



Photo: Cathy Wood

William Tyler: Remembering the “Good Old Days”

by Maurice Krystal

We met at the *Pâtisserie* and he was there before me eating a pastry for which the café is famous. “Probably not good for me.” he said with a smile. He drove in from the senior’s residence in DDO. At the end of the week he’s going to Ottawa, there and back on the same day. He’s 92 and he says he still enjoys driving and it will be a big disappointment when he will have to give up his licence.

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Bounchan Her and Paul Kenton

Photo: Madi Mantha

A generous tale

When **Paul Kenton** and his wife **Madi Mantha** of Brock North left for Vietnam and Laos in March 2018, little did they know he would come back with a small village under his wing.

Paul and Madi intended to visit their daughter, **Maya**, who was studying for a term in Singapore, and stopovers in Hoi An, Vietnam and Luang Prabang, Laos were planned. While staying in Luang Prabang, Paul, who is a retired college professor, let it be known at the hotel that he was interested in contacting a few “science nerds” in

secondary school who might be interested in coding some simple physics computer applications. As word circulated among the hotel staff, he met and befriended one employee, **Bounchan Her**, who came from a remote village in the hills 36 kms west of Luang Prabang.

The friendship continued after he and Madi returned home, and once Bounchan started sending photos of his village, Phoumieng (Fah-meeang), it became clear that it was in need of some help.

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Bounchan explains the equipment



Photo: Noi Her

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William Tyler

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William (Bill) Tyler is quite the raconteur, telling me one story after another about his family's long history in the Town. Bill was born in 1926 and raised in NDG on Patricia Ave., two blocks away from 32 Brock Ave. where his grandparents resided. There was an empty field between the two homes. Grandfather was employed as the stationary engineer running the steam powered generating plant on Bedbrook Ave. Electric power came to MoWest in 1900. Power was on for late afternoons and evenings only. In the mornings and nights residents were in the dark.

His Grandmother's two sisters, **Eva** and **Margaret Rogers**, lived on the third floor of the Brock residence. They owned the adjoining home but rented it out. Eva was somewhat mentally challenged but had a phenomenal memory. When the Town Hall burned down in 1910, she was hired to reconstitute the records from memory.

Bill's dad, **William Grant**, also an electrical engineer, inherited the house on Brock in 1938. This house, built in 1889, is one of the earliest houses in what was originally called Montreal Junction and first sold for \$440.

Summer jobs

Bill remembered his summer jobs in MoWest. One was for a local tailor who gave him three cents for a delivery and 10 cents if it was over a mile. He didn't like it because the tailor shop was a claustrophobic space that smelled of cigars. The man seemed to eat them rather than smoke them and he was always spitting.

Then there was the summer he shelved books for the Westmount School Board and the job of night clerk at the Westmount YMCA. In those days the Y branch had boarders and he catered to their needs.

Streetcar named... Westminster?

The streetcar from downtown stopped at Brock and Sher-

brooke and if you wished to proceed farther to Westminister as far as Parkside, you had to purchase an extra ticket for one cent. When he went to McGill to get an electrical engineering degree, he went by train and during the war years a book of 50 tickets was \$3.75.

A little scandal?

And talking about trains, it seems the President of the CPR at the time had a secretary named **Ruth** who lived in MoWest. Rumour was she might have smiled once in her life. She took the train daily to work and saw the friendly conductor **Kelly** allow a regular passenger on board without a ticket. Word got to the President and Kelly was told to obey every rule of the CPR, which meant no deferred payments. Now it seems that Miss Ruth had a dog that she took to work every day and it stayed under her desk. Kelly kicked her off the train because no animals were allowed. Bill swears this is a true story.

Love strikes!

While still at McGill, Bill met **Joan Almond** who lived on Ballantyne S. exactly 1160 paces from his house. Joan's parent's house was built in 1888 and is probably the Town's fourth oldest home. They married in 1950 and moved into an apartment near St. Joseph's Oratory. He worked at *Electric Tamper* which produced motors.

Meanwhile, his sister **Roberta** began dating his college buddy, **Muir Wood**, and they married in 1955 and moved

into 32 Brock when their mother died in 1967. They are still there and have three children, **Steven**, **David** and **Cathy**.

Bill loves to socialize and belongs to a group of seniors named the Romeos. He smiled and quickly added that it stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out. The group has been in existence for over two decades and there have been 15 burials. Over the years some brought their wives and now the group is mixed.

Bill lost his wife six years ago. Together they raised six children, **Rob**, who now resides in Victoria, BC, **Don**, in Kamloops, **Sandra**, in Texas, Greg, in Ottawa, **Judy**, in Calgary, and **Crystal**, in Florida. As well there are 26 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

We were talking about favourite songs of the past, and Bill said that he and Joan loved *Starlight* by Hoagy Carmichael, and Fats Waller's *Your Feet's Too Big*, when the topic of church involvement came up. How one goes from one topic to the next is sometimes wonderfully mysterious.

Bill became very involved with the Verdun LaSalle Baptist Church leading Bible study sessions and would even preach a sermon when called upon. He said he came to the Lord in 1952. There are a few pastors in Bill's family. One of his sons, Don, became a pastor and just retired and his son is also a pastor in Washington State, as well as **Sandra's** husband in Texas. Bill recently stopped giving sermons saying he's noticed that lately he's stuck for words. He's not stuck for words telling stories of the past. I felt he could go on for many more hours.



BAHQ: Fonds Conrad Poirier

A generous tale

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Phoumieng is home to approximately 400 Hmong people living in about 40 houses. In many ways, the village is quite primitive by western standards. Wood is burned for cooking and to provide light inside the houses, but releases a lot of particulates, and doesn't allow children to easily read or do school work at night. No connection to the country's power grid is anticipated in the foreseeable future.

A rudimentary primary school is available for children 5 to 8 years old.

Villagers sustain themselves with basic farming, and surplus rice and some animals are sold to generate income. Poorer families have difficulty getting by; there are no overweight villagers. And some families can't afford school fees – which are \$7.50 per year.

Work outside the village generally demands skills that few villagers have. The tourism industry is booming in Luang Prabang (a *UNESCO* heritage site), but requires knowledge of English which only one villager, Bounchan, has.

Improving life and education

Villagers are eager for improvement in four areas: installation of small solar generators to provide LED lighting in each house, improving the school including adding a few more grades and teaching English both to the students and young adults, developing more efficient agricultural practices to earn additional income and improving the water supply and sanitary facilities.

As of early January, just over \$10,000 has been raised which is enough to complete the electrification part of the project. The final shipment of solar gen-

erators reached the village on January 17. Photos of the shipments and installation are posted on the website and Facebook page along with some interesting descriptions of village life.

While plans are being made for improvements at the school and the teaching of English, more efficient cooking stoves, which reduce wood consumption between 18 to 39%, and costing a mere \$8 each, should reach the village before the end of February.

Want to help?

Paul is very pleased with the response the project has generated, but more can and will be done with the help of generous people. Readers can learn more about this village and follow the progress of the project at laos-village-project.com, or on Facebook at "laos village project". The GoFundMe campaign is titled: laos-village-project.

Anyone interested in contributing ideas, information, or expertise will be most welcome.

from Brian Benedetti



Photos by Bounchan Her:

(top right) Village folk feeding the pigs;
(middle right) Village school grades 3 and 4;
(bottom right) Pa Her and son Leng

Why go vegan?

This new year, I've heard a few people say that they've come up with a set of monthly goals, hoping to challenge themselves to live a more healthy, more green, or more interesting lifestyle. This has inspired me, as well as two other members of MoWest's *Environment Advisory Committee*, to go vegan for the month of February.

Going vegan means eliminating a large percentage of the products we use and consume in our day-to-day lives. So why do it?

The meat and dairy industry is one of the earth's biggest sources of greenhouse gas. A vegan diet would reduce not only greenhouse gases, but global acidification, land use and water use. Raising farm animals to produce the amount of meat and dairy products that we consume today requires an enormous amount of crops and water. The less of these products we consume, the more land is free to either be given back to the wildlife it originally belonged to, or to grow grain. If the same amount of land used to raise farm animals were used instead for grain, many more people across the globe could be fed.

Of course, the most common reason for going vegan seems to be to protect the furry, feathery and scaly creatures of the earth. Though we can all likely agree that steak is delicious, we MoWesters seem to have an especially strong love for animals. I can't walk from my house to the train station without meeting at least five dogs on my way. Isn't it a little strange that we get to decide which species are eaten on the daily and which ones sleep next to us every night?

Vegan food available on Westminster

So how can I make my life – and maybe the life of a few others – a little bit easier as a vegan living in MoWest? Though I've never been vegan for more than a couple days, I have been vegetarian for the last three-or-so years. Almost every place that sells food on Westminster offers vegan options. These include *Lafrenaie*, *Pochiche*, *Montreal Crepes and Dumplings* and *Kammy* (with over six vegan options). Many vegan products, including great meat substitutes, can be purchased at the *Quality Fruit Bowl*.

I'm hoping that my friends and I will enjoy and decide to prolong this "challenge." I plan to eventually write an article on the experience. If you either already are vegan or have decided to become vegan, please email me at haley.clarke@gmail.com and tell me about your reasons for it or experiences with it!

*from Haley Clarke-Cousineau
Environmental Action Committee*

in memoriam



Frederic Phendler

1922-2018

Fred Phendler was a long time resident of MoWest who died at Ste Anne's Veterans' Hospital, just three months after the death of his wife **Muriel**.

Fred graduated from MoWest high and, while serving in the Canadian Navy and studying through correspondence, McGill in 1948. He practised as a chartered accountant until he retired in 1986. He and Muriel travelled the world when they were not enjoying their time with the family or working and maintaining his tree farm in the Eastern Townships.

Condolences are extended to **Ron (Del)**, **Dave (Cathy)**, **Doug** and **Greg** and their families.

IODE

Card party fundraiser



...is right around the corner! Join us on Friday, February 22 from noon to 3 pm at the Town Hall in the Music Room. Your 10\$ ticket includes a light lunch. Join us for a cheery afternoon. For tickets, please call **Janet** at 484-2783 or 481-6523.

What does IODE stand for? Interested, Organized, Determined, Energetic! IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

Would you like to join us? We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm at the Community Centre. Coming meetings are March 12 and April 9.

Any questions? Please call **Janet King** 481-6523 or **Nadine Fenton** at 485-9127. Follow us on Instagram @iodehmsvictory.



from Nadine Fenton



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The evolution of parks and open spaces in Montreal



Located between a majestic river and a forested mountain, Montreal has a magnificent network of parks, squares and public landscapes thanks to a succession of mayors, councillors, pressure groups and brilliant designers. At the next meeting of the Horticultural Society, retired professor of Landscape Architecture at the Université de Montréal and author of *Landscape Architecture in Canada* (2014), **Ron Williams** will present an overview of the evolution of Montreal's parks and open spaces. He will touch on the vast green park of Mount Royal, central squares in historic districts, the Botanical Garden, as well as contemporary spaces.

Please join us for what promises to be an interesting evening on Monday, March 18, 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. Admission is \$5, or \$20 for 2019.



January 10, our speaker was The Honourable **Marc Garneau**, MP for NDG Westmount and Minister of Transport. Marc joined the navy in 1974, became a captain in 1986 and left the navy in 1989. He started training at NASA in 1992 and became an astronaut later that year. In 2001 he became president of the *Canadian Space Agency*. He has been a member of parliament since 2008.

Marc did not come to talk politics with us, but rather about an experience that he undertook 50 years ago when he was 20 years old. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean with twelve others on the HMS Pickle a 59-foot yawl not to be confused with a ketch. (The difference is the placement of the masts.) *The Pickle* was a Canadian Navy training ship built in 1934 and captured from the Germans during World War II. The boat was entered in a race from Newport, Rhode Island to Cork, Ireland. The ship had a cook along with a skipper and a navigator.

Marc was violently sick on the first leg of the trip from Halifax to Newport. Sailing is very dependent on the wind and manual labour. It is back to the basics with very primitive equipment and they encountered some violent weather. They used a wide variety of sails, including jibs. These sails are very important and their use has to be optimized. The crews worked in shifts and rotated in and out 12 hours on 12 off. They did not win the race as the lighter boats were much faster. It took them 20 days to cross



the Atlantic; the winning boat did it in 17.

Marc said you see some amazing things out on the sea. After Cork they went on to London and they opened up London Bridge so they could get through. They went on to France, Netherlands, Germany and Denmark. At that time, he did not think he would ever be in space; however, Marc remembers the Moonwalk in July of 1969 around that time and looking at the moon as he was awestruck by the technology. Marc promised that if re-elected he would come back and give us his space talk next time.

Coming Rotary event

Lobsterfest – Saturday, June 8

Your attendance brings good speakers and good fellowship. If you know a local business person, please ask him or her to be a speaker and to attend a meeting.

The *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* is always looking to embrace new members. If you are someone who wants to give back to your community, city, country or the world, *Rotary* is an excellent way. *Rotary* is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service and helps build goodwill and peace.



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from Doug Yeats

Mini outdoor soccer

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- Little Strikers: born 2015 (4 years old) 1 x week Early Bird
- Micro soccer: Born 2014 and 2013 (5-6 years old)

Boys' and girls' regular outdoor soccer

Starts Saturday, May 4 (weather/field permitting)

Born 2012 + Ages 7-15 (2 x week)

REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 11.

Mandatory soccer evaluations at Soccer-plexe Catalogna April 13 and 14.

Women's outdoor soccer

For women 18+, coached by **Greg Macgregor**, 1 x week

Rugby

Ages U7-U13 players learn basic rugby knowledge and skills from Coach **Susy Binstock**. This program is non-contact for U7-U10. Practice 1 x week and jamborees.

Intercommunity baseball

The intercommunity baseball league features home and away games against other local communities. Players receive full uniforms and qualified coaches teach players all aspects of the game. Children must attend try-outs, beginning April 1 indoors at Royal West Academy and will be run by Concordia baseball coaches and players.

Home and away games on various days; open to MoWest residents only; Ages 9+.

T-Ball

Introduction to the game of baseball through games and fun drills coached by Sportball instructors; ages 3-4 and 5-6; 6 weeks 1 x week.



Introduction to baseball

Players learn the basics of baseball and how to throw, run bases, hit, catch and field; Ages 7-8; Percival Field; 6 weeks, 1 x week

Gymnastics

Spring session: April 1-May 27; Mondays; Elizabeth Ballantyne gym; 3½-5 years old (5:45-6:30 pm); 6-10 years old (6:30-7:30 pm)

MWH hockey news: The Knights are shining!!!

As we approach the end of the 2018-2019 season the MWH Knights are shining at all levels and bringing home multiple banners.

Novice B Knights played in the 28th annual St. Laurent tournament and went to the finals and faced off against the undefeated Titans de Vaudreuil-Dorion on a very snowy Sunday in January. They fought hard in the finals and had a tough third period. The team finished second and brought home a well deserved banner for the team.

The Peewee B Knights led by coaching staff **Jeff Fixman, John Zimmer, Jasen Kisher** and **Steve Haupt** made a statement at the 47th annual Olympique de Montréal Peewee hockey tournament in January. Competition was strong, but with great team play and fantastic goaltending, the Peewee B Knights made it through to the finals and brought home the finalist banner.

SPRING REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1!

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Elizabeth Ballantyne



Making a difference

The Elizabeth Ballantyne School Changemakers have been busy and are organizing more great events for all the students. In February, we will have a friendly competition – challenging each House to collect as many pairs of socks as they can, which will then be donated to homeless shelters.

We recently had a visit from Chris Costello, founder of *Toe2Toe* – an organization that collects and donates socks to be distributed to Montreal's homeless people (toe2toe.org). He explained to the students that it is really important to donate WHITE

socks, as dark colours can mask injury or infections.

The Changemakers want to give the socks they collect to *Dans la rue* and *Chez Doris*. All socks collected will be matched by the partners of *Toe2Toe*.

We will celebrate this initiative with a “sock hop” – an 80s themed dance at lunchtime. The kids will wear funky colorful socks, and the price of entry will be (at least) one new pair of warm white socks. We hope to collect many, many pairs which are so important to homeless people – especially at this time of year!

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Women's programs

T'u B'shvat was a beautiful celebration for the MoWest Jewish women's group. Despite the snow, there was a great turnout. Creating fruit edible arrangements was a fun and tasty way to celebrate the "new year" for trees.

A special thank you to **Samara Perez** for hosting. (To host future events, please speak to **Chaya**.)

Torah and Tea, a weekly relaxing and informative class for women with Chaya Marlow,

takes place Monday evenings 8 pm at the Marlow residence. This class is open to all. No prior knowledge necessary.

Shabbat services

The monthly minyan is still in full swing throughout the winter season, on the first Friday of each month. The singing and tasty Kiddush and sense of community creates the perfect environment to begin Shabbat. We hope you can join us at the next service on the first of March!

Holiday programs

The festive holiday of Purim will be the evening of March 20 until the following evening. Please save the date and stay tuned for an exciting community and family friendly celebration!

This year we get to celebrate Purim Katan (mini Purim) as it is a leap year! Torah class and celebration hosted by **Brian Benedek** at **Imagine Realities** on Monday, February 18.

Tuesday, March 12 at 8 will be the annual pre-Purim class analyzing the holiday from a

Talmudic and mystical perspective. L'chaim will be served to get us into the Purim spirit! Join us as we discover profound depth in this exciting holiday.

Torah classes

A new season of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism will be starting on Wednesday, February 20. To join this class or any of our other ongoing classes, please email info@chabadwestminster.com.

from Rabbi Mendy Marlow

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United against violence

Socio-community officers
Marie-Christine Nobert
and **Vincent De Angelis** will

again hold discussions, called Express Yourself, about intimidation and cyber bullying at Edinburgh, Elizabeth Ballantyne and les Amis-du-Monde schools in February and March. Students in grade five will learn the difference between conflict, violence, intimidation and cyber bullying as well as behaviours to use (intervening without putting yourself at risk, talking about the situation with parents or teachers, etc.) whether they are victims or witnesses and the consequences for the aggressor.

During Police Week in May, one student from each grade five class will be chosen by his classmates for exemplary behaviour and support given to victims or aggressors and will be invited to Station 9's rewards day.

Parents looking for help or information can see video clips produced by the SPVM at spvm.qc.ca/intimidation (French) or spvm.qc.ca/bullying (English). There are four videos to sensitize, inform and better prepare parents to help their child react properly to the situation. Another useful resource is NeedHelpNow.ca that deals with sexual photos and videos, emotional support, how to act with peers, etc.

Unis contre la violence

Les agents sociocommunautaires **Marie-Christine Nobert** et **Vincent De Angelis** animeront encore cette année en février et mars des discussions portant sur l'intimidation et la cyber intimidation. Les élèves de cinquième année des écoles Edinburgh, Elizabeth Ballantyne et Les-Enfants-du-monde apprendront les différences entre conflit, violence, intimidation et cyber intimidation et les comportements à adopter (intervenir sans se mettre à risque, en parler aux parents et enseignants, etc.) qu'ils soient victimes ou témoins et les conséquences pour l'agresseur.

Dans le cadre de la Semaine de la police en mai, un élève par classe rencontrée sera choisi par ses pairs pour son comportement exemplaire et le soutien qu'il apporte aux victimes ou agresseurs. Il sera invité à la journée Récompenses du poste de quartier 9.

Les parents ayant besoin d'aide ou d'information peuvent visionner les vidéos produites par le SPVM à spvm.qc.ca/intimidation ou spvm.qc.ca/bullying. Il s'agit de quatre capsules vidéo diffusées pour sensibiliser, informer et mieux outiller les parents à aider leurs enfants à réagir adéquatement à la situation. Une autre ressource utile : Aidez-moisvp.ca qui traite de photos et vidéos à caractère sexuel, de soutien moral, comment agir avec ses pairs, etc.

Public Library

Lots happening at the library!



It may have seemed like a quiet start to 2019 for us at the Public Library, but we have been diligently working behind the scenes. We have a new web address that is way easier to remember! Our new address is mwpl.ca. Please check us out!

We have over 50 new items to add to our collection this month ranging from Michael Palin's *Erebus* to Val McDermid's *Broken Ground*. You can see all the new items online at "new items click to see more" on the home page.



On Friday, March 1, we will be hosting our first Montreal West Reads event for 2019. It will be an evening of *Poetry and Chocolate*. The poets **Greg Santos, Cora Siré, Blossom Thom** and **John Emil Vincent** will read and discuss their work and we will be serving chocolate! The doors will open at 7 pm.

True story



On March 20 at 7 pm we are hosting a very special presentation by Dr. **Robert Drummond** on *Tommy Thompson's War*. Here is a brief description of the night's event:

Donald Edward Thompson was just 20 years old when he became a prisoner of war in Germany. He grew up in MoWest, at 127 Wolseley Avenue and attended Elizabeth Ballantyne and MW High prior to enlisting in the RCAF in 1941. He trained as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner in the Wellington bomber and was shot down while returning



from a bombing raid on Dortmund, Germany. Of the five crew, only three survived the attack. "Tommy" and two others successfully parachuted to safety.

Come and get a glimpse into his wartime experience. Refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 7 pm.

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March Break activities

Monday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 6, between 1 and 3, come to watch *The Magic School Bus* and join us for some cool hands-on science activities (6 years +). On Tuesday, March 5, we will have fun creating a paper craft between 11 and 12, (3 years +). The movie *Trolls* will be shown on Thursday, March 7 at 6 pm, for the whole family to enjoy. On Friday, March 8, we invite children for an artistic experience where they can learn about the Cubist artists and make a paper cubist mask between 1 and 3 (6 years +). Please call to register your child before March 3.

3D printing demonstration

Printing three dimensional objects is an intriguing and fascinating thing! How does a 3D printer work? What material are the objects made of? The answer to these and any other questions you may have, will be given by an animator from NDG's *MKR-LAB*, who will bring a 3D printer and demonstrate how they work. Save the date (March 16, 1- 3 pm). Registration: \$3.

Book club

Our next meeting will take place on February 22 at 7 pm and the book we will talk about is *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. Set in the early years of the Taliban regime, this novel for middle readers explores the harsh realities of life for girls and women in modern-day Afghanistan. If you are interested in participating in this book club, please contact the library to register.

Défi Lego

Le 2 février dernier, les passionnés de *Lego* ont mis leurs capacités à l'épreuve. La bibliothèque est devenue le champ de bataille d'une compétition amicale entre deux équipes de spécialistes en construction de blocs *Lego* ! Ces participants très motivés devaient relever trois défis : construction à partir de cartes-indices; montage d'une structure en 60 secondes et création du projet de leur choix, utilisant le contenu d'un verre de plastique rempli de blocs *Lego*. Cet événement permettent de démontrer leur créativité, leur ingéniosité et leur dextérité ! Bravo et merci pour votre participation!





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Montreal West Scout Group



Annual fundraiser!

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Beavers

After decorating their Beaver Buggies, the Beavers invited friends and family members to come to watch the races. Extra Buggies were borrowed from former Beavers so that the visitors could take part also. While the track was being assembled, the friends were introduced to a few Beaver terms such as "Riverbanks," "Build a Dam" and "Feed the Beaver". **Lightning (Nancy)** organized a relay race and then we all cheered as the Beaver Buggies zoomed down the tracks. After closing everyone received a Beaver Buggy badge as a souvenir.

"Bring a Friend" was extended to the following week where everyone was placed into lodges to practise skits and cheers. We gathered around our indoor fire for our presentations along with some campfire songs. **Belle Hibou (Tara)** baked some s'more cookies to share. Yum, yum! The first weekend of February is our annual winter camp. This year was at Camp Notre Dame de Fatima on Île Perrot. It was a mighty cold weekend, but we kept busy snowshoeing, hiking and tobogganing.

from Karen Johnstone

Cubs

The Cubs recently celebrated the investiture of some new members of the Pack in a

Noah Leroux and Ella Gerrie-Wilson brave a snow storm to play broom ball with their fellow Scouts at the arena



Photo: Clare Redman

traditional ceremony that descends from the founder of the Scout movement, Lord Baden-Powell. The investiture is significant because it marks the beginning of a journey for our new Cubs. The Cub Scout program encourages the development of youth in areas of active and health living, values and citizenship, respect for the environment and creative expression. An important component of the new Canadian Path approach to Scouting and Cubs, is the development of leadership skills, and making sure that the Cubs are involved at all stages of planning the activities of the Pack.

Cubs can be a great way for kids to develop skills for outdoor activities.

The Pack went to Murray Hill Park for a great evening of tobogganing on January 30. This built upon the work we have been doing on Winter Skills badges, which focus on how to be comfortable and safe when having fun in the out of doors. Cubs go to overnight camps in each of the four seasons. On the weekend of February 1, the Pack went to winter camp at Notre Dame de Fatima. Camps are a great experience for the Cubs. They give the kids the chance to experience a variety of outdoor adventures with the whole group, building their confidence and independence. We are also excited that the Pack will be going to an indoor climbing wall facility in the spring. They are learning a variety of outdoor skills now that should help them explore their interests and



Photo: Jessica Lonardi

Ian and Nico on horseback

point them in the direction of a healthy and active lifestyle to carry into adulthood.

from Andy Chapman

Scouts

The Scouts have been keeping busy in the snow and finalized their winter camp. They will be staying at Camp Kinkora from March 15 to 17 which thankfully offers heated cabins, but they will nonetheless be cooking and conducting activities outside.

The freezing winter hike at Angrignon Park was a shock to the Scouts and they learned the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. Scouter **Alex** consolidated this in the hike debrief meeting the following week with an outdoors session on camp packing and how to properly layer different types of clothing. The Scouts then made their meal plans for the camp in their two patrols, the Blurry Buffalo and West Wolves.

MW Scouts are delighted to welcome a new scout to the Troop, **Josh Guan**, who will be staying with the West Wolves patrol. For their final meeting of January, the Troop had great fun at the Arena where they had the chance to play outdoor broomball. A dozen Scouts braved the windy snow storm for an hour of games, before rewarding themselves with a round of hot chocolate. The hike, broomball and outdoors games are great practice for the winter camp in March and prove the Scouts' ability to make the most of any situation.

from Clare Redman

Guiding



Photos: Christine Downey

Centre de plein air Notre-Dame-de-Fatima winter camp in L'Île-Perrot

The joys of winter camping



Girl Guides
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du Canada

The MW Girl Guide units are part of the larger Monklunds District which stretches from our community out to Rosemount. In January, a very successful District winter camp was held at Centre de plein air Notre-Dame-de-Fatima in L'Île-Perrot.

There were 49 girls registered for the camp, 18 of whom were from our community! We had 11 leaders to keep a watchful eye over the young ladies.

The weekend was perfect weather wise. It was cool and sunny the weekend of January 25-27. The girls all arrived Friday night so they had a chance to get to know the other girls in their cabin before heading off to bed. The next day was full of activities. The girls left their cabins at 8 am to walk up to the main building for breakfast.

Snowshoeing

The Sparks and Brownies spent the morning hiking in the woods on snowshoes. It was a bit icy at first, but once they made it into the wooded area, it was much easier for them to walk.

And tubing!

While the younger girls were snowshoeing, the Guides and Pathfinder's were off exploring the tubing hill. They wanted to make sure it was safe for the younger girls to use in the afternoon. The run was fast, but safe and FUN! The older girls even tried to make chains of five or six girls going down all at the same time. There were many screams of delight as they zoomed past the leaders who were on the sidelines making

sure everything went off without a hitch.

The younger girls stayed outside until lunch time. The older girls had a short stint inside where they made mini snowshoes out of plastic canvas as a hat craft.

After lunch, the two groups switched activities. In the late afternoon, both groups came together in a large meeting hall to enjoy a series of round robin activities where the girls learned more about animals native to our area. Some of the round robin stations included making a hat craft reference guide for ten common animals in Quebec, tracing out animal tracks on a large piece of paper, designing their own winter animal on wooden doll dowels and reading stories or engaging in puzzles, racing rock "snails" in slime. The time passed quickly and the group was off to dinner.

Night scavenger hunt

After dinner the girls went on a scavenger hunt. They needed to use black lights to help find the "glow in the dark" cupcakes which had UV beads attached to them. There were four different colours, one for each patrol. The black lights helped the cupcakes glow against the snowy winter backdrop and were also used to charge the beads. Once the beads were charged, a regular flashlight was able to determine the colour of the bead. The girls had great fun with this adventure!

Following the scavenger hunt, there was a very nice outdoor campfire and then bedtime. The younger girls slept without any difficulty. The older girls had some quality quiet time in their cabin before calling it a night.

Packing up

Sunday morning many of the girls had packed before breakfast. After breakfast, those who had packed helped those who had not packed to get all of their things together. The cabins were all vacated an hour before the camp requested. Quite an accomplishment when most of the girls are under ten years of age! This gave the girls an extra hour of tubing or playing in the snow before gathering together for our final group activity. In the common room, the girls formed a large circle, and different girls and leaders took turns reading different passages of the Jan Brett story *The Mitten*. The story kept everyone's attention!

After lunch, we closed our camp. It did not take long for the girls to be picked up and head home filled with wonderful stories to share with their families.

from the Montreal West Guiders



News from the pews

St. Ignatius of Loyola

There's lots of new stuff going on for teens at St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Ongoing opportunities

All year long, for anyone 12-18 years, we have a series of activities Thursdays which we're calling "IgNation" (get it?). IgNation is a free, fun and welcoming space for teens where they can discover the love of Jesus and build authentic friendships.

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Next: The **Dinner Program** takes place from 5:30-6:45 pm. Sit down with friends, enjoy a (usually hot!) meal and then lend a hand to clean up for IgNite which takes place right after. (Although IgNation is meant to be free, donations are truly appreciated!)

Finally: From 7:30-9 pm, the highlight of the evening! **IgNite** is your chance to freely explore life's big questions. IgNite begins with prayer or worship, then a talk/activity followed by small groups and discussion.

How to sign up? stig.ca/ignation. Follow IgNation on Instagram! @ignation_youth.

Special this spring: Youth Alpha!

As you may know by now, our parish sees the Alpha program as an inspiration for all of us as we try our best to be good people. Everyone has questions about life, and Alpha is a comfortable way to explore and grow.

Youth Alpha, for teens in grades 9-12, will take place Monday evenings starting

March 25 until June 10 (excluding April 22). A typical evening runs from 6:30 to 8:45 pm and includes an awesome dinner, a talk and a discussion.

How much is it? There's no charge to attend Alpha, though we ask a suggested optional donation of \$7 for each meal.

How to sign up? stig.ca/youth-alpha.

St. Philip's

Lent begins on March 6. Our Ash Wednesday service of Communion with Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7:30 pm. On Tuesday evenings in Lent, our in-ministry student, **Tyson Rosberg**, will be leading a Lenten series. Details are not yet available as of press deadline, but you can call the office for more information. The first session will be Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 pm.

Our annual mid-Lent pancake brunch, cooked and served by the Men's Fellowship, is Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 am (immediately following the 10 am Eucharist). All are welcome for a delicious meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs and ham and for the warm fellowship. Tickets are available by calling the church office (481-4871) or at the door.

MW United

...the brick one

Weather gotcha hibernating?

You could be forgiven if you have stayed indoors more over the course of this winter. However when the weather goes on for a while, it can stir the pioneer in us making us get out some, rather than stare at the same four walls. The church is a "warm" place to head for when a change of pace,



when some new ideas and thought patterns would be welcome. Keep it in mind. Sundays, 10 am.

Can we whist you away?

If you enjoy card fun, consider coming to the next military whist, Friday, March 29, 7 pm. You don't have to know how to play, as it becomes clear as you go. Come with a table of four, a partner or find one once you arrive. All are welcome, but please reserve ahead. (Call **Barbara**, 483-3210 or email, mwucoffice@gmail.com.) Dessert buffet at 7. Cost is \$8 per player, with proceeds supporting our active Sunday school program.

What's that in the corner? ...The Music Café you say?

While we share refreshments after church, in the corner of Wadsworth Hall, the last Sunday of the month, you will find some good folk with guitars and stuff sharing gentle familiar music. So we visit some then drift over and join in the familiar choruses or provide some percussion as we wish. As they get to the oldies and goodies, the crowd grows and the enthusiasm mounts. A fun way to end our time together.

Coming Labyrinths

Sunday afternoon, February 24 between 2 and 4 is the next walking meditation. While snow fell copiously the night of our last walk, there were those who mushed their way over and had a worthwhile and peaceful time, proving you never know who will come or how many. But come, they do. You may as well also. Tuesday March 26, 7-9 will be the next evening go. All welcome. Socks and slippers please, but no cost.

There are many ways to feed the soul that offer us balance in our busy world. May you find your way or ways toward peace.

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Town Council meeting: January

by Carol Foster



The Mayor announced that he had recently met with two government officials and felt that both meetings were productive. The first meeting was with the federal Minister of Transport, **Marc Garneau**. The Mayor used that meeting to concentrate on the most pressing need of the Town, which is security at the level crossing. Mr. Garneau agreed to seek more information about the situation from CP officials.

The second meeting was with the new provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs, **François Bonnardel**, to discuss many general topics related to this portfolio. He found the discussion to be both frank and promising.

The Mayor added his opinion to the discussions swirling around the Royalmount project. He was unequivocal in his support for the demerged municipality of the Town of Mount Royal to make decisions concerning its own community without intervention by the City of Montreal.

First question period

Requests for the Town's support of two different proposals were made by two different residents. A preference for modular classrooms as a problem solver for the overcrowding at Edinburgh School was described eloquently by a parent whose child attends that school. The solutions the school has been presented with by the EMSB were to either establish a "junior campus" or leave the situation as it is, and neither was felt to be satisfactory by the petitioners. The Mayor replied the decision is in the hands of the school board and the only thing the Town can support is a discussion of the options.

The second request was for the Town's support of a petition being circulated in

Hampstead recommending that sports events such as the Tour de l'île should be used to raise money for charities. The Mayor and several council members were reluctant to support this proposal because it was felt that, although they would like to see money being raised for charity, it should not be an impediment for participation.

A Wolseley resident complained vigorously about the lack of speed in the recent snow-clearing process, compared to Côte Saint-Luc. He was also critical of the fact that there were no reflectors in the curb extensions and felt the parking regulations on Wolseley needed revising. The Mayor challenged the resident's first assertion, **Councillor Feeney** explained that reflectors get damaged and there was an agreement that the parking situation would be looked into.

Councillors' reports

It was **Councillor Ulin's** pleasure to announce the launch of the Town's new website. She described the ease of obtaining information, filling out forms, registering for activities and applying for permits as some of the new features. She urged everyone to explore, enjoy and give feedback on this improved addition to the Town's communication efforts.

Tax season is keeping the office staff in the Town Hall busy, according to Councillor Feeney. A summary of the Town's 2019 budget can be viewed online, and the payment of property taxes is divided into two instalments. The first is due on February 21 and the second on May 23.

The public meeting held to discuss improvements to Westminster resulted in suggestions for some minor changes such as seating, greenery and signage, with a goal to develop a more coherent look to the street; approval is expected by the end of February.

More changes will have to wait until some roadwork requirements are completed.

The recent extremes of fluctuating weather conditions have kept Public Works staff under a good deal of pressure and **Councillor Torres** thanked them for a job well done. She explained the many challenges that weather conditions present in the snow removal process and added that water main breaks and potholes also become more of a problem due to weather extremes.

Councillor Mazzone announced that a new PSO, **Anthony Pagliuca**, has completed his training and that the Public Security staff assisted Public Works with snow clearing by towing cars that were impeding the process.

He then recounted another type of assistance recently rendered by a Public Safety officer, **Clifford Jordan**, who, seeing a fire truck with lights flashing on Ainslie, stopped to investigate. He found an elderly woman suffering from cardiac arrest and a distraught home attendant who had been caring for her. Officer Jordan was asked to take the attendant to the hospital while the emergency personnel performed CPR on the woman. After fulfilling this request, he returned to the home to ensure the doors were locked once everyone had gone.

Second question period

Another request was made for the Town's support of the proposal to have the cycling event become a charitable fundraiser. Although Council's response did not change, Councillor Mazzone offered to draft a statement which will then be discussed.

And another request was also put forward for the Town's support of the petition being signed by many people involved in the dilemma of the overcrowding in Edinburgh School. Again, the Mayor explained the Town could only support a discussion. After being told there was to be a public meeting to hold such a discussion, he wrote down the date and stated he would attend the meeting if possible.

The question concerning the possibility of having the Council meetings videotaped to provide wider access to the proceedings was raised again. In addition, a request was made for the webpage to provide more up-to-date minutes of Council meetings as well as providing the meeting's agenda in advance. Councillor Ulin took note of these suggestions.

During this second question period, Council also heard unhappiness expressed about the increase in property taxes, the tax payment schedule, the snow removal methods, damage to garbage cans and trucks removing snow early in the morning and consequently impeding traffic.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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Réunion du Conseil : janvier

par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher



Le maire a fait part de deux rencontres productives qu'il a eues avec des représentants gouvernementaux. Lors de la première, avec **Marc Garneau**, ministre fédéral des Transports, il a focalisé sur le besoin le plus pressant de la ville, soit la sécurité au passage à niveau. M. Garneau tentera d'obtenir plus d'information des autorités du CP.

L'autre réunion s'est tenue avec le nouveau ministre provincial des Affaires municipales, **François Bonnardel**, et a porté sur plusieurs sujets généraux en lien avec ce portefeuille. Les discussions ont été franches et prometteuses.

Le maire a ajouté son opinion aux discussions entourant le projet Royalmount. Il soutient sans équivoque la municipalité reconstituée de Mont-Royal quant à sa capacité de décider pour sa propre collectivité, sans l'intervention de la Ville de Montréal.

Première période de questions

Deux citoyens ont demandé que la Ville appuie deux propositions distinctes. Une mère dont l'enfant fréquente l'école Edinburgh a éloquentement décrit sa préférence pour des classes modulaires afin de régler

le surpeuplement à cette école. La CSEM a présenté deux solutions, l'ouverture d'un campus « junior » ou laisser la situation telle quelle; les pétitionnaires n'ont jugé aucune des deux satisfaisante. Le maire a répondu que la décision relève de la commission scolaire et que la Ville ne peut qu'encourager la discussion sur les choix.

La deuxième demande souhaitait l'appui de la Ville à une pétition circulant à Hampstead, recommandant que les événements sportifs comme le Tour de l'île devraient servir à recueillir des fonds pour des charités. Le maire et plusieurs membres du Conseil se sont montrés réticents à appuyer cette proposition; même s'ils aiment bien l'idée de ramasser des fonds pour des œuvres caritatives, cela ne devrait pas être un empêchement à la participation.

Un résident de Wolseley s'est plaint vigoureusement de la lenteur lors du récent déneigement, comparativement à ce qui s'est passé à Côte Saint-Luc. Il a aussi critiqué l'absence de réflecteurs dans les avancées de trottoir et il croit que l'on doit revoir les règles de stationnement sur Wolseley. Le maire a contesté la première affirmation du citoyen, la **conseillère Feeney** a expliqué que les réflecteurs se font endommager et il y a eu accord quant au réexamen de la situation du stationnement.

Rapports des membres du Conseil

La conseillère Ulin a pris plaisir à annoncer le lancement du nouveau site Web de la Ville. Elle a décrit la facilité de s'informer, de remplir des formulaires, de s'inscrire à des activités et de demander des permis parmi les nouveautés. Elle a incité tout le monde à explorer, évaluer et donner son opinion sur cette amélioration à l'effort de communication de la Ville.

Selon la conseillère Feeney, la saison des taxes tient le personnel de l'Hôtel de Ville occupé. On peut voir un sommaire du budget 2019 de la Ville en ligne et le paiement des impôts fonciers se fait en deux versements, un premier le 21 février et l'autre le 23 mai.

La réunion publique tenue pour discuter des améliorations sur Westminster a amené des suggestions de changements mineurs, comme des bancs, de la verdure et de la signalisation, visant à développer un style plus cohérent; l'approbation est attendue avant la fin de février. D'autres changements devront attendre l'exécution de certains travaux routiers.

Les récentes fluctuations extrêmes de la météo ont maintenu la pression sur le personnel des Travaux publics que la **conseillère Torres** a collectivement remercié pour un boulot bien fait. Elle a expliqué les nom-

breux défis que posent les conditions météorologiques aux procédures d'enlèvement de la neige et a ajouté que les bris d'aqueduc et les nids-de-poule deviennent plus problématiques dans ces circonstances.

Le **conseiller Mazzone** a fait savoir qu'un nouvel ASP, Anthony Pagliuca, avait complété son entraînement et que le personnel de la Sécurité publique appuyait les Travaux publics en remorquant les véhicules qui gênent les opérations de déneigement.

Il a ensuite relaté un autre type d'aide rendu par l'ASP **Clifford Jordan**. Ce dernier a aperçu un camion de pompiers, tous gyrophares allumés, arrêté sur Ainslie et est allé se renseigner. Il a trouvé une vieille dame en arrêt cardiaque et l'aidante qui prenait soin d'elle, plutôt ébranlée. L'on a alors demandé à l'agent Jordan d'amener l'aidante à l'hôpital tandis que les premiers répondants exécutaient des manœuvres de réanimation pulmonaire sur la dame. Par la suite, il retourna sur les lieux pour s'assurer que les portes étaient bien verrouillées après le départ de tout le monde.

Seconde période de questions

Une autre demande d'appui de la Ville pour la proposition de faire du Tour de l'île un événement caritatif a été formulée. Bien que le Conseil n'ait pas changé sa position, le conseiller Mazzone a offert de rédiger une déclaration qui serait ensuite discutée.

Et une autre demande était adressée au Conseil pour son soutien de la pétition signée par de nombreuses gens impliqués dans le dilemme de surpopulation à l'école Edinburgh. Encore une fois, le maire a réitéré que la Ville ne pouvait qu'encourager la discussion. Après qu'on l'eut informé qu'une telle rencontre était prévue pour justement tenir cette discussion, le maire a noté la date et déclaré qu'il y assisterait si possible.

On a à nouveau soulevé la question de l'enregistrement vidéo des réunions du Conseil pour offrir un accès plus large aux débats. De plus, une demande fut formulée pour que le site Web affiche des comptes rendus plus récents des réunions du Conseil ainsi que l'ordre du jour des réunions à l'avance. La conseillère Ulin a pris note de ces suggestions.

Au cours de cette deuxième période de questions, le Conseil a aussi entendu du mécontentement concernant l'augmentation des taxes foncières, le calendrier des versements, les méthodes d'enlèvement de la neige, les dommages aux poubelles et les camions de déneigement tôt le matin qui nuisent à la circulation.

La séance fut ensuite levée.

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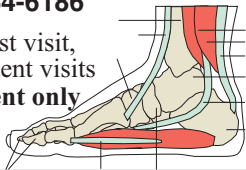
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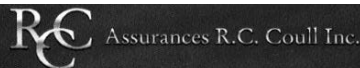
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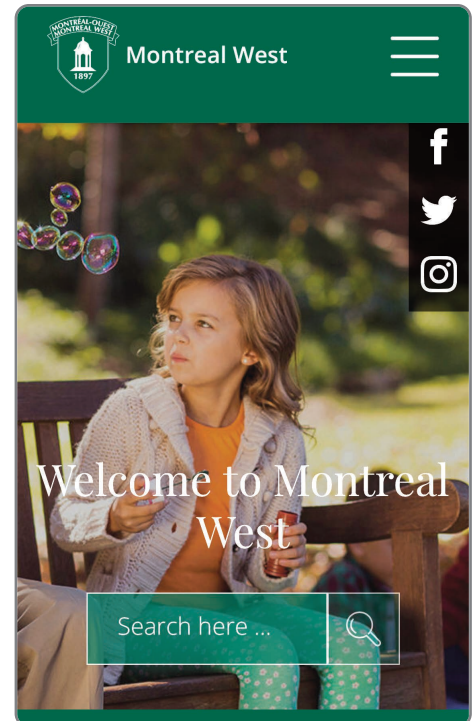


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March Break Madness

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Early bird price until February 2. Full week: \$195 resident / \$205 non-resident; daily fee: \$50 resident / \$60 non-resident

After February 2, full week: \$220 resident / \$230 non-resident; daily fee: \$55 resident / \$65 non-resident

Daily animation, art and crafts, games and more! Extended care available until 5:30 pm.

Monday: *Generation Pound* with *V-Fit Pro*

Tuesday: Mardi Gras with the *Music Hive*

Wednesday: *Margo and Victore Fafoin* by *Théâtre Berlué*

Thursday: Trip to the LaSalle Aquadome

Friday: Pizza making and film: *Mune and the Guardian of the Moon*

Call for more info: **484-6186** or montreal-west.ca.

Rock & Roll Dance Party

Vintage Wine is coming to Town. Join us Saturday, April 6 at 7 pm at the Town Hall (Assembly Hall, upstairs). Tickets: \$15 in advance available online or at the Community Centre: \$20 at the door. Cash bar. Bring your dancing shoes! Call for more info: **484-6186**.

Cotton Tail Party

Sunday, April 14
2 pm, Town Hall

Egg hunt, crafts, face painting and a magic show by **Fredo the Magician**. Cost: \$10 per child/ \$12 for non-residents/ \$15 at the door. Tickets available online or at the Community Centre.

Early bird for spring programs – until March 1

Children and youth programs: Call or sign up online montreal-west.ca.

Total Body Weight Bootcamp

Total Body Weight Bootcamp is designed to test your body's limits. Our boot camp workout combines a fast pace with bodyweight exercises for a routine that's designed to blast fat and tone muscles without the use of equipment. This class will keep you motivated and see you achieving your goals.

Join **Sule** on Mondays (7 pm) and/or Thursdays (7:45 pm) for an intense and fun class at the Edinburgh school gym. To register please call **484-6186** or register online at montreal-west.ca.



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St. James Literary Society

Wine tasting event

Saturday, March 2

1:30 pm

Held at St. Jax Montreal, (formerly the Church of St. James the Apostle), Bishop and Ste. Catherine West, this wine tasting event will be led by **Jon Cercone**, the sommelier at the *La Taverne* restaurant in Westmount Square. Conventional, organic and natural winemaking techniques will be discussed.

Free for members of the *St. James Literary Society*, \$20 for non-members.

Reservations are essential: **484-0146**.

COMING EVENTS

Please call the editor: Heather at 489-7022 or

e-mail: montrealwestinformer@gmail.com

Next deadline: February 27

delivery begins March 15

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Mon 18 *Horticultural Society* welcomes John Bland on traditional dry stone walling. Guest fee \$5. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.

Thu 21 **Municipal taxes due** (first installment)
Échéance: taxes municipales (premier versement)
Coffee with the Mayor. Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.

Fri 22 **IODE card party.** Town Hall. Noon-3 pm

Sun 24 **Afternoon Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 2-4 pm.

Mon 25 **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

Mar

Fri 1 **Poetry and Chocolate.** Public Library. 7 pm. Please RSVP mwlib.requests@gmail.com.

Sat 2 *St. James Literary Society.* Wine tasting event led by Jon Cercone, the sommelier at La Taverne restaurant. \$20 for non-members. Reservations essential: 484-0146. St. Jax Montréal, Bishop and Ste. Catherine. 1:30 pm

Fri 8 *Montreal West-End Operatic Society* presents opera, Broadway and folk songs at Café Mariposa. Enjoy an evening of song and dinner. \$10 cover. 5434 Côte Saint Luc Road. 7 pm.

Tue 12 **IODE meeting.** Community Centre. 2-4 pm.

Tue 12 *St. James Literary Society.* Dr. Gabriel Leonard of the Montreal Neurological Institute, will discuss Cognition and Aging: the Ugly, the Bad and the Good. \$12 for non-members. Reservations: 484-0146. John Simms Community Centre. 7:30 pm.

Mon 18 *Horticultural Society* presents Ron Williams on the evolution of parks and open spaces in Montreal. Non-members \$5 or \$20 for 2019 membership. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.

Wed 20 *Tommy Thompson's War.* Please RSVP mwlib.requests@gmail.com. Public Library. 7 pm.

Thu 21 **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.

Mon 25 **Open House** at *Le jardin d'enfant Curzon Creative Pre-school.* Drop in or RSVP (489-7860). 9-11:30 am.

Mon 25 **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

Tue 26 **Evening Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 7-9 pm.



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