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## TIMOTHY NIEDERMANN: Writing on human passions

by Maurice Krystal

Sometimes we have to learn to make lemonade when life hits us suddenly with sour lemons. **Timothy Niedermann** has done a lot of things in his life: from editing the New York Road Runners' Club's magazine, becoming a business lawyer, tutoring at Yale, trying his hand at ghostwriting and becoming a literary editor.

Then shingles hit and Tim couldn't work. He had always had a flare for expository writing, so he gravitated to this field of endeavour. Last year, his most recent work of fiction was published by Aylmer, Quebec's *Deux Voiliers*. *Wall of Dust* is a narrative that takes place in the turbulent Middle East between Palestinians and Israeli Jews.

It is the story of Aisha, a Palestinian schoolteacher, who loses most of her students when an Israeli bomb hits the school. We follow her grief as she shouts the name of each dead student and throws rocks at the concrete Separation Barrier. At first she is alone in this strange ritual, but then others become involved, including an Israeli sniper. The work maintains a nonpolitical stance, emphasizing the spiritual strength of the people and their connection to the land on both sides of the divide. There is no attempt to solve the problems that have plagued this part of the world for centuries. It tries to offer hope and redemption.

Though Tim has never been to Israel or the West Bank he has had a long fascination

with the area and is an avid student of its history, both ancient and modern. Prior to writing *Wall of Dust*, he self-published a nonfiction work, *The Words that Created God*, that examined the origins of the Ten Commandments. Influenced by the work of Israeli archeologist, **Israel Finkelstein**, (*The Bible Unearthed*), the book takes the reader back to the original meaning of the Ten Commandments. The work was inspired by George W. Bush's assertion that he was exporting democracy into the very area that created our moral and ethical foundation.

Tim's fascination with this part of the world probably began as a youngster in Sunday school in Connecticut when he was involved in raising money to buy a heifer to send to Israel. When he was studying in a German university, he went on a guided tour of Dachau and was awestruck.

While an atheist, Tim sees himself as a spiritual person. He was interested in American native beliefs and explored, as a youngster, First Nation trails in Connecticut near his house. Much of his growing up was spent trying to break through the rigidity of religion.

This religious conflict also shows itself in his self-published paranormal work, *A Purer Evil: The Werewolf Priest*. In this work a widowed Episcopal minister is bitten by a mysterious creature and becomes infected by a malady that gives him a relentless craving for passions of the flesh. These extreme hungers throw him into a struggle for his soul. The setting of the



photo: Maurice Krystal

novel takes place in Ohio where Tim went to university.

### Reading at adult library

Tim was a resident of Montreal West and NDG for a number of years. He believes many will still remember his corgi, **Bushrod**, walking up and down Percival. On June 6, Tim will be reading from *Wall of Dust* at the MoWest Library from 5-6:30 pm. His book is currently available at *Borders*.

Right now Tim travels back and forth between Montreal and the USA, keeping a close eye on his nonagenarian parents back in Connecticut. For this interview, we met at fellow author, **Caroline Vu's** home in Westmount. (She is the author of *Palawan Story* and *That Summer in Provincetown*).

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## Formerly yours



Annette Wolfstein-Joseph and David Joseph, long time residents of Brock North, are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson **Gershon Joseph** on February 19, to their son **Noah Joseph** and his wife **Alexandra Quinn Joseph** (both born and bred MoWesters), in Jerusalem, Israel. Gershon is their first grandchild and is the first great-grandchild for **Rose Wolfstein** and her late husband **Azriel Gershon Wolfstein** of Roxton Crescent. He is also the first nephew for **Brian Joseph** currently residing in Nashville, Tennessee.

## Ani, Dori and John Yeats



At the Rotary meeting on April 14, I had the pleasure of presenting the recent accomplishments of my two daughters **Ani** and **Dori** and my son **John** that I would like to share.

First up was Ani who talked about her experience at the 2016 World Cheerleading Championships held in Orlando Florida, April 21-26, 2016. Ani was an injury replacement on the team. This team is based in Laval. She was only able to practise with the team for a month and a half leading up to these championships. She showed us the routine that won them fifth place in the world. The routine lasted less than three minutes full of tumbling and acrobatic stunts.

I then showed both Dori and Johnny's matches that won them

the Canadian Olympic Team Trials in their respective weight classes. The trials were held in Edmonton last December 5-6 with the winner being named to the Canadian Olympic Team with the opportunity to try and qualify Canada at that weight class for the Olympic Games this summer in Rio.

Dori gave us a running commentary as she fought a wrestler from Calgary who was the 2012 Olympian for Canada in London. It was a two out three contest and Dori won in two straight 11-8 and 4-1. Johnny also won 2 straight by beating a national team wrestler from Guelph 4-1 and 11-3.



Johnny and Dori both competed in the Pan-Am Olympic qualifying event in Dallas at the beginning of March. Johnny placed 6th in his weight class and was not able to qualify for the Olympics; however, he will be representing Canada at the Junior World Championships in France this summer. Dori made us all proud completely dominating this event winning Gold and qualifying for her first Olympic Games. Dori will be wrestling in the Women's 69 kg category at the Rio Olympics. She will be competing on August 17. We will all be cheering her on.

from Doug Yeats



## Photos:

(above left) Ani Yeats making a presentation at *Rotary* meeting

(bottom middle) Dori Yeats making a presentation at *Rotary* meeting

(top right) John Yeats competing at Pan-Am Olympic qualifying event in Dallas

## Bantam CC/Bantam BB Westluc Lachine Maroons at the Dodge Cup

The Westluc Lachine Maroons Bantam CC won their first game, beating the Federation de L'Est de Montreal by a score of 5 to 1. That set up a long Friday, two games on the same day. The Maroons lost their afternoon game by a score of 2 to 0 to the Foreurs de Val d'Or. Great goaltending kept them in the game until a late goal sealed their fate. The third game is the one that counts, the Maroons needed to win to advance. They trailed early but scored early in the third period to make it a 4 to 2 game. Unfortunately, the Sieurs de Mauricie scored on the next shift and that broke our spirit. Three power play goals later and our season ended with an 8 to 2 loss. Nonetheless, it was a great season and a great experience to be at the Dodge Cup.

Our Bantam BB team lost their first game 3 to 1 to the Nationals de l'Est de Montreal and their second game to the top ranked Bastions 1 de Blainville by a score of 4 to 0. The Maroons bounced back and won their third game, beating the Rangers of Laval 3 to 0. Unfortunately, the dream died in the semi-final game as the Maroons went down to defeat, 3 to 1 at the hands of the Tigres de Victoriaville.

from Andy Michelin



## Annual garden tour

The *Horticultural Society's* annual garden tour will take place on Father's Day, June 19, between 1 and 4 pm. Several private gardens will be on display regardless of the weather. *MWHS* members automatically receive the garden tour information. For more information or to become a member, please contact **Aynsley Devine at 484-1914**.

There are three meetings, with guest speakers, remaining in 2016 – September, October and the popular Christmas meeting. Membership is \$20.

## Come run with us!

The *Little Red Playhouse* is an icon in our community and has been servicing children since 1983. In 2008, *La Fondation Place Coco* took over the *LRP* and now manages and operates this fantastic facility. We offer exceptional educational programming for children aged two to seven and we specialize in integrating children with ASD (autism spectrum disorder) or a speech delay in a fun and safe environment alongside their typical peers. This program is a great way for all children to gain empathy and to learn from the exceptional and highly qualified staff at the *LRP*. For more information about our services, please visit our website at [thelittleredplayhouse.com](http://thelittleredplayhouse.com).

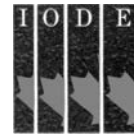
One of our parent's has decided to set an example and have us run to raise money and awareness for *La Fondation Place Coco*. On June 25, we will be heading to Mont St. Bruno to participate in the Mud Hero race. We want to invite runners and families to come run with us as a part of our team (*Fondation Place Coco's Little Red Play House*) in an effort to raise money for our bursary program. This event is kid friendly and a great way to promote health and wellness.

If you want to join us, please visit [shar.es/1jjJxh](http://shar.es/1jjJxh) or if you wish to support our efforts, please donate at [canadahelps.org/en/charities/la-fondation-place-coco-cocos-place-foundation/MudHero2016/](http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/la-fondation-place-coco-cocos-place-foundation/MudHero2016/). For more information please contact **Liam Bienstock** at [liam.bienstock@gmail.com](mailto:liam.bienstock@gmail.com) or visit our facebook page [facebook.com/events/1755152338049830/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1755152338049830/).

Help us run for the money to help families afford early intervention for their families. Be a MUD HERO!

from Sharron McCarry

## A special thank you letter



The children in Grade 4, 5 and 6 at Henry Gordon Academy wrote thank you letters in appreciation for our parcels.

"I'm glad you guys started the *IODE* business."

"Most of the class made stuff out of the craft stuff. Also, a thanks for the hats. I use my hat on Ski-doo. You are so nice for giving us that stuff."

"The hats were good ideas since it gets so cold here. I like to go on ski-doo and set traps with my uncle. It gets so cold when we check our traps, so I would really need to wear a winter hat."

"That hat is very helpful. I love to go snowshoeing in winter."

### And more thanks...

A happy thank you to everyone who participated in the Attic Treasures and Bake Sale fundraiser for HMS Victory *IODE* chapter. The weather cooperated beautifully and over 350 items from generous donors were very well organized and displayed, covering a wide range of quality and beauty. There was a good turnout of happy customers, even the dogs walking by were treated to biscuits. The baking, including gluten-free items, sold well, and the Memory Tree (an ongoing fundraiser, with names of people to be remembered) collected \$60 and will be on display at the Community Centre later.

At the Presbyterian church sale at the end of May, we will have a table with a few remaining items.

from Janet King

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# YES, baseball season is here and Mudhens have never looked better!

Mudhen baseball has always centred around fun and teaching the youngsters the joy of the game. Smiles on the kids' faces continue to be the biggest result of our baseball program. This year however, quality baseball and winning teams are a close second.

The spirit of baseball is alive and well in MoWest, as this year we were able to field a team or multiple teams at every level. From the wee Hens in Mosquito, through PeeWee, Bantam and Midget for the big birds, returning vets and keen rookies alike are sporting the Mudhen cap. In all, nearly 70 children are participating in the Mudhen baseball program.

The program got off to an early start this year with a spring training program led by **Howie Schwartz** and the Concordia Stingers baseball team. This work on the fundamentals is showing in the standings and we would like to send Mudhen big thank you to Howie and his team. This year there have been key wins at EVERY level of Mudhen baseball. With passionate and incredibly dedicated coaches and parent volunteers we are sure to see many more.

If you aren't a Mudhed and you haven't experienced the joy that is Mudville, come by Percival Field, aka Henway, and watch a game. Or better yet, just bring your mitt; you'd be amazed at how often a game will breakout!

## Soccer

The 2016 soccer season is well on its way. Drive by Hodgson Field any night of the week or on a sunny Saturday morning

and you will see our girls' soccer teams led by head coach **Alison Piela** hard at work practising drills and scrimmaging. The boys are playing over on the Royal West field this year under the direction of our technical director **Greg Macgregor**. Often you will hear the crowds from the sidelines as parents and fans cheer on the players in close, nail biting matches.

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

## T-Ball

One of our most popular programs this year has been T-ball. We have over 30 mini Mudhens on George Booth field learning how to run the bases, throw and catch a ball, hitting off a tee and everyone's favorite "stealing a base." Thank you to our coaches **Nick Stavarakis, Edwin Roy, Jack Hession, Tiffany Stavarakis** and of course, our team leader, **Howie Schwartz** for bringing smiles and fun to our junior Hens.

Photo: Mosquito A team.  
Coaches: Randall Alberts, Chris Marilley, Charles West-  
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## We volunteer

### Extra Miles senior visiting program

*Extra Miles*, a volunteer-based program benefitting isolated and/or housebound seniors living in our community, was developed following the 1998 ice storm. **Joan Foster**, a nurse at the NDG/Mtl-O CLSC realized that many seniors were housebound with hardly any outside contact. Except for a medical appointment and sometimes a visiting nurse, many seniors were mostly on their own.

*Extra Miles* matches a volunteer with a senior for weekly friendly visits. A nurse or a social worker at the CLSC/CSSS refers seniors to the program. During the years many wonderful friendships have evolved.

In addition to friendly visits, *Extra Miles* sponsors two annual intergenerational events to foster understanding and mutual respect between generations. One, Intergenerational Day, is an activity based get-together encouraging an exchange of information between generations in a fun and cooperative manner. Another, a musical event, "Musical Wednesday, a time of outreach," is a time to meet the elderly who live alone or in care facilities. Musicians donate their time for a one-hour afternoon concert. The concert is followed by tea served by volunteers and students. *Extra Miles* provides transportation to seniors who could not otherwise attend.

Unfortunately not all seniors are able to participate in these events. Luckily, our volunteers visit regularly and bring the outside world in.

Interested volunteers should contact the coordinator, **Tracie Swim** at 482-3210 or [extramiles.senior@gmail.com](mailto:extramiles.senior@gmail.com).

Marie Doran and Linda Jewers share a laugh



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## Rotary Club



### Lobsterfest

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The T. Peter Webster Memorial Lobster Festival, sponsored by the *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward*, will take place on Saturday June 4 at 6:30 pm at the Arena, 220 Bedbrook. The cost for this all you can eat event is \$85 per person, with children 16 years and under half price and 8 and under free as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

In 2015 we were able to give tax receipts of \$50 for each \$85 ticket; we expect the amount to be about the same this year.

We serve wonderful all you can eat lobster as well as bœuf Bourguignon, salad, and dessert. There will be a variety of other foods, cold cuts, bread and buns, desserts, coffee, tea etc. There will be a cash bar serving a variety of beers, red and white wines and various other alcoholic beverages along with soft drinks and juices. There will be a silent auction along with a live auction and a raffle draw.

#### Fundraiser for Rotary charities

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

scholarships and works with the *World Health Organization* on polio eradication.

Special guests will be MNA **Kathleen Weil**, Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness and MNA for NDG and the Honorable **Marc Garneau**, Minister of Transport, MP for NDG Westmount. Please join us.

This event is a fun family event and has been my favourite *Rotary* event over the years. Hope to see many of you there. For tickets please contact me (**Doug Yeats**) at [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com). This event is limited to 400 tickets and usually sells out.

#### Paul Harris Fellowship

We are looking to the MoWest Community for candidates for a Paul Harris Fellowship. A person that would qualify for consideration would be someone who volunteers their efforts to help make our Town and community better. Please submit your candidates along with a brief description of what and how they have made their contributions. We will be presenting these awards later this spring. Please send your nomination along with a brief letter explaining why they deserve this award to [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com).

#### Come join us for lunch

The *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* meets Thursdays at the Town Hall. Luncheon buffet is served at 12:30 pm with speaker at around 1 pm. Cost for a guest is \$20. Your attendance brings good speakers and good fellowship. If you know a local business person, please ask him or her to be a speaker.

For information please contact **Doug Yeats** at [doug@westendpiano.com](mailto:doug@westendpiano.com).

*from Doug Yeats*

## IT'S A MATCH: Refugee sponsorship going ahead!

Are you interested in helping the refugee sponsorship effort? MW United for Syrian Refugees has just identified a refugee family and is in the process of sponsoring them to come to Canada. We welcome your contribution! Since February we have been working with *Refugee Action Montreal* an organization that connects groups like ours with local Syrians seeking to bring family members to Canada.

We have now been matched with a family of five (two parents, two adult children and a teen) who are currently living in Lebanon having fled Syria over a year ago. The parents are professionals, the adult daughters have degrees in pharmacy and the teen has yet to finish her studies. They speak English as a second language.

Our local connection is **Amid Alkhlaf**, their cousin who came to Montreal at age 16. He now has a family of his own and works in the IT sector. Since the crisis in Syria he has become very anxious to assist his extended family members still trapped overseas. We will be working with Amid to help settle the refugee family once they arrive. Unfortunately, the wait for processing refugee applications is 12 to 18 months. Syrian refugees are no longer fast-tracked now that the government has met its goal of bringing 25,000 to Canada. On the up-side, it gives us plenty of time to plan and raise further funds to help with resettlement.

To celebrate our new Syrian connection, we held a potluck dinner at the Town Hall on Friday, May 13. There were 25 of our members in attendance as well as Amid and his wife **Rita**. We heard a few words from a representative of another sponsorship group in Montreal whose Syrian family has already arrived. She let us know that it has been an extremely rewarding experience, though the learning curve was steep in the first few weeks. It certainly helped immensely to have a large community of support.

On the financial front, we've raised just under \$40,000 and hope to increase this amount significantly over time. Raising more funds will allow us to help other refugees in need. And, of course, that need is huge. If you'd like to make a donation you can write a cheque to the Montreal West United Church Trustees (cheque memo: Syrian Refugee fund) and drop it off at 88 Ballantyne N. Tax receipts will be issued by the United Church.

And, if you're interested in getting more information, please contact me at [eulin@videotron.ca](mailto:eulin@videotron.ca).

*from Elizabeth Ulin*

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## Summer fun at the library! - Vive l'été à la bibliothèque des jeunes!

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amoureux **Mike Darwish!**

### Summer programs

We are busy getting the library ready for our ever-popular Summer Reading Program.

Children aged 3 and up are invited to join in our Enchanted Forest where they will read books, either independently or with a parent and answer questions to earn stickers and prizes.

Older readers will love our race through the pyramids of Egypt in Pyramid Peril where they can earn prizes and gift certificates.

The Summer Reading Program is a drop-in program that runs from June 28 until September 2. Registration begins on June 28, but children are welcome to register at any point throughout the summer. The cost is \$6 per child for the Enchanted Forest program and \$10 per child for the Pyramid Peril.

Babies and toddlers, from 6 to 30 months, are welcome to join us for a drop-in Mother Goose and Tales for Tots program on Monday mornings at 10:45, July 4 to August 15. Weather permitting, this activity will be held in Strathearn Park.

On Tuesday evenings, the Library will be selling freezies and animating activities at the Community Nights.

In August, we will have a Thursday knitting group from 4-5 pm. The group will be open to Friends of the Library of all ages, from beginner to advanced, with instruction available. Knitters can bring their own supplies, or purchase them through the library.

Have a good summer!

### Programmation d'été

Nos programmes de lecture bilingues sont offerts du 28 juin



Poet Tiffany Stone, author of several books of poetry for children ages 3-9, including: *Rainbow Shoes*, *Baaaad Animals* and *Floyd the Flamingo*. Tiffany visited the Children's Library on Thursday, May 12 to read and perform for the kindergarten and cycle one students at Elizabeth Ballantyne School.

au 2 septembre. Votre enfant bénéficiera pleinement de cette expérience ! La forêt enchantée vise la compréhension de lecture chez les enfants de plus de 3 ans (inscription \$6 par enfant). Le Péril de la Pyramide encourage les lecteurs plus âgés à persévérer en lecture durant tout

l'été (inscription \$10 par enfant).

Les tout-petits de 6 à 24 mois sont conviés à Mother Goose et à Tales for Tots le lundi à 10 h 30, du 4 juillet au 15 août.

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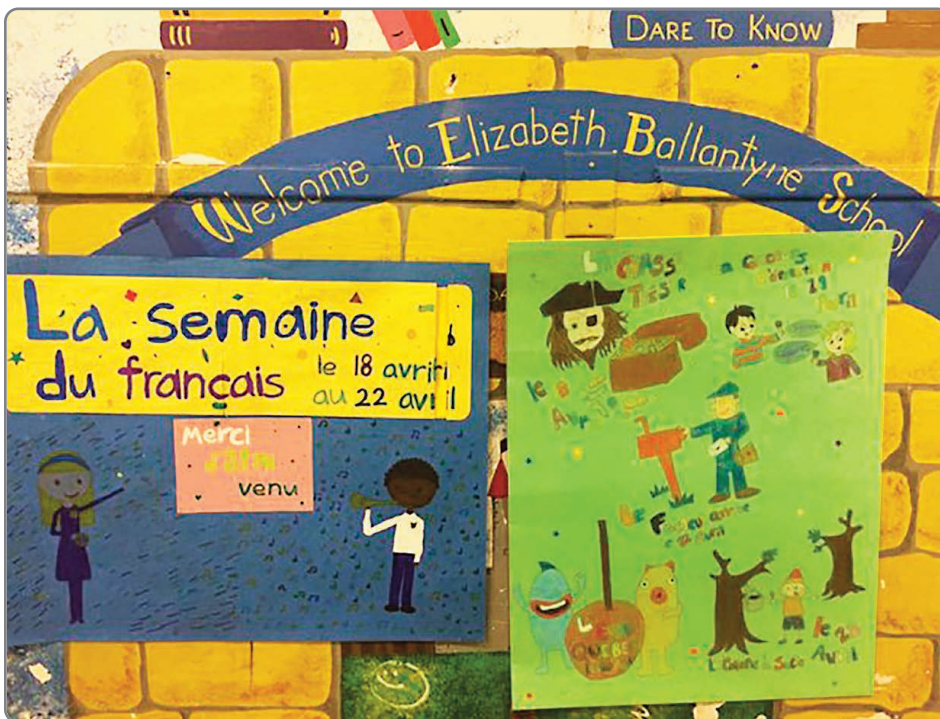
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Que s'est-il passé à l'école Elizabeth Ballantyne le mercredi 20 avril dernier pour qu'on y lise : Québec je te connais. Québec je t'aime ? C'était le titre d'une exposition préparée à l'occasion de la semaine du français par les élèves des 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> cycle, inscrits au programme de français avancé.

Les strophes du poème « *Mon pays* » de Gilles Vigneault, ont servi de lien entre les différentes parties de la présentation qui a conduit le visiteur dans un voyage à travers le temps: de l'époque des Premières nations au temps présent, après un bref passage en Nouvelle France.



Les différents kiosques et les affiches étaient empreints de la créativité artistique des jeunes qui, dans la période de préparation, avaient suivi une causerie généreusement présentée par le directeur de l'École des beaux-arts de Montréal Artus.

D'entrée de jeu, une exposition d'objets d'artisanat accueillait le visiteur et le dirigeait vers un petit village d'Autochtones, suivi d'un premier kiosque présentant la Nouvelle France et le temps de la colonisation. Suivaient ensuite une présentation, dans un cadre forestier, des animaux emblématiques du Québec, la ville de Québec, les parcs d'attraction et les sports. Les autres thèmes développés furent l'art et la culture, illustrés par : le *Cirque du Soleil*, les Musées du Québec, les écrivains, les humoristes et des chansonniers québécois. Un coin particulier était réservé aux sciences, à la technologie et à l'industrialisation, illustrées par certains de ses plus beaux fleurons: *Hydro-Québec*, *Bombardier* et l'abondante production de jeux vidéo.

Le voyage s'est terminé sur un clin d'œil à l'art culinaire et la présentation des vins et fromages de chez nous, le tout couronné par une invitation aux joies de la dégustation du sucre à la crème.

Félicitations à nos jeunes pour ce magnifique travail et aussi pour leur performance en français, langue qu'ils ont utilisée pour répondre aux questions des visiteurs et les guider tout au long du parcours de l'exposition. Conseillère pédagogique, professeurs, élèves, parents, invités, tous ont été unanimes à exprimer leur satisfaction et à qualifier le travail de franc succès.

Bravo à l'équipe des professeurs de français de l'école pour leur travail et à la direction qui la soutient et l'encourage dans la poursuite de son enseignement.

par Guerda Douyon

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## Edinburgh School

# Garden expansion involves teachers, parents



On April 23, Edinburgh teachers and parents got together to expand its raised garden beds, three of which were installed by *Action Communiterre* in 2015.

This year, to help the grant money go further, parents and teachers decided to build four more raised cedar garden boxes themselves, and used funds from the *English Montreal School Board Oak Grant*, along with remaining funds from the *TD Friends of the Environment Foundation*, to pay for materials. Teachers **Paul Cahill** and **Marie Claire Pilon** (kindergarten) and **Abdel El-Hama** (science), joined forces with two parents, **Alain Bonet** and **Xavier Ottenweilder**, to construct the boxes. Thanks also to Principal **Sonia Marotta** for her continued support.

In addition, several parents volunteered to do a garden cleanup at the school that day and spread mulch (donated by the City of Montreal) amongst the ornamental gardens around the school. Dedicated gardening/environment committee members who contributed to the garden cleanup and/or helped plan the garden were **Danielle Amaru**, **Brian Cockburn**, **Holly Mackison**, **Cerrie Rogers**, **Chantalle Kudsi-**

**Zadeh**, **Annie Moore**, **Stephanie Fuller**, **Michael Rodger**, **Yoko Horimitsu**, **Mojtaba Samimi**, **Nathalie Phillips**, **Debbie Lim**, **Andrea Prupas** and **Judith Derlachter**. Special thanks to students (and future students!) **Sandro**, **Ayanna**, **Justin**, **Liam**, **James**, **Madeleine**, **Sam**, **Bentley** and **Penny** for their help in the garden that day!

Soon, students will plant seedlings that they started in their classrooms: cucumbers, kale, tomatoes, herbs, pumpkins and more will be planted when

all danger of frost has passed. We will also be selling extra seedlings at the spring fair to raise money for improvements to the fields where the kids play at recess.

Thanks to efforts of teachers and parents, Edinburgh has more than doubled the size of its raised gardens! Parent volunteers will water the gardens throughout the summer and we look forward to a great harvest.

### Robotics competition

Edinburgh participated in the 2016 Junior Robotics Competi-

tion held on April 29 and 30 at Vanier College. Congratulations to the junior team for winning Gold in Triathlon. Edinburgh also won the Mystery Challenge which required students to work on a relay challenge with a team from another school, in this case Merton. Thank you to Merton – what a fantastic collaboration!

The Edinburgh community thanks Mr. **Abdel El-Hama**, Ms. **Pina Trengia** (grade 6 teacher) and all of the parent volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

*from Joanna Duy*



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## La cabane à sucre... Miam !!!

### La cabane est venue visiter l'école des Amis-du-Monde au mois d'avril !

Tout le monde avait mangé de la tige d'érable. La cabane à sucre, c'était une sorte de ferme. Un monsieur, qui n'est pas vieux, nous a donné de la tige. Il a fait couler un sirop sur la neige et nous l'avons mangé grâce à un petit bâton de bois. Dans notre cour d'école, il a amené des animaux comme un cochon, des lapins, des canards, deux coqs, une poule et une chèvre. On a nourri les animaux et on a eu beaucoup de plaisir. En plus, il y avait de la musique sur la cour et on pouvait jouer à la tague. C'était amusant.

Ana

### Le Croque-Livres

À l'école des Amis-du-Monde, on a décoré un Croque-Livres. Qu'est-ce qu'un Croque-Livres? C'est une boîte dans laquelle on peut mettre des livres et c'est gratuit. Dans le Croque-Livres, on peut mettre des livres écrits dans toutes les langues. Même les adultes peuvent mettre des livres alors quand vous mettez un livre dans le Croque-Livres, il ne faut pas oublier que n'importe qui peut prendre le livre que vous avez mis. Si vous allez sur internet, vous pourrez trouver l'emplacement de notre Croque-Livres à l'adresse : croquelivres.ca. Il sera installé devant notre école à l'adresse 8205 Mackle, Côte Saint-Luc, H4W 1B1. Venez le voir !

Eileen

### Coup de cœur sur les Légendaires

Les légendaires est une bande dessinée pour des enfants de 8 à 14 ans qui est écrite par Patrick Sobral. C'est l'histoire fantastique de sorciers, de trolls et d'elfes. Il y a

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18 séries, ce qui veut dire deux tomes. Dans le premier, les cinq légendaires sont vivants, mais dans le deuxième, Danaël devient un méchant du nom Anatos. Ténébrix, une nouvelle légendaire, vient à la place de Danaël.

Cette série est très populaire auprès des jeunes de notre école et nous vous encourageons à la découvrir.

Ekaterina et Lika

### Mots cachés du groupe 403

Dans la classe de M. Vincent, nous avons des mots mystères. Avec ces mots, nous apprenons leurs définitions pour élargir notre culture générale. Nous avons fait une grille de mots cachés contenant 10 de ces mots. Amusez-vous à les trouver.

Les voici, avec leur définition.

- *Borborygme* (n. m.) Le bruit qui est produit par les gaz dans le ventre.
- *Digresser* (v.) Changer de sujet rapidement (Sauter du coq à l'âne)
- *Dithyrambique* (adj.) Complimenté avec beaucoup d'exagérations. (Ex. WOW, il est vraiment, vraiment beau ton chandail!)
- *Empoté* (adj.) Quelqu'un de très maladroit.
- *Gentilé* (n. m.) Le nom qu'on donne à une personne qui habite à un endroit précis. (Ex.) Si tu habites à Montréal, on dit que tu es un « Montréalais ».
- *Soporifique* (adj.) Quelque chose d'ennuyeux, qui donne envie de dormir.
- *Idylle* (adj.) Une histoire d'amour ou quelque chose de romantique.
- *Pataqués* (n. m) Faute de liaison qui consiste à prononcer un T pour un S.
- *Néologisme* (n. m.) Un mot créé ou inventé.
- *Boutade* (n. f.) Une blague.

Christina, Flavia, Eric,  
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## Guiding



The end of the 2015-2016 Guiding year was another exciting one. It was crammed with activities!

Over the last month of our regular meetings, the Sparks and Brownies took advantage of the warmer weather to spend time outdoors. The Sparks took part in a scavenger hunt as well as the Daring Book for Girls Challenge. Both activities encouraged the girls to use their creative thinking skills. The Brownies completed some of their outdoor program work.

The Guides worked on learning their knots – even blindfolded! They completed the World Guiding badge. As

well, they are corresponding with a Guide unit in Nova Scotia.

In early May, the Guides and a Pathfinder, took part in a cookie blitz that was organized by one of the Rangers in our district. It was a success. A second cookie blitz is in the works, but no date has been finalized.

On May 18 all three Guiding branches took part in a joint advancement ceremony, the time when the girls who, in the fall, will be old enough to be at the next level of Guiding, are recognized for their accomplishments. Eighty per cent of the Sparks unit moved up to Brownies; 56% of the Brownies moved up to Guides and 14% of



photos: Christine Downey



Starting off for sale cookies

the Guide unit moved up to Pathfinders.

You can see from these numbers, there is room in our units for your daughter come this fall. Visit [girlguides.ca](http://girlguides.ca) to sign-up. It is also a very rewarding experience for women. It gives you an opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of the leaders of tomorrow. Of the eight leaders who regularly run the meetings every week, only one of them has a daughter in her unit. The rest of the leaders have daughters in other units, or their daughters are now adults.

Our final meeting of the year was a family pot-luck gathering. It was great fun to have all the girls and families together for the evening. We ended by hav-

ing a campfire. Some of the best friendships and memories are created around campfires, whether they be held outdoors while camping or indoors at unit meetings, the end result is always magical.

Wa-Thik-Ane, the Girl Guide camp in Morin Heights is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. Some members of the MoWest units will be participating in a District camp in mid-June. It will be great fun to reconnect with our sisters in Guiding just before the school year comes to an end, and we all go in different directions over the summer.

*from the Guiders of Montreal West*

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## Montreal West Scout Group



### Beavers

As our year winds down the Beavers have kept busy making chia heads with funny faces to celebrate Earth Day and painting paper fish to help decorate our Canada Day float. Sadly, but proudly, we watched as nine Beavers swam up to join the Cub Pack and many of us took part in our annual banquet at the Town Hall complete with magician and face-painting. We had our BBQ indoors as Mother Nature made it too cold and wet to be outside but those hot dogs still tasted great. Finally we wrapped up a fabulous year with a sleepover at the Ecomuseum which included a nighttime walk outdoors to see the creatures which only appear at night and in the morning we were able to see the other animals in daylight. Look for us on Canada Day! Have a super, safe summer!

### Cubs

In early May, the boys and girls of the MoWest Cub Pack, including a few white tail Beavers, visited Upper Canada Village on the banks of the St. Lawrence river near Morrisburg, Ontario. Founded in 1961, Upper Canada Village is one of the largest living-history sites in Canada. The village recreates life in a rural English Canadian setting during the year 1866. Nineteen Cubs and five leaders

took part in this year's two-day spring camp.

Upon arriving at Upper Canada Village, the Cubs were greeted by staff and told of the history and purpose of the park. They were then provided with period clothing. Dressed from head to toe in 1860's attire the kids were given a four-hour tour. This included many hands-on activities. Several Cubs worked the forge and bent iron with hammers at the smithy. At the tinsmith shop, they created candleholders by bending and cutting sheets of tin. **Sophie** and **Emilie** prepared cookie dough and baked a batch of cookies by

dropping the dough onto a cast iron plate suspended above an open fire hearth in an historic home. Several Cubs made their own fly swatters from sorghum and string at the broom-makers cabin. The cabin was about 60 square feet and would have been home to the broom-maker, his wife, his parents and 12 children!

On Saturday evening, after the park closed and the staff went home, the Cubs played a few games of capture the flag within the village itself. Campfire and marshmallows finished off the day.

On Sunday morning, the

Cubs did some farm chores including feeding the pigs, carrying buckets of water with a yoke and sawing wood. They also made a posy for Mother's Day. The Cubs then went to school (even though it was Sunday!) in Upper Canada Village's one-room school house, conveniently heated by a wood stove to ward off the cold. They sang *God Save the Queen*, learned about common birds and had a spelling competition. They even made their own school workbooks by sewing together sheets of paper. A fantastic experience for all participants! Special thanks to **Jon Wiersma (Rusty)** for driving the bus and to **Robert Eiser (Baloo)** for organizing the tour and stay.

*from Philippe Leroux (Chil)*

### Scouts

Our Scouts had been anxiously waiting for the good weather to get outside and enjoy themselves in both urban and country settings. As an urban experience, they did a special scavenger hunt, travelling by public transit all over Montreal, stopping at preset spots to have a snack and answer questions to prove that they were there. For the country part, their spring camp was held at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve in Ontario on the long weekend. They had an opportunity not just to camp but also to mix with Scout troops

Cubs and leaders, dressed in 19th century clothing, had a wonderful weekend camp at Upper Canada Village



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## Montreal West Scout Group



Three Chief Scout Recipients: green shirt on left, Jonathan Halliday; Blue shirt. Liam Massey; Green shirt on right, Mihai Neagu-Lund

from Southeastern Ontario, always a great experience sharing new ideas and making new friends. In June they hope to take part in the Montreal Folk Festival camping, helping to set up campsites for families to experience camping first hand. This annual event is sponsored by Parks Canada. Summer is not far off with a week at Camp Tamaracouta, can't wait.

### Venturers

The Venturers recently collected books for the Book Browse held at the MW United Church which was raising money for the sponsorship of a Syrian family.

There was also an evening at

*Allez Up* where they did some rock wall climbing, organized by **Doug Conover**. Some enjoyed it so much that they went back to get fully certified. They've also been working on complementary profiles, generously provided by *Team Management Systems* ([tms-americas.com](http://tms-americas.com)) to better get to know their strengths and teamwork styles as well as work on inter-personal skills. Each Venturer completed an online questionnaire and received a 20-page profile, with access to different online applications to compare profiles or check their goals and their development.

In outdoor activities, we recently played glow-in-the-dark soccer, are planning a hike to

Mont St. Hilaire and a camp the long Victoria Day weekend.

A very special presentation was done at our group annual banquet. Three of our Venturers: **Jonathan Halliday, Liam Massey and Mihai Neagu-Lund** were presented with their Chief Scout Awards. This is quite an accomplishment which takes a year and a half to complete and encompasses many aspects of scouting and personal development. As far as any of us can remember (and **Hawkeye, Bob King** has been around for over 30 years) there have only been three other Chief Scout Awards given to MoWest Scouts. Congratulations boys, well done!

## Computers for refugees

(from the St. Ignatius Church Bulletin, April 24)

"The **Beirutys** are arriving from Beirut in a couple of days! All is well, except that we want to provide them with a used computer, laptop and a tablet.

The good news is that **Richard Eckerlin** at *Ultrasoftware*, a local MoWest business in the basement of 16 Westminster North which refurbishes these, is generously willing to donate what he has as well as his time to refurbish what you bring in.

If you are willing to donate any of this, including a screen and printer, please take it directly to Richard. As he reuses and recycles computers, don't hesitate to drop off your entire garage-full."

Richard has also committed to also help the MW United Church with their Syrian refugee family sponsorship by providing them with a desktop computer and he's made the same offer to St. Philips Church for their Congolese family (who will not arrive until next summer). You can contact Richard at **438-938-6240**.

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## News from the Pews

### MW United

...the brick one

#### Can you say

#### “Cor Meibion Cymraeg Montreal”?

Then try the *Montreal Welsh Male Choir* that will be singing at MW United Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 pm in a concert recalling a Seaside Journey. Love to hear those rich male voices rolling out great harmonies. The bonus for me is the reading from Dylan Thomas' *The Outing*. What's not to enjoy. Hurry on over.

Tickets, in advance or at the door, \$20. Our own **Peter Bisset** will be there as well as **Jerome Savoie**, our former tenor lead. Please come and bring others if possible. Proceeds to the *Just Solutions Clinic* aiding all refugees at *Montreal City Mission*.

#### Sunday school and nursery services...

Sunday school ends June 5 with a hot dog lunch after worship. Our nursery service will close as well, with both resuming mid-September under **Brenda Murray**'s able leadership. Both programs have been very rich this year as witnessed by the family Sunday service (May 8) led by the children.

#### June and Rev. Janet

June is the last month of Rev. **Janet Bisset**'s career as a minister as she is retiring June 30. We have been so fortunate to have her here for the past eight years. Her warm compassionate manner, well-seasoned with her spirituality, has enriched our congregation in so many ways. We are not ready to see her go, but we must respect her decision that the time has come.

All this to say if you wish to attend a service led by Rev. Janet, better do it now. Her last service will be June 26.

#### What happens next?

Our congregation has begun its search process in preparation for calling a new minister. This is something that should not be rushed. We have chosen a group of our members who, with the aid of Rev. **Darryl MacDonald** and a lay person from Roxboro United, will process, interview, negotiate and recommend a potential candidate to the congregation. Should our members vote to accept this candidate, this person in turn may need to give notice before moving into our pulpit.

In the meantime, we will continue to be open in July, closed in August and Labor Day, re-opening for worship on September 11. Sunday worship will be provided by both lay and ordained people, as organized by our worship committee. After all, the church is the people in it, many of whom have interesting things to share. This can be a very rich time – and a good way to create some space between the styles of the outgoing person and those of the incoming one.

So remember, worship is at 10 am on Sundays through July. Might get to ask for your favourite hymns in there somewhere.... Remember we re-open for worship September 11. May summer be good to you, and replenish your soul...

from Susan Upham

P.S. FLASH! MWU4SR has been granted a Syrian family just now! Stay tuned!

### St-Ignatius

#### Syrian refugees welcomed at Mass

The **Beirouty** family arrived April 26 and the parishioners we're thrilled to finally

meet them. The family is very grateful for all that the parish has done and is doing for them. “We wish to express our gratitude and love to the parishioners and members of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish for praying for us, for generously supporting our family, for setting up our wonderful new home, for looking after our arrival and for your continued support and help learning about our new city.” Words spoken by **Ghada** (the mother) at Sunday Mass in May. As a thank you to the parish, her talented sons **Fadi** (12) and **Sami** (15) played a piano-violin duo, for which the parishioners gave them a standing ovation. It was a delight for all!

A sincere thank you to all the parishioners and friends of the parish as well as to the *Rotary Club of Montreal Westward* for their generous support.

#### Our religious education program

The Be My Disciples program is the religious education and sacrament preparation program at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish for children aged 6 and over. The program runs from September to May. Registration for next fall will begin in June.

If you are new to the parish or to the area, and have school-aged children not yet enrolled, please call our coordinator at **481-9124** for more information or to register

#### Youth groups

Our popular youth groups will resume in the fall. Lifeline for kids in grades 5 to 8, and Almighties for grades 9 to CEGEP. The groups get together once a week; feel free to drop in and see what it's all about. For more information, please contact **Stephen Corsi** at [sjcorsi10@gmail.com](mailto:sjcorsi10@gmail.com)

Have a happy, healthy and restful summer!





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## News from the Pews

### MW Presbyterian

#### Looking back

If any of you passed by our church on Saturday, April 30, you might have noticed **Margie Brass** raking or down on her knees diligently attending to our rose garden. Margie helped **Stan Highway** for many years at this labour of love. When he was no longer able to continue, she took over.

As well, on that same day, many, many members of our congregation joined in our first congregational spring cleaning event. By the end of the day not a speck of dust could be found. Windows and floors were washed, pews polished, floors scrubbed, grounds raked. Even the children helped to clean their toys.

A delicious picnic-style lunch was prepared by the youth group, under the guidance of **Zipper Scriver**. With cheery music playing in the background, it was a great time of fellowship and proof that indeed "many hands make light work."

On Sunday, May 8 the men of the congregation prepared and served a delicious Mother's Day breakfast. The youth group attended to the clean-up. We women suspect that the men might be expecting something special on Sunday, June 19 – Fathers Day!

At the time of writing, the youth are looking forward to their spring event to take place Friday, May 13 at St. Columba-by-the-Lake. 80 – 100 youth from the Montreal Presbytery are expected to attend.

#### Baptism

On Sunday, April 24, the sacrament of Baptism was administered to **Ethan James Lionel Alladin**, infant son of **Kevin** and **Erin Alladin**.

#### Reminder

We hope to see many of you at our spring sale and BBQ on Saturday, May 28 from 9:30 am-2 pm. Thank you in advance for supporting this event.

#### Summer services

Sunday services will be held weekly at 10:30 am throughout the summer months.

Sunday school will be closing towards the end of June and will reopen in September. Our welcome back BBQ and corn roast will be held Sunday, September 18.

For further information and/or assistance, please call the church office at **484-7913**. Have a wonderful summer.

*from Janet Dimock*

### St. Philip's

Thank you to everyone who came out to our spring fair. It was a glorious spring day, we saw lots of people, and everyone had a good time!

Sunday school wrapped up for the year on May 8, with a recognition for students and teachers at the end of the 10 am service. Sunday school will resume on September 11.

On June 5 we will have (weather permitting) worship outdoors on the lawn, followed by a parish picnic. We will fire up the barbecue, and all are welcome to join us. In the event of rain, it will be an indoor picnic.

Looking forward to fall, our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities will continue with a special Evensong, where our choir will be joined by choristers from other local churches. In October we will open the doors on a Saturday for tours of the church, exhibits from our archives and, of course, tea and goodies. We will also be having a gala anniversary dinner.

During the summer, worship continues every Sunday at 8 and 10 am, although our choir takes a vacation, and we have no Sunday school or child care. Our informal Tuesday evening worship continues as well, but call ahead as there may be an occasional cancellation.



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## MW 50+ Club

### June

- 1** Breakfast Club: **Joanne Wallace** presents Bright Colours
- 6** Movie matinée: *Spotlight* (2015)
- 10** Summer solstice tea
- 19** Ottawa Little Theatre: *God of Carnage*

### July

- 4** Tour of Saint Hyacinthe gardens
- 6** Summer BBQ
- 21** Upper Canada Playhouse: *Steel Magnolias*

### August

- 18** Hudson Village Theatre: *Private Lives*
- 24** Upper Canada Playhouse: *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*

### Overnight trips

Îles de la Madeleine

**June 10-17**

Stratford:

**September 12-15**

Tuesday bridge starts again September 27! New players are always welcome. Give us a call: **484-6186**.

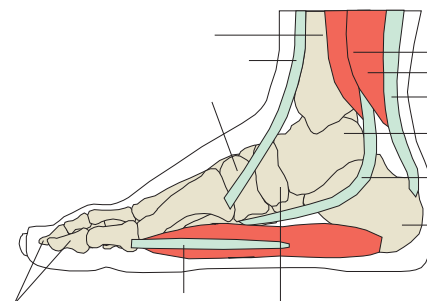
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**Community Centre**

**Community garden pilot project**

We have the pleasure of announcing a pilot project for a community garden in the heart of our Town.



Six 4X4 planters have been custom-made and placed near the pool outside the arena. A variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers will be planted. The plants will be tended to carefully by the youth participating in the summer day camps, who will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of gardening topics. The main goal is to allow the children to build a connection with the environment and their source of food.

The idea for this project belongs to resident **Virginie Boelen** who wanted to create a community garden that can appeal to all generations as well as be an educational activity for our youth. Since 2009, Virginie has been animating environmental workshops for children, and earned a degree with a specialization in environment at UQAM.

We invite all who wish to participate and volunteer to this project, with the goal to maintain and take care of this little garden as a community. An information session will be held at the beginning of June. If you are interested, please contact the Town's Community Centre.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

*Chris Kearney  
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**Pool news**

The MoWest lifeguards would like to welcome you to summer 2016.

**Jess** is returning as the manager, along with assistant managers **Juliana, Mat** and **Rowan. Gemma** will be our office manager. We will be welcoming many new faces this summer to our amazing staff. The newcomers include juniors **Annisa, Azélie, Emma, Nicolas, Rodrigo, Victor** and intermediates **Adrianna, Sierra** and **Wisang**. We are also welcoming **Rose** and **Max** as baby pool guards and **Sandrine** and **Lindsay** as pool gate attendants.

Returning from last year is **Sean** as a junior, **Tiff** as an intermediate along with **Justine, Kristin, Phoebe** and **Sarah** as senior lifeguards. We have already begun preparing for the fun that is to come and we encourage you to sign up for all the great programs the pool provides. You can do so by visiting the Town's website. We can't wait to kick off the season and to be reunited with all the swimmers and parents. Be sure to drop in for a swim when the pool opens on June 4.

*from Rowan Fletcher*

**Artists' Showcase 2016-2017**

Calling all MoWest amateur and professional artists: it is time to start planning your art work for next season's Artists' Showcase. The theme for the autumn exhibit will be "Shattered" leaving the interpretation to your imagination. We'll start hanging the autumn show in mid-September.

The 2017 showcases will be based on Canadian themes to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation. The winter's theme will be "Giving back to Canada." This could include how you see Canada in the future and the themes that make Canada great.

Meanwhile, there were plans to organize a summer show of children's artistic creations.

To find out more about the Artists' Showcase, or to get an application form, go to the Montreal West website under "culture," or pick up a form at the Town Hall office. For more details, you may contact **Tammy Loftus** at **484-6186**.



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## Community Centre

### New art programs in Montreal West

Are you new to art and interested in developing some basic skills?

Are you an artist looking to improve your skills and taking your work to the next level?

MW Recreational and Cultural Services, with local artist **Danièle Lemieux**, are in the planning stages of building a new art program tailored to meet the needs and interests of the community.

One will be a Basics and Beyond Drawing Program aimed at a beginner to intermediate level (approximate price range \$190-210 materials included) as well as a painting program where artists can further develop skills and learn from one another in a relaxed environment (approximate price range \$310-330 materials included). If there is sufficient interest, one or more courses will be offered in September.

#### Information about the teacher

Danièle is a professional artist who exhibits widely across Canada. Her work is rooted in classical realism, a style that has proven appealing to many students. You may see more of her work on her website [DanieleLemieux.com](http://DanieleLemieux.com) or her art blog [paintingoftheweek.blogspot.ca](http://paintingoftheweek.blogspot.ca).

If you think you'd like to participate in a class or have some suggestions for the type of class that would interest you, please contact **Tammy** at [recreation@montreal-west.ca](mailto:recreation@montreal-west.ca) or **484-6186**. Your input is most welcome and there is no commitment required!



### Summer Special Events 2016

All activities (unless otherwise noted) are in Davies Park and start at 6 pm.

#### Community Night, Art in the Park and Children's Dance Festival

Tuesday, May 31.

#### Pet Night

Tuesday, June 7.

Prizes for best dressed, best trick and more.

#### Armenian Night

Tuesday, June 14

#### La Fête nationale du Québec

Thursday, June 23

Music by the *Jonathan Moorman Band*, *Les Bons Diables* traditional dancers, inflatables, games, crafts, balloon sculptures, face-painting, BBQ, bonfire and more!

#### Canada day Celebrations!

Friday, July 1

4-5 pm: parade along Westminster.

5 pm: festivities begin in Strathearn Park; music and entertainment: *Preville Big Band*, *Cadillac Music* and more! BBQ, prizes, games, inflatables, face painting, pony rides in Percival Park.

9:45 pm: fireworks at Hodgson Field/next to the Legion Arena.

#### Cuban Night

Tuesday, July 12

*Cuban Martinez Show*.

#### Oktoberfest

Tuesday, July 19

#### West Indies Night

Tuesday, August 2

Le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée and the Town of Montreal West present *Samsara*.

#### Greek Night

Tuesday, August 9

Le Conseil des arts de Montréal en tournée and the Town of Montreal West present *Throw2Catch*.

#### Corn roast

Tuesday, August 16

*Camp Variety Show*.

#### Multi-cultural Night

Tuesday, August 23

#### Fall festival and welcome new residents

Sunday, September 18

Davies Park. Noon.

Call the Community Centre for more info: **484-6186** or check out our website: [montreal-west.ca](http://montreal-west.ca) or [facebook.com/montrealwest](https://facebook.com/montrealwest).

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## Town Council Meeting: April



by Carol Foster

The Mayor opened the April meeting of Council with a report as short as the meeting would prove to be long.

He announced he would be meeting with representatives of the *AMT* to discuss, once again, safety at the level crossing. At that meeting, he will also ask how the *Caisse de dépôt* plans for the new light rail commuter line may affect Montreal West.

The Town is continuing to seek legal redress from the owner of 238-240 Westminster North for the infringement of permits and bylaw regulations.

A public consultation meeting will be held in May to discuss a number of bylaws requiring minor changes in accordance with municipal regulations. In addition, an amendment to the Town's Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program bylaws will exclude flat roofs from the requirement for a permit.

**Councillor Ulin** reported that 150 residents attended the annual volunteer party and registrations for summer programs are rapidly filling up. Ulin's Public Security summary included the fact that a woman was found rummaging in the kitchen and several other areas of the Town Hall. In an-

other instance, a prowler was reported by a concerned resident on Ballantyne North. An investigation by the police discovered the prowler was in possession of a rock in a sock as well as some cannabis. He was charged only for the latter.

Ulin's "Know the bylaws" campaign continues. Two more tickets were issued for dogs running off-leash and four for contractors without permits. PSOs will be inspecting all private pools in the Town; residents are reminded each pool requires at least one person in the home to have CPR training. Changes to the Westminster/Northview intersection will be a topic of an information meeting for residents in that area.

Encouraging news came from **Councillor Feeney** who reported that it was a good year for the 2015 budget which now has been audited and will shortly be available online. This report shows a surplus of \$359,000 which comes mostly from an increase in revenue including such items as transfer duties from house sales, building permits and tickets. She also announced that the Town's working fund will be increased from \$525,000 to \$1,500,000. This fund allows the Town to borrow from itself for projects, as opposed to digging into the surplus. All the money used from this fund is required to be paid back over the next 10 years.

A long list of spring-cleaning chores was carried out by the Public Works. Winter mats and snow fences were removed. Potholes, a sinkhole and a water-main break were all attended to. Street and sidewalk cleaning has begun and residents are advised by **Councillor Torres** to pay attention to the subsequent effect on street parking times.

The Mayor concluded the business part of the meeting by fulfilling the requirement to publicly announce every detail of the "notice of motion and dispensation from reading" of 10 bylaws currently being amended. Everyone, including the Mayor, was relieved when that requirement was fulfilled.

### Question period

Another tree growing on or close to a property line raised the question of "who owns the roots" of a shared tree for the second time in question period. This time, an 80-year-old maple tree's roots were damaged as a result of the excavation for a swimming pool by a homeowner on one side of the property line. This caused distress to the property owner on the other side who valued the health of the tree. Although repairs to the damage were apparently promised by the new pool owner, nothing has been done and Council was asked to intervene.

The Mayor explained that the fate of the tree has to be resolved between the neighbours, as the Town has no jurisdiction governing this type of situation. Masella

offered to speak to the pool owner, but he emphasized that the Town could only recommend, but not force, actions that might be taken. The Mayor also mentioned that changes are currently being made to the bylaw governing trees in the Town but Council hasn't had to deal with "shared" trees before and perhaps the amendments will require "more teeth" before the changes are completed.

The subject of the protection of trees was brought up by several other residents, some of whom felt strongly that the Town was not doing enough. **Councillor Tasker-Brown** emphatically rebutted these complaints by itemizing the many measures Council has already put into place, starting with the compilation of an inventory of all the Town trees. In addition, a strategy is being devised to deal with preserving the Town's green canopy, that has included the long process of making revisions to the bylaws governing trees, the reduction of allowable hard-scaping to provide more room for trees, the tree give-away program and the subsidy offered to homeowners to ensure the tree vaccination program is followed.

This explanation still did not satisfy one speaker whom Councillor Ulin then urged to attend every Council meeting in order to keep reminding Council how important this issue is.

Council continued to be criticized for not doing enough by a resident who felt protection for the feral cat population was badly needed and being ignored. Councillor Ulin replied the PSOs take unidentified cats and dogs to the SPCA when appropriate but there has not been enough demand for any further action.

The possibility of the construction of a new arena caused one resident, opposed to the idea, to chastise the Mayor for not conducting a poll to determine how many people actually wanted one. The next speaker, firmly in favour of the idea, assured the Mayor a poll would convince Council of the large percentage of the population that did want a new arena. She went on to urge the Mayor not to miss "this historic opportunity" to obtain funding so that one could be built. The Mayor explained to both speakers that there was no sense in conducting any poll until plans and potential costs had been determined.

Posting Council minutes online in a timely fashion, webcasting Council meetings for the benefit of young families who could not attend evening meetings, burying hydro lines when infrastructure repairs are being made and repositioning of a fire hydrant which sits on higher ground than normal were all further suggestions made to Council and the Mayor finally declared the meeting adjourned just after 10:30 pm.

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## Réunion du Conseil : avril



par Carol Foster

traduction par René Boucher

En ouverture de la réunion d'avril, le rapport du maire s'avéra aussi court que la réunion fut longue.

Il annonça qu'il rencontrerait les représentants de l'AMT pour à nouveau discuter de sécurité au passage à niveau. Lors de cette rencontre, il demandera aussi comment les plans de la *Caisse de dépôt* pour la nouvelle ligne de train léger pourraient toucher Montréal-Ouest.

La Ville poursuit ses recours judiciaires à l'égard du propriétaire du 238-240 Westminster Nord pour infractions aux permis et à la règlementation.

Une réunion de consultation publique aura lieu en mai pour discuter de certains règlements exigeant des modifications mineures à des règlements municipaux. De plus, un amendement au Plan d'implantation et d'intégration architectural exclura les toits plats de l'obligation de permis.

La **conseillère Ulin** a indiqué que quelque 150 résidents ont pris part à la fête annuelle des bénévoles et que les inscriptions aux programmes d'été vont bon train. Dans son rapport concernant la Sécurité publique, on apprenait qu'une femme avait été trouvée fouillant dans la cuisine et d'autres parties de l'hôtel de ville. Un résident a signalé un rôdeur sur Ballantyne Nord. L'enquête policière a révélé que ce dernier était en possession d'un caillou dans une chaussette et de cannabis et on l'a accusé sur ce dernier point seulement.

La campagne « Connaissez les règlements » de madame Ulin se poursuit. Deux autres constats pour chiens sans laisse et quatre à des entrepreneurs sans permis ont été délivrés. Les ASP inspecteront toutes les piscines privées de la ville et l'on rappelle que pour chaque piscine, au moins une personne de la maisonnée doit avoir une formation en RCP. Les changements à l'intersection Westminster/Northview seront expliqués lors d'une séance d'information pour les résidents du secteur.

La **conseillère Feeney** avait des nouvelles encourageantes concernant la vérification du budget 2015 qui sera bientôt disponible en ligne. Ce rapport montre un surplus de 359 000 \$ provenant majoritairement d'une augmentation des revenus, dont les droits de mutation des propriétés vendues, les permis de construction et les contraventions. Elle a aussi annoncé que le fonds de caisse de la Ville passera de 525 000 \$ à 1 500 000 \$. Ce fonds permet à la Ville d'emprunter à elle-même pour des projets plutôt que de ronger ses surplus. Toutes les sommes utilisées de ce fonds doivent être repayées dans les 10 ans.

Les Travaux publics ont effectué une

longue liste de tâches printanières. On a retiré les tapis et clôtures à neige et l'on s'est occupé des nids-de-poule, d'un affaissement et d'un bris d'aqueduc. Le nettoyage des rues et trottoirs a débuté et la **conseillère Torres** avise les résidents de faire attention aux effets sur les heures de stationnement sur rues.

Le maire a mis fin à cette partie de la réunion en remplissant l'exigence d'annoncer publiquement tous les détails des « avis de motion et dispenses de lecture » de 10 règlements d'amendement. Tous, incluant le maire, étaient soulagés lorsque l'exigence a été satisfaite.

### Période de questions

Un autre arbre poussant sur ou près de la ligne de démarcation entre propriétés a soulevé la question « à qui appartiennent les racines » d'un arbre partagé pour la deuxième fois à la période de questions. Dans ce cas, il s'agit d'un érable de 80 ans dont les racines ont été endommagées par suite de l'excavation pour une piscine. Cela a chagriné la propriétaire voisine qui tient à la santé de l'arbre. Malgré la promesse de réparation des dommages, rien n'a été fait et elle demande l'intervention du Conseil.

Le maire expliqua que le sort de l'arbre relevait des voisins puisque la Ville n'a pas autorité dans ce type de situation. Monsieur Masella a offert de parler au propriétaire de la piscine, mais a insisté que la Ville ne pouvait que recommander, non pas obliger, que des actions soient entreprises. Le maire a aussi indiqué que des modifications au règlement sur les arbres dans la ville sont en préparation, mais que le Conseil n'a pas eu à traiter d'arbres « en garde partagée » précédemment et que peut-être les amendements devront être « plus mordants » avant d'être votés.

Plusieurs autres intervenants ont abordé le sujet de la protection des arbres, dont certains qui estimaient que la Ville n'en faisait pas assez. La conseillère Tasker-Brown réfuta ces prétentions avec véhémence en énumérant les nombreuses mesures que le Conseil a déjà mises en place, en commençant par l'établissement d'un inventaire de tous les arbres de la ville. De plus, une stratégie est en élaboration visant la préservation de la canopée verte de la ville, qui a comporté le long processus de révision des règlements touchant les arbres, la réduction d'utilisation de matériaux inertes pour laisser plus de place aux arbres, le programme de distribution d'arbres et la subvention aux propriétaires pour assurer la vaccination des arbres.

Cette explication n'a pas su satisfaire un intervenant à qui la conseillère Ulin a recommandé d'assister à chaque réunion du Conseil pour lui rappeler l'importance de

cette question.

Une résidente a poursuivi les critiques du Conseil; elle croit que la population féline sauvage a grand besoin de protection et est ignorée. La conseillère Ulin répondit que les ASP amènent les chiens et chats sans identification à la SPCA lorsque nécessaire, mais qu'il n'y a pas eu suffisamment de demandes pour aller plus loin.

La possibilité de la construction d'un nouvel aréna, à laquelle il s'oppose, a amené un résident à sermonner le maire qui n'a pas procédé à un sondage pour déterminer combien de gens en souhaitent un. L'intervenante suivante, résolument favorable à l'idée, a assuré le maire qu'une telle analyse convaincrait le Conseil du large pourcentage de la population qui désire un nouvel aréna. Elle a poursuivi en conseillant vivement au maire de ne pas manquer cette « occasion historique » d'obtenir du financement pour sa construction. Le maire a répondu aux deux intervenants qu'il ne servait à rien de tenir une consultation tant que des plans et coûts potentiels n'auraient pas été déterminés.

L'affichage des procès-verbaux des réunions du Conseil en temps opportun, la webdiffusion des réunions du Conseil pour les jeunes familles qui ne peuvent y assister en soirée, l'enfouissement des fils d'Hydro-Québec lors des travaux d'infrastructure et la relocalisation d'une borne-fontaine située plus haut que la norme ont constitué d'autres suggestions faites au Conseil. Le maire a finalement déclaré la levée de la séance peu après 22 h 30.

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## COMING EVENTS

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### MAY

- Sat 28** **Spring sale and BBQ.** MW Presbyterian. 9:30 am-2 pm.  
**Sun 29** **Afternoon Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 2-4 pm.  
**Mon 30** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.  
**Tue 31** **Community Night** and Children's Dance Festival in conjunction with Art in the Park. Davies Park. 6-8 pm.

### JUNE

- Sat 4** **Annual Curzon Co-op Preschool** rummage sale, bake sale and welcome day. Furniture, toys, clothing, books. Come uncover your next treasure! (Rain date: Saturday, June 11.). 8:30 am-noon.  
**Montreal Welsh Male Choir.** MW United Church. 7:30 pm.  
**Lobsterfest.** Rotary Club of Montreal Westward. Arena. Please see page 6. 6:30-9 pm.  
**Sun 5** **Parish picnic.** St. Philip's. All welcome. 9 am.  
**Mon 6** **Timothy Niedermann** reads from *Wall of Dust*. Adult Library. 5 pm.  
**Tue 7** **Pet Night.** Prizes for best dressed, best trick and more. Davies Park. 6 pm.  
**Tue 14** **Armenian Night.** Davies Park. 6 pm.  
**Wed 22** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Town Hall. 7:30-9 am.  
**Thu 23** **La Fête nationale du Québec.** Music by the *Jonathan Moorman Band*, *Les Bons Diables* traditional dancers, inflatables, games, crafts, balloon sculptures, face-painting, BBQ, bonfire and more! Davies Park. 6 pm.  
**Sun 26** **Rev. Janet Bisset's farewell service.** MW United. 10 am.  
**Mon 27** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

### JULY

- Fri 1** **Canada Day celebrations!** 4-5 pm: parade along Westminster; 5 pm: festivities begin in Strathearn Park; music and entertainment: *Preville Big Band*, *Cadillac Music*, and more! BBQ, prizes, games, inflatables, face painting, pony rides in Percival Park. 9:45 pm: fireworks at Hodgson Field.  
**Tue 12** **Cuban Night** – *Cuban Martinez Show*. Davies Park. 6 pm.  
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### AUG

- Sun** **MW United closed until September 11.**  
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**Tue 16** **Corn roast.** *Camp Variety Show*. Davies Park. 6 pm.  
**Tue 23** **Multi-cultural Night.** Davies Park. 6 pm.  
**Wed 24** **Coffee with the Mayor.** Town Hall. 7:30-9 am.  
**Mon 29** **Town Council meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

### SEPT

- Sun 11** **MW United re-opens.** 10 am.  
**Sun 18** **Welcome back BBQ and corn roast.** MW Presbyterian. Fall festival and welcome new residents. Davies Park. Noon.  
**Thu 22** **MW Charity Golf Tournament.** Please see article this page.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MW Charity Golf Tournament

Please mark Thursday afternoon, September 22 in your calendar as the date of this year's golf tournament.

All are welcome to participate in this fun event benefiting many local MW organizations.

Once again it will be held at The Caughnawaga Golf Club.

For more information please contact **Sam** at (smccoubrey@genfoot.com) or **John** at (drdrummond@montrealwestdentistry.com).



## Auditions

The *Montreal West-End Operatic Society* is pleased to announce the auditions for next year's operetta (our 78<sup>th</sup> production and 3<sup>rd</sup> bilingual show!) *La Vie Montréalaise* (adapted from Offenbach's *La Vie Parisienne*) at Victoria Hall, August 24, 29 and 31. For appointments, please contact our casting director at: **990-8813** ext. 3, or email: casting@mwsos.org or visit: mwsos.org.

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