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by Maurice Krystal

For some reason I thought I would be interviewing an 11-year-old writing prodigy, but I have reached the age where I write things down, but then forget to look at my agenda book. (I'm probably guilty of ageism). The woman I met at the door was somewhat older than a preteen. Our email correspondence gave no hint at the person's age or even gender. Pat's only unusual stipulation was that there would be no photographs taken, except of the books itself. After many years of interviews for The Informer, this was a first.

As a youngster Pat spent almost one academic year at the Montreal Children's Hospital. She required surgery and was in a contraption that rotated her body so she spent four hours staring at the ceiling and the next four at the floor. After that she was in braces and had to move about in a wheelchair and finally she had to relearn to walk. It was this experience that taught her to appreciate the kindness of people and to have compassion and understanding of others. At Vanier she gravitated towards the health sciences. For the next 20 years she worked in the health profession.

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Pat Nicholson:

A children's author hidden in our midst



Photo: Pat Nicholson

Jonathan Halliday

Jonathan Halliday is 18 years old and you've most likely seen him around Town. More recently, you may have spotted him working and volunteering with the CRA's soccer program, either on the field, in the gym or at events such as Santa's Breakfast. Jonathan has been a MoWest resident since he was three, went to elementary at Edinburgh School and worked at the Children's Library. He is currently attending John Abbott College, studying in graphic and web design – what a commute! Jonathan has also been a part of the MoWest Scout group since he was six and is now a Rover Scout, helping out where he can with the yearly fertilizer drive and other events.

Over the past two years, Jonathan has fallen in love with triathlon, a multi-disciplinary sport hinged on swimming, biking and running. He is currently racing in the sprint distance races and has participated in many races in and around Quebec.

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Photo: Halliday



Photo: Julia Ross

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Musical Thursday

The annual Musical Thursday will be held on May 16 at 1 pm in the MW United Church. An intimate one-hour piano and voice recital featuring **Lauretta Altman**, piano, and **Jonathan Monro**, classical pianist, actor, composer/lyricist and clas-

sical vocalist. Tea and treats afterwards. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Extra Miles Senior Visiting Program matches volunteer visitors with isolated seniors in MoWest and NDG for weekly visits. Suggested donation \$20. For information or assistance to attend, please contact **Tracie Swim** at 482-3210 or extramiles.senior@gmail.com.

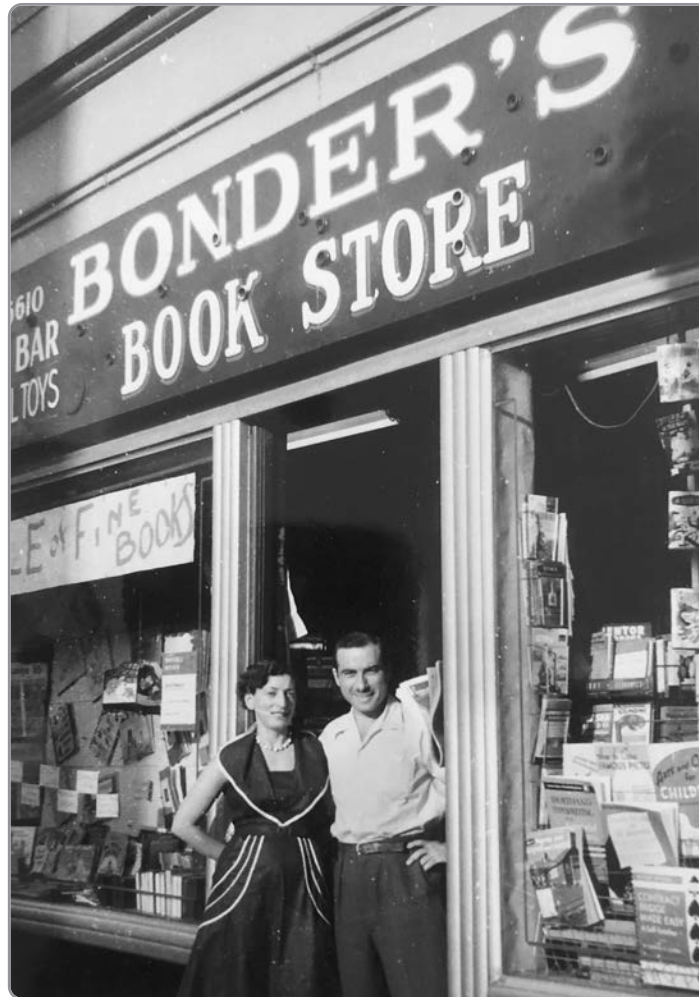


Photo: Brian Benedetti

Bonder's Bookstore: the passing of Abe Bonder

by Maurice Krystal

Bonder's Bookstore had its origins in 1953 in a cramped space next door to the Outremont Theatre on Bernard Ave. (Today it is the box office of the theatre.) **Abe Bonder** and his wife, **Sala**, didn't just sell books, they talked to their customers and discussed socialistic, humanistic and counterculture ideas and philosophy. He was an educator and it didn't matter your age, when you entered his store he treated you with respect.

According to his sons, **Arieh** and **Ely**, their father's aim was to create a universal, secular, scientific, humanistic, socialist society. He loved to debate with his clients and sons and encouraged freethinking. Some authors he carried, like Marx, Engels, Luxemburg, Buber, Arendt and Chomsky as well as Yiddish socialist papers, still involved some risk during the last years of McCarthyism and the Duplessis government in Quebec.

Abe grew up in the Plateau in the same place and era as

Mordecai Richler. He joined Zionist-Socialist groups and planned to settle in Palestine. During WWII he joined the air force and became a mechanic. He was sent to Europe and in Hanover met his wife to be, **Sala Solarz**, the sole survivor of her extended Polish family, who was working in a displaced persons' camp for those individuals who survived the Holocaust. He had to return to Canada, but he soon went back and they married in Paris. In 1947 they settled in a newly-formed Kibbutz a year before the establishment of Israel.

A few years later they returned to Canada and in order to make a living and raise three children (a daughter **Ricky** was born in Canada and died at the age of 51) and to still find a means to express the idealism that he never lost, Abe opened up the tiny store beside the Outremont Theatre. A few years later, they moved a few blocks and rented space next to *Steinberg's* on Bernard Ave.

In 1984 *Steinberg's* wanted the space to enlarge their store and the Bonders were not interested in moving. That's when they sold the business to Irving Fransblow, a brother-in-law to Ely. Abe retired and the business moved to Monkland Ave. and Sala Bonder continued working there for a few years. She passed away in September of 2008.

Not all Abe's idealism was lost on the bookshelves of just words. His legacy lives on through Kibbutz Ein Dor, which he helped found and still thrives, and it lives on in Weisbord Acres, a small, tight community in the Larentians near St. Hippolyte. This February 25, in his 97th year, Abraham Bonder peacefully passed away.

After 10 years in NDG the store moved to Westminster and has been part of the community for the past 25 years and the name and the legend continues.

Jonathan Halliday

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Jonathan raced in the Montreal Esprit and Montreal International Triathlon. This summer he qualified to join Team Canada's age group racers at the 2019 Triathlon World Finals in Lausanne, Switzerland. This trip is not only an amazing sporting opportunity, but also a great opportunity for him to represent Canada. Now with a goal race in mind, he is dou-

bling down, along with his coaches, on his training; the majority of which takes place at the Côte Saint-Luc Aquatics Centre and around Montreal West. He tends to run in the streets around Strathearn and the arena, rain or shine, winter and summer. You might spot him running by this spring with a blue pompom on his tuque – don't hesitate to say hello and feel free to join him!

Part of Team Canada

In order to be a part of Team Canada for this amazing sporting event, Jonathan has to plan for a lot of expenses. From

flights, Triathlon Canada and uniform fees, race registration, hotels and even the luxury of flying his own bike along! The MoWest Scout Group and **Jon Wiersma (Rusty)** have agreed to help him with his fundraising goals.

If you have any means of helping him through this trip, either with Aeroplan Miles, left-over Swiss francs from a recent trip or any other support, it will be truly appreciated! Don't hesitate to contact Jonathan at jonathan.halliday@mail.com for more information or stop him if you see him around Town. He'd be happy to chat!

Photo: Halliday



Empty Bowls 2019

Help support food security while enjoying a bowl of tasty soup in the hand crafted bowl of your choosing to keep! \$25 cash at the door; for kids, soup only, for \$5.

Sunday April 14, 11-3 pm
The Depot Community
Food Centre, 6450 Somerled



Fashion bazaar, the Big Deal

The *Grannies for Good* a chapter of the *Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign* of the *Stephen Lewis Foundation* is holding a fundraiser of new and slightly used women's clothing and accessories Saturday, April 27 from 10 am-4 pm at the Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve west corner Landsdowne. Contact person: **Miriam 488-9763**.



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An environmentally friendly activity

April 28, Town Hall



Got any clothes you're looking to get out of your closet? Want a green way to add some nice "new" items to your wardrobe? Join us at the Town Hall for our big clothing swap on April 28! This is the perfect way to exchange your unwanted clothes for items you'll love.

Here's how it works:

- The swap begins at 1 pm and will end at 4 pm. Early drop off time: 11 am
- There's a 2\$ entrance fee which will help fund a green project organized by the Environment Advisory Committee. Additional donations may be made to this cause.

The number of bags of clothes you

bring in is the number you can take home. If you want to buy additional items, you can add an extra bag for a very low price; so even if you have nothing to bring, you might find yourself leaving with a whole wardrobe!

- Make sure all clothes, shoes, and accessories you bring are clean and wearable (with no stains or tears).
 - While we sort your clothes, you'll learn about the environmentally-friendly benefits of clothing swaps and enjoy our bake sale (with vegan options).
 - All items left at the end of the swap will be donated to a homeless shelter.
- Still need more reasons to participate? Swapping as an alternative to shopping, helps reduce water consumption, prevents toxic waste from ending up in our water and reduces waste in our landfills.

So come with your friends and swap till you drop!

For further information, please contact clarketrysten@gmail.com.



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DATE: April 26
TIME: 7:00 pm cash bar
8:00 pm showtime
PLACE: MW Curling Club
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Price: \$25/ticket

All profits to benefit the MW Public Library. Tickets available at the library.



Rotary

Michael Laventure

Update on Peru Medical Clinic



Mike (Adventure) Laventure presented us with an update on his Peru Medical Clinic Project at a recent *Rotary* luncheon. Our club has been supporting this medical clinic since 2009.

A Catholic priest originally from the Beauce named **Father Gerald** has been the driving force behind the project. Father Gerald has been in Peru since 1972 and has started many projects there. These include building latrines, wells, schools and lunch programs. In 1974, the population of Pucallpa was 50,000, today it is 600,000. People have been more attracted to the city rather than rural areas both for jobs and security as the Shinning Path Guerrillas, a communist revolutionary organization in Peru espousing Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, have been very active in the rural areas.

Pucallpa is on the Ucayali River in the Amazonian rainforest of eastern Peru. Many people live in poverty and health care is not free. Mike's clinic provides free medical and dental care through small health care clinics twice a year. The money we send goes to the *Rotary* club there and since 2009 we have sent \$30,000 to provide health services. All medical staff provide their services free of charge so our money goes a long way. Father Gerald has branched out into portable water filtration systems and wheel chairs. He has given out 122 wheel chairs over the last couple of years and now has the chairs built in Peru at a cost of \$120 each. He started an eye glass project for children and this year 50 children have been fitted with glasses. Michael hopes that we can keep raising the money needed to continue to provide the needy in Pucallpa with these essential medical services.

Coming Rotary events

**All party debate for federal election
Friday, May 3, 7:30 pm**

**Lobsterfest
Saturday, June 8, 6:30-9 pm**

\$90, 3 lobsters per person; children 6 to 12 years: \$50 (one lobster); children 6 years and under: free (no lobster, access to buffet)

The *Rotary Club of Montreal West and NDG* is always looking to embrace new members. Your attendance brings good speakers and good fellowship.

from Doug Yeats

IODE



After more than 10 years as President of HMS Victory Chapter, **Janet King** has stepped down from her role. She will continue as an active member of *IODE*, carrying on her work as Officer of both Services and Communications. The members of the Chapter are grateful that Janet will stay on to lend guidance and the benefit of her great experience.

Nadine Fenton has assumed the job of President and **Moira Bettinville** has taken on the role of Vice President.

Next month, the members of *IODE* are hosting a bake sale fundraiser Saturday, May 25 from 9 to noon. We will be on the covered porch at 152 Wolseley N.

We will have cookies, cakes, squares and pies. We hope you will join us May 25 to enjoy a selection of tasty treats

Our next meeting is 2 pm, Tuesday, May 14 at the Community Centre.

Any questions? Please call **Nadine Fenton** at 485-9127 or **Janet King** at 481-6523.

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In loving memory of Audrey Squires Morrison

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Audrey passed away in March leaving her loving husband **Irvin Morrison**, her son **Garry MacDonald (Lynne McVey)** and her sister **Joanie Chevalier (Bob)** as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MoWest residents will remember her daughter **Sandra MacDonald**, the former receptionist for the CRA and ever present "Rink Mom." Sandra and Audrey's son, **John MacDonald**, predeceased her.

Audrey had retired from the Montreal General Hospital after a successful career in medical records. Some time during their 45 year marriage, she and Irwin adopted MoWest as their home where they lived a happy life.

A comforting reception encompassing her family and friends was held earlier to celebrate Audrey's life.

The Montreal West community joins in to offer their condolences to all members of her family.

from Lise McVey

Pat Nicholson

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Her writing career began very spontaneously. She was always a reader and keen observer of others. Once, when she saw Shania Twain on TV talking about the breakup of her marriage and she saw the singer's sadness and she wrote a song to cheer her up. But the incident that changed her career was when her 18-year-old daughter went to the fridge and freaked out when she saw a spider. Her daughter had a life-long issue with arachnophobia. That led to the writing and printing of *I Don't Like Spiders But They Seem To Like Me!* She worked with Texas illustrator **Korey Scott** and produced only one copy. But the book proved popular as this is a common phobia, and more copies were printed, sold and donated.

And more followed

There have been five more works produced since then. None were planned out but rather they germinated from personal and/social issues. They involve incidents that happened in Pat's life, and she includes characters she knows in her books. This could be herself in a wheelchair, a neighbour who is in her 90s, a boy wearing a hearing aid, or one with special needs.

While many children's book writers begin with the moral concept they wish to impart, and then build a plot to convey this "lesson," personal incidents initiate Pat's works. She does preliminary sketches and spends many hours conversing with Korey

creating the illustrations as she visualized them.

Pat sells her books on her web site, through vendor shows, *Amazon*, and *Indigo*. The most fun for her is meeting the children and their families. This includes giving readings at elementary and preschools. She loves getting down on the floor with her audience and reading to them. The text rhymes and appeals to the young and young at heart. The colourful artwork draws in the reader or listener. The themes are many: bullying, fears, pride in differences, education, social-emotional learning and being kind to one another. They can be flexibly used with various age groups and they open the doors to self-evaluation.

I wondered why she was "hiding" and she implied that the message of her work was more important than the messenger. We tend to judge people by external factors, such as appearance, gender, age, race and countless other extraneous elements. She wants the books and their message to stand by themselves.

After leaving, I realized I was mentally prepared to question an 11-year-old girl. Would I have "seen" these books differently if the writer happened to be so young? Would I have lost my objectivity? Probably!

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Kosher corner

Purim 2019

Purim in MoWest was celebrated with two megilla reading parties Wednesday night and three more Thursday. A big thank you to **Melanie** and **Steven Schwartz** and family for hosting one of the Wednesday night parties and to the *B'nai B'rith House* for hosting us on Thursday afternoon!

Passover



Passover is approaching quickly starting with the first Seder Friday, April 19 until the last day April 27. Please reach out to **Rabbi**

Mendy or **Chaya Marlow** ASAP if you are looking to join a Seder, or for any of your Passover needs. For everything you need to know about Passover, please visit chabadwestminster.com/Passover.

In addition to the mitzvah of eating matzah on Passover, there is also a pro-

hibition of eating or having any leaven (chametz) in your possession. An easy way to avoid this prohibition is to transfer ownership of any of the leaven in your home for the duration of Passover.

For more about this interesting tradition visit chabadwestminster.com/Chametz.

Special mezuzah offer!

Are you missing a mezuzah on your front door? Thanks to an anonymous sponsor, Chabad Westminister is offering a free mezuzah scroll for your front door while supply lasts! Contact Rabbi Mendy Marlow to receive yours.

Stay tuned for an exciting Lag Ba'omer event for Thursday May 23.

Happy Passover!

from Rabbi
Mendi Marlow



Royal West Academy

ARCHITEK PERCUSSION

Groundbreaking chamber music quartet



The *Royal West Academy Foundation (RWAf)* is delighted to announce that the innovative and groundbreaking chamber music quartet, *Architek Percussion*, will perform a musical presentation entitled *Marimba Plus* at the school at a concert to raise funds for the foundation's ongoing support of Royal West Academy, its activities and its students.

One of the members of *Architek Percussion*, **Alessandro Valiante**, is a graduate of Royal West Academy and the school community is very pleased to welcome him and the rest of the group back for this fundraising event.

The group's appearance is made possible by a grant from the *Conseil des Arts de Montréal Touring Program*.

Date: Monday, May 6

Time: 7 pm

Place: RWA auditorium

Tickets: Adult: \$20; MoWest residents (with proof of address): \$15; students: \$10. Tickets available online at rwaf.ca.

Extra Miles Senior Visiting Program

MoWest United Church's Extra Miles Senior Visiting Program is thrilled to have the opportunity to sit on the *MADA (Municipalité amie des aînées)* Steering Committee and is pleased to be part of the process looking at how all seniors in Town can have a high quality of life.

Extra Miles is concerned with the frail, isolated seniors in our community. Studies and reports confirm connecting with the community and/or someone for friendship and understanding reduces vulnerability and health risks associated with a lack of social support and loneliness. Connections improve quality of life and integration into the community.

Extra Miles provides volunteer-based friendly visits to this population in NDG and MoWest to reduce isolation and to remain in touch with and be part of the community.

In addition to friendly visits Extra Miles is building on its intergenerational practice: Intergenerational Day and Musical Thursday. It is proven linking youth and seniors reduces the sense of isolation, breaks down barriers and stereotypes and enhances the sense of belonging and of community.

Extra Miles working with Town community partners and the West End Intergenera-

tional Network's (WIN) partners continues to raise awareness about intergenerational practice and facilitates and fosters opportunities for youth and seniors to connect with one another for learning, fun and leisure. Extra Miles is fortunate to work with the

Elizabeth Ballantyne and Edinburgh Schools to promote intergenerational events and programs within Montreal West and to help build a stronger community.

For more information please contact **Tracie Swim** at **482-3210** or extramiles-senior@gmail.com.

from Tracie Swim
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Intergenerational planting party at the AGI

In March, grade 3 and 6 students from the school's lunchtime Gardening Club spent a morning planting seeds with seniors at the AGI (Alzheimer's Group) at the corner of Côte Saint-Luc Road and Westminster. This was the second year that this "planting party" was organized between the Garden Club students and participants of the AGI's day program.

The seniors and students spent the first part of the visit chatting and getting to know one another and, after that, the soil, seeds and pots came out and the planting began! In all, 160 seedlings were planted, in-

cluding tomatoes, cucumbers, ground cherries, basil and kale. This year, cucamelons were also planted which generated a lot of interest – they will grow into tiny, slightly sour cucumbers. A portion of the seedlings will be planted in the Edinburgh garden and the rest will be sold by students at the annual Spring Fair as a fundraiser for the Gardening Club.

There was singing and laughter as young and old got their hands dirty. **Lucas**, a grade 3 student, said: "I really liked talking with the seniors and planting with them. Our table was the singing table. They even all sang when we were leaving. I felt like

they were so happy and I really liked talking to them."

The singing seniors also made an impression on **Della**, grade 3: "I had fun there. It was fun to be with **Sidney** and **Leonard**, they sang a lot and shared their stories about their life."

Another grade 3 student, **Ione**, said: "The AGI visit was really fun! I liked how we got to help them garden."

Tyler, also from grade 3, talked about how he was proud to introduce the seniors at his table to ground cherries, his favourite fruit.

Sigrid, a grade 6 student, was impressed by the seniors'

stories: "I think it was awesome! The two people I had in my group had amazing stories to tell, one of them actually showed me his black and white photos."

The gardening activity not only got young and old working together, it opened up a space where memories and experiences could be shared by different generations. Members of the Garden Club hope to keep up the relationship with the AGI participants as the growing season progresses. Many thanks to **Paola Bresba** from AGI for helping us organize this event!

from Joanna Duy



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Izzy Dolls

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This project is comparable to a two way street. While creating these lovable hand-held dolls, the knitter's skills and imagination are set into high gear. Children, in more than 100 countries who may never have had a toy, can imagine that someone somewhere has made something for them.

There is no need to set up a think tank to produce one. Two-ply wool from that multi-colored stash that has been sitting in a cupboard for all those years and away we go mounting 32 stitches. Then purl a row, knit a row for approximately 56 rows. Diminish to form a tuque. Next stage is when the knitter's creative juices come into to play to stuff and sculpt that little darling. A word of caution however; do not fall in love with them or else, as the prospective empty nester knows, one cannot push them out the door.

Here is how the dolls are distributed worldwide by *Health Partners International of Canada*. Medical health kits containing essential medicines are packed for doctors and healthcare professionals so that people can be treated and healed. Rather than securing the medical contents with bubble pack, the dolls are used for this purpose.

Every year the knitters and crocheters provide 12,000 dolls to children in need.

The history of the concept of *Izzy Dolls* and knitting patterns can be found at hpic-canada/izzy-dolls.

from Lise McVey

Children's Library



3D printing demonstration

An exciting visit from the *MKRLAB* let children learn about and compete with a 3D printer! While the machine was printing a small Pokémon figure, the participants were busy assembling cardboard to try to build a Pokémon and understand the way a 3D printer works. After a question period, everyone left the workshop with a small gift – a glow-in-the-dark Pokémon toy printed with a 3D printer!

Intuitive painting

Saturday, April 27, children and parents are invited to try their skills as artists. **Stéphanie Gaudrat** will lead participants through an intuitive painting process, offering a great opportunity to let go of your worries and explore creative expression together. The result is spectacular, and you may be pleasantly surprised at the quality of the paintings you will make and take home. The activity starts at 12:30 pm; for

children 7 years old+ who must be accompanied by a parent; the cost is \$5 per child.

You must call no later than April 25, 7:30 pm, to register.

Journée du livre ; amnistie des frais de retard

Le 23 avril, nous fêtons la journée mondiale du livre et du droit d'auteur. Cette date a été instaurée par l'*UNESCO* en octobre 1995 afin d'encourager la lecture. Pour célébrer cette journée, nous allons faire une amnistie des frais de retard pour tous les livres rendus à la bibliothèque du 23 au 28 avril. Durant cette même période, nous annulerons les frais pour rembourser les livres perdus, si vous vous présentez à la bibliothèque.

Invitation to the AGM

You are cordially invited to our annual general meeting taking place at the library on May 1 from 7:30-8 pm.



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Saturday, Sunday: 8 am - 5 pm

Public Library



The library is having a busy and active spring this year with many illustrious visitors as we continue our MoWest Reads, Writes and Talks series, but

there are some other items that we will need to address. The first and foremost is the library's relocation. As was stated in last month's *Informer*, the Town has decided to sell the library's current location. A relocation committee has been formed from current library board members to work with Town on this project. At the same time, a new group has been formed to help advocate for the library, Friends of Library. Please feel free to contact the library for more information on either of these groups.

The library will be using *The Informer*, the library newsletter and website to keep everyone up to date.

New membership offerings

The library had decided at the end of last year to update our membership offerings. The biggest change is to now offer a household membership to all MW residents at the rate of \$35 per household. This allows for all household members to have borrowing privileges. The library will also hold its first membership drive in September. So, for those of you who use to renew your membership in the spring or summer, the library will now be renewing all memberships in September.

What you might have missed!

We had three wonderful events at the library this past spring. We had an evening of poetry Friday, March 1 and we had Dr. **Robert Drummond** and **Ian Thomson** present *Tommy Thomson's War* on March 20. Both events were well attended and enjoyed



Dr. Robert Drummond presenting *Tommy Thomson's War*

by all. We also had Giller short-listed author **Éric Dupont** April 11.

Nous avons récemment accueilli **Éric Dupont** pour une présentation de son livre *La fiancée américaine* (« Songs for the Cold of Heart » en version anglaise). Si vous étiez présents, merci encore! Si vous l'avez ratez, rassurez-vous! Nous avons son livre en français et en anglais ainsi que son nouveau livre « La route du Lilas » pour votre plaisir de lecture.

Coming events

April 17 at 7:30 pm, the library will host a panel of local environmental groups and businesses discuss the reasons for their involvement in their respective organizations. Come and get involved or learn ways in which we can help. Climate change does not have to be only our children's issue – we can all help!

April 26, the library is hosting a comedy night in our neighbourhood. Like to laugh, but don't want to go downtown? Walk over to the curling club for a night of laughs at the *Laughs for the Library*. **Joey Elias** along with three comics will be performing. Tickets are \$25 and available at the library. Get your tickets early as there is limited seating.

May 14 at 7 pm, the library's writing group: Everyone has a story to tell. A dozen writers gather every second Tuesday to give feedback and help each other find their voice. Come listen to six new writers (**Pat Hardt, Kathleen Brouillette, Kim Darlington, Carolyn Dick, Trish Hewat**) give a brief presentation of their prose/poetry in the library. Following the readings, a discussion will follow and writers will answer questions about their work and what the writing process is like.

Friends of the MoWest Public Library mission statement

The Friends of the MW Public Library was initiated on March 18 under the direction of library volunteer **Giuliana Pendenza**. Working with the Town, the library board, residents and the library members, we wish to advance our mission: advocating for the best interests of the library.

First among these is location. Plans are afoot to move the library to an unspecified new site, potentially to demolish the existing building, to eliminate the adjoining John Simms Park and replace all with a mixed-use commercial/residential complex. Friends of the Library ask if this is indeed the best course. The Town's own architectural plan states: "All undertakings on a building that contributes to the historic character of the Town should give precedence to conservation and authenticity over replacement and imitation." As the library forms part of the official Westminster "Institutional Area," should precedence not be given to renovation and conservation rather than replacement?

If moving must take place, Friends of the Library believe an alternative location for the library must be selected and confirmed before the sale of the current location occurs and that the public must be involved in the determination of that new site. The Public Library began in a local church basement many decades ago. We cannot risk regressing 50 years and housing the library for "three to five years" in a similar space. Moved or renovated, either way, the library must be accessible to all residents.

Culture should form part of the MoWest Urban Plan, as currently it does not. The Public Library stands as the main cultural hub of the Town. It must remain that way. Fact: what made Finland one of the happiest countries in the world? "Finns take community seriously.... Boosting community is the motivation for a growing trend in Finnish cities – reinvigorating libraries." – National Post, March 21, 2019, "How is Finland so Happy?"

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MAYOR'S REPORT

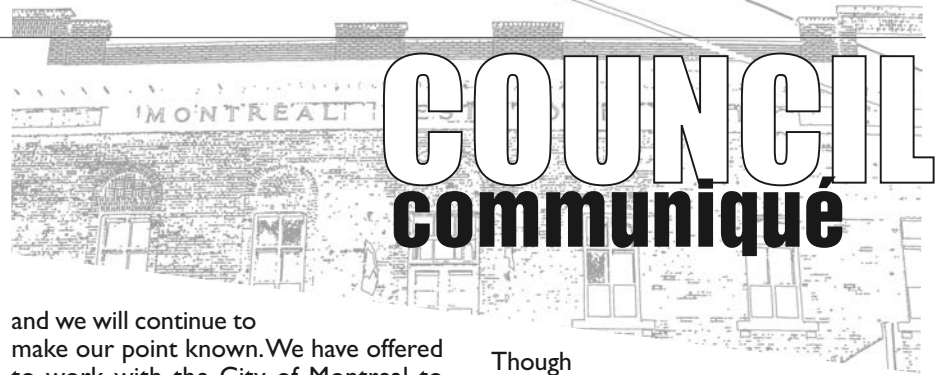


Quebec Bill 21

On Thursday, March 28, the provincial government deposited their Bill 21 that deals with religious neutrality.

Regardless of your opinion on the matter, as the Mayor of Montreal West, I have a very serious reservation about the bill's infringement in municipal affairs. More specifically, according to the proposed law, certain municipal employees would be barred from wearing overt religious symbols and clothing. For example, peace officers and town clerks would not be allowed to wear a kippah, a hijab, a cross or a turban while at work. Personally, I fail to see how an employee wearing one of those symbols would be biased while exercising his or her duties. Is the Public Security Officer less competent because he's wearing a turban? Is the Town Clerk somehow imposing her religion on the public because she's wearing a hijab? That's simply ridiculous.

I've publicly stated that I cannot abide by that aspect of the law. My fellow mayors in the Association of Suburban Municipalities are in agreement on this point



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and we will continue to make our point known. We have offered to work with the City of Montreal to present a common position on this matter that represents the whole island of Montreal – including presenting a joint brief with them during the commission hearings on this Bill.

Infrastructure work 2019

As I mentioned in one of our Council meetings in December, we have been accorded a grant of \$1,020M to undertake infrastructure work on Wolseley Avenue North (between Radcliffe and Edinburgh) and Crestwood. At our March Council meeting, we awarded a contract in the amount of \$3.1M to undertake the work on both streets this summer. The work will entail complete reconstruction of both sections: water main, sewers, road foundation, sidewalks and road surface. The lowest conforming bid is about 12% less than our estimate for the work.

Though reconstructing both streets in one summer is a big nut to crack, I believe we need to continue our infrastructure work at a steady pace. It's not sexy, but it needs to be done. And, coupled with the problems we have with potential sewer cross-connections in the sector, I believe tackling both streets immediately is the only environmentally responsible thing to do. As always, we will hold an information session for the affected residents before the work begins.

Coffee with the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor will take place on **Thursday, April 25** and **Thursday, May 23**, from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Community Centre.

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YES, MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES



Want to add between 5% to 18% to your property value with a single step? It's simple. Plant a tree. Or better yet, request a tree planting by the Town's Public Works department.

It seems incredible, but it's true. Study after study has shown that having a mature street tree in front of your home markedly increases its curb appeal. A Quebec City home buyer study showed this to be true especially in upscale "leafy" neighbourhoods – like Montreal West.

So what could that 5%-18% bump in property value translate into here? A whopping \$30,000 to \$120,000 for a \$675,000 Montreal West home! Of course, those figures represent the value added by a fully mature street tree. So, if you don't already have one, get one planted immediately. Even if you're thinking of relocating in 5-10 years, the addi-

tion of a tree now will certainly enhance your eventual selling price.

You may be thinking, "That's crazy! There's no way a tree can add that much value." But just step out your door and picture your street without its trees. Like the Quebec City study indicated, people move to places like Montreal West largely for the green street appeal. New developments may offer cheaper housing stock, but their streets are devoid of character and the comfort provided by a beautiful tree canopy.

Manicured lawns and well-kept flowerbeds also add to a home's attractiveness, but have much less of an effect on actual property value. This makes sense, since prospective buyers can easily install a new lawn or flower bed, but a mature tree takes years to develop and is recognised as an irreplaceable asset.

Of course, we MoWesters love our gardens, and sometimes resist planting trees for fear of shading the flowers. But there

are plenty of slow-growing options like oaks and hawthorns that will take years to cast prolific shade and ultimately add tremendous value to your property.

Every spring and fall the Public Works department selects a number of public domain locations that require street trees to maintain our healthy green infrastructure. If you get a Town letter indicating your address has been selected for a street tree, you'll get a choice of 3 species to pick from. If you don't get a letter but would still like to have a tree in front of your home, head to our website and fill out the Tree planting form (located under *Public Works > Trees*). The Town will assess your front lot and, if possible, plant and maintain a tree for its lifetime. And you'll reap the benefits!

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WHERE DOES ALL YOUR ROOF WATER GO?



Although Montreal West has been undertaking major infrastructure renewal for the past ten years, many of our stormwater and wastewater pipes still date back several decades, and in some areas of town, the pipes are combined into a single system. Increased rainwater runoff can therefore lead to sewer overflows and potential flooding.

In order to mitigate this, Montreal West has a regulation in our Building Bylaw (article 2.1.7) stipulating that rainwater off a sloped roof cannot flow directly into the Town's sewage system. The provision has been in effect for years and is similar to regulations in most municipalities. There is an exception for flat roofs which generally have interior downspouts.

Simply put, the gutter downspout from a sloped roof should exit onto the exterior of your property, rather than flowing into your home's drainage system which empties directly into the Town's sewers. In addition, when draining to the exterior, it is preferable that roof water flows onto your lawn, where it can be partially absorbed by the soil instead of flowing full-force into the sewer system.

Strain on municipal sewers

The reason for the bylaw is to help alleviate overflowing of the municipal sewer system in the case of severe storms when the large amount of water flowing into the sewage system in record time can cause the sewer to back up. The problem has become increasingly frequent in today's world of climate change. We have seen flooding in many North American cities, often caused by the backflow of the sewer system which could not handle the onslaught.

Diverting downspout water

In order to manage this backflow risk, the Town has been doing inspections and asking residents who have illegal drains to correct them. Luckily, the correction is a simple fix. Flexible downspout extensions costing less than \$10 are available at most hardware stores and can be attached to your downspout to reroute the rainwater onto your lawn. In addition to downspout extenders, self-coiling diverters or drainage trenches can be used to redirect the water from the roof to infiltrate the soil. Just make sure to direct the water at least 1.5 meters from your building foundation, without negatively impacting your neighbour's property.

In addition to diverting the rainwater away from the sewer system and preventing flooding, redirecting it towards your landscaping will hydrate the soil, cut down on your need for watering, and better preserve your vegetation during dry spells.

Take a look at your roof drainage system and correct it if necessary. Inspections will be continuing throughout the Town and residents are liable for fines if the situation is not corrected within the stated time frame.

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RECOVER AND REUSE ROOF RAINWATER



Following this month's report written by my colleague, Councillor Colleen Feeney, entitled "Where does all your roof water go?" I would like to add to that conversation.

As we all know, the climate is rapidly and sometimes drastically changing. Nowadays, summer weather can switch on a dime from a dry spell to a downpour. These dynamic conditions cause a slew of problems. For example, during a long hot spell the ground's soil loses moisture; it hardens, cracks and ultimately kills the vegetation which can help absorb coming rain. Then, during a large downpour, the water flows even more quickly into the sewer system, causing backups and flooding. Councillor Feeney has spoken about connecting a flexible downspout extension to your existing

unit, but in addition to that I would like to offer a couple other environmentally friendly suggestions that will help mitigate flooding:

1) To deal with dry and compacted clay soils, **redirect the flexible downspout** or self-coiling diverter to a percolating well or drainage trench. This will keep that section of your garden's soil moist for longer periods.

2) Install a **rain barrel** at the bottom of your downspout. Storing rainwater in barrels or other types of reservoirs helps build up a reserve of water which is ideal for watering your flowers, or hand-washing your car and outdoor furniture. In a year, a rain barrel can potentially divert 80,000 liters of roof run-off water from the sewer! It's a win/win! Please give it a try.

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THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING



I am discouraged by what I see every morning as I walk to the MoWest train station. As I navigate crossing streets and crosswalks in our neighbourhood, I see too many motorists – some I recognize as our neighbours – texting and driving or talking on their cellphones. It is really quite amazing that, in spite of several campaigns by police and government officials spelling out the dangers (and consequences) of distracted driving, some motorists simply do not get it. And as a father of three boys in our Town, it greatly distresses me to see drivers be so reckless with their lives and the lives of others. Here are some sobering statistics (Source: CAA):

- About 26% of all car crashes involve cellphone use, including hands-free phone use.
- Estimates indicate drivers using cellphones look at, but fail to see, up to 50% of the information in their driving environment.
- Drivers conversing on mobile devices, either hands-free or hand-held, are up to 4 times as likely to be involved in a car crash.
- Driver distraction is a factor in about 4 million motor vehicle crashes in North America each year.
- Distraction was a factor in nearly 6 out of 10 moderate-to-severe teen crashes.
- Almost half of all people killed in teen distraction-affected crashes were teens themselves.

There's really no excuse. Obey the law. Respect the security of others. Cherish the community that we live in.

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RAPPORT DU MAIRE

Le projet de loi 21



Le jeudi 28 mars dernier, le gouvernement provincial a déposé son projet de loi 21 portant sur la laïcité.

Peu importe votre opinion à ce sujet, en tant que maire de Montréal-Ouest, j'ai une très sérieuse réserve au sujet de l'ingérence du projet de loi dans les affaires municipales. Selon le projet de loi proposé, certains employés municipaux se verraient interdire le port de signes religieux. Par exemple, les agents de la paix et les greffiers ne seraient pas autorisés à porter une kippa, un hijab, une croix ou un turban au travail. Personnellement, je ne vois pas comment le port de l'un de ces symboles affecterait l'impartialité d'un employé dans le cadre de ses fonctions. L'agent de sécurité publique est-il moins compétent parce qu'il porte un turban? La greffière impose-t-elle sa religion aux autres parce qu'elle porte le voile? C'est tout simplement ridicule.

J'ai déclaré publiquement que je ne pouvais pas respecter cet aspect de la loi. Mes collègues de l'Association des municipalités de banlieue sont d'accord sur ce point et nous continuerons à faire connaître notre point de vue. Nous avons



offert de travailler avec la Ville de Montréal pour présenter une position commune qui représente l'ensemble de l'île de Montréal – y compris le dépôt d'un mémoire conjoint lors des audiences de la commission de ce projet de loi.

Travaux d'infrastructure en 2019

Comme je l'ai mentionné lors d'une séance publique en décembre, nous avons reçu une subvention de 1 020 000\$ pour entreprendre des travaux d'infrastructure sur Crestwood et Wolseley N (entre Radcliffe et Edinburgh). Lors de notre séance publique en mars, nous avons octroyé un contrat de 3,1 millions de dollars pour entreprendre les travaux dans les deux rues cet été. Les travaux comprendront la reconstruction complète des deux tronçons : la conduite d'eau principale, les égouts, a fondation de la chaussée, les trottoirs et le revêtement routier. La plus basse soumission conforme est inférieure d'environ 12 % à notre estimation des travaux.

Reconstruire deux rues en un été est une tâche difficile, mais je crois que nous devons poursuivre nos travaux d'infrastructure à un rythme soutenu. Ce n'est pas attirant, mais ça doit être fait. D'un point de vue environnemental, je crois qu'il est important de s'attaquer immédiatement aux deux rues, surtout à cause des problèmes de possibles raccordements inversés dans le secteur. Comme toujours, nous tiendrons une séance d'information avant le début des travaux à l'intention des résidents affectés.

Café avec le maire

Le Café avec le maire aura lieu **le jeudi 25 avril** et **le jeudi 23 mai** de 7 h 30 à 8 h 30 au centre communautaire.

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OUI, L'ARGENT POUSSE VRAIMENT DANS LES ARBRES



Voulez-vous ajouter entre 5 % et 18 % à la valeur de votre propriété avec une seule action? C'est très simple. Plantez un arbre. Mieux encore, demandez au service des travaux publics de la Ville de le planter. De nombreuses études ont démontré que le fait d'avoir un arbre de rue mature devant sa maison augmente considérablement son attrait. Une étude menée à Québec auprès des acheteurs de maisons a démontré que c'était le cas, surtout dans les quartiers huppés, comme Montréal-Ouest.

Comment se traduirait donc cette hausse de 5 % à 18 %? Ce serait l'équivalent de 30 000 \$ à 120 000 \$ pour une maison de 675 000 \$ à Montréal-Ouest! Ces chiffres représentent la valeur ajoutée d'un arbre de rue à pleine maturité. Faites-en planter un immédiatement si vous n'en avez pas déjà un. L'ajout d'un arbre maintenant augmentera certainement votre prix de vente éventuel, et ce

même si vous ne prévoyez déménager que dans 5 à 10 ans.

Vous vous dites peut-être : "C'est de la folie ! Ce n'est pas possible qu'un arbre puisse ajouter autant de valeur." Sortez de chez vous et imaginez votre rue sans arbres. Comme l'étude de Québec l'a indiqué, les gens déménagent dans des endroits comme Montréal-Ouest pour l'attrait de ses rues lignées d'arbres. Les nouveaux développements offrent des unités abordables, mais leurs rues sont dépourvues du caractère et du confort d'une forêt urbaine.

Les pelouses et les plates-bandes bien entretenues ajoutent également à l'attrait d'une maison, mais ont beaucoup moins d'effet sur la valeur marchande de la propriété. C'est logique, car les acheteurs potentiels peuvent facilement installer une nouvelle pelouse ou planter des fleurs, mais un arbre mature prend des années à se développer et est reconnu comme un atout irremplaçable.

Nous aimons beaucoup nos jardins et résistons parfois à la plantation d'arbres de

peur de faire de l'ombre aux fleurs. Ceci étant dit, il y a beaucoup d'arbres à croissance lente comme les chênes et les aubépines qui prendront des années à jeter de l'ombre, et ajouteront une énorme valeur à votre propriété.

Afin de maintenir notre jardin urbain, le service des travaux publics plante un certain nombre d'arbres sur l'emprise municipale au printemps et à l'automne. Si vous recevez une lettre de la Ville indiquant que votre adresse a été sélectionnée pour la plantation d'un arbre de rue, vous aurez le choix entre 3 espèces. Vous n'avez pas reçu de lettre mais aimeriez quand même avoir un arbre devant votre maison? Rendez-vous sur notre site web et remplissez le formulaire (sous *Travaux publics > Arbres*). La Ville évaluera votre terrain avant et, si possible, plantera et entretiendra un arbre pendant toute sa durée de vie. Ce sera vous qui en bénéficierez !

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OÙ SE DIRIGE L'EAU PLUVIALE?



Bien que Montréal-Ouest ait entrepris d'importants travaux d'infrastructure au cours des dix dernières années, bon nombre de nos conduites d'eaux pluviales et d'eaux usées remontent encore à plusieurs décennies et, dans certains quartiers de la ville, elles sont regroupées en un seul système. L'augmentation du ruissellement des eaux pluviales peut donc entraîner des débordements d'égout et des inondations potentielles.

Montréal-Ouest a une réglementation dans son règlement de construction (article 2.1.7) stipulant que l'eau de pluie provenant d'un toit en pente ne peut être déversée directement dans le réseau d'égout de la Ville. Cette disposition, en vigueur depuis des années, est semblable aux règlements dans la plupart des municipalités. Il existe une exception pour les toits plats qui ont généralement des descentes pluviales intérieures.

En d'autres termes, la descente de gouttière d'un toit en pente devrait sortir à l'extérieur du bâtiment, plutôt que s'écouler dans le système de drainage de votre maison, se déversant dans le réseau d'égout municipal. De plus, lorsque l'eau du toit s'écoule vers l'extérieur, il est préférable qu'elle se déverse sur votre pelouse, où elle peut être partiellement absorbée par le sol.

Pression sur les égouts municipaux

La raison d'être de ce règlement est d'aider à réduire la surcharge du réseau d'égout municipal lors de grandes pluies, quand de grandes quantités d'eau en un temps record peuvent mener à des refoulements. Le problème devient de plus en plus fréquent avec les conditions climatiques actuelles. Nombre de villes nord-américaines ont vécu des inondations, souvent causées par le refoulement du réseau d'égout.

Dévier l'eau captée par la descente de gouttière

Afin de gérer ce risque de refoulement, la Ville a procédé à des inspections et a demandé aux résidents qui ont des raccordements illégaux de les corriger. Heureusement, les correctifs sont simples. La plupart des quincailleries vendent des rallonges pour les descentes à moins de 10 \$. Ces rallonges peuvent être fixées à votre tuyau de descente pour rediriger l'eau de pluie vers votre pelouse. Vous pouvez aussi utiliser des dévidoirs à enroulement automatique ou des tranchées de drainage pour rediriger l'eau du toit vers le sol. Assurez-vous de porter l'eau à une distance d'au moins 1,5 mètre de vos fondations sans nuire à vos voisins.

Rediriger l'eau de pluie vers votre aménagement paysager hydratera le sol, réduira l'arrosage et contribuera à la préservation de votre végétation.

Inspectez votre système de drainage de toiture et corrigez-le si nécessaire. Les inspections se poursuivront dans toute la ville et les résidents seront passibles d'amende si la situation n'est pas rectifiée dans les délais impartis.

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RÉCUPÉRER ET RÉUTILISER L'EAU DE PLUIE



J'aimerais rajouter quelques mots à la suite de l'article par la conseillère Colleen Feeney, intitulé « Où se dirige l'eau pluviale ? ».

Comme nous le savons tous, le climat change à un rythme jusque-là inégal. Il n'est pas rare de passer d'un temps sec à une averse de pluie dans un court laps de temps. Ces conditions changeantes causent une multitude de problèmes. Par exemple, pendant une longue période de chaleur, le sol perd de l'humidité, se durcit, se fend et entraîne la perte de végétaux qui aident à absorber la pluie. Lors d'une averse importante, l'eau s'écoule donc encore plus rapidement dans le réseau d'égout, provoquant des refoulements et des inondations.

La conseillère Feeney a parlé de l'ajout d'une rallonge flexible à votre tuyau de descente existant, mais j'aimerais aussi vous offrir

quelques autres suggestions écologiques qui aideront à atténuer les risques d'inondation :

1) Rediriger la rallonge vers un puits percolant ou une tranchée de drainage pour traiter les sols argileux secs et compactés. Ceci gardera cette section du sol humide pendant de plus longues périodes.

2) Installer un baril de récupération d'eau de pluie au bout de votre descente pluviale. Entreposer l'eau de pluie dans un baril ou tout autre type de réservoir vous donne accès à une réserve d'eau idéale pour arroser vos fleurs et laver votre voiture et vos meubles de jardin. En un an, un baril de pluie peut détourner jusqu'à 80 000 litres d'eau de ruissellement du toit de l'égout! C'est gagnant-gagnant pour tous et vaut être essayé !

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LES DANGERS DE LA DISTRACTION AU VOLANT



Je suis découragé par ce que je vois tous les matins alors que je me rends à la gare de train. En traversant les rues et les passages pour piétons de notre quartier, je vois trop d'automobilistes qui utilisent leur téléphone cellulaire. Je trouve étonnant que certains automobilistes ne comprennent toujours pas les dangers (et les conséquences) de la distraction au volant, et ce malgré les campagnes lancées par la police et le gouvernement. En tant que père de trois garçons, j'ai beaucoup de peine à voir les conducteurs faire preuve d'une telle insouciance à l'égard de leur vie et de celle des autres. Voici quelques statistiques qui font réfléchir (*Source: CAA*):

- Près de 26 % des accidents de voiture sont causés par l'utilisation du téléphone, y compris avec la fonction mains libres.
- D'après les estimations, les conducteurs qui utilisent leur téléphone ne voient que 50 % de l'information présente dans leur environnement.
- Parler au téléphone, même en mains libres, augmente jusqu'à 4 fois le risque de collision pour le conducteur.
- En Amérique du Nord, la distraction au volant est en cause dans près de quatre millions de collisions de véhicules automobiles chaque année.
- La distraction est un facteur dans près de 60 % des accidents de la route de gravité moyenne à élevée qui impliquent des adolescents.
- Près de la moitié des personnes tuées dans des collisions causées par des adolescents distraits sont elles-mêmes adolescentes.

Il n'y a vraiment pas d'excuse : respectez la loi et la sécurité d'autrui. Chérissons notre communauté.

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Kub kar race at Royal West Academy. Winners: 2nd - Finnegan Duncan, 1st - James Mackison, 3rd - Winston Li



Beavers

During the month of February, the Beavers democratically chose activities and crafts to do during our rotation weeks. This is part of the new Canadian Path Program where the youth have a say in the activities that they would like to do; of course the leaders are there for suggestions and guidance. They chose building with Lego; learning to use tools such as screwdrivers and hammers; making stain glass cards; creating Love Monsters and cupcake decorating for Valentines. This was all intertwined with games and songs. Our annual night out at the Arena included skating, hockey, searching for frozen treasures and finished with cookies and hot chocolate. In mid-February a few of our beavers and their families attended a special presentation by the *Geordie Theatre Productions* – an activity that we will do again next year.

March focused on active and healthy living along with the introduction to first aid. Everyone created a Ziploc bag of simple supplies such as wipes and bandages. The Colony was introduced to “Citizenship” as they took part in an exciting activity – each child was able to propose a name for one of the three new RCMP puppies. March ended with a night of looking up interesting facts, songs and jokes about their Lodge animals. This was in preparation for our visit to the Ecomuseum in April.

from Jessica Lonardi

Cubs

Our Cub Pack has been busy! The Cubs received their humdrum blocks of pine at the end of February and over the next few weeks transformed them into racing works of art. The big race was held on March 20.

Congratulations go to **James Mackison** for taking first place, second place to **Finnegan Duncan** and third place to **Winston Li**. **Daegan Thun**'s car was the best-decorated.

April begins with the Cubs heading to CEGEP Andre-Laurendeau to do some indoor rock climbing, continues with some spring camp preparation for our trip to Quebec City and ends with our Moving-up ceremony.

Now that spring is here we are going to take advantage of the warmer weather and longer days to spend more time outdoors.

from Todd Stedl

Scouts

The Scouts' biggest event was their two-night trip to Camp Kinkora in March. In preparation, the Scouts had to create a meal plan as a troop, which was a valuable exercise in group communication and negotiation. They learned about Canada's new food guide and implemented it during the menu planning. This taught them the importance of nutrition and a healthy diet, which was crucial for their well being during a busy weekend of camping. A few of the Scouters had to find and buy the food and pack it efficiently.

They had a fantastic weekend of playing games, cooking outdoors and attempting to build a fire in the snow, “using at least 400 matches” in the process, according to troop leader **Nathaniel**. The winter weather was an added challenge, with rain and puddles on

the first day, which was contrasted with snow and wind on the second day. The trip was tiring for some of the newer Scouts, but a great learning experience and one that everyone is looking forward to repeating.

The campsite was shared with another Scout troop, 1st David Thompson from Ahuntsic, who kindly donated food to the 1st MoWest Scouts. They have decided to write a thank you letter on behalf of our troop, to thank David Thompson for their generosity and company.

from Clare Redman

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Cookies!

The traditional cookies arrived right on schedule in mid-March. As girls started to sell the vanilla and chocolate sandwich cookies, there were some customers who were requesting the mint cookies. The leaders did their very best to secure the last few remaining cases of mint cookies in the Montreal area to make sure everyone had their preferred Girl Guide treat.

When you purchase a box of Girl Guide cookies, you are not only enjoying a confection which has been a fundraiser for the past 90 years, you are also supporting Guiding activities in MoWest, Canada and internationally.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support! You are helping to shape the leaders of tomorrow!

Sparks

The Sparks have been having fun learning about special days. For example, did you know there was the Full Worm Supermoon on the Vernal Equinox, International Theatre Day and international Find a Rainbow Day?

These are a few of the special days they have celebrated. Just like snowflakes and people, the different day celebrations come in all shapes and sizes. For the Full Worm Supermoon day, the girls learned of how the celestial bodies work in relation

to one another. For the International Day of the Theatre, the girls made puppets and developed their own plays and presented them to the rest of the unit. For the international Find a Rainbow Day, the girls learned how to break up light in order to see a rainbow. Perhaps this will give them new insight when they see a rainbow in the sky after a rainstorm.

Every week, the girls also participate in themed related games and crafts.

The Sparks program was started 30 years ago. All around the country, there are Sparks units holding birthday parties to celebrate this wonderful milestone. The provincial office decided to host a Spark Jamboree in early May in recognition of the event. With very limited space for the event, our girls were one of the first to sign up for this fun celebration! Our unit will have a party in the fall to celebrate when our particular unit was started.

Brownies

The Brownies are thrilled to welcome a new leader to the unit. **Gina** joined the Brownies in March. She is having a great time with our girls, and our girls love her too!

The Brownies have been working on completing some of the old program badges. This year is a transition year between the two programs. They have also been combining the themes of dancing and dreams coming



Photos: Christine Downey

true. The girls choreographed and led different types of dance activities for the unit to join. Some of the different styles of dance were ballet, hip hop and jazz. They decided to combine these two themes as a lead up to the *Geordie* production of *Reaching for Starlight*.

All Guiding members, and their families, were invited to attend the *Reaching for Starlight* a play of a young woman who believes she has what it takes to land the main solo in the end of year production. She starts to question why her friend is not being treated the same way she is. She questions old

stereotypes and realizes that winning does not always mean coming out on top.

Guides

The Guides have been busy building bridges between their unit and Guide units in Ottawa, ON and Jamesville, WI. The girls have become pen pals with these two groups and are hand-writing these notes and mailing them off to each of the groups. They are eagerly awaiting the responses in the mail! The hope is to visit with the girls from Ottawa. What fun it will be to be able to place a name to a face! Inspired by the time capsule they contributed toward at the provincial Thinking Day sleep-over in February, the girls decided to make a time capsule just for their unit. They have all written notes to future Guides of the 110th unit. The time capsule is hidden in the closet at the church where the Guiding supplies are kept.

Plans are under way for a spring camp being held at the beginning of June at Camp Weredale. This will be the first time our units visit this site. We are all looking forward to the new adventure!

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Skating lessons group at the skating show

Year End Skating Show

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Skaters performed to songs such as *Dancing Queen*, *Mama Mia*, disco remixes and Latin music. There were group numbers as well as impressive solos performed by **Julia Ames**, **Carrie Ann McCarthy**, **Naomi Wark**, **Carloine Dahdah** and **Maya Fu**. Congratulations to all the skaters who did a fantastic job at the performance.

A special thank you to **Beth Bloodgood Ames** for all the homemade costumes and our volunteer assistant coaches for their patience and time. As well, thank you to all the other parent volunteers for all their time and help with the program and the end of year skating show.

Of course the show would not be possible without the many volunteer hours of

Anne Smith. Thank you to Anne for all her hard work and passion for the figure skating program.

Knights hockey

The regular season has come to an end and we are in playoffs. After an 18 game season each team plays in a double elimination playoff round. In addition, there were 4 out of our 13 teams who qualified for the Lac St. Louis Regionals. Congratulations to NVA, PWB, PWC and BTA. What a season for our Knights!

Future Stars finished their season with a pizza party and medals at Legion Rink. Our youngest players have come far this year learning how to skate forwards, backwards and puck handle. We look forward to seeing them back on the ice this fall.

Kings hockey

The Double letter hockey program has also finished their regular season after playing 24 regular season games and played in the regional playoffs. Our PWBB team played in the regional finals and lost 2-1 in overtime in a close battle against Pierrefonds. It was great season for all Westluc Kings and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice in the fall.

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- U8+ coaches' clinic: April 18, 6:30 at RWA
- Micro coaches' clinic: April 11 at RWA
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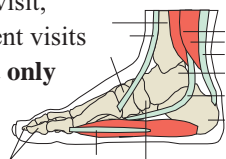
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Town Council meeting: March

by Carol Foster



The Mayor began this unusually short meeting of Council by announcing that it had been decided to treat the major infrastructure work required on both Crestwood and Wolseley Avenue North as a joint project. The work will begin this summer and residents will be invited to attend an information session before the work begins.

First question period

The first resident to speak stated that, as a member of *Les amis du parc Meadowbrook*, he was distressed to learn the City of Montreal had decided to cover, rather than simply divert, the stream that runs through the golf course. **Councillor Ulin** indicated that while MoWest was concerned about the possible pollution consequences in any decision, she invited the speaker to share any ongoing information and let Council decide how it might be of assistance.

This resident also asked about the timeline for the completion of the proposed cross-connected drains study which had been expected a few months ago. The answer came from the Town's Director General, **Raffaella Di Stasio**, who explained that the method being used by the Town was extremely thorough and required a considerable length of time which contributed to the delay.

The next issues to be raised came from two residents both living on Brock South.

A letter directed to the Minister of Transport, concerning the increased noise in that area as a result of the train tunnel being eliminated, was read to Council by one of these residents. The author felt that there had been no consultation and no adequate studies had been carried out before the tunnel was removed, resulting in a huge impact on that neighbourhood. The letter asked for a meeting with the appropriate authorities and members of the community in an attempt to find ways to work together in order to mitigate the noise.

The Mayor felt that the MTQ may already have some plans in the works, such as planting trees in that area. **Councillor Mazzone** added that he understood there was also a budget for these plans.

Continuing traffic problems in that same neighbourhood was the next topic discussed. The question of the removed cement barrier at Brock and Ronald Drive, the removal of a speed bump on Brock South and the consequences of increased traffic due to the development on the site of the old Motel Raphael were all brought up.

The removal of the barrier was probably only needed for temporary access for some work being done in that area, was the

Mayor's explanation. The resolution of the other traffic problems can only be determined once the Town has a firm understanding of what the consequences of the new development will mean for that area so that a comprehensive plan can be put in place.

Councillors' reports

Public Works continued to deal with the removal of ice and snow as well as beginning the spring cleanup and the filling of potholes.

Councillor Torres repeated her desire to see increased citizen participation in the compost collection which occurs every Tuesday.

Councillor Mazzone announced the PSOs had found no need to ticket any contractor dealing with snow removal during the past month. However, 19 vehicles had to be towed in order to remove them from obstructing the snow-clearing process.

Although the incidence of crime was low, there was an electrical fire in a building on Ronald Drive as well as a vehicle collision involving a sleepy driver in one car and two parked cars in the vicinity of Northview and Parkside.

April 26 will be the end of early bird registration for summer activities was the first item in **Councillor Ulin's** report. There have been a lot of applicants for the jobs as camp counsellors, guaranteeing a good selection. Ice activities at the arena will end on April 8, and the annual Volunteer Night will take place the same day. The next Artists' Showcase theme will be "Gender."

Councillor Feeney announced that the audit of the Town's expenses has been completed. She provided an explanation of how taxpayers' money had been spent during the past month and noted that the snow-clearing process continued to be a very large expense. She cautioned residents to get their renovation plans for the coming season into PAC as early as possible and pointed out that the applications for permits can be filled out and submitted online.

Meetings continue with the Town's merchants. Plans to be designated a "senior friendly town" are approaching the next phase which will involve a consultation process.

There were no questions during the second question period and 43 minutes after the meeting began, it was adjourned.

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Réunion du Conseil : mars

par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher



Le maire a ouvert cette réunion exceptionnellement courte du Conseil avec l'annonce de la décision de traiter les travaux majeurs d'infrastructure sur Crestwood et Wolseley Nord comme un projet conjoint. Le chantier s'amorcera cet été et l'on conviera les résidents à une séance d'information avant le début.

Première période de questions

Le premier citoyen à prendre la parole affirma qu'à titre de membre des *Amis du parc Meadowbrook*, il était bouleversé d'apprendre que la Ville de Montréal avait décidé de couvrir plutôt que simplement détourner le ruisseau qui coule sur le terrain de golf.

La **conseillère Ulin** indiqua que même si Mo-Ouest se préoccupe du potentiel de pollution résultant de la décision, quelle qu'elle soit, elle a invité l'intervenant à partager toute information avec le Conseil et le laisser décider comment il pourrait aider.

Le résident a aussi demandé quel était le calendrier pour l'achèvement de l'analyse proposée des canalisations croisées que l'on attendait il y a quelques mois. La directrice générale de la Ville, **Raffaella Di Stasio**, a expliqué que la méthode utilisée est extrêmement minutieuse et demande un temps considérable qui a contribué au retard.

Deux résidents de Brock Sud ont soulevé les questions suivantes.

L'une des deux a lu au Conseil une lettre adressée au ministre des Transports concernant le bruit engendré par la démolition du tunnel ferroviaire. Selon l'auteure, aucune

consultation ni étude convenable n'a été tenue avant l'élimination du tunnel, ce qui a eu un immense impact sur le voisinage. La lettre demandait une rencontre entre les autorités compétentes et des membres de la communauté pour travailler ensemble à réduire le bruit.

Le maire croyait que le MTQ avait peut-être déjà des plans en cours, comme de planter des arbres dans ce secteur. Le **conseiller Mazzone** ajouta qu'à son entendement, il existait aussi un budget à ces fins.

Le sujet suivant concernait aussi les problèmes omniprésents de circulation dans ce même secteur. On souleva alors la question de l'enlèvement de la barricade de béton à l'angle Brock et promenade Ronald, celle de l'élimination d'un dos d'âne sur Brock Sud et les conséquences de l'augmentation de la circulation résultant du développement du site de l'ancien motel Raphaël.

Le maire expliqua que l'enlèvement de la barricade était probablement nécessaire pour permettre un accès temporaire pour l'exécution de travaux. Les autres problèmes soulevés ne pourront être résolus que lorsque la Ville aura une bonne compréhension des conséquences de ce que ce nouveau développement signifiera pour cette zone et pourra mettre en place un plan complet.

Rapports des conseillers

Les Travaux publics ont continué à enlever la neige et la glace et débuté le nettoyage printanier et le remplissage des nids-de-poule.

La **conseillère Torres** a réitéré son souhait de voir une plus grande participation des citoyens à la collecte des matières compostables qui a lieu tous les mardis.

Le conseiller Mazzone a rapporté que les ASP n'avaient pas eu besoin de remettre de constats d'infraction aux déneigeurs au cours du dernier mois. Par ailleurs, on a dû remorquer 19 véhicules qui gênaient le déneigement.

Le taux de criminalité était bas, mais un problème électrique a causé un incendie sur la promenade Ronald, et un chauffeur endormi au volant a percuté deux véhicules en stationnement dans le secteur Northview et Parkside.

La **conseillère Ulin** amorça son rapport en rappelant que la période d'inscription hâtive aux activités estivales se terminera le 26 avril. Il y a un grand nombre de postulants pour les postes de moniteurs au camp de jour, garantissant une bonne sélection. Les activités sur glace à l'aréna se terminent le 8 avril et la Soirée des bénévoles se tiendra le même jour. « Art et genre » sera le thème de la prochaine vitrine artistique.

La **conseillère Feeney** a annoncé que l'audit des dépenses de la Ville était terminé. Elle a expliqué comment la Ville avait utilisé les deniers des contribuables au cours du mois précédent et a fait remarquer que le déneigement demeure une très grosse dépense. Elle a avisé les citoyens de transmettre leurs plans de rénovation pour la prochaine saison au CCU le plus tôt possible et a indiqué que l'on peut remplir et soumettre les demandes de permis en ligne.

Les rencontres se poursuivent avec les marchands de la ville et les travaux menant à la désignation de « municipalité amie des aînés » approchent de la prochaine phase qui impliquera un processus de consultation.

Aucun point n'étant soulevé lors de la seconde période de questions, la séance était levée, 43 minutes après son ouverture.

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Sunday, April 28, 2 to 4 pm. Come, unwind, seek answers or simply Peace. Socks or slippers please and all are welcome.

Bookshelves bursting?

Have we got a solution for you. Take those books you can now part with, drop them off in small boxes at the church. Remember to check through your CDs, records, good magazines, jigsaw puzzles, games, etc. Bring them before May because Saturday, May 4 is the Book Browse Plus from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Come by, have a cup of coffee, peruse to your heart's content and take home a new batch for the cottage or for Balconville. We'll have lots of boxes and bags to help you haul 'em home.

Musical Thursday this year

Once again **Laurie Altman** is bringing a multi-talented guy to entertain you with a variety of songs. **Jonathan Munro** co-wrote *The Hockey Sweater: The Musical* no less. So make a note of Thursday, May 16 at 1 pm. The one-hour concert is followed by tea and goodies. Come and bring the neighbourhood.

Drop by any Sunday at 10 am for worship and Sunday school. Family friendly, accessible and welcoming. We'd love to see you. May Easter and springtime bring you promise....

from Susan Upham

St. Philip's

Maundy Thursday, April 18, we join with St. Thomas' Church for a pot-luck supper and commemoration of the Last Supper at 6 pm. The Good Friday liturgy, featuring the choir chanting the Passion according to St. John, veneration of the cross and a simple communion will take place at noon.

For children, we offer an interactive Easter Vigil Saturday at 7 pm. We gather outside to light the new fire, then bring the light into the dark church. We tell a few stories about God bringing new life, then the church comes alive with light, bells and joyful song.

Finally, Easter Sunday, we offer two services: 8 am and 10 am. At 10, we will hear, for the first time, the newly restored pipe organ!

Sunday, April 28, we will bid farewell to our student minister **Tyson Røsborg** with a pot-luck lunch following the 10 am service. He will be heading to Vancouver to do clinical pastoral education, then returning to Montreal for ordination in September.

Our annual spring fair is Saturday, May 11 at 9 am. The bakers of St. Philip's will be hard at work, and the bake table will be loaded with delicious cookies, squares, breads, cupcakes and cakes! The book table will have the usual large assortment. Numerous craftspeople will be selling art-works, jewellery, blankets and other artisanal creations. Outdoors on the lawn, we will have a community yard sale where you can find just about anything! And for lunch, **Fr. Jim** will be grilling hot dogs! If you would like to clean out your basement, garage or attic, yard sale tables are only \$25 and can be reserved by calling the church office at **481-4871**.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

The snow is finally cleared from our unique sloping roof, and spring is on its way!

We welcome one and all to the events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Come experience the bright warmth and joyful energy of a church on the move.

- Lenten Reconciliation service: Thursday, March 11, 7 pm
- Palm Sunday Masses: April 13, 4:30 pm; April 14, 9 and 11 am
- Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8 pm
- Good Friday service: April 19, 3 pm
- Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 20, 8 pm
- Easter Sunday Masses: April 21, 9 and 11 am

As our neighbors probably know, we've been updating our outreach efforts. You can follow St. Ignatius on Facebook and Instagram, you can subscribe to our podcasts, and you can see our church in action on our website: stig.ca. And don't forget the bright new sign at our front entrance!



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Déroulement de l'activité :

- L'échange débute à 13 h et se termine à 16 h. Heure de dépôt hâtif : 11 h
- Le prix d'entrée de 2 \$ aidera à financer un projet écologique organisé par le Comité d'action environnementale. Il sera possible de faire d'autres dons à cette cause.
- Vous pouvez repartir avec la même quantité de sacs de vêtements que vous avez donnée. Vous

pouvez aussi acheter des items supplémentaires à un très bas prix. Il est donc possible de repartir avec un ensemble complet, et ce, même si vous n'avez rien apporté!

- Veuillez vous assurer que tous les vêtements, souliers et accessoires que vous donnez sont propres et prêts à porter (aucune tache ni déchirure).
 - Pendant que nous trions vos vêtements, prenez le temps d'en apprendre sur les bienfaits environnementaux d'un échange de vêtements et profitez de notre vente de pâtisserie (des options végétariennes seront disponibles).
 - Tous les articles restants seront donnés à un refuge pour sans-abri.
- Hésitez-vous toujours à participer? Échanger au lieu d'acheter aide à réduire la consommation d'eau potable, empêche les déchets toxiques de se retrouver dans l'eau et réduit les déchets dans les sites d'enfouissement.

Venez avec vos amis et troquez sans compter !

Info : clarketrysten@gmail.com.



Summer Artists' Showcase and Art in the Park 2019

Calling all MoWest artists, it is time to start planning your art work for next season's **Artists' Showcase**. The theme for the spring/summer exhibit will be "Gender." Please fill out an application online or at the Community Centre. We'll start hanging this show toward the end of May; the deadline for application is May 17. Please keep in mind all works on paper, fabric or canvas must be ready for hanging and three-dimensional pieces, such as jewellery and pottery, must fit in the front hall cabinet.

Art in the Park 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 during Community Night at Davies Park. Application deadline: May 17.

To find out more about the Artists' Showcase or Art in the Park, or to get an application form, go to the MoWest website under "culture," or pick up a form at the Community Centre. For info: recreation@montreal-west.ca or **484-6186**.



Community Centre

Early bird prices for summer programs end **April 26!**

Children's programs

Half day summer programs at the Community Centre. Spaces are still available. We have lots planned for a fun-filled summer!

AM programs

Tiny Tots (2-3 years), Little Buddies (3½-5 years), Les Amis (5-7 years), Kidz Klub (7-9 years), Kidz Klub (10-12 years)

PM programs

Creative Adventures (3-5 years), Summerfest (5-7 years) Kidz Klub (7-9 and 10-12 years)

Adult summer fitness programs

(start the week of June 10)

Barre: Tuesday-Friday, am
TRX: Monday, Wednesday or Fridays, am or pm
Reach: Tuesday and/or Thursday, pm
Stretching: Tuesday and/or Thursday, am and pm

Essentrics, Gentle Yoga, Yoga for Stiff Men, Zumba and Aquafit!

More info: **484-6186**

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Cotton Tail Party

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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.

Red Cross babysitting course

Ages 11+
Saturday, May 4
9:30 am-4 pm, Community Centre

Learn the skills required to carry out babysitting duties.

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Donald Buchan's cat Taffee commenting on *The Informer*.

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It's perfect for those who'd like to do a spring cleaning, but may not be inclined to hold a garage sale. Any uncollected articles should be removed in the evening and not left out for the Tuesday garbage pick up.



COMING EVENTS

Please call the editor: Heather at 489-7022 or e-mail: montrealwestinformer@gmail.com

Next deadline: May 1, delivery begins May 17



APRIL

- Fri 12 Scouts deliver garden supplies.** Continues Saturday.
- Sat 13 Palm Sunday services.** St. Ignatius. 4:30 pm.
- Sun 14 Palm Sunday services.** St. Ignatius. 9 and 11 am.
Palm Sunday choral service. MW United. 10 am.
Empty Bowls. *Depot Community Food Centre*, 6450 Somerled Ave. 11 am-3 pm.
Cotton Tail Party. Cost: \$10 per child/ \$12 non-residents/ \$15 at the door. Tickets online or at the Community Centre.
- Mon 15 Royal West Academy's Bardolators** present Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Monday: "Toonie Theatre" at 3:30 pm; all tickets \$2.
 Tuesday, Wednesday: 7 pm: tickets \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 students. All tickets at the door.
- Wed 17 MoWest Talks** *Think Global, Act Local*. Public Library. 7:30 pm.
Tenebrae (Service of Darkness). St. Philip's. 7:30 pm
- Thu 18 U8+ soccer coaches' clinic.** RWA. 6:30 pm.
Holy Thursday. Mass of the Lord's Supper. St. Ignatius. 8 pm.
- Fri 19 Good Friday Liturgy.** St. Philip's. Noon.
Good Friday service. St. Ignatius. 3 pm.
Good Friday service. Vigil to follow. MW United. 7 pm.
- Sat 20 Children's Easter vigil.** St. Philip's. 7 pm.
Easter Vigil Mass. St. Ignatius. 8 pm.
- Sun 21 Easter Sunday worship.** St. Philip's. 8 and 10 am.
Easter Sunday Masses. St. Ignatius. 9 and 11 am.
Easter Sunday service. MW United. 10 am. All welcome.

- Thu 25 Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.
Mudhens' coaches' clinic. Legion Rink. 6:30 pm.
- Fri 26 Laughs for the Library** with Joey Elias and friends. Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm. Tickets: \$25, available at the Public Library. MW Curling Club.
- Sat 27 Fashion bazaar** sponsored by *The Grannies for Good*. Westmount Park United, 4695 de Maisonneuve. Contact: Miriam 488-9763. 10 am-4 pm.
- Sun 28 Afternoon Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 2-4 pm.
- Mon 29 Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

MAY

- Mon 1 Soccer and baseball uniform pick up.** Continues May 2. Legion Rink. 5-7 pm.
- Sat 4 Book Browse Plus.** MW United. 9:30 am-3 pm.
- Mon 6 Architek Percussion.** RWA auditorium. 7 pm. Tickets: adult: \$20; MoWest residents (with proof of address): \$15; students: \$10. Tickets online at rwaf.ca.
- Wed 8 Tea and Books.** Everyone welcome. Public Library. 2 pm.
- Tues 14 IODE meeting.** Community Centre. 2-4 pm.
MoWest Writes. MWPL writers' group present their work. Public Library. 7 pm.
- Thu 16 Musical Thursday.** Concert and tea. MW United. 1 pm.
- Sat 19 Free for all Day.**
- Thu 23 Municipal taxes due** (second installment)
Échéance: taxes municipales (deuxième versement)
- Sat 25 Bake sale, IODE fundraiser,** 152 Wolseley N. 9 am-noon.