

Berge Missakian

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ennial year celebrations.

Berge was a gentle man, pleasant, likeable and compassionate. As one of Canada's celebrated painters, he became a member of the prestigious group "Who is Who in American Art" and earned an international reputation. His unique artwork has been recognized and collected internationally. Born in Alexandria, Egypt, he studied in Lebanon, at Cornell in the US and at Concordia here in Montreal. He chose to live in Montreal because of its cultural diversity; he wanted the ability to relate in several languages.

On a personal note, Berge was my first contact during the Centennial preparations. He knew where to get reproductions and framing done at the best price and where to buy all the other paraphernalia. Most

often, he drove me there to meet his friends.

His presence among us enriched our lives as a community. We offer his wife **Hanne** and

his children **Andrea, Chris, Tom** and **Nancy** our support and deepest condolences. The original painting of Berge Missakian's *Jazz up in Montreal West* is prominently displayed in the Public Library for everyone to enjoy.

from Pauline Ducharme



While many MoWesters may not recognize this photo of **Berge Missakian**, several residents will remember the print *Jazz up in Montreal West* that is featured in numerous homes.

Berge was the creator of our official Centennial painting in 1997. He conceived, executed and donated his work to the Town. It was subsequently reproduced in several forms and hung as banners along Westminister Avenue during our Cen-

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Welcome, new Council of 2017!

On November 5, MoWest held its municipal election. Let's congratulate our new Council and say thank you to all the candidates who gave their time, effort and passion to the campaign! Here's how the votes got divided.



ELECTION RESULTS

	Votes	%
Mayor		
Beny Masella	1,285	67.6%
Norbert Bedoucha	615	32.4%
Seat 1		
Dino Mazzone	963	51.1%
Laura Cousineau	923	48.9%
Seat 2		
Elizabeth Ulin	1,067	57.1%
Ann McLaughlin	803	42.9%
Seat 3		
Colleen Feeney	1,401	75%
Louise Chênevert	467	25%
Seat 4		
Maria Torres	1,157	62%
Sharon McCarry	708	38%

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NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE
January 11

At the urging of residents, the Town has installed new pedestrian signage at two particularly dangerous crosswalks. The first is at Broughton and Westminster (in front of the Community Centre), the other is at the intersection of Avon and Brock S.

These signs emit bright, pulsating LED powered lighting to indicate that a pedestrian is entering the crosswalk zone. The lights are very effective and drivers cannot miss them when they are flashing. A button below the sign must be pushed to activate the signs.

However, casual observation indicates that many pedestrians are not using them. Please take advantage of these new, safe pedestrian signs when crossing at these intersections and in particular take a moment to let children know about them.

from Charles Rodgers

New pedestrian flashing lights

... please use them!



Another wonderful success!

The weather certainly added a seasonal touch on Sunday with snow falling in the morning. We had lots of visitors, really special artisans and we were very happy to welcome the *NDG Food Depot* this year who were thrilled with the community response they received. Very special thanks as always to **Paula**, to all the security personnel at Town Hall. We are also especially thankful for the wonderful help we received from Town employee **Darryl Kimble**. He solved each problem we had with unfailing grace and good humour. Thanks again Darryl. We absolutely could not organize this show without their support and assistance.

The *ART ETC.* committee would also like to extend special thanks to *MoWest Guides* (who stepped in at the last minute when the Horticultural Society was unable to participate) and the *Children's Library* who put together two wonderful days of delicious food at the café.

The café always adds a special touch to our event as it gives our visitors a place to get together with friends and have a lovely lunch after visiting our artisans and all their amazing displays.



Above: author and artist Patricia Srigley works in many different media: paint and words, collage and clay. She brought the children's books that she wrote and illustrated herself. The irresistible Mr. Cat Pilot was printed on a page of an old dictionary: Ute Sell from Seconds Prints gives old books a second life.

Below: this is JoAnne Eigenmann's tenth year at the show. Together with Cate Gregory, Lynn Crawford, Shirley Kieran and Debera Temperton, with help from Josee Belhumeur, they make a great team that brings *Art etc.* to Montreal West.



Mailbox



What about the people?

I read with interest **Linda Hamerschmidt's** letter regarding her commuting distress through Montreal West in the last *Informer*. Regrettably, an important element was missing: the people who live and work here!

Indeed, traffic numbers are staggering. Mo West has been, and will always be, a junction between neighbourhoods and highways. It's a never-ending problem, although no doubt that the Turcot project has made things worse. I sincerely hope most of this traffic goes away once Turcot is complete.

I applaud Mrs. Hamerschmidt for suggesting an aggressive approach towards traffic solutions, but they were very commuter driver focused. How about a forceful stance with a more quality of life resident focus?

Town Council have implemented measures to try and mitigate traffic where they have control. Is it enough? Are more traffic restrictions in order? Road closures? Speed limit reduction? Should everything possible be done to deter traffic from coming through the town, or at the very least, side residential streets?

Would residents tolerate a few minutes more of driving and inconvenience in return for having their street transformed into a quiet *cul-de-sac*?

Charles Rodgers



Winter's coming!

We all know that somethings are inevitable in life – winter being one of them. How caring a community are we when the weather turns angry?

How prepared are you for a power failure like the one we experienced in 1998 with the Ice Storm? That would be an extreme example of weather affecting our community. MoWest was amazing during the Ice Storm jumping into action long before the city. Neighbours knew which neighbours were alone or with newborns or just out of the hospital or very fragile without heat and neighbours helped neighbours from day one. By the time “the system” was ready to help, our MoWesters had it all in hand! This is one compassionate community.

We know that there will be angry weather days ahead. Take a moment to meet and greet your neighbours and offer help if you can for garbage pails, salting entrance paths, getting milk and bread and just generally being aware of who around you might need a helping hand in bad weather.

Our Town employees are the best on the Island and will do their part but we also have a community responsibility to reach out to our neighbours in difficult times – this is what makes living in Montreal West so special!

from Joan Foster

Informerly yours

Carole Desmarteau, a resident of Courtney Drive, has recently released a new, solo vocal CD called *Only for You – Sounds of Love and Life*. The music can be called adult contemporary and covers styles from country, R&B, Latin to folk rock.

In her words, “I thoroughly enjoyed this new experience of writing words and music to express different emotions – love, humor, longing, regret – I believe we can all, to some extent, relate to these feelings.” Husband **Valmar Kurok** produced the CD and co-composed some of the songs. **Michael Stibor** of Dorval provided instrumentation and recording work.

The CD is available from Carole at cardes1@sympatico.ca and will later be available on iTunes and soundsofloveandlife.com.

Sounds of Love and Life



'Tis the season to be jolly

The *Horticultural Society's* Christmas meeting will be a departure from the holiday floral demonstrations that have been enjoyed for the past several years.

On Wednesday, December 13, **Murray Van Egmond** from *Edgewood Florist* will demonstrate how to make a winter urn for outdoor display. He feels we focus our attention on our gardens in the spring and summer and ignore them in the cold weather. He'd like to see more people viewing winter as a time when we can still have outdoor arrangements that welcome people to our homes and make the winter landscape a little more interesting.

Besides the urn, Murray will give advice on other outdoor decorations and will answer questions pertaining to the floral industry. The urn will be raffled, wine will be served and other refreshments will make our Christmas meeting memorable.

Admission is \$5 for non-members, or \$20 which includes all of 2018.

Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership to the *Horticultural Society*, purchase a gift membership, or become a new member for 2018. The fee for the year is \$20 regardless of category. Membership includes admission to monthly meetings held the third Monday of the months of January through April and September, October and November/December.

A reminder will let you know what's coming up, and all you do is show up and benefit from a presentation on some aspect of nature. Refreshments are served and there is an opportunity to ask questions of the gardening expert. As well, the club holds a June garden tour of outstanding gardens in the area. 2018 membership fees can be remitted to **Philippa Vikander**, 3495 Trenholme Avenue or paid at the next meeting.

Coming speakers

Speakers already lined up for January to April include landscape architect **Myke Hodgins**; world renowned Director of the Mosaïcultures, **Lise Cormier**, and Manager of Grounds and Greenhouses for the National Capital Commission, **Mark Burleton**.





A very special oak

At the Remembrance Day parade, people may have noticed a small, sturdy oak tree planted between Westminster and the Cenotaph.

In 1916, Lieutenant **Leslie H. Miller** mailed a handful of acorns, collected after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, home to Canada where they were planted at his family farm in Scarborough. He wrote in his diary "the whole surface of the ground is a shapeless mess of broken trees, shell holes and ruined trenches. It is by far the worst sight I have ever seen." This is a quote from the *Vimy Oaks – a Journey to Peace*, by **Linda Granfield**, a book recently acquired by the Children's Library.

Acorns from those trees, planted 100 years ago, were sown by the *Vimy Oak Repatriation Project* and many saplings

were sent to France to be planted during the 100th anniversary commemorations near the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.

A member of the *Vimy Foundation* suggested the Town acquire one of the saplings that are being distributed across Canada. It will grow to become a majestic tree for us and will be a symbol of remembrance and honour to our Canadian soldiers. An appropriate plaque will be donated by *IODE* HMS Victory chapter.

Getting ready for the holidays

At our November meeting, we signed handmade Christmas cards for residents of *St. Andrew's Home* and wrapped 60 gifts for the *Auberge Transition* holiday party.

We continue to be very grateful for donations of wool and sewing supplies, including an especially large container left at 131 Wolseley Avenue North by a lady named **Oriana**. Thank you, Oriana!

from Janet King

IODE have collected another 24 hand-knitted tuques for the children in Cartwright.



Call for applications



Planning Advisory Committee

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

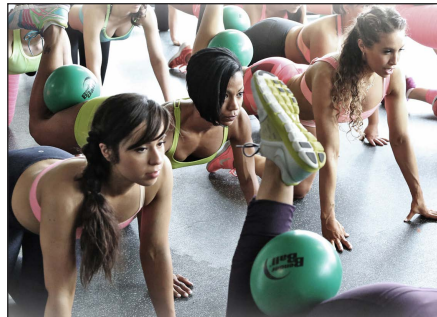
Candidates for this position should:

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

To apply for this volunteer position, please send your résumé and a cover letter explaining your reasons for applying by December 18 to:

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Rotary



Joyce Teiber receives Paul Harris Community Service Award

Every so often our Rotary Club honors local volunteers that help make our community a great place to live. There was overwhelming support towards the nomination of **Joyce Teiber** to receive our Paul Harris Community Service Award.

Rotarian Dr. **Bob Pihl** emceed the presentation and gave a quick overview of Rotary from its founding in 1905 by Paul Harris. Our family has grown to 32,000 clubs 1.2 million Rotarians around the world.

Bob first introduced **Kerry Lanthier** the person who nominated Joyce. Kerry described Joyce as the lady with the beautiful garden on the corner of Nelson and how they both had grandmothers from Newfoundland. Joyce has been president of the *Horticultural Society* for 30 years. She also helps out on Canada Day and *Meals-on-Wheels* and is in charge of the volunteers that do the cooking. Joyce makes sure that the shut-ins get their turkey meal every Christmas. Joyce started a knitting group

that meets every week to talk and knit, of course. Kerry ended by saying that Joyce is a caring friend and neighbor.

Next to shower praise was **Becky Dolan** who talked about the knitting group that Joyce started three and a half years ago and now meets every week at the Community Centre. The community that plays together stays together and Joyce keeps everyone together.

Then **Joan Foster** talked next about Joyce and said compassionate communities care for all within. She talked about Joyce's work with *Meals-on-Wheels* and, because of Joyce, people in our community can get nutritious hot meals.

Ann MacKay described Joyce's work during Canada Day celebrations and said she knew Joyce in 1988 when she first moved to here. One of the

comforts of being in a Town like MoWest is volunteers like Joyce.

Kerry came back for an encore and talked about Joyce's work for the *Horticultural Society* and how Joyce was presented with "Robert's Rules of Order" but on the way home dropped it in the mail box by accident and has been winging it ever since.

Bob presented Joyce with the Paul Harris Award and Joyce said she was at home reading a magazine and making soup when her husband, **Tony**, called and told her to get down to the Town Hall. She said she could talk for hours (I believe her) but would not. She said she was touched and thrilled with the award.

We then sang *For She's a Jolly Good Fellow* followed by a much deserved standing ovation.



Caitlin Bailey: Battle of Passchendaele

Caitlin talked about the Battle of Passchendaele as it is the centennial of the battle. The battle took place on October 26, 1917 and was one of the worst experiences of war as it took part in acres of mud. It was a victory, but not celebrated as a victory. Called the battle of the 10,000 yard stare. Caitlin showed us many battlefield photos. It was definitely muddy and wet. She asked why do we not remember Passchendaele. The British had been fighting there for three months before the Canadians arrived after success at Vimy Ridge. General **Douglas Haig** was in charge at the time and his British troops were demoralized. He sent the Canadian troops into northwest Belgium. Lieutenant General **Arthur Currie** was in charge of the Canadians and did not want to go as he inspected the terrain and was shocked at its condition. He was over ruled by his superiors. They first took the bridge and then the village. 16,400 Canadians were killed, wounded or went missing after the battle. The question asked years later was "What was this for?" A war commentator said, "Mud, blood and folly." Caitlin ended her talk by saying for every Vimy there is a Passchendaele. After answering many interesting questions, we

thanked Caitlin. The *Centre* is located at 5524 A St. Patrick Street, #202. Hours for the public are Friday 10 am-3 pm and Saturday 11:30 am- 3pm. Check out their web site at greatwarcentre.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 a speaker at around 1 pm. Cost for a guest is \$20. Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards and helps build goodwill and peace. The Club is always looking to embrace new members.

from Doug Yeats
doug@westendpiano.com



As our guest speaker leading up to Remembrance Day, we had **Caitlin Bailey** who is the Executive Director and Curator at the *Canadian Centre for the Great War*. The Centre promotes and makes accessible the social history of the First World War in Canada; there is an exhibit at the Atwater Library.



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Edinburgh School



Back row: Joanna Duy (HS chair), Rhett Gervais (Ford Gabrielle) and Mauro Zampini (principal). Front row: Maya Morissette, Sophia Morissette

Let the new playground be!

On October 14, Edinburgh's Home and School Association held a Ford Drive 4 Your School fundraiser in conjunction with *Ford Gabriel*. Members of our community had the opportunity to test drive a Ford vehicle and for each test drive *Ford Gabriel* donated \$20 to Edinburgh's Playground Improvement Project.

We would like to extend our gratitude to **Gisele Makedessi** from *Ford Gabriel* for coordinating this event and helping us raise over \$3400! We would also like to thank *la Pâtisserie de la gare* for their "sweet" donations for 300 people.

On behalf of Edinburgh students, staff and parents, thank you to the entire community for coming out and supporting our fundraiser and helping us provide a better place to play for our students.

from Mauro Zampini



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Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Extensive gym renovations!

The gym at EBS has recently undergone an extensive \$550,000 renovation, including a completely new floor. This explains all the commotion you may have noticed on Percival over the summer and into the fall.



This situation presented some challenges, but our patient and imaginative gym teachers were able to hold classes outdoors (weather permitting) or in classrooms for the first couple of months of school!

As of Tuesday, November 7, we have full access to our beautiful new gym and the students are very excited! On Tuesday, November 14, our Regional Director **Pela Nickolotopoulos** and our School Commissioner **Joseph Lalla** visited the new gym.

Joseph Lalla (School Commissioner), Michael Brown (Principal), Stéphane Fortin (Phys Ed Teacher), Pela Nicko-Telopoulos (EMSB Regional Director - West Sector) with happy EBS students



CTV Spirit Of Giving

Once again this year, EBS will be participating in the *CTV Spirit of Giving* campaign. We were featured last year on CTV and we managed to collect DOZENS of boxes filled with non-perishable food, clothing and toys to be donated. This year, we will be taking advantage of our newly established "House" system to encourage the students to participate – they will receive "house points" for their donations. We hope to collect even MORE boxes than we did last year. We welcome donations from residents as well! Our theme for this year's *CTV Spirit of Giving* assembly will be "Winter Wonderland".

STEAM bees

STEAM is in full swing at EBS. The Cycle 3 students worked very hard to complete their projects about bees. They took an interest in the bees because they wanted to know more about the hive that has been installed on our roof (now you know what the "buzz" was all about). They incorporated the five components of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and created projects to inform other students about everything from the anatomy of a bee to the important role bees play in our environment.

Caiden Finch and other members of his group created an iMotion movie and used the green screen to explain the swarming of bees. Another group made a beautiful diorama to explain the important position held by the queen bee. Other students presented topics that were both creative and informative. Caiden expressed to his teacher that it was really a fun project and a creative way to learn. Some of the students were chosen to go to the EMSB November 21 to share their projects and at the same time sell the honey that was produced by the EBS hive!



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Stock up for the holidays!

As we end our year at the library, we will be shelving a lot of new books and movies for you to stock up for the holidays. We will be extending our lending period from two to four weeks starting December 11.

We will also be closed as of December 22 and we will re-open January 8.

We are also going to try extending our hours during December where we will be open Mondays and Tuesday until 6 pm! It should be even easier to come visit us.

System automation

This year, we have decided to take on the daunting task of automating the library system. This will allow members to see what is in the collection and to reserve and renew books online. We are kicking off this project with a special fundraising effort by asking our community to contribute. If you have questions about this project or the fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact me at the library or mwlib@videotron.ca

Coming events: Musical Fridays

December 1 at 7 pm: Join us for an evening of Christmas music led by local musicians. See the library for more details.

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Holiday tea and candle sale

Please join us for a holiday tea and candle sale Monday, December 4 and Monday, December 11 at 2 pm. There will be limited seating, so please RSVP either at the library or email mwlib.requests@gmail.com.

A few points to remember

- We have become a food drop off point for the *NDG Food Depot*. Come and bring in a non-perishable item.
- We are now accepting reservations, requests and renewals by email. Simply email your request and information to mwlib.requests@gmail.com. Include the name of the item and the date it is due and the type of item (DVD, book, talking book or magazine).
- Check out our Facebook page to keep up to date on all the events.
Have a happy holiday!

New to our collection

Fiction/mystery

Dan Brown	<i>Origin Whipped</i>
William Deverell	<i>The Shoe on the Roof</i>
Will Ferguson	<i>The Water Beetles</i>
Michael Kaan	<i>Midwinter Break</i>
Bernard MacLaverly	

Non-fiction

Neil deGrasse Tyson	<i>Astrophysics for People in a Hurry</i>
Dion Leonard	<i>Finding Gobi</i>

Cookbooks

Zingerman's Bakehouse

DVDs

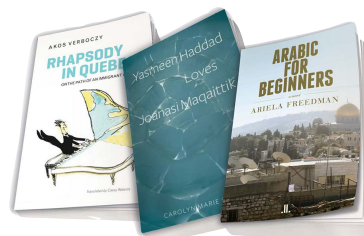
Homeland – Season 6
Vera – Set 2
American Gods – Season 1
Mercy Street – Season 1

Come meet Montreal authors

New this year, the Montreal West Reads series highlights local authors from in and around Montreal.

The series has held three events this year starting with the inauguration of the Stuart Maclean room followed by *DC Books* with writers **Keith Henderson, Kenneth Radu Tom Abray, Jason Camlot and Larissa Andrusyshyn**. The series ended 2017 with readings from **Carolyn Marie Souaid, Akos Verbovcy and Ariela Freedman**.

from Debbie Marcogliese



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MWH hockey

The 2017-18 hockey season is well under way for the Montreal West/Hampstead Knights. This year we have 14 teams ranging from Novice (7 years old) to Midget (18 years old). Each team plays 18-24 games, home and away throughout the regular season. Check out the EHL website (ehl.club) for a complete games schedule and we look forward to seeing you there. Go Knights, Go!

Our youngest hockey players begin in our Future Stars program which introduces the basics of hockey to participants ages 4, 5 and 6. These littlest "Knights" have the biggest learning curve, going from individual skaters to a team player. They learn by going through various stations that teach skating skills, puck handling and passing, shooting and, of course, by playing mini games. There are still a few spots left in this program. If you are interested please contact the CRA office at **485-8598**.

Hockey Holiday Day

On December 10, we celebrate our 5th annual Hockey Holiday Day! This is a day of hockey at Legion Rink for all our single letter teams. There will be music, a bake sale, a raffle and hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome and we encourage people to come and cheer on our teams.

Joining us this year is author **Andrew Caddell** of *The Goal*. His book includes several pictures and stories about hockey in MoWest at Legion rink and outdoors on Hodgson Field.

Winter registration

Registration is open for the 2018 winter session at amilia.com/store/en/montreal-west-cra-arc/shop/programs.

Gymnastics

Begins January 11
3½-5 years (5:45-6:30)
6-10 years (6:30-7:30)

Sportball

Begins January 9
3-5 years (5:30-6:30)
6-12 years 96:30-7:30)

Indoor soccer

Begins January 8
5 and 6 year olds – Mondays
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1:30 - 2:30: Pee Wee /Bantam
5:30-7:30: Free kate
7:30 – 9: Midget

Sunday, 24: Closed

Monday, 25: Closed

December 26, 28, 29, 30 (NONE the 27th)

11 am-noon: Free skate
Noon-1:20: Novice/Atom
1:30 – 2:50: Pee Wee/Bantam
3-4:20: Midget and up
4:30-6: Free skate

January 2, 3, 4, 5

11-noon: Free skate
Noon-1:20: Novice/Atom
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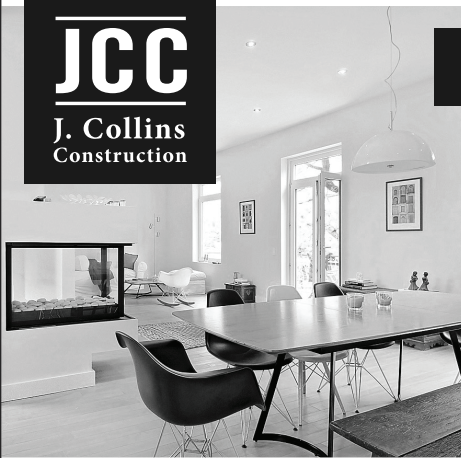
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Montreal West Scout Group



Beavers

The weather outside is dreadful, but the Beaver Colony is keeping warm and busy inside.

We started November with a short talk on the history behind and the meaning of Remembrance Day, made poppies to pin on our hats and played a game that required team work just like the soldiers. Several of us attended the Remembrance Day parade and we were treated to a pizza lunch in the Town Hall. Thank you, **Paula** and **Marian**, for the food and the special T-shirts to commemorate our participation in the parade!

The next two weeks focused on physical activities: a *Participation 150* games night, and then "Wall Climbing" at a CEGEP in Lasalle. A science night finished off the last Thursday of November – experimenting made easy with household supplies. Even the leaders learned a few new tricks. In December, we will make Christmas crackers to hand out with the Christmas Day meals from the United Church and our last meeting will be our annual bowling night.

Cubs

October 13-15, the Cub Pack went on a camping trip to the Lake Lovering Scout Reserve where they had the opportunity to work on camping and team building exercises such as trail blazing, camp fire building and putting up tents. There was also healthy competition between the Scouts and the Cubs in the form of capture the flag; in the evening, songs, skits and s'mores were shared by all.

A side trip to Coaticook Gorge allowed the Cubs to experience the longest suspended footbridge in North America and visit a real hydro electric generating station. The smiles only got bigger as the weekend concluded with a visit to the *Laiterie de*



Cubs at Lake Lovering Scout Reserve

Photo: Brendan Mitrochnick

Coaticook that makes what some consider to be the best ice cream in Canada.

The Cub pack had a special meeting before Remembrance Day – watched an excellent video at their level, made felt poppies and took part in the Remembrance Day parade.

The rest of November will be spent travelling the Canadian Path (new program) and preparing for our annual visit to *Montclair Residence* where we sing Christmas carols and share treats with the seniors.

Scouts

Almost our full Scout troop showed up for the Remembrance Day parade – without you we would have been short flag bearers – thank you boys! The Court of Honour has been busy making plans for the rest of the year and it is rumoured that they will be

building and decorating Scout tracks to race in the New Year.

Venturers and Rovers

This joint group of young adults have been busy doing their on line training so that they can help with the younger sections – thank you **Anais Eiser** who helped cook at Cub fall camp and **Isaac Million-Lovett** for becoming a Scouter-in-training with the Scout Troop.

The two sections will get together in November for a sports night. The junior Rovers sold hot chocolate when the *CP Holiday Train* rolled through town November 26. The senior Rovers hope to get out for a few days downhill skiing during the Christmas break.

From all of us: Have a happy, healthy holiday. See you in the New Year!

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Guiding



The past month has found the Brownies and Sparks at a few meetings together. (It is easier for the two younger branches to get together because they both meet on a Wednesday evening) They joined forces for their enrolment, a tradition which has been taking place for quite some time. They also combined their efforts to help make the Remembrance Day wreath. The girls shared what they knew of the reason why we hold this very important ceremony on November 11. The Guiders reinforced what they said with a deeper, age-appropriate explanation.

All the branches of Guiding were represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony. It was a cool, but sunny day. The girls were all quite eager to be part of the colour party. A few first year girls were chosen to carry the smaller flags. However, with the Canadian and Quebec flags, they are quite heavy, so that honour was given to an older girl.

Congratulations!

On November 25, **Elizabeth Barnes**, a Ranger with the 1st Monklands Ranger unit, was recognized for earning her Silver Chief Commissioner's Award last year. For a Ranger, there are no badges to earn. There are the Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Commissioner's awards which can be earned over the three-year program. Elizabeth has already earned the bronze and silver awards and she is well on her way to earning her gold by the end of this Guiding year. In order to earn these awards, it takes much dedication and planning on the part of the young woman. Her leaders are there only to advise her, they do not hold weekly meetings to help her earn the awards. Bravo Elizabeth!

The Pathfinders and Rangers who will be going to Switzerland next summer have



Photos: Christine Downey

been very busy with their fundraising efforts. On November 11, they held a successful spaghetti dinner and on November 18 they helped out the *ART ETC.* by hosting the tea room. It was a great experience for all involved. On November 26, they participated in the *CP Holiday Train* by selling warm and delicious hot chocolate and wonderful mint chocolate Girl Guide cookies!

Speaking of cookies

The 36th Montreal Brownies have a few traditional cookies left. There are still quite a few of the mint cookies available. If you do not know a leader in MoWest or any neighboring community, feel free to contact the provincial Guiding office at **933-5839**. The wonderful women who work there will be more than happy to put you in contact with a Guider who lives near you.

Appel de candidatures



Comité consultatif d'urbanisme

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

Les candidats à ce poste doivent

- résider à Montréal-Ouest;
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- avoir de l'expertise, de la formation ou un intérêt en urbanisme, architecture, génie, aménagement, patrimoine, construction ou architecture paysagère.

Pour vous porter candidat à ce poste bénévole, transmettez votre curriculum vitae et une lettre de présentation énonçant les raisons de votre candidature au plus tard le 18 décembre à :

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MW United

...the brick one

Thanks to all who supported our bazaar last month. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on.

Fireside dinner – December 3

Hope you made your reservations for the turkey dinner with trimmings. The church smells mighty good as that first Sunday of Advent stretches to dinnertime. A good chance to sit down with our church family... please pass the cranberries? Yum.

Pageant Sunday – December 10

Worship at 10 features the Sunday school in their Christmas pageant where every child who so wishes has a role to play. Spontaneity abounds. Not to be missed – especially as there are hot dogs for lunch following....

Choral Sunday – December 17

The Choir offers their gift of words and music in this moving service. This heart-warming blend of many genres of Christmas melodies will touch you in timely ways.

Advent IV and Christmas Eve December 24

When these events share the same date, there is NO morning service of worship. Instead our family Christmas service is offered at 5:30 m. Our Christmas Eve Communion service follows at 9 pm. Each service has a rhythm all its own. At 9 pm, the service with its special music and messages is very moving. At 5:30, the congregation itself is often the “moving” part, full of hope and anticipation. It’s Christmas Eve after all. All welcome, as usual.

And Sunday – December 31

Yes there will be a morning service at 10 am. It will be a relaxed, informal service, perhaps taking place around the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Ready or not, it’s 2018!

Life returns to normal in degrees. 10 am worship in full array resumes on January 7; however, Sunday school and nursery services return only on January 14. Our evening Labyrinth Walk will be held January 23 in Wadsworth Hall between 7 and 9 pm. Come to reflect on your resolutions or on nothing at all and see what wisdom arrives. Socks and slippers as usual. We will have the candles lit and soft music in the background to enhance your meditative walk.

Happy first anniversary to Rev. Mark Hammond.

We continue to enjoy **Rev. Mark’s** warm and thoughtful leadership. But don’t take my word for it.... All are welcome always. On behalf of MW United, may we extend the wish that this season bring you and yours warm memories to treasure...

from Susan Upham

St. Ignatius of Loyola

If you need help getting into the Christmas spirit this year, why not bring the family to our Children’s Christmas party which will be Sunday, December 10 at noon in the parish hall. This is a fun afternoon that includes a visit from Santa and **Fr. Mike** telling the story of the *Grinch who Stole Christmas*. Please bring an unwrapped gift (under \$15) for a child, that will be donated to underprivileged children.

Please consider joining us in celebrating Christmas this year: on Christmas Eve we will have a family Mass at 4:30 pm with our contemporary worship band as well as Mass (7 and 10 pm) with a full traditional choir. On Christmas morning we will have Mass at 10 am.

If you want to know a bit more about us, why not go to our website and listen to one of our sermons. Fr. **Mike Leclerc** and Deacon **Marco** try and make the Word of God relatable and relevant to your life. So go to stignatiusmtl.org and click on homilies.

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with joy.

from Fr. Mike Leclerc

St. Philip’s

Thank you to all who came out to our Christmas bazaar. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday, December 2, the *NDG Food Depot* will be conducting their annual food drive. This year they are not distributing bags; please use your own bag and, if possible, put it on your front step about 9 am. Once again, St. Philip’s will be the drop-off and sorting site. You can also leave your donations at the church on the preceding Sunday, during week-day mornings or Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place Sunday, December 17 at 5 pm. Musical selections this year will include works by Buxtehude, Warlock, Hewitt Jones and familiar hymns and carols sung by all.

Christmas services will follow our usual schedule. At 5 pm Christmas Eve is the popular children’s service, with the children assembling around the nativity crèche. Then at 11 pm is our traditional Christmas Eve Eucharist. Christmas morning at 10 am, we have a Communion service with carols. Please take note that on the morning of Sunday, December 24, we will have the usual 8 and 10 am services for the fourth Sunday of Advent, but without the choir.

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Kosher corner

Chanuka is in the air!

This year, the first candle will be lit Tuesday, December 12; Chanuka continues until December 20. For everything you need to know about the holiday of Chanuka, please visit ChabadWestminster.com/Chanuka.

Pre-Chanuka class

Please join us for a pre-Chanuka class Tuesday, December 5 from 7-8 pm. The topic of the class will be The Psychology of the Chanuka Candles. To join, please contact Rabbi Mendy Marlow at 632-9649 or mendymarlow@gmail.com.

Community Chanuka party

With great excitement Chabad Westminster invites the MoWest community to the Magical Chanukah Experience our second annual community Chanuka party for the entire family! Featuring: **The Amazing Todsky**, magician and mind reader; giant Menorah lighting and songs and Chanuka treats, fun and games! The event will take place Sunday, December 17 at 3:45 pm in the Curling Club. RSVP is always appreciated at ChabadWestminster.com/chanuka2017.

Kabbalah class

New class on Tanya - Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah starting mid-December. To join, please contact Rabbi Mendy Marlow. Happy Chanuka, Montreal West!

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Holiday tales

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Holiday hours

The library will be closed from 5 pm Friday, December 22 until 9 am Monday, January 8. Come by before December 22 to stock up on some great holiday reading! The library staff and board would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday and a safe and happy new year!

New books

We have some great new books on the shelves: *Charlotte the Scientist is Squished* for the budding scientist; *Maud*, for fans of Lucy Maud Montgomery and the intriguing *The Corps of the Bare-Boned Plane*.

January

Looking ahead to January, we're getting ready for our great library *Lego* challenge on Sunday, January 21. Builders 3 and up and their families are invited to join us for fun building challenges and prizes!

Book bags

Our lovely book bags are for sale for \$10 each. Made of sturdy canvas, these bags make a great gift and will carry your library books for many years!

Vive le Franco Club!

Notre toute nouvelle activité de conversation française vous est offerte depuis le mois de novembre. Le Franco Club a lieu le mardi de 15:45 à 16:30 et s'adresse aux

enfants âgés de 5 à 8 ans. Contes, chansonnettes, comptines, rondes, petits cercles de paroles et jeux sont au programme, afin d'encourager votre enfant à développer ses compétences en français, dans une ambiance décontractée. Contactez la bibliothèque pour vous inscrire à la prochaine session qui débutera en janvier.

De belles lectures pour le temps des fêtes

Pour mieux célébrer l'hiver, prenez le temps de fureter dans nos paniers spécialement préparés pour vous. Voici quelques suggestions : *Quand le Père Noël était petit*, de Linda Bailey, qui raconte l'enfance du Père Noël; *La Nuit de Noël* de Clément Clarke Moore, pour son ton poétique et ses charmantes images; *Merci, monsieur Panda* de Steve Anthony, une histoire hilarante sur les règles de politesse lorsqu'on reçoit un cadeau; *Les Dragouilles : spécial Noël* de Karine Gottot, présente des traditions de Noël du monde entier et plusieurs petits projets pour se préparer aux temps des fêtes; *100 idées créatives pour Noël* de Fionna Watt, regorge de beaux bricolages; *Desserts de Noël* de Fionna Patchett, est un livre de recettes qui fera la joie des jeunes cuisiniers débrouillards. Que votre temps des fêtes soit rempli de beaux moments de lecture avec vos enfants!

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Let's make the holidays greener and a little kinder!

The magic of the holidays can come with much giving, receiving, feasting, decorating and, unfortunately, a lot of extra waste. We want to share some tips with you for a greener holiday season.

- Give a gift that needs no packaging – an experience! Offer trips or outings, lessons for a new hobby, charitable donations, a massage or tickets to an event you know someone would enjoy.
- When purchasing holiday decorations, foods and presents, bring reusable shopping bags. This can decrease the paper and plastic dispensed by vendors.
- Replace your traditional lights with LED lights and use a timer for energy savings.
- Save on gift wrap by reusing intact pieces from previous years or by opting for a more durable material, such as gift bags, that you can use again and again. Get bags in solid colours so you can use them after the holidays as well.
- Once it's time to pack up the decorations, recycle or compost your Christmas tree. Trees will be collected from Monday, January 8 until Friday, January 19.

Another option is composting your tree in your backyard! Chop the tree into smaller, more manageable sections and add it to your backyard compost bin.

- Keep it local by supporting small businesses and buying locally made products as gifts.
- Make the holidays kinder by donating non-perishable food to the *NDG Food Depot*.

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy holiday season! Let's all work together in making 2018 a little bit greener.

Happy Holidays from the

MoWest Environment Team!

Town Council meeting : November



The November meeting began with the swearing in of the Mayor and the four councillors, all of whom have served on the Council previously. A noticeable difference behind the Council table this evening was that one of the councillors was a male.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the vote of confidence he had received and congratulated his fellow councillors. He also thanked **Claude Gilbert**, the Town Clerk, for the efficient organization of the election process and thanked his wife, **Janet**, for her support.

More thanks were handed out to the organizers of the recent Remembrance Day ceremony which drew the largest crowd seen in many years.

The latest recommendations from PAC to Council for granting permits to homeowners for projects they wished to pursue were announced by **Councillor Feeney**. In two cases, Council overrode PAC's recommendations, but this is a particularly rare occurrence.

First question period

The feelings of disconnection between citizens living in the north end of the town and the town centre were reported by several speakers during question period, and Council was asked how it intended to deal with it. **Councillor Ulin** responded that this feeling was discussed during a caucus meeting and methods of alleviating the problem are being considered such as holding more events in this part of town and meeting more regularly with these residents, possibly even in their homes.

The next question concerned which project the Council will prioritize: the building of a new arena or fixing the problems at the level crossing. The Mayor quickly an-

swered that there was absolutely no competition between the two. But resolutions of the problems at the level crossing involve three levels of decision-making and available resources. The lowest level involves what can be handled by the Town, the next level is in the hands of the Réseau de transport métropolitain (RTM) and the highest level, involving long-term solutions and costing millions of dollars, is the responsibility of the provincial government.

The Town has already worked and is still working on remedies within its jurisdiction and has been invited to yet another meeting with the RTM for a further update on the RTM's efforts. It appears a quick and easy useful remedy would be an increased police presence with expanded duties such as directing traffic as well as monitoring the safety of pedestrians.

The increased noise and vibrations caused by the Turcot project, which involved the demolition of the train tunnel near the foot of Ronald Drive are causing major problems for the homeowners in that area and this has prompted a petition to the ministère des Transports (MTQ) for the building of a sound barrier. A petition was presented to Council, asking it to add its voice to this request. This concern was echoed by another resident who explained this was a problem also affecting residents on nearby streets such as Courtney Drive and Brock and Ballantyne South.

Both of the latter streets have additional problems involving snow removal. The alley behind Brock South does not get cleared by the Town crews much to the distress of three people who want to use the alley. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning why the Town does not do this and who ultimately should be responsible for it. The discussion seemed to end with a possible solution depending on co-operation from all those involved.

The problem on Courtney Drive, as a resident described it, was that snow gets piled on the side of the street on which parking is allowed instead of the opposite side. There was a promise that this situation will be looked into.

Councillors' reports

All the Councillors, as did the Mayor, first thanked the residents for their vote of confidence before beginning their report.


Councillor Feeney, now responsible for Administration, Finances, Human Resources and Urban Planning, announced that one of her primary goals in her new four-year mandate is to address the objectives in the Town's Strategic Financial Plan. She also intends to work towards the improvement of processes involved in her Urban Planning portfolio.

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Town Council meeting : November

Councillor Torres continues responsibility for the Public Works Department and stated her intention to keep the public informed of the activities in this area. She continued by explaining that, in addition to the regular maintenance chores for the Public Works staff, the seasons always dictate additional tasks. Preparing for winter is the current dictator. Annuals and leaves have been removed from town sites and equipment is being readied for the snow that will inevitably descend.

The Environment portfolio is a new responsibility assigned to Torres and she expects that a review of the composting program will be one of her first priorities.

Public Security is now one of **Councillor Mazzone's** assignments. The further development of the Traffic and Safety Committee (TSC) to include participants from all sections of the town is his goal. He will also be in charge of special projects fundraising and will be looking at everything from the proposed recreation centre to donations for commemorative benches in the parks.

He additionally announced that, although there were no reported crimes in September, 12 were reported in October. As a cautionary tale, he mentioned these reports included a break-in of a home with the use of a ladder left in the backyard.

Councillor Ulin, who continues to include Recreation, Culture and Communication in her portfolio, began her report by noting that although there were a number of old faces on Council there were also a number of new ideas. She felt the "Meet and Greet" gatherings of residents during the campaign had produced many topics for this Council to consider as it looks ahead to the next four years.

Ulin described the many past and future

events organized by the Recreation Department and expressed particular pleasure at "The Walk to Remember" which took place shortly before Remembrance Day. A group of 25 residents, led by Dr. **John Drummond**, toured the town visiting selected homes of world war veterans.

Second question period

A possible remedy for the feelings of disconnect between sections of the town was brought up by the same resident who first described this problem. He suggested that Council meetings could be recorded and podcasted. Councillor Ulin replied that this is a possibility already being investigated.

"What can the Town do about the flashing traffic light at the corner of Westover and Westminster, which have been a problem for a number of years and create a safety issue?" The Mayor explained that since the parts required to fix the present configuration are no longer available and a replacement will be extremely expensive, Côte Saint-Luc has expressed no interest in helping solve this problem. MoWest cannot do it alone but will continue to investigate other options.

The last questioner asked what were Council's intentions concerning the proposal for a new recreation centre. The Mayor and all of the Councillors stated their commitment to the project, but everything will depend upon the submission requirements and results of the second phase of the grant program. Councillor Torres added that with the present state of the existing arena, there is considerable urgency for some kind of final decision.

And following that comment, the meeting was adjourned.

50+ Club



December

- 3 Movie matinée: *Lion*
- 6 Travel photographer **Frederic Hore**: Stunning Chili - Jewel of the Andes (free)
- 13 Upper Canada Playhouse trip: *Mistletoe Magic: The Sounds of the Season*
- 15 Christmas dinner
- 19 Bridge
- 20 White elephant gift exchange

January

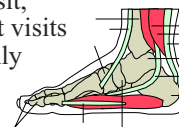
- 12 Breakfast Club: Poisons and Delights: A History of Food by Speaker: **Bruno Stenson**
- 17 Movie matinée: *The Beguiled*
- 26 Robbie Burns luncheon
- 30 Bridge

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I wish to thank the 467 electors who voted for me for seat 3. Many of you voted for both candidates; this shows that you feel that both a sustainable future and finance are equality important. Unfortunately these ballots were rejected.

J'apprécie grandement cette démonstration de soutien. Cela aurait été un honneur de vous servir.

Vous, qui voulez une forêt urbaine plus saine. You, the satisfied dog owners who appreciate the dog run and the hydro line. Vous, les cyclistes et les piétons qui voulez des routes et des intersections plus sécuritaires. You, the duplex owners who disagreed with a 25% tax increase. You, the seniors who wish to stay in the community and you, the tenants who rarely get addressed.

Nous avons tous la même vision d'une communauté équitable où tous les besoins sont entendus et traités.

I have written a 9-page report of your concerns that I submitted to the Council Tuesday, November 14. You can read it on my facebook page. Je vais vous tenir au courant des réponses du Conseil. Restons en contact par les médias sociaux: Facebook: Louise Chenevert for Montreal West seat 3.

from Louise Chênevert

Réunion du Conseil : novembre



La réunion de novembre débuta par l'assermentation du maire et des quatre conseillers, tous ayant précédemment servi sur le Conseil. On pouvait constater une différence notable derrière la table du Conseil, un homme est membre du Conseil.

Le maire a exprimé ses remerciements pour la confiance qu'on lui a manifestée et a félicité l'équipe de conseillers. Il a aussi remercié le greffier, Claude Gilbert, qui a su mettre sur pied un procédé électoral efficace, ainsi que son épouse pour son soutien.

D'autres remerciements s'adressaient aux organisateurs des cérémonies du jour du Souvenir qui ont attiré la plus grande foule depuis plusieurs années.

La **conseillère Feeney** a fait part des dernières recommandations du CCU au Conseil pour accorder des permis aux propriétaires souhaitant entreprendre des travaux. Dans deux cas, le Conseil a passé outre aux recommandations du CCU, une occurrence particulièrement rare.

Première période de questions

De nombreux intervenants demeurant dans le secteur nord de la ville ont exprimé leur sentiment de déconnexion entre le centre et le nord et ont demandé au Conseil ce qu'il entendait faire à ce sujet. La **conseillère Ulin** a répondu que le Conseil avait discuté de ce sentiment en réunion à huis clos et que l'on débattait aussi de méthodes pour atténuer cette perception. On parle, entre autres, de tenir plus d'événements dans ce secteur de la ville et de se réunir plus régulièrement avec ces résidents, peut-être même chez eux.

La question suivante avait trait à quel projet le Conseil prioriserait, la construction d'un nouvel aréna ou les problèmes au passage à niveau. Le maire répondit rapide-

ment qu'il n'y avait absolument pas de concurrence entre les deux. Par ailleurs, la résolution des problèmes au passage à niveau implique trois niveaux de décisions et de ressources disponibles. Le plus bas niveau concerne ce que la Ville peut gérer, le suivant est entre les mains du Réseau de transport métropolitain (RTM) et le plus haut niveau, celui des solutions à long terme et coutant des millions de dollars, relève du gouvernement provincial.

La Ville a déjà travaillé et travaille toujours à des solutions de son ressort et est invitée à une autre rencontre avec le RTM pour une autre mise à jour des efforts du RTM. Il semble qu'un remède facile, rapide et utile serait une présence policière accrue, avec des tâches étendues comme diriger la circulation ainsi que surveiller la sécurité des piétons.

Le bruit et les vibrations accrus provoqués par les travaux de Turcot, dont la démolition du tunnel ferroviaire au pied de la promenade Ronald, causent des problèmes majeurs aux propriétaires de cette zone, qui ont engendré une pétition au ministère des Transports (MTQ) pour l'érection d'un mur antibruit. Une demande est adressée au Conseil pour qu'il ajoute sa voix à cette requête. Un autre résident a fait écho à cette préoccupation quand il a expliqué que cela présentait aussi problème pour les résidents des rues avoisinantes comme la promenade Courtney, Brock et Ballantyne Sud.

On note aussi des problèmes supplémentaires quant au déneigement dans ces deux dernières rues. Les équipes de la Ville ne dégagent pas l'allée derrière Brock Sud, au grand chagrin de trois personnes qui souhaitent l'utiliser. Une longue discussion s'ensuit sur pourquoi la Ville ne le fait pas et qui en serait ultimement responsable. L'échange sembla se terminer par une possible solution dépendant de la collaboration de tous les intéressés.

Le problème sur la prom. Courtney, comme le décrit une résidente, est que la neige est poussée du côté de la rue où le stationnement est permis plutôt que de l'autre côté. On a promis d'examiner cette situation.

Rapports des conseillers

Comme l'avait fait le maire, tous les conseillers ont d'abord remercié les citoyens pour leur confiance.

La conseillère Feeney, maintenant responsable de l'Administration, des Finances, des Ressources humaines et de l'Urbanisme, a annoncé qu'un des objectifs principaux de son nouveau mandat de quatre ans est de voir aux objectifs du plan financier stratégique de la Ville. Elle a aussi l'intention de travailler à améliorer les processus inhérents au portefeuille Urbanisme.



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Réunion du Conseil : novembre

La **conseillère Torres** conserve ses responsabilités aux Travaux publics et elle affirma son intention d'informer le public des activités de ce secteur. Elle continua en expliquant qu'en plus des tâches normales d'entretien, les saisons dictent toujours des besoins supplémentaires au personnel des Travaux publics. Présentement, c'est la préparation pour l'hiver. Les plantes annuelles et les feuilles ont été enlevées des endroits publics et l'on s'affaire à préparer les équipements pour la neige qui arrive inévitablement.

L'Environnement relève dorénavant de Mme Torres et elle s'attend à ce qu'une révision du programme de compostage soit une de ses priorités.

La Sécurité publique est une des charges du **conseiller Mazzone**. Il s'est donné comme but le réaménagement du Comité de circulation et de sécurité (CCS) pour y inclure des participants de toutes les parties de la ville. Il est aussi chargé du Financement des projets spéciaux et scrutera tout, depuis la proposition du centre récréatif jusqu'à des dons pour des bancs commémoratifs dans les parcs.

Il a ajouté que, bien qu'aucun crime n'ait été rapporté en septembre, on en a dénombré 12 en octobre, dont une introduction par effraction dans une maison, à l'aide d'une échelle laissée dans la cour arrière.

La conseillère Ulin qui poursuit avec le portefeuille Loisirs, Culture et Communications a amorcé son rapport en faisant remarquer que même si plusieurs visages connus composaient le Conseil, on y retrouve aussi bon nombre de nouvelles idées. Elle croit que les réunions avec les citoyens pendant la campagne ont fait ressortir plusieurs sujets sur lesquels ce Conseil devrait se pencher au cours des quatre prochaines années.

Mme Ulin a décrit plusieurs événements passés et à venir organisés par les Loisirs et

particulièrement la « Promenade du souvenir » qui s'est tenue à la veille du jour du Souvenir. Un groupe de 25 citoyens, mené par le Dr **John Drummond**, a visité les maisons de certains anciens combattants des guerres mondiales qui ont, à un certain moment, résidé à Montréal-Ouest.

Seconde période de questions

Le même citoyen qui a d'abord signalé cette situation a proposé un élément potentiel de solution au sentiment de déconnexion entre les secteurs de la ville. Il a suggéré que les réunions du Conseil soient enregistrees et baladodiffusées. La conseillère Ulin a indiqué que cela était une possibilité déjà à l'étude.

« Qu'est-ce que la Ville peut faire concernant le feu clignotant à l'intersection Westover et Westminster, lequel est problématique depuis des années et crée une situation dangereuse? » Le maire a expliqué que, puisque les pièces requises pour réparer ne sont plus disponibles et que le remplacement serait très coûteux, Côte-Saint-Luc n'a pas intérêt à aider à régler le problème. Mo-Ouest ne peut le faire seule, mais continue à rechercher d'autres options.

Le dernier intervenant a demandé quelles étaient les intentions du Conseil quant à la proposition du nouveau centre récréatif. Le maire et tous les conseillers ont exprimé leur engagement envers le projet, mais tout dépend des exigences de soumission et des résultats de la deuxième phase du programme de subvention. La conseillère Torres ajouta que compte tenu de l'état actuel de l'aréna, il y a urgence à en arriver à une décision.

Par suite à ce commentaire, la réunion était levée.

Community Centre

Winter registration

Registration for winter programs is ongoing until classes start in January. Please contact the Community Centre at **484-6186** for more information or you can register online at montreal-west.ca.

Toddlers

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Youth

Captain Catalyst
Chess with Steve
Youth yoga
Ballet
Hip Hop

March Break Madness

March 5-9 (early bird until February 2)
 5- to 12-year-olds

This year's schedule available beginning of December; stay tuned!

Red Cross Babysitting Course

February 10

Adult

TRX, Essentrics,
Barre Class, Stretch and Strength,
Drawing, Knitting,
Gentle Yoga, Yoga for Stiff Men,
Zumba...

just to name a few

Remembrance Ceremony

Thank you to all those who attended the Remembrance Ceremony held Saturday, November 11 at the Cenotaph. The Town would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers involved including **Joan Foster, Roy and Fred Motton, Linda Penden, MW Scouts led by Bob King, MW Girl Guides led by Christine Downey, the Frontenac Air Cadets-Squadron 622** and all others who participated to make this event a memorable one. Special thanks to *Canada 150*.



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Sat 2 **NDG Food Depot drive.** St. Philip's. Memorial Hall, 7505 Sherbrooke. 9 am.

Mon 4 **Holiday tea and candle sale.** Public Library. RSVP at the library or email mwlib.requests@gmail.com. 2 pm.

Sun 10 **Sunday school pageant.** MW United. 10 am.
Children's Christmas party. St. Ignatius. Noon. Please see page 14.

Hockey Holiday Day. Legion Rink. Games start at 8 am and run until 10:30 pm. Please see page 9.

Canada 150 Skating Day. Legion Rink. Hot chocolate, music, raffles, lots of fun! 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

Mon 11 **Holiday tea and candle sale.** Please see December 4.

Wed 13 **MW Horticultural Society** presents Murray Van Egmond from *Edgewood Florists* on outdoor winter decorations. Non-members, \$5. Town Hall. 7:30 pm.

Thu 14 **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.

Sun 17 **Santa's Breakfast.** Come out and enjoy breakfast with Santa and support the CRA. Please see page 9.

Choral worship service. MW United 10 am.

Magical Chanukah Experience. Curling Club. RSVP: ChabadWestminster.com/chanuka2017. 3:45 pm.

Sun 17 **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.** St. Philip's. 5 pm.

Mon 18 **MUSICAL!** Royal West Academy presents the original musical *Pandora*, written by Douglas Floen, musical arrangements by Chris Barillaro. Monday, December 18 at 7:30 pm student performance (dress rehearsal); tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, students \$5. Tuesday, Wednesday, December 19-20 at 7:30 pm; tickets: adults \$15, seniors and students \$10. Thursday, December 21, wine and cheese fundraiser; wine and cheese at 6:45, performance at 7:40; all tickets \$20 (students \$15). Tickets available at the door.

Mon 18 **Town Council Meeting.** Town Hall. 8 pm.

Sun 24 **Christmas Eve.** St. Ignatius. Family Mass (4:30 pm) and Mass with full, traditional choir (7 and 10 pm).

Christmas Eve children's service. St. Philip's. 5 pm.
Christmas Eve festival Holy Eucharist. 11 pm.

Family Christmas Eve service (5:30). Christmas Eve service with Communion (9 pm). MW United. No 10 am service.

Mon 25 **Christmas morning Mass.** St. Ignatius. 10 am.

Christmas Day Communion. St. Philip's. 10 am.

Sun 31 **Informal worship service.** MW United. 10 am.

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Tue 23 **Evening Labyrinth Walk.** MW United. 7-9 pm.

Thu 25 **Coffee with the Mayor.** Community Centre. 7:30-8:30 am.

For holiday pickup hockey and free skate, please see page 9.



Classifieds

CANADIANA: Celebrate Canada 150 with Choeur Anima Musica Choir. Église Mountainside United Church, 687 av Roslyn, Westmount. Saturday, December 16, 7:30 pm. Info: 438-384-9217. animamusica.org.

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