A Visit to MantReal as imagined by Midjøurney

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JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEW YEAR Airport renamed for Pierre Trudeau, 2004	NAMELESS DAY	Wave of Flu Continues Unabated; Schools Employ Student Teachers – the Gazette, 1946	Ouimetoscope opens, 1900. Canadiens play first match, 1910 Ice storm begins, 1998 4	5	Maisonneuve plants first cross on Mount Royal, 1643 Brother André dies, 1937 6	7
First Bonsecours Market dome fire, 1948 8	Laurier Palace fire, 1927 – 78 deaths 9	First edition of Le Devoir, 1910 First CBMT (CBC) broadcast, 1954 10	Quebec's bishops pronounce against votes for women, 1922 (and Quebec goes on voting it down till 1940) 11	Marguerite Bourgeoys dies in Montreal, 1700 St-Louis-de-France church on Roy burns down, 1933 12	13	Women property owners get municipal voting rights, 1932 Wilfrid Pelletier founds predecessor to OSM, 1935
Coldest temperature: –37.8°C, 1957	First edition of Montreal Star, 1869		Télé-Québec first goes on air, 1975	CFCF-TV begins broadcasts, 1961	Quebec adopts the Fleurdelysé as its flag, 1948 • • CFCF-TV • •	
15	16	17	18	19	begins broadcasts, 1961 20	21
LUNAR NEW YEAR	First winter carnival begins, 1883 First deposit made in a Desjardins savings	Metropolitan opens to traffic, 1960		Eaton's Ninth Floor restaurant opens, 1931	École Polytechnique opens, 1905 Mordecai Richler born, 1931	Simpson's store closes, 1989
Paolo Violi shot 22 dead, 1978	account: 10 cents, 23	24	25	26	27	28
McGill University opens, 1829 Sir George Williams computer riot, 1969	First version of the Children's Hospital opens, 1904	Last two fire department horses retired, 1936	•		s from Blazing Magnur still recognizable. It's a	

chase scene.- dhomas

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No matter what, whether business is bad or there's a lot of construction or there's a plague or whatever, the city's answer is clowns. - Ian

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It feels like this temperature inflation (and using windchill without being transparent about it) is a new phenomenon. Were they doing this in the last century? I wonder if is one more pernicious outcome of social media and the desperation for clicks. Since when is a decent snowfall a "winter storm warning"? - walkerp



FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	9	30	31	Garment worker strike, ILGWU, 1925 First marked bus stops, 1928	1	2	3	First winter carnival, 1884 Windsor Station opens, 1889 Québec solidaire founded, 2006
		General strike by tram workers, 1903 René Lévesque kills an itinerant with his	First recorded use of the word <i>puck</i> , Gazette, 1876 Beatles play the	Insectarium opens, 1990		City of Maisonneuve annexed to Montreal, 1918	Wilbert Coffin hanged at Bordeaux Jail, 1956	
	5	car, 1977 6	Forum, 1964 7	8	8	9	10	11
		Montreal Stock Exchange bombed by FLQ, 1969	First phone call connects Montreal and Vancouver, 1916	Unifolié hoisted for first time, 1965				Jean Drapeau born, 1916
1	2	13	University of Montreal is chartered, 1920 14	15	5	16	17	18
Sault-au-Récollet annexed to Montreal, 1916 1	9	Premier Duplessis accuses Liberals of encouraging people to flout the law by buying margarine, 1955 20	21	22	2	First proto-FLQ bombing at CKGM radio building, 1963	First edition of Honoré Beaugrand's daily <i>La Patrie</i> , 1879. It will last till 1957 then publish as a weekly till 1978. 24	Launch of Radio-Canada International, 1945 25
		Snowdon Theatre opens, 1937	First Nuit Blanche (February 29), 2004				t the borough council on nearly all the stores a	
2	6	27	28			borough can do that! -		

COMMENTS ON THE "FREEDOM CONVOY" LAST YEAR:

These guys yelling for "freedom" make me laugh. These protesters wouldn't survive in the world they are clamoring for. - dhomas

This kind of media impact is what we should be seeing in support of action against climate change. Instead, we see a fat, wealthy society that has a temper tantrum at the slightest reduction of their ability to consume. How will these babies react when governments have to make tough decisions in the face of climate disasters? - walkerp

All of human civilization is a balancing of individual freedoms and rules we have to follow. The balance changes in response to events, of which COVID is one. Freedoms are not, and never have been, absolute. - Tim S.

Sainte-Catherine Street

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	55 cm of snow falls in two days, March 1 and 2, 1900 Major gas explosion in Lasalle kills 28, 1965	2	First indoor hockey game, Victoria Rink, 1875 City hall nearly destroyed in overnight fire, 1922 3	Botanical garden founded, 1932 43 cm of snow in "the storm of the century", 1971 4
5	6	Montreal Shamrocks win Stanley Cup, 1900 U de M chartered, 1878 Canadian Catholics abandon Latin 7	Société St-Jean- Baptiste founded, 1834 Howie Morenz dies, 1937 Padlock Law ends, 8	9	Ernest Côté hanged at Bordeaux Jail, last execution in Quebec, 1960 10	L-H-Lafontaine tunnel opens, 1967 Last match at the Forum, 1996 11
Montreal Wanderers	0	mass, 1965	1957 O Police service founded,	y	First St. Patrick's	
win Stanley Cup, 1910			Taylor and Burton marry at the Ritz, 1964		parade, 1824; first mass at St. Patrick's church, 1847	
12	13	14	15	16	Richard riot, 1955 17	18
19	VERNAL EQUINOX Laurentian Hotel opens, 1948, with 1000 rooms. Demolished 1978. 20	21	RAMADAN BEGINS Quebec passes law barring under-16s from cinemas, 1928 (repealed 1961) 22	23	Sohmer Park burns down, 1919 Padlock Law against "communist propaganda", 24 1937	Longest NHL match ever at the Forum: 6 overtime periods between Maroons and Red Wings, 1936 25
	State of emergency over Covid-19 first	<i>McGill français</i> protest, 1969	First trolleybus, 1937 (ended in 1966)	Adoption of city logo, 1981	McGill chartered, 1821	
26	declared by city hall, 2020	28	End of advertising on CBC and Radio- Canada radio stations, 1974	30	Canadiens defeat Maroons to win Stanley Cup, 1927 31	1

THE MARCH AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY...

Ah, the first sign of spring! - CE

If someone gets arrested it means there will be six more years of brutality. - MarcG

We have enough cops, we just give them too many things to do that aren't their job. - Ephraim Calling a sudden press conference on a Sunday to say we are definitely not in a 6th wave really made it clear that yes, we are already in one.. - jeather

If someone had suggested that one day Wellington would be rated by anybody as the coolest street in the world, you'd've figured they could maybe use a stint in the Douglas themselves. - nau



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	Halley's Comet seen over town, 1758 Hochelaga Bank heist, 1924 Planetarium opens, 1966
Fire department founded, 1862 Camillien Houde elected mayor first time, 1928 (re-elected in 1934, 2 1938 and 1944)	Canadiens' first Stanley Cup at the Forum, defeating the Bruins, 1930	4	PASSOVER BEGINS First automatic telephone central goes into service at Ontario and St-Urbain, 1924 5	Montreal Maroons win Stanley Cup, 1926	First radio transmission of a hockey game, the season final between the Maroons and Rangers, 1928. Rangers win. 7	First Expos game, 1969, New York City
EASTER SUNDAY Montreal Maroons win Stanley Cup, 1935	Camillien Houde sworn in, 1928	88 houses including the convent of the Congrégation de Notre Dame burn down, 1768		Slavery made legal, 1709 Funeral of D'Arcy McGee, 1868	Ice dam in river causes massive flooding, 1861 First Expos home game, 1969	Titanic sinks, 1912, killing 1,595, including a dozen Montrealers Queen Elizabeth
9	10	11	12	13	14	hotel opens, 1958 15
	Kateri Tekakwitha dies, 1680	Jackie Robinson debuts with Montreal Royals, 1946		EID AL-FITR (Ramadan ends)	Laval metro extension opens, 2007	Guy Lafleur dies, 2022
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Jubilee Arena burns down, 1919 23	Canada Western Flour Mill fire, Henri-Julien and Laurier, longest burning fire in city history (40+ hrs), 1931 24	Burning of Parliament, 1849 Women get right to vote in Quebec, 1940 Griffintown RAF plane crash, 1944 25	26	Expo 67 opens, 1967	Police raid 5 locations where "communist propaganda" and plans for a May Day parade were suspected, 1932 28	29

Grande Bibliothèque opens, 2005

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Is filming on the sidewalk actually obstruction? The police constantly want to make people think that you don't have a right to film... you ALWAYS have a right to film... you may not have a right to post it publicly... but you definitely have a right to film. - Ephraim I'm sure a lot of people on the West Island are afraid of poorer neighbourhoods, either because they've been there are find the non-whiteness, or density, or simple unfamiliarity, threatening, or the Gazette told them stories about what it's like there and they believe them. - MarcG



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Original Montreal General Hospital building completed, 1822			Delivery of Canada's first locomotive, the Iron Kitten, 1836		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sinking of <i>Lusitania</i> , 1915, several Montrealers die Sidney Altman, Nobel prize for chemistry, 7	Gilles Villeneuve dies in Belgium, 1982		First concert in the jazz festival, with Ray Charles, Vic Vogel and Chick Corea, 1980		Toe Blake retires as Canadiens coach, 1968	Montreal library opens on Sherbrooke near Lafontaine Park, 1917. It closed as the Grande Bibliothèque
born 1939.	8	9	10	11	12	opened in 2005. 13
Jacques-Cartier bridge opens, 1930 (as the "Harbour Bridge")	Stanley Cup presented for the first time, to the Montreal AAA	First electric street light, Champ-de-Mars, 1879	Founding of city by Maisonneuve and Mance, 1642 Lachine Canal reopens	King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit Montreal, 1939		Cladding burns off the Biosphere, 1976 First Quebec referendum, 1980
14	team, 1893 15	16	for boating, 2002 17	18	19	20
	VICTORIA DAY Gratien Gélinas' <i>Tit-Coq</i> presented for the first time at the		Mount Royal Park inaugurated, 1876		Lennon-Ono bed-in begins at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 1969	
21	Monument National 22	23	24	25	26	27
Tram service begins fron Montreal to Longueuil, 1910 Dany Laferrière admittee	n <i>Empress of Ireland</i> sinks in the river off Rimouski 1000 die, 1914.			. 0	pandemic would have ki thinking Meezly	lled off the cruise ship
to Académie Française, 2015	29	30	31	maasa y. washiu	annung. Piccziy	

Quebec merged cities and dissolved school boards specifically to concentrate power. If Quebec devolved powers then some anglophones might end up in charge of something and that's unacceptable. - Kevin I don't know what it will take to shake our local transit planners out of this mentality that trains are for 9-5 commuters, and everyone else should drive. It's an utterly outdated and incorrect idea which needs to die. - Daniel D

I think maybe the sentiment is the people who move right beside a venue and then close it should fuck off. Maybe there was a reason that property was cheaper and you deciding to increase the value because you outgrew the demographic hurts the neighbourhood. - j2



JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				First taxis in Montreal, 1910		Jacques Viger, first mayor, elected 1833
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Blue Bonnets opens, 1907 NDG and Côte-des- Neiges annexed by		City decides to name onetime Logan Park "Parc La Fontaine", 1901			Belmont Park opens, 1923 24th and last Canadiens Stanley Cup, 1993	Saul Bellow born in Lachine, 1915 (Nobel Prize for Literature, 1976)
Montreal, 1910 4	5	6	7	8	Accueil Bonneau blows up, 1998 9	10
		Collapse of <i>Daily Herald</i> building on Victoria Square, 50 workers die, 1910	Doctors and interns strike at Notre-Dame hospital over appointment of Jewish	First edition of Journal de Montréal, 1964 Jean Doré dies, 2015	American forces retreat in disarray, 1776	Tanker <i>Cymbeline</i> explodes in dry dock, 30 die including fire chief Côte-Vertu metro garage
11	12	450 area code joins 514, 1998 13	doctor as chief resident, 1934 14	·	16	opens after 5 years 17 of work, 2022
	Half of Montreal destroyed by fire, 1721 Nelson Mandela speaks on Champ-de-Mars,		SUMMER SOLSTICE Marie-Josèphe dite Angélique hanged, 1734	Quebecor shuts down Montreal Mirror, 2012	Bank of Montreal incorporated, 1817	SAINT-JEAN Inbound side of Samuel-de- Champlain bridge
18	¹⁹⁹⁰ 19	20	21	22	23	opens, 2019 24
Michel Tremblay born, 1942		First movies shown in Canada, 1896 (building burns down in 2016)	EID EL-ADHA First CPR train departs for BC, 1886 Formal inauguration	Champlain Bridge opens, 1962		
25	26	27	formal inauguration of new Champlain bridge, 2019	29	30	1

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I've been living in Canada for 1/4 of a century, but I spent 2 weeks in St-Denis-sur-Richelieu and then 2 weeks in Berlin nearly back to back. Even if I don't speak German, where do you think I felt more at home? 'hint' it's the place that delivers Thai food at 3am! metropolises have this way of not entirely belonging to the country where they are located.... - azrhey I used to have a co-worker that would pay off his yearly mortgage during the weeks before and after the Grand Prix with his Airbnb. The rest of the year was gravy for him. - dhomas



JULY 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	CANADA DAY Maisonneuve monument unveiled on Place d'Armes, 1895 1
First powered flight over town, Jacques de Lesseps, 1910	3	First CPR train from Montreal arrives in BC, 1886 4	5	6	7	Work starts on Mount Royal tunnel, 1912 Great Fire of 1852: 11,000 houses destroyed 8
Botanical Garden founded by Frère Marie-Victorin, 1930 9	10	Mercier bridge inaugurated, 1934 Oka Crisis begins, 1990 11	First tram runs over Mount Royal, 1930 Queen Victoria monument blown up, 1963 12	Corridart demolished by order of Jean Drapeau, 1976 National League all-star game at stadium, 1982	Central Station opens, 1943 Record rainfall, more than 100 mm of rain in 2 hrs, 1987 14	15
Sex Garage raid, 1990	Work starts on Lachine Canal, 1821 Olympic Games open, 1976		City's first coat of arms adopted, 1933 (amended 1938 and 2017)	First stone laid for Victoria Bridge, 1854	Completion of first grain elevator, 1904 Nobel prize winner (chemistry) Rudolph	
16	17	18	19	20	Marcus born, 21	22
Lachine Canal completed, 1825	De Gaulle's <i>Vive le Québec libre</i> , 1967	First live TV broadcast, Royals game, CBFT, 1952				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The difference between traffic calmed neighbourhoods and those without much traffic calming is pretty astonishing. For all the bad press Ferrandez got about the one-way streets and blocking through traffic, the experience of walking around the Plateau is ten times better than it was a decade ago. - DeWolf News flash: the province doesn't care what the mayor of Montreal thinks. The province hates Montreal's culture and just sees the city as a source of revenue. - Ian



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	Slavery made illegal, 1834 High temperature record, 37.6°C, 1975 Olympic Games close, 1976	Kondiaronk dies, 1701	3	Great Peace of Montreal, 1701 R-100 dirigible over town, 1930 4	5
Camillien Houde interned for anti-conscription statements, 1940		Guns'n'Roses riot at Olympic stadium, 1992	<i>Refus global</i> published, 1948 Fredy Villlanueva killed, 2008	Jacques Cartier names the river after a Christian saint, 1535	Antoine Toutant, first Montreal pedestrian in automobile fatality, 1906	Théâtre National opens on Ste-Catherine E., 1900 Death of Jean Drapeau,
6	7	' 8	9	10	11	1999 12
Camillien Houde born, 1889 13	14	Oscar Peterson born, 1925 Cornerstone of St. Joseph's Oratory laid, 1930 15	Redpath Museum opens, 1882 16	17	Camillien Houde freed from internment, 1944 Union workers hold vigorous demo at city hall, 2014 18	First passage of Lachine Canal by steamboat, 1840 19
			Bonaventure train station destroyed by fire, 1948	Fabrikant shootings, 1992	Prince of Wales inaugurates Victoria Bridge, 1860 Notre-Dame Hospital	
20	21	22	23	24	opens on Sherbrooke, 1924 25	26
Boulevard Robert- Bourassa officially adopted as new name of rue University, 2014		Kahnawake loses 33 men in collapse of Quebec bridge, 1907 Macdonald statue	Last streetcar run, Rosemont, 1959	Begging made illegal, 1676		
2014 27	28	pulled down, 29	30	31	1	2

It's been a running joke how many times the Chamber of commerce and the Mayor have announced plans to relaunch downtown. On one hand I sympathize with the store owners and restaurateurs. The pandemic accelerated trends that were already in existence. On the other, the latest UN report into climate change says the world needs to accelerate actions to limit the rise of greenhouse gases, and pushing people into commuting when it's not necessary is short-term thinking. - Kevin Something else that disappears when everyone is working remotely: Worker solidarity. You don't talk with your colleagues, you don't know how they feel about anything, least of all whether they feel they're being mistreated by the boss. - Josh



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	Bridge renamed for Jacques Cartier, 1931 Dorval airport opens, 1941 Blue Bird fire, 1972 1	Jeanne Mance statue unveiled at Hôtel-Dieu, 1909 2
Eight sud-ouest stations of Green Line open, 1978. Bomb at Central Station, 1984 3	LABOUR DAY Art heist at the MMFA, 18 paintings stolen, 1972	5	Cartier monument inaugurated, 1919 CBFT begins TV broadcasts, 1952 PdA opens, 1963	Eucharistic Congress opens, 1910 Duplessis dies, 1959 Montreal Royals fold, 1960 7	Montreal capitulates to the British, 1760 Van Horne mansion demolished, 1973 Queen Elizabeth II dies, 2022	Maisonneuve dies in Paris, 1676 9
First police union, 1918	Villeray annexed, 1905 Camillien Houde dies, 1958 Papal mass at Jarry Park, 1984 11	12	Place Ville-Marie opens, 1962 Dawson College shooting, 2006 13	New city flag, 2017 14	ROSH HASHANAH CKAC radio makes first broadcast, 1922 15	Earthquake of 1732, estimated at 5.8 Montreal Protocol on ozone layer protection agreed on, 1987
17	Riots against compulsory smallpox vaccination, 1885 18	19	20	Leonard Cohen born, 1934 First concert opens Place des Arts, 1963 21	22	De la Concorde overpass collapses in Laval, 2006 23
YOM KIPPUR	Battle of Longue-Pointe, 1775 Final edition of Montreal Star, 1979	Oka Crisis ends, 1990		Pierre Trudeau dies, 2000	SUKKOT Jean Drapeau's house bombed, 1969 Last Expos game at	Collapse of de la Concorde overpass in Laval, 2006
24	25	26	27	28	Olympic Stadium, 29	30

Everything before 2020 feels like a blur of ancient history to me.- Blork

I think having someone famously chauvinistic like Landry's name associated with a station plonk in the middle of what was once ground zero for refugees and immigrants is in poor taste at the very least. - Ian

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(Re "CF Montréal"): My first association when I see CF is Cystic Fibrosis. Not very good for a sportsball club. - mare

We once had a large hole in the street and it just sat for so long that I put up a plaque. JdeMtl showed up to take a picture of the hole and the memorial plaque and voila... a few days later, fixed! - Ephraim

Notre-Dame Basilica

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OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Jacques Cartier visits Hochelaga, 1535 Julie Payette becomes Governor- General, 2017 (resigned 2021) 2	Cartier names Mount Royal, 1535 Last Expos game, Shea Stadium, 2004 3	Outremont Theatre opens, 1929 Mirabel International Airport opens, 1975 4	5	6	First death from Spanish flu in Montreal, 1918 Police strike and riot, 1969 7
Hôtel-Dieu opens, 1643	THANKSGIVING	Earthquake, 3.9, a	First hockey telecast,		McCord museum	McGill music
Gilles Villeneuve wins Canadian Grand Prix, 1978	Canada's first TV station, VE2EC, begins transmissions, 1931	few minutes after midnight, 2012	CBFT, 1952		opens, 1921 Last tram over Victoria Bridge, 1956	conservatory opens, 1904. (Closed 2022.) Metro inaugurated,
8	Casino opens, 1993 9	10	11	12	Belmont Park closes, 1983 13	¹⁹⁶⁶ 14
Occupation of Victoria Square begins, 2011	War Measures Act invoked, 1970	Brother André canonized, 2010	Pierre Trudeau born, 1919	Expos' Blue Monday, 1981	First edition of La Presse, 1884	First train through Mount Royal tunnel, 1918 Kateri Tekakwitha
15	16	17	18	19	20	canonized, 2012 21
Molson Stadium inaugurated, 1915 Original buildings of Université de Montréal		Jean Drapeau elected mayor for the second time, 1960. He will serve till 1986.	First Canadian city with population of one million, 1951 Jean Drapeau elected		Massive pro-Canada unity rally, 1995	
destroyed in fire, 1919 22	23	24	mayor for the first time, 1954	26	27	28
Expo 67 closes, 1967	First tram over Victoria Bridge,1909 Second Quebec	Maurice Richard signs with Habs, 1942 Marguerite Bourgeoys	•	eak out about somethin o the environment and	. ,	

It's not that free transit is too expensive, it's that anything that is free gets abused by the small number of absolute assholes among the general public. Every system needs some sort of constraining factor in order to maintain control, and in this society that means cash. - Kevin

referendum, 1995

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canonized, 1982

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Last flight from

Mirabel, 2004

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If you want to freak out about something, how about private jets. You could dedicate your whole life to the environment and it would still be offset by some dude flying 30 minutes from A to B by himself. - denpanosekai

Yes, we do need more housing but it needs to be useful 4 1/2s and 5 1/2s that works for families of IGA clerks and bus drivers. Fewer granite countertops and more living and storage space for actual families. I would love to see a glossy pitch that targeted the housing-stressed workers that make this city - and every city - run. - JaneyB



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	TCA begins daily flights to Vancouver, 1939. J. Plante adopts first NHL goalie mask, 1959 René Lévesque dies, 1 1987	Jacques Mesrine, who held up several banks in Montreal, shot dead by Paris police, 1979	3	4
Gérald Tremblay steps down, 2012 Valérie Plante, first woman mayor, elected first time, 2017 5	6	Last spike driven into the rails in B.C. that linked Montreal to the west coast, 1885 Leonard Cohen dies, 2016 7	8	Montreal Forum opens, 1908 Jean Doré elected mayor, 1986 Montreal Screwjob, 1997	Louis Cyr dies, 1912 Nicolo Rizzuto Sr. shot dead, 2010 10	11
DIWALI Jeanne Mance born, 1606 Mayor John Easton Mills dies tending typhus victims, 1847	City falls to Americans, 1775, their leaders occupying the Chateau Ramezay. They are defeated and leave within the year. 13	Claire Kirkland Casgrain elected, first female MNA, 1961 14	First traffic light, placed at the Craig Street terminus, 1927 15		Regular train service begins between Montreal and New York City, 1875 17	Joseph Guibord dies, 1869 Canadiens adopt the Forum as their permanent home, 1926 Death of Émile Nelligan, 1941
First train line inaugurated on island, 1847 Smallpox vaccination made mandatory for school kids, 1920		First car, owned by Ucal-Henri Dandurand,1899 21	First regular city bus service begins, 1919	Whale oil lamps installed in the Port of Montreal as public lighting, 1815 23	First child of French parentage baptized, 1648 Occupation of Victoria Square ends, 2011 24	Prince of Wales opens Crystal Palace, 1860
NHL founded at Windsor Hotel, 1917 26	Christ Church Cathedral opens, 1860 First public transit, horse tram, 1861 Ste-Justine founded, 1907	First performance by OSM, 1934 Anti-conscription riot, 1944 28	Montreal Forum opens, 1924 Crash of Flight 839, 5 minutes out from Dorval, 1963 29	McTavish reservoir goes into service, 1928 Dorchester renamed René-Lévesque, 1987 30	Doctors and nurse more about your you do Kevin	

My Québecois father-in-law was shocked that I didn't know who was the vedette du jour from Star Académie but settled down when I told him I didn't watch the equivalent English language shows either :) - Ian It's a telling sign of Lisée's politics that instead of supporting the Amazon workers, he is castigating them for the language they speak while working. Pseudo-intellectual identitarianism above all else - that's the PQ today, and a big reason why the lefties have all decamped to QS while the ethnonationalists found their home in the CAQ. - DeWolf

Christmas in Montreal

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Black Rock placed as memorial, 1859 911 becomes emergency number, 1985 1	Royal Vic opens, 1893 Simpson's store opens on Ste-Catherine, 1930 Jean Béliveau dies, 2014 2
Entire metro system connected to LTE network, 2020	Montreal Canadiens founded, 1909 October Crisis ends, 1970	Maison Radio-Canada opens, 1973	Polytechnique massacre, 1989	HANUKAH	Westmount incorporated as town, 1874 CJAD starts	Art Association opens, 1912 – later becomes MMFA Transit riot, 1955
3	4	5	6	7	broadcasting, 1945 8	Fire in tunnel at Henri-Bourassa, 1971 9
First train goes through Mount Royal tunnel, 1913 All charges dropped	CBF radio goes on air, 1937 Camillien Houde re-elected, 1944	First freight train crosses Victoria Bridge, 1859			Dorval airport opens new terminal, 1959	Béliveau, Geoffrion play first NHL game, 1950
against Henry Morgentaler, 1976	11	12	13	14	15	16
Foundation of Institut canadien, 1844	First passenger train crosses Victoria Bridge, 1859 Dupuis Frères store	Death of James McGill, 1813 Kunming-Montreal agreement on	First post office, 1792 Opening of Mount Royal Hotel, 1922		Cartierville annexed to Montreal, 1916	
17	opens, 1922 18	biodiversity reached, 2022 19	20	21	22	23
Émile Nelligan born, 1879 Mount Royal cross first lit up, 1924	CHRISTMAS Autoroute Métropolitaine opens, 1960			Nick Rizzuto Jr. gunned down, 2009		Final printed edition of La Presse, 2017
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Ritz-Carlton Hotel opens, 1912

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Socializing at work is what people do when they don't want to work. It's a tactic by extroverts to interrupt those who are actually accomplishing things, and it is only accepted because the extroverts, by their very nature, drown out the voices of introverts. - Kevin

The CAQ like to talk big about their green bona fides, but then they subsidize every citizen's air travel. Up to 3 subsidized flights per citizen per year. Take that money and invest it in infrastructure that doesn't produce such ridiculous amounts of pollution! - dhomas