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Former Olympian joins **CRA's** judo program!

Marie-Hélène Chisholm, former Olympian and current manager of high performance judo athletes at Judo Canada will be co-coaching our judo program this fall. She joins black belt coach **Steve Morissette**, who initiated the popular program four years ago. Marie-Hélène and Steve met in 1993 when they competed at the Quebec Judo games together!

Marie-Hélène was born in Port-Cartier, but moved to Montreal at 15 to pursue her Olympic dream. That dream came true in 2004 when she went to Athens and finished an impressive fourth. After injuring her knee in 2008, she began coaching the national women's team at the 2012 Olympics.

Marie-Hélène now lives in NDG and has two children. Her spouse is none

other than **Nicolas Gill**, a two-time Canadian Olympic medallist in judo.

"Marie-Hélène is a great addition to our program", says Steve. "Not only will our judokas benefit from her years of elite experience, but with two of us, we'll be able to help students – including older ones – progress more quickly while still learning in an environment that focuses on enjoying the sport. We will also now offer interested students the opportunity to compete in the region."

Registration for the **CRA** judo program is now open at: amilia.com. The classes will be held at Elizabeth Balantyne School on Wednesdays, September 26-April 10.

Ages 5-7: 6-6:45 pm
Ages 8-16: 7-8 pm

Raffaelle Di Stasio: The Town's Director General

by *Maurice Krystal*

She kept apologizing for her poor English language skills, but **Raffaelle Di Stasio** is much more fluent than she thinks. The odd time she slipped into a French phrase, it was quite understandable, even when it was predominately legalese. She says she plans to take classes to improve her grammar.

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Best wishes, Jeannette!

Jeannette Brooker has volunteered at *The Informer* for many years and was Chair of the Board from 1999-2018. Now she and husband **Michael** are moving to a seniors' residence. But, that doesn't mean we won't continue to see her at the editing sessions that she so enjoys and is a valued member of the team.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, as a teen Jeannette moved to Cape Town where she met and married Michael. The couple moved to Canada in 1960 and eventually to MoWest in 1970. Jeannette taught English at a French high school and, after retirement, taught English as a second language. They raised their three children **Mark, Tom, and Ann Sylvia** here in Town.

We wish Jeannette and Michael much happiness in their new abode and look forward to more Saturday mornings editing *The Informer* with her.



Change to the schedule of *The Informer*

In order to give readers a chance to read the Town Council report before the following meeting, *The Informer* will be published ten days to two weeks earlier than normal.

Deadlines and dates on which delivery begins are as follows:

Issue	Deadline	Delivery
December	October 31	November 16
February	January 9	January 25
March	January 30	February 15
April	February 27	March 15

Fall Artists' Showcase: Abstract

MoWest amateur and professional artists are invited to display their art at the Town Hall. The theme for the autumn exhibit is Abstract. We'll start hanging the show in September. Application deadline: September 28. Please keep in mind all works on paper, fabric or canvas must be ready for hanging and three-dimensional pieces, such as jewelry and pottery, must fit in the front hall cabinet.

To find out more about the Artists' Showcase, or to get an application form, go to the MW website under "culture," or pick up a form at the Community Centre.

For more details, you may contact *Marian Scully*, Recreation and Cultural Services, **484-1610**.

Raffaelle Di Stasio

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Raffaelle's mother came from the Gaspésie and her father came from Italy to Canada when he was five. Most of her upbringing was in the town of Boucherville on the South Shore. She obtained her law degree from the Université de Montréal in 2010 and was accepted to the Bar the following year.

As part of her stage (placement) she worked in 2011 in the Town Clerk's Office in Amqui, a small town at the base of the Gaspé Peninsula. The next two years she was hired to be the Director General of St. Florence, also in the Gaspé area. In 2014 Raffaelle was employed by the Town of Sherrington, not far from the NY/Vermont border to again be the Director General.

She was hired on June 5, 2017, to be the Director General of Montreal West. And what ex-

actly does this job entail? She sees it like being an orchestra conductor. Her job is to coordinate every operation under the political will and wishes of the councilors and citizens. She has to make sure that all resources, including financial, material and human are available to accomplish the activity according to the planification (planning) strategy the council and executive have agreed upon.

In the one year she has been here, she has been actively involved in: the design of a new Town web site, repairing and upgrading infrastructure, work on Davies Park and the planification strategy for the next four years. Each councilor was asked to prioritize their wish list. When the Montreal Agglomeration Council imposed a 9% increase on the Town, the council was able to react quickly and decrease the potential negative impact.

In her one year in MoWest she appreciates the heart of the Town. Like a small municipality, everyone seems to know each other. The rate of volunteerism is impressive. She finds the architecture attractive and the facilities young families desire is a drawing card. While the Town has the village feel, it also has all the benefits of being next to a cosmopolitan city.

Raffaelle is involved with and passionate about SAESEM, a non-profit organization that initiates projects to protect the environment and enhance the quality of life for Montrealers. She enjoys travelling, especially in Europe and reconnecting with her father's Italian heritage and culture. She also has a wish to get back to her drawing and painting and sees herself taking classes in the future.

Her parents now live in the Eastern Townships near her sister who will make her, once again, a new aunt this November. Raffaelle lives in The Old Port area.

Parents & Tots program



Offered by *Le jardin d'enfants Curzon Creative Preschool*, this program is designed to give families a place to meet others with young children (1-3 years old) while providing a fun and enriching experience for the kids. Come out and enjoy a morning full of activities, including crafts, free play, music and circle time!

Register for the fall session or just drop in! Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11 am. For information about program fees, schedule or registration, please contact **489-7860** or curzonpreschool.com.

6th Annual MoWest Terry Fox Run: Taking strides to find a cure



After another successful *Terry Fox Run* last September in Strathearn Park, raising the bar to over \$20,000, it's that time again to lace up your running shoes and come out on Sunday, September 16 to support a great cause to continue Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer. Since Terry's Marathon of Hope in 1980, the *Terry Fox Foundation* has raised over \$750 million for cancer research.

The *Terry Fox Run* is a family friendly, non-competitive event. Participants can register in advance online at Terryfox.org under the Montreal West run site or complete a very brief entry form on site. As there is no entry fee, if you have not collected pledges, simply make a donation. The event will take place from 11:30 am-15:00 pm. Registration starts at 10:30. You can run, bike or walk any distance of the 2.5 km loop around the park and surrounding area. So, come one, come all and run in the *Terry Fox Run*! For more information, email tfmowest@hotmail.com

The Pennefather family

Trees, trees and more trees!

Louise Chênevert will be leading a course entitled Montreal's Indigenous Urban Trees at the *Thomas More Institute* this fall, beginning September 26. See add on page 20.

Come visit Louise's table at the fall festival Sunday, September 16 and join her on a walk around Strathearn Park to get acquainted with its trees.

MoWest's Native Trees Walk series returns this fall on Sundays at 10 am, from September 30 through to the end of November. The cost is \$10. Info: Mltreewalks@gmail.com.

Louise will also be hosting a tree walk at the Children's Library on Saturday, October 13.



An old tree on Brock North

Helping trees at Mount Royal

Our beloved Mount Royal needs our help! 30% of the canopy is ash! Thousands needed to be cut while others were treated. There are many invasive species needing to be culled to make place for the planting of indigenous species. Concerned citizens are invited to come Saturdays to assist in the Weekly Conservation Actions. Members of both *Les Amis du Parc Meadowbrook* and *Sauvons la Falaise* will be teaming up to lend a hand. Please check their respective facebook pages for details if you would like to join. Be part of the solution to climate change! By taking care of our tree canopy.

from Louise Chênevert



Photo: Julia Ross



Falaise St. Jacques



The Falaise St. Jacques is a biodiverse greenspace literally on our back doorstep. This wooded area of more than 50 acres stretches 4 km behind the businesses that run along the south side of rue St. Jacques in NDG. Once designated to become a park, it is a protected green space according to Montreal's Policy on the Protection and Enhancement of Natural Habitats. A migratory bird route, it is also home to the rare brown DeKay snake found only in certain areas of the Montreal region.

In 2015 when local resident **Lisa Mintz** became aware of the felling of more than 150 trees for the Turcot Project, she decided it was time to ensure that the rest of the area was safe from further infringement. The result was her founding of the group *Sauvons-la-falaise*.

The Horticultural Society has invited Lisa Mintz to detail the value of the escarpment, her dedication to the task at hand and what she thinks the future might hold for the area. Her talk will take place at the Town Hall, Monday, October 15 at 7:30pm. Admission is \$5 (free for members).

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FATHER GERALD VEILLEUX: medical clinic in Peru



Father **Gerald Veilleux** gave us an update on the medical clinic we subsidize.

Father Gerald was born in the Beauce and graduated from the Université de Montréal. His *Rotary Club* called Yarina Cochais located in Pucallpa, Peru, is situated 850 km from Lima and population of 500,000.

All the streets leading into town are now paved and a new hospital is being built. There are schools throughout the city, but they are in bad shape in the poorer sections and often the parents must build and maintain the classrooms. Father Gerald has personally built two schools with help from two different foundations and will be building a third school this fall.

People from the countryside often migrate to the city to get better health care and education; they are usually very poor. They often build on vacant land using scrap building materials with no potable water, sewage systems or electricity. Education is the key to changing society.

From an economic point of view, the government says that everything is improving, but that is not the case for the poor. Poverty is increasing because of a shortage of jobs. Most families have four to six children with up to ten people living in the same

small house and there are often only two people working. Gerald has set up two dining halls each of which can feed up to 40 children after classes. These meals provide good nutrition which allows for better concentration.

Gerald then talked about his club, The *Rotary Club* of Yarima

Cocha, which is the most active with 25 members (including five doctors and four dentists) and loads of energy. They built a house for battered women; have sponsored two medical and dental clinics a year for children and have a new project where they plant 500 trees a year around

town. The clinics dispense free medicine and vitamins for about 600 children and even get the army to send over barbers to cut the children's hair. They also provide 15 wheelchairs (locally made at a cost of \$160) for the handicapped; the demand for wheelchairs is increasing. He talked about the joy a woman, who had not left her house for the last 10 years, experienced when she received her new wheelchair.

The last project Gerald talked about was eye glasses for children. Many teachers expressed concern for children with reading problems caused mainly by poor sight. The club provides reading glasses at a cost of \$25 pair. Gerald thanked us for our generosity and saluted us as fellow Rotarians and saying *mucho gracias*.

The *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* meets Thursdays at the Town Hall. Luncheon is served at 12:30 pm; speaker at 1 pm. Cost is \$20.

October meetings

- Thursday, 4: no noon meeting
- Friday, 5: Rotary meeting and merchants meet and greet
- 26-28: District Conference in Kingston

November meeting

- Friday, 9 – Oyster Party



from Doug Yeats

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Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Welcome back students!

This year, our new and returning students were welcomed back by **Youppi** and our own EMSB mascot – a bee named **Bumble!**

The children had a fun-filled afternoon, and we are excited to get started on a new year – full of STEAM projects and our ongoing programs such as Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Build Our Kids' Success (BOKS), a program that improves academic, physical and emotional success through movement. Looking forward to another great year at EBS!

Bumble meets Youppi



St. James Literary Society

Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 pm

Mozart's Music of Friends. Schulich School of Music

Monday, October 15, 7 pm

Sex and Passion Have no Expiry Date. St Jax Montréal.

Tuesday, October 23, 7 pm

Lessons from Polling 2018 Quebec Elections. St Jax Montréal

stjamesliterarysociety.com

Reservations: 484-0146. Non-members \$12.

IODE



Breanne Weinstock, Nesya Ifergan and Doyoon Kim

Education: part of the IODE mandate

Three awards were presented at the June 20 graduation ceremony at Elizabeth Ballantyne School to students who exhibited perseverance in their school work. To acknowledge their achievements **Nadine Fenton**, Education Officer, on behalf of H.M.S. Victory Chapter *IODE*, presented the *Doris Schurman Award* for effort and improvement in Mathematics to **Nesya Ifergan**. **Breanne Weinstock** was the recipient of the *Marian Macleod Award* for good citizenship while **Doyoon Kim** received the *Helen Reid Memorial Award* for improvement in physical education. Congratulations to all three students.

IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization. Women of all ages, from all walks of life meet in local chapters for fun, friendship and volunteerism. The main benefit of belonging to *IODE* is being part of a like-minded group of women who work together to improve the quality of life for those in need. If you have a few hours to spare monthly, you can make a difference. The next meeting is October 9, 2-4 pm, at the Community Centre.

from Moira Bettinville



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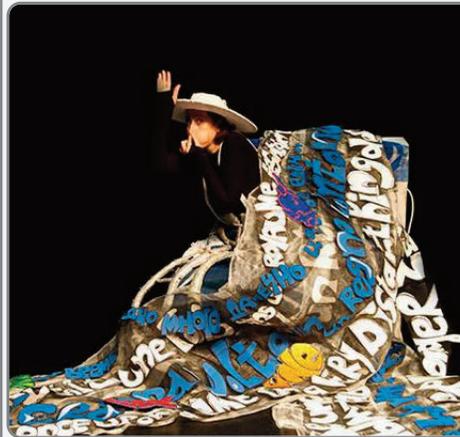
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Children's Library



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Summer Reading Program: some figures

We are thrilled to share some figures that make us happy for all the hard work we did to entice young readers to participate in our Summer Reading Program. The program was free of charge this year. A total of 113 children signed up, 97 read at least one book and 77 completed the reading of 10 books or more. In total, 1158 books were read! A big Bravo, little readers!

Programmation d'automne

Consultez notre site Web pour des détails et pour plus de renseignements sur notre programmation d'automne! De nouveaux programmes s'ajoutent à notre calendrier : Biblio-Club, une activité en français qui s'adresse aux enfants de 5 ans et plus. Utilisant différentes ressources de la biblio-

thèque (livres scientifiques et artistiques, périodiques spécialisés, vidéos, jeux, logiciels, etc.), les participants réalisent des projets variés qui stimulent leur créativité tout en leur permettant d'améliorer leur compréhension de la langue française.

Pour les jeunes de 2 à 5 ans, nous offrons Contes et brico, deux samedis par mois. Maker Club (pour les enfants de 7 ans et plus), permettra de créer des projets de science envoûtants en utilisant des matériaux hors du commun. Pour vous détendre en famille et vous amuser avec des films populaires, venez aux représentations de Ciné-famille.

Coding courses are all the hype! We have planned a Scratch Club for children 7 years and up. Cubetto, aimed at youngsters 3 to 6 years old, is a friendly wooden robot that will teach your child the basics of computer programming through adventure and hands-on play.

Tree walk

October 13, at 1 pm, starting at the Library, **Louise Chenêvert** will bring a group of children six years and up on a one hour walk to discover the local native trees, learn to identify them and know their benefits.

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Public Library

Library News

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We will start the month with Tea and Books with **Carol** where we will be discussing all the fabulous DVD collection of police dramas we have. Who knew we had such avid fans of crime fiction in MoWest?

Following that, on October 22 at 7:30 we will be welcoming three local mystery and suspense writers for the second event of our MoWest Reads series. **Christopher Huang, John Kalbfleisch** and **Sheila Kindellan-Sheehan** will be reading from their latest works. All are welcome!

Did you know that you can easily find out what's new in the collection by looking on line? Selecting either the New Fiction, New DVDs or New Non-Fiction links on our home page will display a list of the new items that have been shelved. Please feel free to reserve any item you'd like.

Also, if you are having difficulty with our new system, please do not hesitate to drop in and anyone of us will give you a short tutorial.

Want to help?

If you are looking to get more involved in the community think about the Public Library. This library could not run without the support of the many volunteers who help keep this place open and operating. We are always looking for new volunteers to come help with events, circulation desk and more. If you are looking for a way to meet fellow residents and give back to your community come in and see us!

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Wednesday / Thursday

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Saturday: Noon-4 pm



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Update

We would like to congratulate the Mudhen Peewee A and Bantam A teams for winning the Intercommunity Championships in June! Led by a team of dedicated Mudhen coaches these two teams brought home the title of champions to our community. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and a shout out to our baseball director **Howie Schwartz** for a remarkable season.



Welcome back!

The CRA office is officially open and would like to welcome everyone back from a fun-filled and action-packed summer. Registration is open for our many sports programs such as indoor soccer, Future Stars hockey, Gymnastic, judo, sportball and skating lessons!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Samantha** at **485-8598** or email the CRA office at infocra@mtlwestcra.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES



- Pick-up hockey, please check mwhhockey.ca for the complete schedule
- Soccer playoffs
- Last day of Micro-soccer and Little Strikers' soccer



- U8+ soccer finals
- Single hockey tryouts begin



Newest member of judo coaching team

Our judo program welcomes accomplished high performance athlete **Marie-Hélène Chisholm**. Marie-Hélène has had outstanding national and international achievements as a member of the Canada's National Judo Team. She has had an exceptional career participating at the 2004 Olympic Games (4th), multiple world championships and various international competitions. Both sensei Marie-Hélène and **Steve Morrissette** look forward to seeing you this season.

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 Sunday, 10-11
 Season: October-March

Skating lessons

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Cost: \$250 (R) \$270 (NR)
 When: Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starts October 10) or Sundays 11-noon (starts October 14)

NEW

Pre skate lessons

Ages 3-5
 Cost: \$175 (R) \$195 (NR)/session
 Days: Sunday, 11:15 am-12:45 pm;
 Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 pm

Fall session: October-December
 Wednesday session starts: October 10
 Sunday session starts October 14
 Winter session: January-March

Figure skating

Age: 7+
 Cost: \$250 (R) \$270 (NR)
 Dates: October 5-March 17
 Beginner: Friday, 4-4:55 pm
 Advanced: Friday, 4:55-5:50 pm

Gymtastic!

We will have fun equipment circuits and progressive gymnastics lessons for our beginners to the more advanced preschooler. Children must be out of diapers to participate. Fall, winter and spring sessions

Ages: 3½-5 years, 5:45-6:30 pm
 6-10 years, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Cost: \$125 per session (R)
 \$145 (NR)
 Day: Mondays
 Starts: September 24

Indoor soccer

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.

Ages: 5 & 6 years (co-ed)
 U8 to U13 boys and girls (separate)
 Cost: \$125 (R) \$145 (NR)
 Starts: September 24
 Location: Royal West High gym
 Please see website for days/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.

Cost: \$145 (R) \$165 (NR)
 Day: Mondays
 Location: Royal West High gym
 Starts: September 24

Judo

The practice of judo techniques helps people develop basic and fundamental physical fitness in a number of ways, such as the development of strength, flexibility, agility, speed, dynamic and static balance, power and endurance.

Ages: 5-16 years
 Cost: \$180 (R) \$200 (NR)
 Day: Wednesdays
 Levels: Beginner: white and yellow belts / Advanced: yellow and orange
 Session: October-April
 Location: Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Sportball multisport

Sportball drop-off programs help kids ages 3 and up develop independence and build confidence by attending classes "all by themselves". Coaches engage younger children with creative storylines and special themes and connect with older kids as leaders and mentors. Kids will be participating in eight popular sports – hockey, soccer, football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, golf and tennis.

Age: 3-5 years, 6 pm
 Age: 6-9 years, 7 pm
 Day: Tuesdays
 Starts: September 25
 Location: Elizabeth Ballantyne School



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Montreal West Scout Group



Scouter Bob King "Hawkeye" with Cub Pack at Camp placing his rock on the cairn at TSR.

A new Knight of Tamara



Cubs

After a hiatus of a couple of years, the Cub Pack returned to a week of summer camping at the Tamaracouta Scout Reserve during the first week of August. Two cubs from the 1st Huntingdon Pack joined seven cubs and three Scouters from the 1st Montreal West Pack for a week of adventure that included archery, rock climbing, emergency skills, outdoor cooking, swimming, paddling, sailing, hiking, orienteering and flying drones.

Tuesday night brought a spectacular rainstorm, with thunder echoing around the

lake, but the prospector tents at our site kept everyone warm and dry through the night. On Wednesday evening, the pack hiked 4.5 km on a trail that took them to a waterfall and ended with them completely circling the lake. Other evenings saw the pack around camp fires, performing skits, and staring at the star-filled sky – streaked occasionally with meteors from the Perseids.

One special highlight from the trip was that Scouter and Co-Group Commissioner **Robert King** was inducted into the Knights of Tamara. Part of his initiation included getting his face painted, performing service to the camp, observing a Day of Silence,

and carving his initials into a rock that joined the cairn from the other Knights before him. The entire Pack is proud of Hawkeye Bob for receiving this well-deserved honour – congratulations!

The new season of Cubbing begins Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm at Royal West Academy. This year will see us focused on community service and outdoor skills, with the hope that a few of our 3rd-year cubs will be able to achieve their Seeonee Award, which is the top award in Cub Scouting.

from Kaa (Scouter Todd Stedl)

Food Drive

Once again this October, as part of our service to the community, the MW Scout Group will be collecting non-perishable food for the *NDG Food Depot*.

Did you know that 30% of those using emergency food baskets are children? Our MoWest friends can help ensure that every family is able to put food on the table at the end of the month. Please help *The Depot* to have enough healthy staples to fill nearly 500 baskets every week by donating the following:

MOST NEEDED FOODS

- 1) Canned fish: tuna, salmon, sardines, mackerel
- 2) Canned tomatoes and tomato sauce
- 3) Canned or dried beans, lentils, chick-peas, etc.
- 4) Pasta and rice: brown and whole grain when possible
- 5) Whole grains: oats, millet, quinoa, bulgur, couscous, etc.

Of course, other foods will be gratefully accepted, but these foods are considered to be the most needed for a healthy diet.

The Scouts are volunteering to collect, pack and transport your donations; thanks to them and to you for your generosity in supporting the youth in our community.

The collection will take place the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16 and 17. If we do not ring your doorbell, we apologize. You can leave your contribution in the front porch of 131 Wolseley Avenue North during or after the collection days or call **Karen** at **717-5696** to arrange to have it picked up.

Registration 2018/2019

All registration is now on line at scouts.ca.

For information about our programs, meeting places and times, check out the MW Recreation booklet or call **Karen Johnstone** at **717-5696** or e-mail at karenmansfieldjohnstone@gmail.com.

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MAYOR'S REPORT



Crossed connections

I would like to provide an update on the Toe-Blake storm sewer, which terminates in a stream at the privately owned Meadowbrook Golf Club on our northern border, near Sheraton Drive and Toe Blake Park. It is worth noting that, like all responsible municipal governments, Montreal West puts environmental protection, sustainable development and the sound management of public funds at the heart of all our decisions.

Because our town is more than 100 years old, we made a commitment 11 years ago to rebuild all our aging public water mains, sanitary sewers and storm sewers. This undertaking will ensure that they function properly and remain in good condition for years to come – for the benefit of current and future generations.

With this in mind, more than \$7 million have been earmarked to date for the entire sector to the north of the CPR bridge, to repair our streets and replace all relevant underground infrastructure, including sewer connections.

In addition, four years ago the City of Montreal advised us that wastewater was entering the storm sewer that services a portion of Côte Saint-Luc as well as our own northern sector. This should not have been happening, and was due to the fact that some residential sewer lines were connected to the storm sewer system instead of to sanitary sewers. In all likelihood, these improperly connected lines, known as crossed connections, contributed to the contamination of rainwater in the Toe Blake storm sewer, which empties into the Meadowbrook stream.

It should be noted that these crossed connections were never authorized or installed by the Town of Montreal West.

Thanks to our major infrastructure work, which began in 2007 and which has continued every year since, we now have a clearer picture of the situation in Montreal West. Over the past 11 years, we discovered 13 crossed connections of more than 350 residences in the north sector, or less than 3.5%. Our territorial assessment is nearing completion.

That said, we will continue moving forward with our infrastructure repair work in order to better implement our vision of sustainable development for the benefit of current and future generations.

Recreation centre grant application

We found out a few weeks ago that we were not accorded our grant to build a new recreation centre. Same reasons – more projects than money. Since then, I have had further discussions with several people at the provincial level: MNAs, chiefs of staff and administrators who rank the projects. I am meeting with one of them in mid-September. I have been told that a new program will probably launch in mid-February.

That being said, we can no longer wait for a grant that may not come to address some pressing needs at our building. The most pressing is the flat roof over the dressing rooms and offices that leaks like a sieve. We are getting quotes now to replace that section of the roof but before we authorize that contract, Council needs to further discuss the short and long-term future of that building.

Coffee with the Mayor

The next Coffee with the Mayor will take place on **Thursday, September 20**, at 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Community Centre.

Beny Masella, Mayor
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How to avoid speeding



As a parent and municipal Councillor in MoWest, it is so disconcerting to see drivers zipping through our residential streets,

not making full stops, and trying to outsmart traffic lineups. MoWest is a town filled with children, students, the elderly and those who enjoy walking and biking. Speeding, in particular, risks our collective security. Here are some tips on how we can all avoid being part of the problem.

Give yourself time: Leave earlier than usual so there's no need to speed to your destination.

Use cruise control when travelling on highways: Set and control how fast you travel to maintain a safe and legal speed.

Think about the ticket: Before you make the conscious decision to speed, consider how expensive and damaging a ticket can be. Is the time you'll save worth it?

Pay attention: It's easy to speed without realizing it. Check your speedometer regularly.

Walk or take public transport: If your commute is just a short walk or bus-train-metro ride away, why not ditch the car and any chance of speeding along with it?

Please be mindful and considerate, and obey the law. Getting somewhere five or ten minutes faster (which is all the time you'll likely save) is never worth putting yourself or someone else in harm's way.

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Introducing Élisabeth Roy, our new communications specialist



On August 6, a new face joined the team at Montreal West Town Hall. Élisabeth Roy was hired as Communications Development Supervisor to help with the Town's fast-paced and rapidly changing communication needs.

Élisabeth graduated from Concordia University in Communication Studies with a specialization in Intermedia, which includes video, graphic design and photography. She has many years of experience in the field, most recently at Dawson College where she served as a Communications Counsellor and enjoyed working with students and staff.

Élisabeth's first task in the new Communications portfolio will be to spearhead the re-design and implementation of the Town's new website.

Another major responsibility will be developing the Town's Strategic Communications Plan and ensuring the visual coherence and consistency of our external communications. She will also provide editorial support and review of the Town's communications, including the Council Communiqué, e-bul-

letins, brochures, letters and annual reports. We welcome Élisabeth to Montreal West and are pleased to have her supporting Council and the Town departments to provide clear, accurate and timely information to residents and the public at large. Stay tuned for the launch of the new website.

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Don't miss this reading, writing and speaker series



Did you know there are four more reasons to stop by the Public Library now?

Montreal West Reads is a new series that brings local authors to Town to read and discuss their work. On September 24 at 7 PM Jocelyn Parr (finalist for the 2017 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction), Phyllis Rudin and Cora Siré will be reading from their latest works. The next segment, "An Evening of Mystery and Murder" will take place on October 24 with writers: John Kalbfleisch, Sheila Kindellan-Sheehan and Christopher Huang.

These events will certainly be popular, so be sure to get there early!

Montreal West Talks invites experts to speak on matters of current interest. The last event hosted Stéphane Beaulac discussing Brexit and the Scottish independence referendum; how they happened and what their implications might be. Keep an eye out in *The Informer* for the next talk.

And Montreal West Writes is a workshop series given by local writers. If you've ever considered taking a pen (or mouse) in hand to write your own tome, but need a nudge, you'll want to give this series a try. The last session was presented by Janice Hamilton who discussed researching and writing about family history. Combing through those family stories, how can you tell the gospel truth from family fiction? It's easier said than done. Don't miss the next topic of MW Writes, coming soon.

In addition to these new series, **Tea and Books with Carol** is held at 2 PM the second Wednesday of the month, inviting people to discuss what they've been reading and watching lately. It's a great place to pick up a few suggestions over a cup of tea and cookies. Last time I attended I got four great book titles to add to my "must read" list. Your next opportunity to join in will be October 10.

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communiqué du CONSEIL

RAPPORT DU MAIRE



Raccordements inversés

Permettez-moi de faire le point sur le collecteur pluvial Toe-Blake, qui se termine en ruisseau dans le golf privé de Meadowbrook, à Montréal, à la limite de

notre secteur nord, près de la promenade Sheraton et du parc Toe-Blake.

Je tiens à vous rappeler que pour nous, à Montréal-Ouest, comme pour toute administration municipale responsable, la protection de l'environnement, le développement durable et la bonne gestion des fonds publics sont les enjeux fondamentaux de toutes nos décisions.

Dans la mesure où notre ville est déjà plus que centenaire, nous avons entrepris, il y a déjà 11 ans, de refaire toutes les infrastructures publiques âgées d'aqueduc et de conduites sanitaires et pluviales afin de s'assurer de leur bon état et leur maintien en bonne condition à long terme, au bénéfice des générations actuelles et futures.

Dans ce contexte, plus de sept millions de dollars ont été investis dans tout le secteur situé au nord du pont du Canadian Pacifique mieux connu comme le pont du CP, pour la reconstruction de nos rues ainsi que le remplacement de toutes les infrastructures souterraines appropriées, y compris les raccordements.

Il y a quatre ans, nous avons par ailleurs été avisés par la Ville de Montréal que le collecteur pluvial qui dessert une partie de la ville de Côte-Saint-Luc et le secteur nord de la nôtre recevait des eaux usées, ce qui ne doit pas être le cas. Ces rejets sont causés par des raccordements d'égouts résidentiels dans le système de conduites pluviales plutôt que sanitaires. Ces raccordements dits inversés contribuent vraisemblablement à une contamination des eaux pluviales dans le collecteur Toe-Blake, ce qui affecte le ruisseau Meadowbrook.

Je tiens à rappeler que ces raccordements inversés n'ont jamais été autorisés ni réalisés par la Ville. Nos travaux d'infrastructures majeures, entrepris en 2007 et qui se poursuivent chaque année, nous

permettent d'avoir une bonne idée de la situation à Montréal-Ouest. Au cours des 11 dernières années, nous avons découvert 13 raccordements inversés dans le secteur nord sur près de 350 résidences, soit moins de 3,5 %. Nous avons presque complété le recensement de notre territoire et jusqu'à maintenant, l'apport en eaux usées par ces raccordements inversés dans le collecteur Toe-Blake est somme toute limité.

Cela dit, nous continuerons nos travaux de remise à l'état de nos infrastructures afin de toujours mieux agir dans une vision de développement durable, au bénéfice des générations actuelles et futures.

Demande de subvention pour un centre récréatif

Il y a quelques semaines, nous avons appris que la subvention pour construire un nouveau centre récréatif nous était refusée; pour les mêmes raisons, plus de projets que de fonds. Depuis, j'ai eu d'autres discussions avec plusieurs personnes au niveau provincial : membres de l'Assemblée nationale, chefs de cabinet et fonctionnaires qui classifient les projets. Je rencontre l'un d'eux à la mi-septembre. On m'a dit qu'un nouveau programme serait probablement lancé en février.

Cela étant dit, nous ne pouvons plus attendre une subvention qui n'arrivera peut-être pas pour nous occuper des besoins pressants de notre bâtisse, le plus urgent étant le toit plat au-dessus des vestiaires et des bureaux qui coulent comme une passoire. Nous recueillons actuellement des soumissions pour remplacer cette partie du toit, mais avant d'autoriser ce contrat, le Conseil doit discuter de l'avenir à court et long terme de l'édifice.

Café avec le maire

Le prochain Café avec le maire aura lieu **le jeudi 20 septembre** de 7 h 30 à 8 h 30 au Centre communautaire.

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Comment éviter la vitesse



Comme parent et conseiller municipal à Montréal-Ouest, je suis troublé de voir des automobilistes filer à toute allure dans nos rues résidentielles, ne pas faire d'arrêts complets et essayer de déjouer le trafic. Mo-Ouest est une ville peuplée d'enfants, d'étudiants, d'ainés, de marcheurs et de cyclistes. Les excès de vitesse, en particulier, mettent notre sécurité collective à risque. Voici quelques conseils sur comment éviter de faire partie du problème.

Donnez-vous du temps. Partez plus tôt, ainsi vous n'aurez pas à rouler vite jusqu'à votre destination.

Utilisez le contrôleur de vitesse sur les autoroutes. Réglez et contrôlez votre vitesse pour maintenir une vitesse légale et sans danger.

Pensez à la contravention. Avant de consciemment décider de rouler vite, considérez le coût et les inconvénients d'une contravention. Le temps que vous gagnerez en vaut-il la peine?

Faites attention. Il est facile de rouler trop vite sans le réaliser. Vérifiez votre indicateur de vitesse régulièrement.

Marchez ou utilisez le transport collectif. Si votre déplacement n'est qu'à une courte distance à pied ou en train-bus-métro, pourquoi ne pas oublier la voiture et tout risque d'excès de vitesse?

Soyez attentionné et respectez la loi. Arriver quelque part cinq ou dix minutes plus tôt (c'est probablement tout le temps que vous épargnerez) ne vaut jamais de mettre sa vie ou celle des autres en danger.

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Élisabeth Roy, notre nouvelle spécialiste des communications



Le 6 août dernier, un nouveau visage apparaissait à l'hôtel de ville de Montréal-Ouest. Élisabeth Roy était embauchée à titre de responsable du développement des communications pour répondre aux changements rapides des besoins en communications.

Élisabeth est diplômée en communications de l'université Concordia avec spécialisation en intermédia, comprenant la vidéo, le graphisme et la photographie. Elle possède plusieurs années d'expérience dans le domaine, tout récemment au collège Dawson où elle était conseillère en communications et appréciait travailler avec les étudiants et le personnel.

Élisabeth dans ce nouveau portefeuille des communications consistera à diriger la transformation et l'implémentation du site Web de la Ville.

Une autre de ses responsabilités importantes sera d'élaborer le Plan stratégique de communication de la Ville et d'assurer la cohérence visuelle et la constance de nos communications externes. Elle fournira aussi le soutien éditorial et la révision des com-

munications de la Ville, dont le Communiqué du Conseil, le bulletin électronique, les brochures, les lettres et les rapports annuels.

Nous accueillons Élisabeth à Montréal-Ouest et sommes heureux de l'assistance qu'elle apportera au Conseil et aux services municipaux pour offrir de l'information claire, précise et opportune aux résidents et au grand public. Soyez aux aguets pour le lancement du nouveau site Web.

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Ne manquez pas ces séries de lectures, d'écriture et de causeries



Saviez-vous qu'il y a maintenant quatre raisons de plus de passer à la Bibliothèque publique?

Les Lectures de Montréal-Ouest. Cette nouvelle série amène des auteurs locaux en ville pour lire et discuter de leurs œuvres. Le 24 septembre à 19 h, Jocelyn Parr (finaliste au Prix littéraire du Gouverneur général 2017, romans et nouvelles), Phyllis Rudin et Cora Siré liront des extraits de leurs derniers opus. Le segment suivant, « Une soirée de meurtres et mystères » se déroulera le 24 octobre avec les auteurs John Kalbfleisch, Sheila

Kindellan-Sheehan et Christopher Huang. Ces événements seront certainement populaires, assurez-vous d'arriver tôt!

Les Causeries de Montréal-Ouest invitent des experts à échanger sur des sujets d'actualité. Lors de la dernière rencontre, Stéphane Beaulac a parlé du Brexit et du référendum sur l'indépendance en Écosse, comment ils sont survenus et leurs possibles conséquences? Surveillez *The Informer* pour la prochaine causerie.

Montréal-Ouest écrit est une série d'ateliers animés par des écrivains locaux. Si vous avez déjà pensé prendre la plume (ou une souris) pour écrire votre propre prose, mais avez besoin d'une petite poussée, vous voudrez essayer cette série. Janice Hamilton a présenté la dernière session et a discuté recherche et écriture d'histoire familiale. En fouillant toutes ces anecdotes de la famille, comment différencier vérité et fiction? Plus facile à dire qu'à faire! Ne manquez pas le prochain sujet de M-O écrit, bientôt.

En plus de ces nouvelles séries, **Thé et livres avec Carol** a lieu le deuxième mercredi de chaque mois, à 14 h. On invite les gens à échanger sur ce qu'ils ont lu et regardé dernièrement. C'est une excellente occasion de recueillir des suggestions en prenant le thé et des petits biscuits. La dernière fois, je suis repartie avec quatre titres à ajouter à ma liste de lecture. La prochaine rencontre aura lieu le 10 octobre.

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Guiding

Photo: Christine Downey



Sparks having fun getting wet in Strathearn Park

Experience the new *Girls First* program



Girl Guides of Canada has embarked on a new and exciting girl-driven adventure! We are launching the new *Girls First* program this September.

Through *Girls First*, EVERY girl in Guiding can be everything she wants to be. This new program puts girls' interests front and centre! We invite and encourage every girl to be actively involved in her Guiding experience. The program has been developed based on what girls told Guiding they want – from activities, content and topics, to the kinds of skills they want to learn.

Web-based and digital

The *Girls First* program is our first ever web-based and digital program. Every girl,

with her parents' consent, will have access to choosing her own activities and challenges and, ultimately, creating her own Guiding adventure. This web-based platform will allow for content to consistently change, grow and meet every girl's needs and interests. Most of all, *Girls First* is FUN! Whether you're a camper, an advocate, an explorer, an experimenter, a tinkerer, a budding artist or a do-it-yourselfer, this new program has something for everyone.

What does girl-driven mean?

- **Choice:** Girls pick what they want to do and what they want to get out of Guiding
- **Voice:** The program is relevant to girls' needs and they have the ultimate say in everything they do.

- **Action:** What girls do in Guiding helps them contribute to making the world a better place in a way that matter to them. This new program is totally flexible and encourages self-discovery and explorations. It takes a feminist approach by showcasing female role models and empowering girls.

Five Principles

The foundation of our *Girls First*, girl-driven program is based on five principles:

- **Safe Space:** Guiding is a supportive environment.
- **Growth Mindset:** Guiding is about meeting you where you are and helping you grow.
- **Positive Identity:** As a girl's organisation we want to inspire girls to dream BIG!
- **Shared Leadership:** Leadership is about ownership, responsibility and contribution.
- **Engaging Community:** Guiding will equip girls with the skills and opportunities to engage in their local community.

This new program will have seven brand new areas for all our girls to explore: Guiding Together, Exploring Identities, Building Skills, Be Well, Explore and Create, Connect and Questions and Take action.

We have new badges, tons of new challenges, activities and content.

Girls First: making sure every girl's Guiding experience is EVERYTHING SHE WANTS IT TO BE.

Registration

Register your daughter now for an experience she'll never forget at Girl Guides of Canada. There is a waiting list for the Spark's unit, but all other branches are eager to welcome new members.

Cookies

The new program will still include the selling of cookies! The chocolaty mint cookies will be arriving shortly. They are still \$5/box. A wonderful way to help support an amazing organization!

*from MoWest Guiders and Olivia Durand
(Girls First Champion)*

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I Can Dream Theatre hits a hole-in-one

You couldn't have asked for a more perfect day for a golf tournament and BBQ dinner.

The sun was shining high and strong, and the sky was blue on Saturday, July 7 at the Club de Golf de Belle Vue in Léry. *I Can Dream Theatre* held the very first (now annual) golf tournament to raise funds that will go directly towards the work-oriented programs and their yearly productions.

One had only to witness the high fives and thumbs up given to cast members from golfers just before they sped away on their golf carts to know that there was love and admiration in the air.

As ambassadors for the entire event, the theatre cast received a standing ovation upon entering the reception area. No doubt that once you become a fan of *I Can Dream Theatre*, you remain so for life – and this also was made evident in that moment where the applause didn't seem to end.

Close to \$15,000 was raised at the event. Along with *I Can Dream Theatre's* head office being in MoWest, MoWesters who were in attendance included **Ada Masciarelli**, **Tim O'Neill** and **Danielle Perron** and cast members **Julie Myhr** and **Michelle Perron-Elgee**.

Thank you to **Fiona Macdiarmid**, *I Can Dream Theatre's* fundraiser chair for organizing an amazing first tournament and special thanks to all our sponsors, donors and our amazing volunteers for their generous support.

Go to icandreamtheatre.com and follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for all updates. The seventh production, *Dead... on the Orient Express* will be on-stage live on Friday, November 9 and Saturday November 10 at the Eric Maclean Centre for Performing Arts.

from Merrill Matthews

Kosher korner

The Shofar was a blast

...at the Chabad Westminster Rosh Hashana services. It was so nice to celebrate the Jewish New Year together. It is not too late to join us for Yom Kippur!

Our Prayer schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 18

- Fast begins: 6:42 pm
- Kol Nidrei service: 6:45 pm

Wednesday, September 19

- Morning services: 9:30 am
- Yizkor memorial service: noon
- Mincha and Neilah: 5:30 pm
- Fast ends: 7:42 pm
- Break-fast buffet following services

All services will be held at the Curling Club. Services are free to join! No membership or affiliation required. RSVP is appreciated. To help support our free services, please visit chabadwestminster.com/donate.

Sukkot

The next holiday coming up is Sukkot. Lulav and Etrog sets are available for purchase; please email info@chabadwestminster.com to place your order.

Torah classes

- The Tuesday Tanya Class will resume after the Holidays.
- A five-session Hebrew reading crash course is now available in MoWest.

To join the next group, please contact info@chabadwestminster.com

Wishing you and your family a sweet new year. Shana Tova!

from Rabbi Mendy Marlow





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News from the pews

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Over the past few years, St. Ignatius has committed itself to offering a joyful spirit of community that will connect people to God. This fall, we have unveiled a new website (stig.ca) and a new Facebook page: [facebook.com/stig.ca](https://www.facebook.com/stig.ca).

The website is designed to be simple to navigate and welcoming to newcomers, just like our church! Pages about Alpha (a place to explore life's "big questions") and Kids' Ministry help people know that our doors are open to all. Details about mass times, sacramental prep and other programs will be helpful to those looking to grow in their faith and connect with new people.

Meanwhile, the Facebook page will highlight inspiring ideas, special events and weekly new additions to our playlist of sermons. Anyone can follow us on Facebook – come take a look!

from Fr. Leclerc

St. Philip's

We have another student minister this year. **Tyson Rosberg** is in his final year of studies at Montreal Diocesan Theological College, after having spent last year as an intern at the American Cathedral in Paris. He will be assisting and occasionally preaching on Sundays and engaging in pastoral care.

Our harvest festival will take place on Sunday, October 7. As always, the church will be beautifully decorated with the fruits of the earth. After the 10 am service, we will have a lunch in the hall.

Work on restoring our pipe organ has begun. We thank everyone who contributed.

The target date for completion is Easter, and we will have some concerts and recitals in the spring to showcase its enhanced capabilities.

The big event of the fall is our annual Christmas bazaar. This year it will take place on Saturday, November 10; mark your calendars now!

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Circling in on the new season

With the advanced delivery times for *The Informer*, if you read quickly, you may have time to catch the first Labyrinth Walk of the season.

It will be held Sunday afternoon, September 16 between 2 and 4 pm in Wadsworth Hall at the church. No cost, no experience needed, just come prepared to walk in socks or slippers, and we will have the Labyrinth laid for your walking meditation. Newcomers welcome, former walkers, too. Simple instructions available. Open to all as this practice crosses all cultures. Arrive when it suits you and leave when you feel complete. Come with your concerns or none at all and see how the Labyrinth helps you tap into your inner wisdom.

Blessing of the pets

Plan to drop by the Westminster Lawn on Sunday, September 30 at 1 pm with your pet or a picture thereof. Rev. **Mark Hammond** will be there – weather permitting – to bless each of those creatures who come with their person in tow. Think of it as a way to honour all that they bring to our lives. Casual and brief, but worthwhile.

World Food Sunday

October 21, in honour of World Food Sunday, the Sunday school will be collecting non-perishable foods during the worship service from those in attendance. All food will be donated to the *NDG Food Depot*. (Financial donations also accepted.) Then we will gather in Wadsworth Hall for a lunch of soup and sandwiches. Once cottages are closed, we whoop it up as we welcome everyone back.

Additional family fun

Keep your eyes peeled for an evening of whist and desserts. No experience necessary....

And another Labyrinth Walk...

This one scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 30 between 7 and 9 pm. See above for details.

Worship continues at 10 am Sundays, with Sunday school starting off in church. Nursery service is provided for those young'uns too active for the family area, but not yet ready for Sunday school. Come and see for yourself. Call **Barbara** at **482-3210** or mwuc.org for more information.

from Susan Upham



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Town Council meeting: August



by Carol Foster

The recent publicity about the creek running through Meadowbrook prompted the Mayor to review MoWest's role in this ongoing discussion. He explained that the pollution of this stream was the result of long past sewerage practices which led to crossed sewage and drainage pipes. These crossed connections mixed household waste with storm water. In spite of a concerted effort to replace deteriorating infrastructure in the town, 11 crossed connections have been identified so far.

The Mayor went on to say that the two attempts the Town has made to obtain a grant in order to replace the arena, have both failed due to the distribution of the money available. Now he has learned there may be another program available in February and he is already interested in pursuing this possible opportunity. However, the Town cannot wait that long before doing some immediate repairs to the roof and decisions concerning the short and long-term future of the building will have to be made.

Both good news and bad news were reported under the Public Works item on the agenda. First it was learned that an agreement has been signed with *Hydro-Québec* for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the parking lot of the Town Hall. The Town will pay only for the installation and there will be no ongoing charges. Secondly, it was reported that the proposed solution for the redesign of the Brock and Courtney intersection (to help eliminate speeding and cars travelling the wrong way on a one-way street) came in too high when tenders were called for. The redesign will now be revisited and the call for tenders will begin again.

First question period

Two topics dominated the first question period – pipes and lights.

Several residents had questions about the responsibility involved in resolving the cross-connecting pipe problem where it occurs. The Mayor explained that all of these configurations had been done in the past without permits, so it will be the homeowners' responsibility to remedy the problem. However, some have already been addressed because of the infrastructure work.

This topic was followed by a long discussion about the quality of the new LED street lights being installed. Objections were heard concerning the colour, safety and comfort of the lights chosen. The Mayor's response was that there had been a plan to have a lighting study done for the whole town instead of piecemeal replacements, but it has been very difficult to find a lighting engineer to tackle this project.

Upon hearing this, "Superman" rose from the audience (actually a resident from Roxton Crescent) and explained at length, and in great detail, the pitfalls as well as the remedies involved in the use of LED street lights. He offered, and the Mayor gratefully accepted, both his expertise and his business card.

Problems with the property at the corner of Westminster and Northview upon which a triplex was built continue to disturb a Wolseley resident. He pointed out the large amount of building materials which can be seen on the lot behind this building and have been an eyesore for a long time. Although the owner has been ticketed by Public Security, some of this material is actually on the land that belongs to CPR and is not within the Town's jurisdiction. In addition, said the Mayor, the Town is still waiting for a court date to address other infractions the owner of this property is deemed responsible for.

Councillors' reports

Water meter reading cards will soon be distributed and are due back by September 24, with a fine of \$50 for late returns, was the first item on **Councillor Feeney's** report. After reviewing the expenditures of the past two months, she further announced a new hire in the Communications Department. This person's main duty will be the monitoring of the Town's expanded website.

The new Seniors' Committee has been meeting and PAC has reviewed 42 projects. It is suspected that some flooding in the Easton area has been caused by the drainage from a number of sloped roofs. This problem can be solved quickly and inexpensively by a modification to the gutter installations.

With a new school year beginning, **Councillor Mazzone** described an arrange-

ment between the Town's PSOs and officers from Station 9 to monitor school zones. He also urged drivers to reduce their speed and drive with caution.

It has been a calm summer, according to the greatly reduced crime statistics for the past three months, but thefts from cars continue to be a problem. Both noise from a barking dog that had been left outside and an individual suffering from a drug overdose were cases attended to by PSOs. Councillor Mazzone went on to praise the work continually done by the PSOs and outlined the communication process to be used in reporting problems to them:

For non-emergencies during office hours, call **481-8125** or email info@montreal-west.ca. For emergencies outside of office hours, call Dispatch at **630-1234**. Councillor Mazzone can also be reached on his cell phone at **949-3055**.

Day camp has ended and registration for the fall/winter programs has begun. **Councillor Ulin** expressed her hopes that the work on Davies Park will be completed early September in time for the newly installed water feature to be enjoyed. This summer saw a large increase in pool activities and as many as 194 youngsters were included in the swim team. Both the life guards and the camp counsellors deserve hearty thanks for carrying on their duties in the midst of such extremely hot weather, Ulin added.

There was no report from **Councillor Torres** due to her absence.

Second question period

Assurances were given to a questioner that the updated website will allow questions from residents as well as the ability to receive answers to their questions online.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Réunion du Conseil : août



par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher

La publicité récente concernant le ruisseau qui coule à Meadowbrook a amené le maire à passer en revue le rôle de Mo-Ouest dans cette affaire. Il a expliqué que la pollution du ruisseau découlait de pratiques révolues qui aboutissaient en des raccordements croisés de conduites d'égout et de drainage mélangeant les eaux usées domestiques et les eaux pluviales.

Malgré un effort concerté pour remplacer les infrastructures qui se détériorent dans la ville, 11 raccordements croisés ont été identifiés à ce jour.

Le maire a poursuivi en disant que les deux tentatives de la Ville pour obtenir une subvention dans le but de remplacer l'aréna ont échoué en raison de la distribution des deniers disponibles. Il a maintenant appris qu'un autre programme serait peut-être offert en février et il souhaite déjà profiter de cette possible occasion. Cependant, la Ville ne peut attendre jusque là pour effectuer certaines réparations au toit et des décisions concernant l'avenir à court terme et à long terme de l'édifice.

Le point des Travaux publics à l'ordre du jour apportait de bonnes et de mauvaises nouvelles. D'abord, une entente a été signée avec *Hydro-Québec* pour l'installation d'une borne de recharge pour véhicules électriques dans le terrain de stationnement de l'hôtel de ville. La Ville ne paiera que pour l'installation, sans autres frais ultérieurs. En second lieu, les soumissions pour le réaménagement proposé de l'intersection Brock and Courtney (pour aider à éliminer les excès de vitesse et les contresens sur un sens unique) étaient trop élevées. Le réaménagement sera révisé et un nouvel appel d'offres aura lieu.

Première période de questions

Deux sujets ont dominé la première période de questions : les tuyaux et les lampadaires.

De nombreux résidents ont posé des questions à savoir de qui relevait la résolution des problèmes de raccordements croisés de conduites, là où présents. Le maire a expliqué que ces installations avaient été réalisées sans permis dans le passé et les propriétaires sont responsables de remédier à la situation. Cependant, les travaux d'infrastructure ont déjà réglé certains cas.

La qualité des nouveaux lampadaires à DEL que l'on installe a ensuite suscité une longue discussion. Nombre d'objections se sont fait entendre quant à la couleur, la sécurité et le confort de l'éclairage choisi. Le maire a répondu qu'il avait été projeté de faire réaliser une étude sur l'éclairage

dans toute la ville plutôt que de procéder à des remplacements à la pièce, mais que trouver un ingénieur en éclairage pour ce faire s'était avéré très difficile.

Entendant cela, « Superman » (en fait, un résident du croissant Roxton) s'est levé et a expliqué en long et en large, les écueils et les correctifs à utiliser dans l'utilisation de l'éclairage de rue à DEL. Il a offert son expertise et sa carte professionnelle au maire qui a accepté les deux avec gratitude.

Les problèmes avec la propriété à l'intersection Westminster et Northview où un triplex a été érigé continuent à perturber un résident de Wolseley. Il a souligné la grande quantité de débris de construction que l'on peut voir sur le terrain à l'arrière de la bâtisse et qui choquent la vue depuis longtemps. La Sécurité publique a remis un constat d'infraction au propriétaire, mais une partie du matériel offensant se trouve sur la propriété du CP, donc hors de la compétence de la Ville. De plus, selon le maire, la Ville attend toujours une date d'audience relativement à d'autres infractions reprochées au propriétaire.

Rapports des conseillers

La **conseillère Feeney** a ouvert le jeu en indiquant que les cartes de relève des compteurs d'eau seront bientôt distribuées et doivent être retournées au plus tard le 24 septembre; une amende de 50 \$ attend les retardataires. Après avoir passé en revue les dépenses des deux derniers mois, elle a annoncé l'embauche d'une nouvelle personne aux communications dont le mandat principal sera de surveiller le site Web élargi de la Ville.

Le nouveau Comité des aînés a tenu des réunions et le CCU a examiné 42 projets. L'on croit que le drainage d'un certain nombre de toits en pente aurait causé des inondations dans le secteur Easton. Une modification aux gouttières, rapide et peu dispendieuse, peut régler le problème.

En ce début d'année scolaire, le **conseiller Mazzone** a décrit une entente entre les ASP de la Ville et les policiers du PDQ 9 pour surveiller les zones d'écoles. Il a aussi incité les automobilistes à réduire leur vitesse et à conduire prudemment.

L'été a été calme, si l'on se fie aux statistiques de crime nettement à la baisse pour les trois derniers mois, mais les vols dans des véhicules posent toujours problème. Nos ASP se sont occupés entre autres d'un chien laissé à l'extérieur et qui jappait, et d'un quidam en état de surdose. Le conseiller Mazzone a poursuivi en louant le travail qu'accomplissent les ASP et a tracé les grandes lignes du processus de communication pour leur faire part de problèmes.

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au info@montreal-ouest.ca. Pour urgences en dehors des heures de bureau, appelez le réparateur au **630-1234**. On peut aussi joindre le conseiller Mazzone sur son portable au **949-3055**.

Le Camp de jour est fermé et l'inscription aux programmes d'automne et d'hiver offerts par l'Association récréative a débuté après un été très long et très chaud. La **conseillère Ulin** a exprimé l'espoir que les travaux au parc Davies prendront fin tôt le mois prochain avec encore un peu de temps pour profiter du jeu d'eau nouvellement installé. Cet été a connu une augmentation marquée des activités à la piscine et 194 jeunes faisaient partie de l'équipe de natation. Tant les surveillants de piscine que les moniteurs du camp de jour méritent des remerciements sentis pour s'être acquittés de leurs tâches au long d'un été absolument torride, d'ajouter la conseillère.

Vu son absence, il n'y a eu aucun rapport de la **conseillère Torres**.

Seconde période de questions

Un intervenant a reçu l'assurance que le site Web mis à jour permettra aux citoyens de poser des questions ainsi que de recevoir des réponses en ligne.

La séance fut ensuite levée.

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51 Westminster North and *The Flying Nun*

by Harold Rosenberg

The small red brick house at 51 Westminster Ave N. is a familiar sight to all who frequent the commercial establishments along the street. Recently, it is now home to the *Les Délices Lafrenaié*. But few people know that, in 1936, another tea room called *Grape Vine*, operated by **Yvonne Thornton**, daughter of McGill's Dean of Dentistry, was at the same location.

Another little-known fact is that her daughter, **Madeleine Louise Helen Thornton**, became an accomplished actress, best known for her role as the Mother Superior in the 1960s television show *The Flying Nun*.

Madeleine was born in Montreal in 1922. She had her first stage role at age four in a church production and later acted in student productions at Montreal West High School.

At the age of 17, Madeleine married **Robert Sherwood**; however, they divorced soon after the birth of their child. Then, billing herself as Madeleine Sherwood, she acted with the *Montreal Repertory Theatre* and in *CBC* radio productions. Since 1980, she had been known professionally as **Madeleine Thornton-Sherwood**.

Sherwood moved to New York in 1949, where she studied at the Yale University School of Drama and the Actor's Studio, while also appearing in live TV dramas. She

made her first Broadway appearance in 1953 in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, followed by a 1956 appearance in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. In total, she acted in 18 original

include *Guiding Light*, *Secret Storm* and *All My Children* and she had parts in television classic shows such as *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, *Ben Casey* and *Bonanza*. But her most memorable television role was that of Reverend Mother Superior Placido to **Sally Field's** Sister Bertrille in *The Flying Nun* series, from 1967 to 1970.

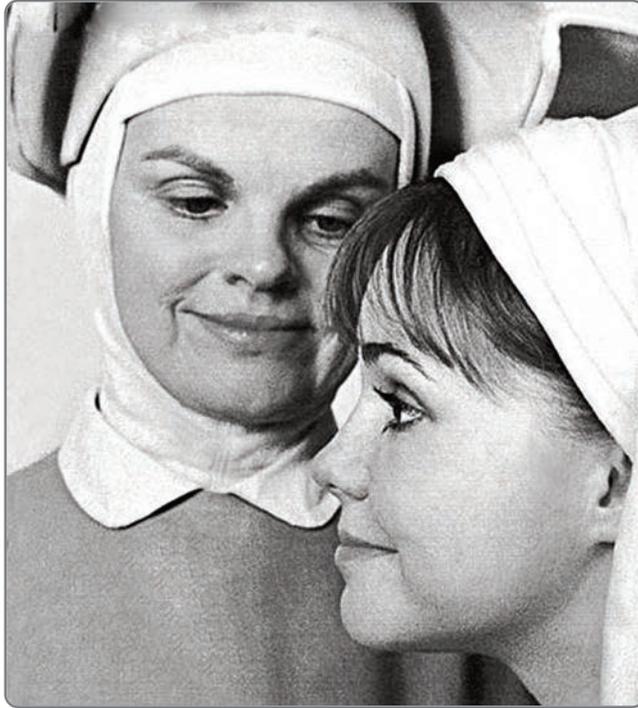
Sherwood was blacklisted for her political views during the McCarthy era of the early 1950s, a list that included **Charlie Chaplin** and **Harry Belafonte**.

Years later, she met and worked with **Martin Luther King Jr.** in the Civil Rights Movement, an affiliation that had remained a source of pride for her. She was arrested during a Freedom March in Alabama in 1963, jailed and sentenced to six months of hard labour. Her attorney was **Fred Grey**, the first African-American to represent a white woman in the South.

In the 1970s, after meeting **Gloria Steinem** and other activists, she started consciousness-raising groups and counselling workshops concerning women and incest.

Sherwood died April 23, 2016 at her home in Saint-Hippolyte. She was 93. See montrealgazette.com/entertainment/arts/quebec-actress-madeleine-sherwood-of-the-crucible-cat-on-a-hot-tin-roof-dies-at-93.

Many thanks to Madeleine's childhood friend, **Elizabeth Hillman**, and to my wife, **Janice Hamilton**, for help in preparing this article.



Broadway productions and, in 1963, won a best actress award for her performance in the Off-Broadway play *Hey You, Light Man!*

Television and movie parts followed. She acted with many Hollywood notables including Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Ellen Burstyn. Her soap opera credits



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Registration is ongoing for Town programs online: 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 1:15-4:30 pm).

Some programs being offered

- Bilingual Discovery – morning pre-school drop-off program (2-4 years old)
- Parent and tots exercise class
- Baby Boogie and Music & Movement on Saturday mornings
- Variety of fitness classes including Zumba, Stretch, Yoga, Essentrics, Poloxing and more.
- Variety of youth activities including Chess, Captain Catalyst, Hip Hop and more.
- Red Cross Babysitting Course: October 27 (11 years +)

Please call the Community Centre for more information at **484-6186** or email us at recreation@montreal-west.ca.

Host your child's birthday party!

Three-hour block Saturday or Sunday; themes: super hero, animals, unicorn, circus, Moana and more. An animator will provide an hour of activities.

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Fall festival with pets

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Halloween on Ice

Sunday, October 28

Lace up your skates and come dressed up for a spooky skate!

Join us at the Legion Memorial rink for a fun time with friends and family during free skate: 1-2:20 pm. Face painting, crafts and prizes!



A Walk to Remember

Saturday, November 10

Led by Dr. **Robert Drummond**. Meet at 1 pm at the Cenotaph.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11

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.



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October

- 9** Soup's on: Mountains of Fun (and other experiences). Speaker: **Alex Brzezinski**
- 17** IMAX: 2 films: *Giant Creatures* and *Ocean 3D*
- 19** Seenagers, Teenagers and Technology
- 25** *Pumpkininferno* at Upper Canada Village
- 30** Bridge
- 31** Halloween tea party

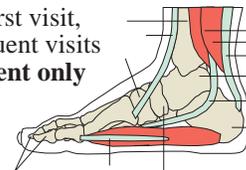
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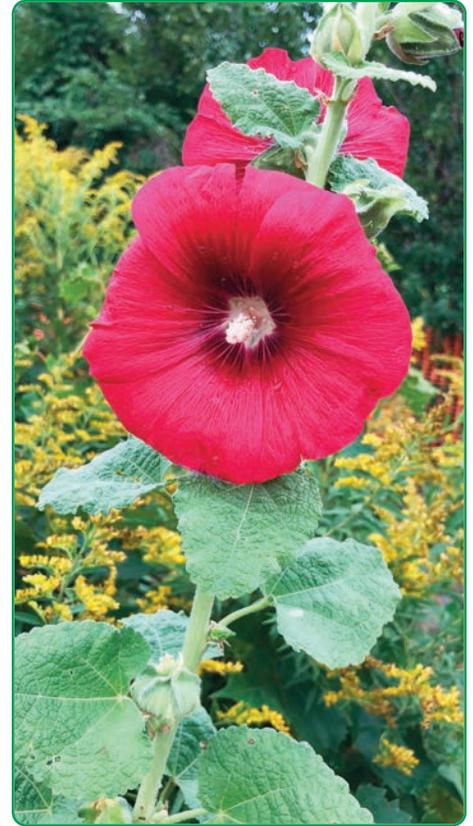
Next deadline: **October 3; delivery begins October 19**

September

- Sun 16** **Catch the Wave Kids' Ministry** launches at 11 am Mass. St. Ignatius.
Terry Fox Run. See page 3. Strathearn Park. 11:30 am-3 pm.
Labyrinth Walk, Wadsworth Hall. MW United. 2-4 pm.
Fall Festival with pets. *Préville Band, Arashi Daiko* drummers, BBQ and more! Bring your pets! Strathearn Park. 3-7 pm.
- Mon 17** **MW Horticultural Society** presents Sheena Swirlz on the art of the terrarium. Non-members, \$5. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.
- Tue 18** **Yom Kippur begins.** See page 12.
- Wed 19** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
Alpha course begins. St. Ignatius. 6:30-8:45 pm.
- Thu 20** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
- Mon 24** **Deadline for water meter readings**
Échéance pour la lecture des compteurs d'eau
- Wed 26** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.
MoWest Reads and Arts Alive! Québec presents three authors: Jocelyn Parr, Phyllis Rudin and Cora Siré with a live musical performance from *Sin and Swoon*. Public Library. 7:30 pm.
- Sun 30** **Native Trees Walk** led by Louise Chênevert. Cost \$10. Info: Mtltreewalks@gmail.com. Meet at Town Hall. 10 am.
Blessing of the Pets. MW United Church lawn, weather permitting. 1 pm.

October

- Sun 7** **Harvest Festival.** Eucharist and lunch. St. Philip's. 10 am.
Native Trees Walk. See September 30.
- Mon 9** **IODE meeting.** Community Centre. 2-4 pm.
- Sun 14** **Native Trees Walk.** See September 30.
- Mon 15** **Horticultural Society** presents Lisa Mintz on the Falaise St. Jacques. Admission \$5 for non-members. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.
- Tues 16** **Scouts' Food Drive for NDG Food Depot.** Continues on Wednesday evening.
- Sun 21** **Native Trees Walk.** See September 30.



A beautiful hollyhock on the laneway beside the railroad. Photo by Julia Ross.



This photo of a pileated woodpecker was taken by William Eekhof outside his front door on Ballantyne North across the hump.



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