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On October 30th, more than 70 people gathered at Dawson College to exchange and share their ideas about how to improve the Peter-McGill district during our Neighbourhood Forum. The ultimate objective of the event was to allow the Peter-McGill citizens to express their concerns on matters they consider should be worked on in order to improve the quality of life for the whole community.

The collected information will serve as a basis to develop the Council's next triennial action plan next spring.

In brief, the event was a huge success: not only the citizens who were present clearly used this opportunity to express their opinions,

questions and/or concerns but also, one could feel
– as participants were sharing their ideas in groups
during the activities – that a sense of community
was being created, providing the feeling that we
were all close neighbours!



We'd like to thank Dawson College for kindly opening their doors to our Neighbourhood Forum.

Many thanks to Justyna, student at Concordia, for her great work on the exhibition posters.





Holiday Season 5 à 7

As part of the series of 5 à 7, organized by our Neighbourhood Life committee, we invite you to our third 5 à 7 on Thursday, December 4th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the downtown YMCA, room 610 (1440 Stanley St, 6th floor).

This time, we will offer you a multicultural holiday party: each participant will be invited to bring their traditional holiday dishes or dessert of his/her choice. A great opportunity to discover and let others discover some holiday specialties from here and all around the world.

Please RSVP before November 28: communications@petermcgill.org – 514 934-2280 Details here.

Take part in the micro-library contest with the Neighbourhood Life committee!

You might have heard of it, the Ville-Marie borough is planning to enrich its parks and green spaces with micro-libraries by Spring 2015.



To do so, the borough is launching a contest in order to envision the prototype. Everyone who is interested can participate in the creation process by making a model: your idea could come true and become the model of the downtown micro-libraries.

The Neighbourhood Life committee of the Peter-McGill Community Council decided to get involved in this project and wants to bring together as many residents as possible to participate in it as a group. You still have time to join us!

Please feel free to contact us at communications@petermcgill.org or at (514) 934-2280 to know more and to register for the manufacturing workshops that will take place on November 22 and 29 at the YWCA from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Details of the contest here.

VILLAGE-SANTÉ COMMITTEE

LATEST NEWS

The Peter-McGill Community Council and its partners have been working for almost 4 years to develop an integrative and innovative project, including the implementation of a community centre, the introduction of accessible health care services, a birth house, specialized services for the homeless and seniors, a francophone public library and social housing for families. We are talking about the **Village Santé des Grands-Jardins** project.

A unique site

The Montreal Children's Hospital was and remains the place to be for the realization of this huge project. However, the MSSS announced in August its intention to sell the site on the private market, thereby compromising this unique – even historical – opportunity to respond to the Peter-McGill residents needs, while allowing the revitalization of the Western downtown district.

Representations

The local Village Santé committee took steps to stop/postpone the selling process of the site. As a result, in October, the Mayor of Montreal made a request to Minister Martin Coiteux, president of the Treasury Board, to suspend the sale for a year.

Current actions...

Presently, the Ville-Marie borough is working on a preliminary project for the community centre on this site and is planning to consult the Council's members during winter. The CSSS de la Montagne met with representatives of the Ministre de la Santé et des Services Sociaux in order to obtain the necessary support to work on the accessible Health care services.

A positive answer from them would help the project evolve much faster. Finally, the city of Montreal contacted the group Atelier Habitation Montréal to work on social housing.

How you can take action?

In brief, the Village Santé project is indeed alive and the one-year delay in the sale of the building would allow the key players to further elaborate the main aspects of the project and to offer concrete propositions to make it viable, including the financial aspect.

We invite you to write to the Minister Martin Coiteux by mentioning your support to the Mayor's request to suspend the sale of the Montreal Children's Hospital for a year.

See his contact information here.

What's next?

During the upcoming months, the Council is planning to organize meetings with its members to inform you of the evolution of this important case for our district and receive your propositions and your wishes for the site. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Stéphane Febbrari if you want to ask and/or share information at coordination@petermcgill.org.

GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



Community Kitchen

Participate in the community kitchen sessions offered by the Innovation Youth centre, in partnership with the foundation Avenir d'enfants.

Seize this great opportunity to cook international meals at minimal prices that you can bring home afterwards!

To learn more, feel free to call at 514 843-3996 or write at lhanash@direction. ca.

Christmas Week Volunteering at The Open Door

The Open Door will be open to serve the homeless and needy of our community the week of



Christmas from 7:30am - 1:30pm (not including the weekend) and we are seeking volunteers to help us to make it a special time. We need volunteers to help roast turkeys at their homes to be brought in for the Christmas Day meal (we will provide the turkeys) and also for donations of home made baked good and dessert treats. We are also asking for donations of new adult size socks to be added to our Christmas gift parcels for our clients. Last but not least, we welcome members of the community to volunteer. If you wish to participate or have any inquiries, please contact Brennan, our volunteer coordinator, by email: theopendoorbrennan@gmail.com.

<u>Learn more about the Open Door.</u>

Survey for families



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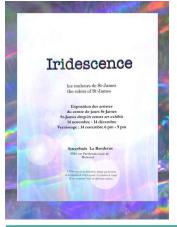
Wool collection

Seniors from the Downtown YMCA Rendez-vous Y program are collecting wool to knit socks, hats, mittens and scarves for the homeless.

Donations are being accepted until January 31, 2015 and can be placed in the bin facing the front desk at 1440 Stanley St. (Peel metro).

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Rendez-vous Y, 55 years old and more
Welcoming, facilitation and planning
of special activities and outings.
Downtown YMCA, 1440 Stanley St.
Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please contact Catherine Deslières:
catherine.deslieres@ymcaquebec.org
514-849-8393 #1747

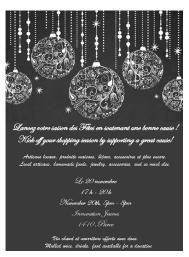


Iridescence: St-James drop-in centre art exhibit from November 14 to December 14

The opening will take place on November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at StreetSuds, 2025 Parthenais.

More information about St-James drop-in centre.

Christmas Market at Innovation Youth November 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.

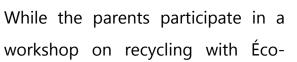


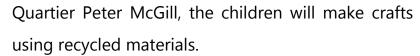
Come and discover up and coming artisans in our crafts fair at Innovation Youth!

Local products and crafts created by creative Montrealers to be discovered with prizes to be won by the whole family.

Details here.

Stories for the Soul, Recipes for the Stomach: Session 2: November 29





If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth MacDonnell at (514) 931-2304. Details <u>here</u>.



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Conference - YES Montréal November 25

If you are a career or employment counsellor and provide English-language services, you will not want to miss this full-day conference focusing on issues affecting you and your clients. Details here.

Conference: knowledge and skills development



December 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi invites you to the conference of Mr Carol Allain M.Sc., M.Ed., internationally reputed author and speaker. Details <u>here</u>.

All the activities of the district here.

We'd like to thank Darrell Helyar for his help with the English version of this newsletter



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