party will be held on Friday, October 14 from 1-4 pm. A light lunch will be served. So make up your tables and join in the fun. For tickets (\$10) please call **Janet Dimock 484-2783** or **Zipper Scriver 486-0742**.

MWPC will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. We will host a jazz concert, featuring **Chad Linsley**, on Saturday October 22 at 7 pm. For tickets (\$20); please call the church office **484-7913**. On Sunday, October 23, there will be a Thanksgiving service followed by a reception. All are welcome.

### Ongoing

Weekly Sunday service and Sunday school at 10:30 am, followed by a social hour. We look forward to seeing you.

### In closing

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our many friends and acquaintances in this and surrounding communities. My beloved Jim is finally at rest, Parkinsons having taken its toll. Your words and actions of sympathy and support have meant so much to me and my family. May God bless you all.

from Janet Dimock

## St. Ignatius

St. Ignatius offers a vibrant, fun, and dynamic youth ministry. Geared toward children from ages 11 to 18, youth nights primarily take place Thursday evenings, from 7-9 pm. Children will have a ton of fun playing epic games, learn about and encounter a God who loves them personally, and form long-lasting friendships with their peers. Reach out to **Stephen Corsi**, coordinator of Youth Ministry for more info sj-corsi10@gmail.com, or check out our website: [st-ignatius.ca/blog/youth-group/](http://st-ignatius.ca/blog/youth-group/)

Attending Mass can become a chore sometimes! Whether it is because you are constantly worried about your child's behaviour or because they find it sooo boring. St. Ignatius offers a Children's liturgy for grade schoolers where they listen to Scripture and have an age appropriate activity to better understand the Gospel. We now also have a ministry to pre-school children from ages 3 to 5 years. Using the Montessori teaching style, children learn all about the

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## Calls for applications Appels de candidatures

### Employee Pension Plan Committee

The Town of Montreal West is looking for a resident interested in participating on the MW Employee Pension Plan (MWEPP) Committee. The committee reviews the performance of the pension fund, approves the financial statements and recommends changes to internal regulations, policies and procedures. An update on the MWEPP was presented in the August Communiqué.

The committee meets three to four times a year, usually in the afternoon. The committee is comprised of nine members, including members of the Town's administration, a Councillor, a resident (optional) and active and non-active members of the employees' plan.

#### Candidates for this position must:

- be a resident of Montreal West
- be available for afternoon meetings
- be able to function in both English and French
- have expertise in pension fund management, investment management or a related field.

To apply for this volunteer position, please send a letter explaining your interest and outlining your relevant experience by October 14 to:

**Valentina Todoran**

Treasurer  
vtodoran@montreal-west.ca

*Colleen Feeney,  
Councillor Finance, Administration  
and Human Resources*

### Comité du Régime de retraite des employés

La Ville de M-O. recherche un résident souhaitant siéger au Comité du Régime de retraite des employés de M-O. (RREMO). Le comité examine la performance du régime de retraite, en approuve les états financiers et recommande des changements aux règlements internes, politiques et procédures. Une mise à jour du RREMO a été publiée dans le Communiqué du mois d'août.

Le comité se réunit trois ou quatre fois par année, habituellement en après-midi. Le comité se compose de neuf membres, dont des membres de l'Administration de la Ville, une conseillère/un conseiller, un résident (facultatif) et des membres actifs et inactifs du Régime des employés.

#### Les candidats à ce poste doivent

- résider à Montréal-Ouest;
- être libre pour des rencontres en après-midi;
- pouvoir échanger tant en français qu'en anglais;
- avoir de l'expertise en gestion de régime de retraite, gestion d'investissement ou domaine connexe.

Pour vous porter candidat à ce poste bénévole, transmettez une lettre énonçant votre intérêt et exposant votre expérience pertinente au plus tard le 14 octobre à :

**Valentina Todoran**, trésorière  
vtodoran@montreal-ouest.ca

*Colleen Feeney,  
conseillère Finances, Administration  
et Ressources humaines*

### Planning Advisory Committee

The Town is looking for residents interested in participating on the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). PAC reviews and makes recommendations to Council on requests related to urban planning and development including site planning and architectural integration programs, minor exemptions, zoning amendments and periodic urban planning and building bylaw review. This committee holds meetings twice a month on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and, occasionally, holds extra meetings. The Committee has seven regular and four alternate members, with renewable two-year terms.

Candidates for this position must:

- be a resident of Montreal West;
- be available for evening meetings;
- have expertise, competence or training in urban planning, architecture, engineering, development, heritage, construction or landscape design.

To apply for this volunteer position, please send your résumé and a cover letter explaining your reasons for applying by October 17 to:

**Vlad Florea-Archir**

Planner and Building Inspector  
vfloreaarchir@montreal-west.ca

*Julie Tasker-Brown, Councillor  
Urban Planning and Environment*

### Comité consultatif d'urbanisme

La Ville de M-O. recherche des résidents intéressés à siéger au Comité consultatif d'urbanisme (CCU). Le CCU étudie des demandes relatives à l'urbanisme et à l'aménagement, incluant les Plans d'implantation et d'intégration architecturale, les dérogations mineures, les amendements de zonage et la révision périodique des règlements d'urbanisme et de construction et fait ses recommandations au Conseil. Ce comité se réunit deux fois par mois, les mercredis à 18 h 30 et occasionnellement, plus souvent. Le comité se compose de sept membres ordinaires et de quatre remplaçants, avec des mandats renouvelables de deux ans.

Les candidats à ce poste doivent

- résider à Montréal-Ouest;
- être libres pour des rencontres en soirée;
- avoir de l'expertise, des compétences ou de la formation en urbanisme, architecture, génie, aménagement, patrimoine, construction ou architecture paysagère.

Pour vous porter candidat à ce poste bénévole, transmettez votre curriculum vitae et une lettre de présentation énonçant les raisons de votre candidature au plus tard le 14 octobre à :

**Vlad Florea-Archir**,

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vfloreaarchir@montreal-west.ca

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## Community Centre

### Registration for programs

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The winter early bird special ends November 1. Winter programs begin the week of January 7

Registration is ongoing for Town programs online at [montreal-ouest.ca/eng/online-registration](http://montreal-ouest.ca/eng/online-registration).

You can also sign up at the Community Centre during regular working hours (8:30 am-12:15 pm and 1:15 pm-4:30 pm).

### Some of the programs offered:

- **Bilingual Discovery** – preschool drop-off program (2-4 years old)
- **Parent and tots** exercise class
- **Baby Boogie and Music & Movement**
- **Adult fitness** classes including **Zumba, Stretch, Yoga, Essentrics, TRX** and more.
- **Youth activities** including **chess, ballet, fitness classes, art** and more
- **Red Cross Babysitting** Course, October 22 (11 years +)

Please call the Community Centre for more information at **484-6186** or email us at [recreation@montreal-west.ca](mailto:recreation@montreal-west.ca).

### Halloween on Ice Sunday, October 30

Lace up your skates and come dressed up! Join us at the Legion Memorial Rink for a fun time with friends and family during free skate from 1-2:20 pm. Face painting, crafts and prizes!



### Pumpkin Parade Tuesday, November 1

Halloween is over, what to do with your pumpkin? Come join us at Strathearn Park for a Pumpkin Parade. Register your pumpkin at 6 pm, set it up along the path and, at 6:30 pm, the judges will make their decisions; Prizes for scariest pumpkin, most whimsical and much more.



It will be a fun and beautiful night!

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 6

Procession begins at the corner of Curzon and Westminster at 12:15. The ceremony begins at 12:30 at the Cenotaph. The ceremony will be followed by a reception for Veterans and their families at the Town Hall.

For more information please call Community Centre **484-6186** or email: [recreation@montreal-west.ca](mailto:recreation@montreal-west.ca).



## MW 50+ Club

October

- 4** Movie matinée: *The Jungle Book*
- 11** Breakfast club: **Alex Brzezinski**, photographer
- 13** Lunch and tour on the Orford Express train
- 19** Upper Canada Playhouse presents: *Dean and Jerry*
- 21** Fall luncheon
- 25** Bridge
- 27** All Hallows' Eve tea

For more information on activities, special events or suggestions, please call

**Tammy Loftus: 484-1610.**

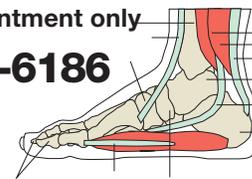
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## Town Council Meetings: August



by Carol Foster

The new rules for conduct at Council meetings, now reinforced by a bylaw, were reiterated by the Mayor as the August meeting of Council began. The Mayor once again stated he is determined to restore civil interaction and maintain decorum while remaining receptive to questions asked during the two question periods.

He went on to announce that the second phase of the development of the dog run and Davies Park will commence this fall. The grass issue in the dog park will be dealt with and the park will be closed between 12 pm and 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for maintenance.

Work in front of the Town Hall is being undertaken to deal with a water leak next to the foundation of the building. The funding grants announced by the federal government will provide 66% of the cost of approved projects. Work on Strathearn, interrupted by three gas leaks, is now almost completed and has included renovation of the Strathearn parking lot.

### First question period

A Bedbrook resident, fears the wood preservative chemicals being used to treat a newly constructed deck adjacent to his backyard are severely affecting his physical well-being. He asked the Town for help in dealing with this problem.

The Mayor explained the Town has a bylaw that allows it to intervene if the product being used contains prohibited pesticides or if the problem can be determined to be covered by the nuisance bylaw. The City of Montreal also has bylaws which cover the use of certain industrial products. It must first be determined exactly what this preservative contains before a course of action can be advised.

The next question came from a Ballantyne resident who asked if the Mayor would be willing to send out a notice urging "neighbourly relations" to all residents. His particular issue was the fact that he is now being forced to back out of his driveway onto a busy street because of his neighbour's concern over the grass on his property.

Limbs from dead trees infected by the ash borer, situated on the Meadowbrook property, are falling onto the backyard of a resident living on Sheraton Drive. Fearing possible damage to his property as well as to the health of adjacent trees, he asked what the Town could do.

Since this property is in Lachine, the Mayor suggested the problem should be brought to that Council's attention. In addition, the Mayor said he can informally

bring up the situation to the Mayor of Lachine whom he sees regularly at the Agglomeration Council meetings.

The construction company responsible for the ongoing infrastructure work on Strathearn was complimented by the next speaker who appreciated its workers respect for the home owners affected by this major disruption. But she went on to express her disgust at the number of overflowing garbage bins belonging to some of the stores and restaurants on Westminster that store them at the back of their buildings. The problem for these establishments is that unlike other commercial buildings on Westminster, they cannot arrange to have private contractors pick up their garbage because there is no access for vehicles to the back of these properties, explained the Mayor. He added that this situation had been reviewed in the past and he would look into it again.

The last question concerned the large construction signs that have been blocking access to a portion of the sidewalk on Westminster South long after the construction was completed. The answer was to inform Public Works.

General Town business was next on the Council's agenda. This included the news that the issues around the sale and subdivision of the property belonging to St. Philip's Church have now been resolved. Proactive measures will be taken to maximize the number of trees to be planted in the Town and a public consultation will be held to review the changes to certain bylaws that now will exclude the need for some categories of projects to require a permit and to reduce the number of required documents for others.

Since **Councillor Tasker Brown** was absent, **Councillor Ulin** led off the Councillors' Reports. She reviewed the many summer activities and expressed appreciation for the unusually good summer weather which coincided with almost all of the "Tuesdays in the Park" community events. But, changing gears, she announced there will be ice available in the arena beginning on September 23.

Her security report was not so sunny. Break-ins in both homes and automobiles were so wide spread during July and August that a Code Red alert was sent out to all residents. An accident involving a cyclist and a drunk driver was reported, as well as people using the pool after hours and a quarrel involving a crow bar assault between two men that took place on a quiet afternoon outside of Mini-Coût.

Sixteen tickets were issued for the lack of work permits, pool inspections have revealed the lack of CPR qualifications in a few instances and there are now 331 dogs equipped with a licence (as opposed to 71

in 2015 which means additional revenue of at least \$6,500 for the Town).

Water tax forms will soon be appearing in homeowners' mailboxes according to **Councillor Feeney**. She warned there will be a \$50 charge for those that are not filled out and returned to the Town on time. The Town's expenditures for the past two months were reviewed as usual. Councillor Feeney also sits on the PAC committee which has been working hard during the summer to process all the permit requests it has received. She congratulated **Vlad Florea-Archir**, the Town's building inspector, on his position becoming permanent.

Public Works continue to keep the Town's premises in good shape, looking after potholes, street lights, water-main breaks and general maintenance. **Councillor Torres** reported ten trees have been cut down and 32 more have been planted and she congratulated the Town workers responsible for the very attractive renovations of the Town Hall's washrooms. (Have a look, they really are very nice!)

Since there were no questions during the second question period, which was designated to answer queries pertaining to issues raised during the meeting, the Mayor then declared the adjournment.



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## Réunion du Conseil : août



par Carol Foster  
traduction par René Boucher

Dès l'ouverture de la réunion, le maire a réitéré les nouvelles règles de conduite aux réunions du Conseil, dorénavant appuyées d'un règlement. Le maire a à nouveau signifié sa détermination à restaurer la civilité dans les échanges et à maintenir le décorum tout en demeurant ouvert aux questions soulevées au cours des deux périodes de questions.

Il a poursuivi en annonçant que la deuxième phase d'aménagement du parc canin et du parc Davies s'amorcera cet automne. On règlera le problème du gazon dans le parc à chiens et celui-ci sera fermé pour entretien de 12 h à 13 h les mardis et jeudis.

Des travaux sont entrepris devant l'hôtel de ville pour réparer une fuite d'eau le long de la fondation de l'édifice. Les subventions annoncées par le gouvernement fédéral couvriront 66 % des coûts des projets approuvés. Les travaux sur Strathearn, interrompus par trois fuites de gaz, sont maintenant presque terminés et ont inclus la rénovation du terrain de stationnement Strathearn.

### Première période de questions

Un résident de Bedbrook craint que les produits chimiques utilisés pour traiter une terrasse nouvellement construite, adjacente à sa cour arrière, aient de sérieux effets dommageables sur son bien-être. Il demandait l'aide de la Ville pour faire face à ce problème.

Le maire a expliqué qu'un règlement de la Ville lui permet d'intervenir si le produit utilisé contient des pesticides interdits ou si le problème peut tomber sous l'autorité du règlement sur les nuisances. La Ville de Montréal a aussi des règlements qui traitent de l'utilisation de certains produits industriels. On doit d'abord identifier ce que contient exactement cet agent de conservation avant qu'on puisse recommander un plan d'action.

La question suivante est venue d'un résident de Ballantyne qui a demandé si le maire serait prêt à envoyer à tous les résidents un avis invitant à des « relations de bon voisinage ». Son problème particulier est qu'il doit maintenant reculer de son allée dans une rue achalandée en raison de la préoccupation de son voisin pour sa pelouse.

Des branches de frênes morts infestés par l'agrile situés sur la propriété de Meadowbrook tombent dans la cour arrière d'un résident de la promenade Sheraton. Craignant des dommages à sa propriété ainsi que pour la santé des arbres à proximité, il demande ce que la Ville pouvait faire.

Comme cette propriété est dans le territoire de Lachine, le maire suggéra que le

problème devrait être signalé au conseil de cet arrondissement. De plus, le maire a ajouté qu'il pourrait mentionner la situation de façon informelle au maire de Lachine qu'il rencontre fréquemment aux réunions du conseil d'agglomération.

L'intervenante suivante a complimenté la firme qui exécute les travaux d'infrastructure sur Strathearn; elle a apprécié le respect que ses travailleurs ont démontré envers les propriétaires affectés par cette importante perturbation. Mais elle a poursuivi en faisant part de son dégoût quant au grand nombre de poubelles débordantes qui appartiennent à des commerces et restaurants de Westminster qui les rangent à l'arrière des bâtisses. Le maire exposa que le problème pour ces établissements est que, contrairement à d'autres édifices commerciaux sur Westminster, ils ne peuvent s'entendre avec des entrepreneurs privés pour le ramassage de leurs déchets parce qu'il n'y a pas d'accès véhiculaire à l'arrière de ces propriétés. Il ajouta que cette situation avait fait l'objet d'étude dans le passé et qu'il y verrait à nouveau.

La dernière question portait sur les grandes pancartes de construction qui bloquaient l'accès à une portion du trottoir sur Westminster Sud, longtemps après la fin des travaux. La réponse était d'informer les Travaux publics.

Suivaient à l'ordre du jour les affaires générales de la Ville, dont les problèmes concernant la vente et le lotissement de la propriété de l'église St Philip, lesquels sont maintenant résolus. Des mesures proactives seront mises en place pour maximiser le nombre d'arbres à planter dans la ville et une consultation publique sera tenue pour réviser les changements à certains règlements qui élimineront dorénavant le besoin de permis pour quelques catégories de projets et réduiront le nombre de documents requis pour d'autres.

En l'absence de la **conseillère Tasker-Brown**, la **conseillère Ulin** a amorcé les rapports des conseillères. Elle a passé en revue les nombreuses activités estivales et exprimé sa satisfaction quant à l'exceptionnelle météo qui a prévalu pour la plupart des événements des « Mardis dans le parc ». Par ailleurs, elle a aussi annoncé que la glace de l'aréna sera utilisable à compter du 23 septembre.

Son rapport de sécurité n'était pas aussi ensoleillé. Une épidémie de cambriolages dans des résidences et des véhicules en juillet et août a déclenché l'envoi d'une alerte Code Red à tous les résidents. On a rapporté un accident impliquant un cycliste et un chauffard ivre, des gens utilisant la piscine après les heures d'ouverture et une dispute à coup de barre de fer entre deux individus à l'extérieur de Mini-Coût par un paisible après-midi.

Seize avis d'infraction ont été remis pour des travaux sans permis, les inspections de piscines ont révélé quelques manquements quant aux qualifications en RCR et 331 permis pour chiens ont maintenant été délivrés, comparativement à 71 en 2015, ce qui génère quelque 6500 \$ de revenus à la Ville.

Les formulaires de relevé pour la taxe d'eau apparaîtront bientôt dans le courrier des propriétaires, selon la **conseillère Feeney**. Elle a rappelé que des frais de 50 \$ seront imposés à ceux qui ne retourneront pas à temps le document rempli à la Ville. Comme d'habitude elle a révisé les dépenses des deux deniers mois de la Ville. Madame Feeney siège aussi au Comité consultatif d'urbanisme (CCU) qui a travaillé dur cet été pour traiter toutes les demandes de permis reçues. Elle a félicité Vlad Florea-Archir, l'inspecteur en bâtiments de la Ville, qui a obtenu sa permanence.

Les Travaux publics continuent à conserver les installations municipales en bonne condition, réparant nids-de-poule, lampadaires et fuites d'eau et veillant à l'entretien général. La **conseillère Torres** a rapporté l'abattage de 10 arbres et la plantation de 32 autres et a félicité les cols bleus de la Ville responsables des très belles rénovations des salles de toilette de l'hôtel de ville. (Elles valent un coup d'œil, vraiment bien!)

Comme il n'y avait pas d'autres questions dans la seconde période de questions conçue pour répondre à des demandes reliées à des points soulevés pendant la réunion, le maire a prononcé l'ajournement.



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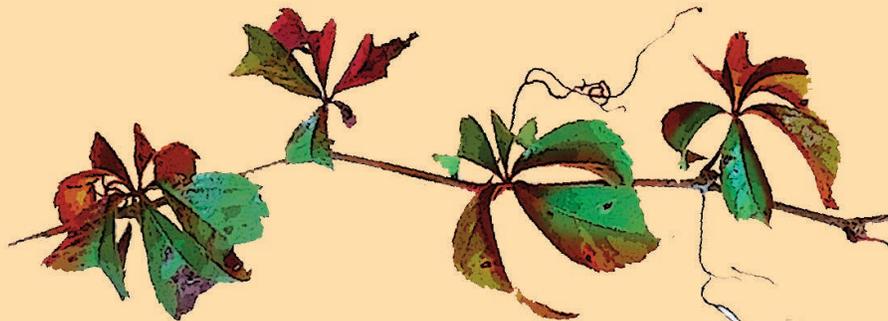
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## COMING EVENTS

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### OCT

- Sat 1** **Native Tree Walk.** Learn to identify our local trees and discover their benefits with Louise Chênevert. Please RSVP 464-9094. Meet at Town Hall. 10 am.
- Sun 2** **Choral Evening.** St. Philip's. 4 pm.
- Tue 4** **Labyrinth workshop.** MW United. Wadsworth Hall.
- Sat 8** **Native Tree Walk.** Please see October 1 above.
- Fri 14** **Fall card party.** MW Presbyterian. Light luncheon. Tickets (\$10) and info: Janet Dimock 484-2783 or Zipper Scriver 486-0742. 1-4 pm.
- Sat 15** **Native Tree Walk.** Please see October 1 above.
- Sun 16** **Welcome back lunch.** MW United. All welcome. Follows the 10 am worship service.
- Mon 17** **Horticultural Society** presents Conor Sampson on lighting in the night landscape. Everyone welcome, non-members, \$5. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.
- Wed 19** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Town Hall. 7:30-9 am.
- Sat 22** **Native Tree Walk.** Please see October 1 above.  
**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jazz concert** with Chad Linsley. MW Presbyterian. Tickets (\$20.); info: 484-7913. 7 pm.
- Sun 23** **Thanksgiving service and reception.** MW Presbyterian. All are welcome. 10:30 am.
- Mon 24** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm
- Tue 25** **Evening Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. Wadsworth Hall. Socks or slippers. 7-9 pm.
- Sat 29** **Native Tree Walk.** Please see October 1 above.
- Sun 30** **Halloween on Ice.** Legion Memorial Rink. 1-2:30 p,

### NOV

- Tue 1** **Pumpkin parade.** Strathearn Park. 6 pm.
- Wed 2** **Royal West Academy's Bardolators** (Shakespeare study group) will present *Romeo and Juliet* at 7 pm. Continues Thursday, November 3. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students. There will be a gala wine and cheese presentation Friday, November 4. Wine and cheese starting at 6:30, production at 7 pm. Tickets \$15. Presented in the auditorium of Royal West Academy. 189 Easton Ave.
- Sat 5** **Family bazaar.** MW United. 10 am-2 pm.  
**Native Tree Walk.** Please see October 1 above.
- Sun 6** **Remembrance Day ceremony.** Procession: 12:15; ceremony 12:30 at the Cenotaph.
- Sat 12** **Christmas Bazaar and Lunch.** St Philip's. Home baking, jams and preserves, candy, crafts, jewelry, collectibles, linens, knitting, raffles, videos/CDs, books, and much more! Information: 481-4871. 10 am-2 pm.
- Thu 24** **Water taxes due / Échéance taxes d'eau**

## Classifieds

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