

# Montreal City Weblog 2026



**CONSTRUCTION**



The Arts Building under construction  
McGill University, 1926  
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# 01 JANUARY 2026

At least once a winter the city gets really stupid about snow removal.

– Kevin 19:18 on 2025-02-19

The biggest priority for any new mayor to STOP turning Montreal into a VILLAGE owned by cyclists and GRANOLAS!

– Manny Mato 15:34 on 2025-02-25

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>(On Taylor Swift not doing any concerts in Montreal):</p> <p>Simply confirms what we already know. Montreal is a second class city. – Ricardo 08:44 on 2024-11-15</p> <p>Where does all this class-of-city talk come from? The Montreal I know and love is grimy, greasy, arty, cheap, fun, and rebellious. I guess that version's long dead now, buried somewhere under the Quartier des Spectacles. – MarcG 09:06 on 2024-11-15</p>				<p><b>NEW YEAR</b></p> <p>City merger. 2002 • Airport named for Pierre Trudeau, 2004 • 15 towns demerge, 2006</p>	<p><b>NAMELESS DAY</b></p>	
<p>Marché Bonsecours opens, 1847 • Ouimetoscope opens, 1900 • First Canadiens match, 1910 • Ice storm begins, 1998</p>		<p>Maisonnette plants first cross on Mount Royal, 1643 Brother André dies, 1937</p>				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Quebec's bishops pronounce against votes for women, 1922 (and Quebec goes on voting it down till 1940)</p>	<p>Hôtel-Dieu founded, 1644 Marguerite Bourgeoys dies in Montreal, 1700</p>		<p>Women property owners get municipal voting rights, 1932 Wilfrid Pelletier founds predecessor to OSM, 1935</p>	<p>First Bonsecours Market dome fire, 1948</p>	<p>Laurier Palace fire, 1927 – 78 deaths Last woman hanged in Canada – Marguerite Pitre, 1953</p>	<p>First edition of Le Devoir, 1910 First CBMT (CBC) broadcast, 1954</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Télé-Québec first goes on air, 1975</p>		<p>Quebec adopts the Fleurdelysé as its flag, 1948  CFCF-TV begins broadcasts, 1961</p>		<p>Paolo Violi shot dead, 1978</p>	<p>First winter carnival begins, 1883 First deposit in a Desjardins savings account: 10¢, 1901</p>	<p>Irish canal workers start 5-month strike, 1843 Metropolitan opens to traffic, 1960</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>Eaton's Ninth Floor restaurant opens, 1931</p>	<p>École Polytechnique opens, 1905 Mordecai Richler born, 1931 Momesso's closes, 2024</p>	<p>Windsor Hotel opens, 1878 Simpson's store closes, 1989</p>	<p>McGill opens, 1829 Sir George Williams student occupation, 1969</p>	<p>First version of the Children's Hospital opens, 1904</p>	<p>Last two fire department horses retired, 1936</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

I feel like the stars may be aligned for the perfect pizzaghetti smoked meat breakfast poutine

– Ian 11:27 on 2025-05-22

In French, is it UNE pizzaghetti or UN pizzaghetti ?

– roberto 15:45 on 2025-05-22

I was working with a group of teenagers a while ago, almost all of them white Quebecois and a well known Quebec celebrity came up (Roy Dupuis). Not one of the students knew who he was. The teacher kind of grumbled something along the lines of “don't bother, none of them watch Quebec films.” – CE 14:08 on 2025-01-30


Just issue folks a full set of Rabagliati books in both languages and be done with it. – Tux 20:46 on 2025-01-30



Construction Pit, T. Eaton Company,  
Montreal, Quebec, 1925  
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# 02 FEBRUARY 2026

It is not for mere mortals to question the cones. The cones are as God wills the cones to be. Let us pray. [...] Lo! Though I idle in the exhaust fumes of the valley of cones, I fear no pothole; for the Minister of Transport is with me; His cones and His high-visibility barriers, they comfort me. Amen.  
- bob 16:14 on 2025-03-29

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Garment worker strike, ILGWU, 1925 • First marked bus stops, 1928 • Aldred Building opens, 1931 <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	Windsor Station opens, 1889 Québec solidaire founded, 2006 <b>4</b>	First union, the Association des charpentiers-menuisiers, 1832. Following year, they held a strike. <b>5</b>	General strike by tram workers, 1903 René Lévesque kills an itinerant with his car, 1977 <b>6</b>	First recorded use of the word <i>puck</i> , Gazette, 1876 • Beatles at the Forum, 1964 • Azur trains start service, 2016 <b>7</b>
Bus driver crashes vehicle into Laval daycare, 2 die, others injured, 2023 <b>8</b>	City of Maisonneuve annexed to Montreal, 1918 <b>9</b>	Wilbert Coffin hanged at Bordeaux Jail, 1956 <b>10</b>	First Montreal High Lights festival (Montréal en lumière), 2000 <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	Montreal Stock Exchange bombed by FLQ, 1969 <b>13</b>	First phone call connects Montreal and Vancouver, 1916 UdeM is chartered, 1920 <b>14</b>
City hall reopens after fire, 1926 Unifolié hoisted for first time, 1965 🇨🇦 <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	LUNAR NEW YEAR  <b>17</b>	RAMADAN BEGINS Place Jacques-Cartier named, 1847 • Mark Twain visits, 1885 • Jean Drapeau born, 1916 <b>18</b>	Sault-au-Récollet annexed, 1916 Télé-Métropole (channel 10) begins broadcasts, 1961 <b>19</b>	Duplessis accuses Liberals of getting people to flout the law by buying margarine, 1955 <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	First proto-FLQ bombing at CKGM radio building, 1963 <b>23</b>	First edition of Honoré Beaugrand's daily <i>La Patrie</i> , 1879. It will last till 1957 then publish as a weekly till 1978. <b>24</b>	Launch of Radio-Canada International, 1945 <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	Snowdon Theatre opens, 1937 <b>27</b>	First edition of <i>Allô Police</i> , 1952 First Nuit Blanche (February 29), 2004 <b>28</b>

Good luck folks! REM user here who waited in the rain, snow, slush, -20c for shuttle buses and had my paycheck docked for being late when it broke down. Hopefully it'll all work out better for you..... Bahahahah.... ahem. I mean, let's go REM! Lol - Uatu 09:25 on 2025-10-29

I've heard it said that REM stands for Rentrer En Marchant - Nicole 18:14 on 2025-03-13

The post-WWII years were the aberration for everything, and people have to stop thinking they were normal. - Kevin, 2023-04-28

I'm not sure how it happened, but we seem to have tacitly decided that we'll tolerate noise pretty much everywhere we shouldn't (transit, movie theatres) and not where we should (clubs, theatres). - Joey 19:42 on 2025-05-30

IS there crime? sure, everywhere, since the dawn of time.

Can society do something about it ? Sure, more education, more money for (mental) health and for housing

Can more money for cops help? Only to sell more front page news and keep the populace in constant made up fear. - azrhey 09:51 on 2025-09-11



Bovril Building construction  
Van Horne at Park Ave., Montreal, 1920  
E.W. Bennett  
McCord Stewart Museum


# 03 MARCH 2026

If you sail out on the river today,  
You'd better not go alone.  
It's lovely out on the waves today,  
But safer to stay at home.

*(after the loss of a cargo of teddy bears on  
the river)*

For every bear that ever there was  
Is bobbing there for certain, because  
Today's the day the teddy bears have  
their shipwreck!

– Ephraim 09:48 on 2024-11-26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
55 cm of snow falls in two days, March 1 and 2, 1900 Gas explosion in Lasalle kills 28, 1965 <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	First indoor hockey game, Victoria Rink, 1875 City hall nearly destroyed in fire, 1922 <b>3</b>	Botanical garden founded, 1932 43 cm of snow in "the storm of the century", 1971 <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Montreal Shamrocks win Stanley Cup, 1900 • UdeM chartered, 1878 • Canadian Catholics abandon Latin mass, 1965 <b>7</b>
Société St-Jean- Baptiste founded, 1834 Howie Morenz dies, 1937 Padlock Law ends, 1957 <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	City Hall inaugurated, 1878 Ernest Côté hanged at Bordeaux Jail, last execution in Quebec, 1960 <b>11</b>	L-H-Lafontaine tunnel opens, 1967 Last match at the Forum, 1996 <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Fire on Place d'Youville, seven die, 2023 <b>15</b>	Molson Centre opens, 1996 (renamed Bell Centre in 2002) <b>16</b>	First St. Patrick's parade, 1824; first mass at St. Patrick's church, 1847 Richard riot, 1955 <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>EID AL-FITR (RAMADAN ENDS)</b> Musée d'art contemporain opens in its initial location at Place Ville-Marie, 1965 <b>19</b>	<b>VERNAL EQUINOX</b> Laurentian Hotel opens, 1948, with 1000 rooms. Demolished 1978. <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Under-16s barred from cinemas, 1928 (repealed 1961) William Shatner born, 1931 <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	Sohmer Park burns down, 1919 Padlock Law against "communist propaganda", 1937 <b>24</b>	Longest NHL match ever at the Forum: 6 overtime periods between Maroons and Red Wings, 1936 <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	State of emergency over Covid-19 first declared by city hall, 2020 <b>27</b>	McGill français protest, 1969 <b>28</b>
First trolleybus, 1937 (ended in 1966) End of advertising on Radio-Canada and CBC radio, 1974 <b>29</b>	 Adoption of city logo, 1981 <b>30</b>	McGill chartered, 1821 Canadiens defeat Maroons to win Stanley Cup, 1927 <b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Montreal is small for its size – Nicholas, 2025-04-14

The idea that we would elect someone like Soraya Martinez Ferrada who  
to be honest appears to actually dislike Montreal does seem weird to me.  
– Orr 21:51 on 2025-06-21

It says a lot about the bad faith many people have when we talk about the housing  
and homelessness crisis. There are a lot of people out there who don't actually  
want to solve the crisis and give vulnerable people a roof over their heads. They  
just think that if you end up homeless, you're scum, and you should be rounded up  
and shipped off to a gulag as punishment. – DeWolf 11:28 on 2025-06-27

The Peel Pub was a popular spot to meet up and move to other festivities, but you  
didn't want to end up there! The money we were supposed to spend on dinner was  
well spent on cheap beer and chicken wings. To this day, our parents still think we  
had an enriching educational experience in Montreal.  
– Meezly 11:04 on 2025-06-23



Construction of the C.P.R. Park Avenue Station,  
Montreal, Quebec, 1931,  
Associated Screen News Ltd.,  
McCord Stewart Museum

# 04 APRIL 2026

Jane can you link to your full dissertation  
 “Les Maudites Anarchistes are the reason  
 Montreal doesn’t have public washrooms”?  
 I’d like to read the whole thing  
 – MarcG 14:09 on 2025-06-18

Business people are terrible at the business  
 of government, because the business of  
 government is to do the things a society  
 needs that businesses cannot provide.  
 – Kevin 11:55 on 2025-06-11

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>“We should spend more money fixing roads.”            “Why are all these roads closed for construction all at once?”            – Nicholas 12:11 on 2025-09-13</p> <p>29</p> <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>            First automatic            telephone central goes            into service at Ontario            and St-Urbain, 1924</p> <p>5</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Montreal Maroons            win Stanley Cup, 1926</p> <p>6</p> <p>Slavery made legal,            1709            Funeral of D’Arcy            McGee, 1868</p> <p>12</p> <p>First FLQ bomb, at            army recruitment            centre, 1963</p> <p>19</p> <p>Oka Crisis ends, 1990</p> <p>26</p>	<p>31</p> <p>First radio broadcast            of a hockey game,            season final between            the Maroons and            Rangers, 1928.            Rangers win.</p> <p>7</p> <p>Ice dam in river            causes massive            flooding, 1861            First Expos home            game, 1969</p> <p>14</p> <p>Laval metro extension            opens, 2007</p> <p>21</p> <p>Police raid 5 locations            where “communist            propaganda” and plans            for a May Day parade            were suspected, 1932</p> <p>28</p>	<p><b>FIRST DAY of PASSOVER</b>            Halley’s Comet seen            over town, 1758            Hochelaga Bank            heist, 1924            Dow Planetarium            opens, 1966</p> <p>1</p> <p>First Expos game,            1969, New York City            Total solar eclipse,            2024</p> <p>8</p> <p>Titanic sinks, 1912 •            Atwater Market opens,            1933 • Queen Elizabeth            Hotel opens, 1958</p> <p>22</p> <p>Bell Canada            established in            Montreal, 1880</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Fire department            founded, 1862 •            Camillien Houde elected            mayor first time,            1928 • Daylight time            instituted, 1928</p> <p>2</p> <p>Atwater water            filtration plant            opens, 1918            Montreal Maroons            win Stanley Cup,            1935</p> <p>9</p> <p>Foundation of Museum            of Fine Arts, 1860            Jubilee Arena burns            down, 1919</p> <p>23</p> <p><b>KATE’S            BIRTHDAY!!</b>            Grande Bibliothèque            opens, 2005</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Canadiens’ first            Stanley Cup at the            Forum, defeating the            Bruins, 1930</p> <p>3</p> <p>Camillien Houde sworn            in, 1928</p> <p>10</p> <p>Kateri Tekakwitha            dies, 1680</p> <p>17</p> <p>Canada Western Flour            Mill fire, Henri-Julien            and Laurier, longest            burning fire in city            history (40+ hrs),            1931</p> <p>24</p> <p>And yet being a Quebecer – even an anglo            Quebecer – gives you some buffer to the            rest of the North American monolith, no?            Just ask Iggy Azalea....            – Joey 19:28 on 2025-02-27</p> <p>1</p>	<p>4</p> <p>88 houses including            the convent of the            Congrégation de            Notre Dame burn            down, 1768</p> <p>11</p> <p>Jackie Robinson            debuts with Montreal            Royals, 1946            Alexis Nihon Plaza            opens, 1967</p> <p>18</p> <p>Parliament burns, 1849            Women get right to            vote in Quebec, 1940            Griffintown RAF            plane crash,            1944</p> <p>25</p> <p>2</p>

(After the splashing of a Picasso with paint at the MMFA in June 2025) - - - - -

Attacking a work of art is exposing the contradiction of the comfort of our lives in the developed countries that allow us to appreciate fine art while not having to change any of our behaviours that are actively harming less privileged communities and destroying our planet. – walkerp 10:22 on 2025-06-20

I mean, srsly, did the powerful ever concede anything without a demand?  
 And I don’t mean asking nicely.  
 – maggie rose 22:47 on 2025-06-19

Clearly the stunt was successful if it sparked this discussion...?  
 – Meezly 11:17 on 2025-06-20



Canadian Arena (The Forum),  
Sainte-Catherine Street, Montreal, Quebec, 1924  
Unsigned  
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# 05 MAY 2026

As a Quebecer I want our provincial political leaders to get us the biggest piece of the pie. As a Canadian I know that we're stronger united. As a North-American, I'll fight at the front lines and die to not be one country with our crazy neighbours down south. As a Montrealer, I'm VERY tired of Montreal getting shafted by the province and would gladly vote to separate Montreal from Quebec. With all that said, I feel absurd in the arbitrary lines I want to keep or change. – steph 10:00 on 2025-09-12

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I'm willing to vote for any party that offers an end to the PREM and another stat holiday or two at this point. – jeather 09:56 on 2025-02-27		You can be dead right about the rules of the road and still be dead. – Kevin 21:04 on 2025-11-20		Original Montreal General Hospital building completed, 1822 • Liquor commission, later SAQ, founded 1921		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Delivery of Canada's first locomotive, the Iron Kitten, 1836	Delorimier Stadium is opened with a match between the Royals and the Reading Keystones, 1928	OACI holds first session in Montreal, 1947	Sinking of Lusitania, 1915, several Montrealers die Canadian Centre for Architecture opens, 1989	Gilles Villeneuve dies in Belgium, 1982	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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 near Lafontaine Park, 1917. It closed when the Grande Bibliothèque opened in 2005.		Stanley Cup presented for the first time, to the Montreal AAA team, 1893	First electric street light, Champ-de-Mars, 1879 • King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit Montreal, 1939
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Founding of city by Maisonneuve and Mance, 1642 Lachine Canal reopens for boating, 2002	<b>VICTORIA DAY (observed)</b> Montreal City Passenger Railway Company established 1861	Saputo Stadium opens, 2008	Cladding burns off the Biosphere, 1976 First Quebec referendum, 1980		<b>GRAND PRIX WEEKEND BEGINS</b> Tit-Coq presented for the first time at the Monument National, 1948	Work begins on Berri to construct the metro, 1962
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mount Royal Park inaugurated, 1876 Jacques-Cartier bridge opens, 1930 (as Harbour Bridge)		Lennon-Ono bed-in begins at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 1969	<b>EID AL-ADHA</b> Jean-Talon market opens (as Marché du Nord), 1933 Palais des Congrès opens, 1983	Tram service begins to Longueuil, 1910 Dany Laferrière admitted to Académie Française, 2015	Empress of Ireland sinks in the river off Rimouski, 1000 die, 1914.	Present-day Montreal General Hospital building opens, 1955
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
First Loto-Quebec fireworks at La Ronde, 1985	Crime journalism may as well not exist anymore, because "journalists" are wary of lawsuits. "Something happened (we won't tell you exactly what) somewhere (we won't tell you exactly where) and there were people involved (we won't tell you who)." – bob 12:36 on 2025-04-01			I wish the media would stop treating the increase in homelessness is some kind of natural disaster. Policies have created it; policies can fix it. – JaneyB 09:01 on 2024-12-25  The greatest lie in Canadian politics? That Canadian media has a liberal bias. It's the exact opposite.– Taylor 12:59 on 2024-12-20		
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
It truly haunts me that apparently a death cap mushroom is exceptionally delicious. – jeather 11:35 on 2025-06-10	If we went through with the whole 'defund the police' idea, you can bet that the rich would hire themselves plenty of their own police, and the poor would be left to rot. – Chris 08:08 on 2025-07-30		I just read the Wikipedia page [on Armand Vaillancourt's fountain in San Francisco's Embarcadero Plaza] and anything that critics called a "pestiferous eyesore" is probably worth keeping. – DeWolf 22:33 on 2025-09-30			



Construction of the entrance towers  
of the Atwater pumping station  
August 18, 1922  
Archives de Montréal

# 06 JUNE 2026

Hey! The St. Lawrence is mighty AF! – Blork 14:52 on 2025-01-22

If you want to see what a mighty river looks like, a visit to Parc des Rapides gives you a front row view on what 11,000 cubic metres per second looks like.

– Orr 12:08 on 2025-01-24

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<p>First taxis, 1910 Tolls end on Jacques-Cartier and Victoria bridges, 1962 The Bay closes, 2025</p> <p>31</p>	<p>First Jean Coutu pharmacy opens, 1960</p> <p>1</p>	<p>First edition of the Gazette, 1778 Jacques Viger, first mayor, elected 1833 in first city election</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Blue Bonnets opens, 1907 NDG and Côte-des-Neiges annexed by Montreal, 1910</p> <p>3</p>	<p>City's first charter, 1832 First city council session, 1833 Biosphere opens as museum, 1995</p> <p>4</p>	<p>City names onetime Logan Park "Parc La Fontaine", 1901 • City chosen to be HQ for civil aviation, 1946</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>City hall reopens after extensive renovations, 2024</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Cholera epidemic begins, 1832, which eventually kills 2,500. Blamed on immigrants.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Riot follows sermon by anti-Catholic polemicist Alessandro Gavazzi, six shot dead by army, 1853</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Belmont Park opens, 1923 • 24th and last Canadiens Stanley Cup, 1993 • Accueil Bonneau blows up, 1998</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Saul Bellow born in Lachine, 1915 (Nobel Prize for Literature, 1976) Jarry Park named, 1925</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Collapse of Daily Herald building on Victoria Square, 50 die, 1910 450 area code joins 514, 1998</p> <p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>Doctors and interns strike at Notre-Dame hospital over Jewish doctor made chief resident, 1934</p> <p>14</p>	<p>First edition of Journal de Montréal, 1964 Jean Doré dies, 2015</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Invading American forces retreat in disarray, 1776</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Tanker Cymbeline explodes in dry dock, 30 die including fire chief, 1932</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Last trolleybus in Montreal, 1966</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Half of Montreal destroyed by fire, 1721 Nelson Mandela speaks on Champ-de-Mars, 1990</p> <p>19</p>	<p>15 towns on the island of Montreal vote to demerge, 2004 • Verdun beach opens, 2019</p> <p>20</p>
<p><b>SUMMER SOLSTICE</b> Marie-Josèphe dite Angélique hanged, 1734 • Amherst Street renamed Atateken, 2019</p> <p>21</p>	<p>First span of Mercier Bridge, 1934 Quebecor shuts down Montreal Mirror, 2012</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Bank of Montreal incorporated, 1817</p> <p>23</p>	<p><b>SAINT-JEAN</b> First courses begin at McGill University, 1824</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Peter McGill named second mayor by the Governor-General. Michel Tremblay born, 1942</p> <p>25</p>	<p>First movies shown in Canada, 1896 (building burns down in 2016)</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Murder of Mary Gallagher, 1879 Environment march draws half a million people, 2019</p> <p>27</p>
<p>First CPR train departs for BC, 1886 Formal inauguration of new Champlain bridge, 2019</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Old Champlain Bridge opens, 1962</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Dominion Square renamed Dorchester Square, 1987</p> <p>30</p>	<p><i>(Apropos the fancy new bus garage on Bellechasse)</i> The garage can't accommodate electric buses even though they will be the standard during its lifetime. The ground is sinking and it got flooded even before it opened. It looks good but it's a mess on so many levels. – DavidH 16:15 on 2025-10-29, "It looks good but it's a mess on so many levels" is maybe the defining political maxim of our time. – Nicholas 20:28 on 2025-10-29</p>			

[The European] mentality seems to be oriented on what is an acceptable minimum for basic human dignity, and that minimum seems to be "clean, efficient public transit for all, at an affordable cost, with ample services and staff, as well as clean public restrooms you're not terrified of using."

Our North American mentality seems to be "how dare you ask for anything more than the absolute minimum for what is required for our society to function." – Taylor 14:51 on 2025-01-28

"Oh la la on aime pas ça, d'être tuée par la fleuve? Ben non c'est un épreuve tragique, même qu'elle est magnifique, d'être consommée dans cette façon pas si unique." In 14 point Rotis sans.

– Ian 16:35 on 2025-06-08 (on warning signs by the river)



Construction of the Roddick Gates,  
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, 1924  
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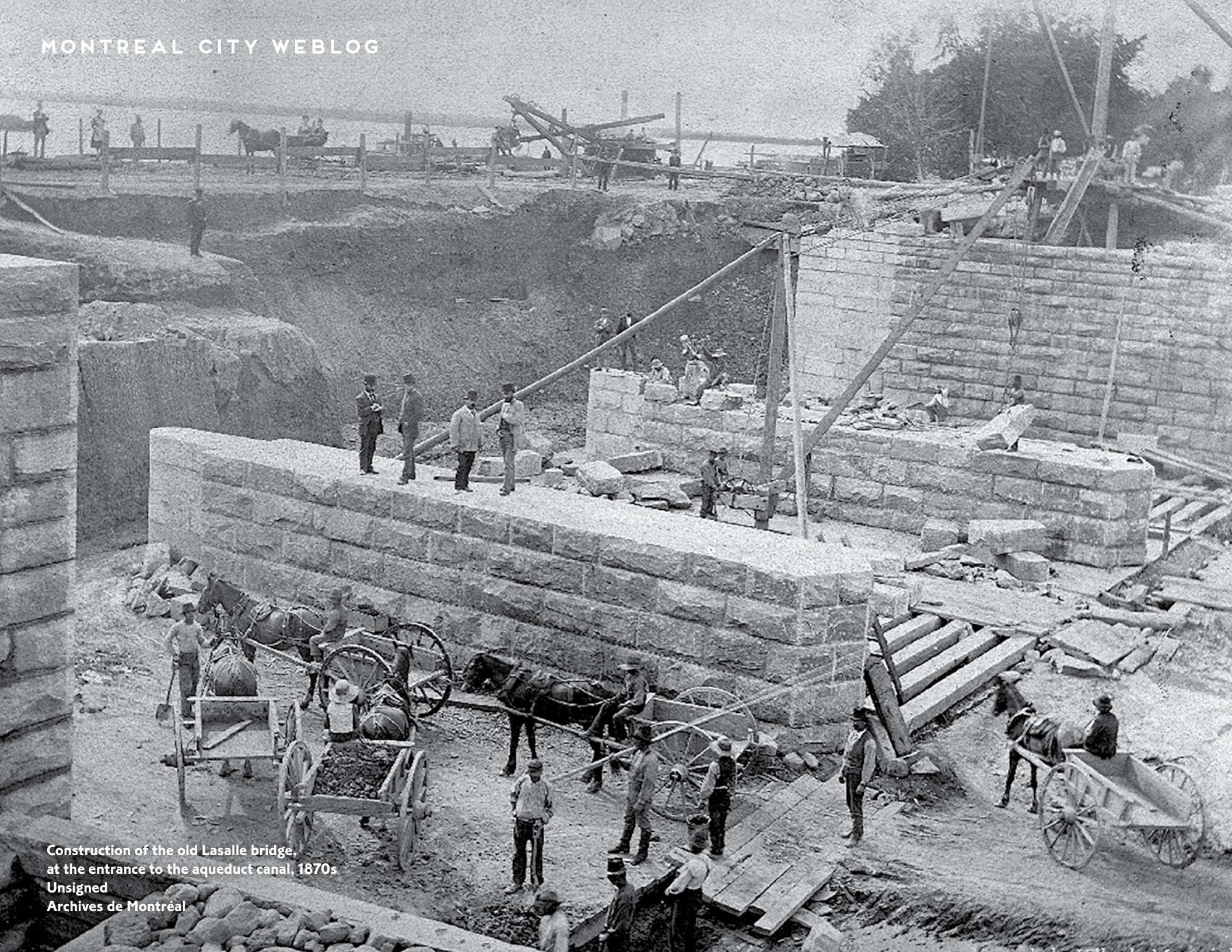
# 07 JULY 2026

I was kind of hoping they would stuff it [a massive pothole] with the police budget because as I understand it, that can expand exponentially in short periods of time and never goes back down.  
– Ian 13:51 on 2024-03-13

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
(Apropos finding a place to hide a Hydro-Quebec substation in plain sight)			CANADA DAY Maisonneuve monument unveiled on Place d'Armes, 1895	First powered flight over town, Jacques de Lesseps, 1910	Queen Elizabeth II rides the Minirail at Expo 67	First CPR train from Montreal arrives in BC, 1886
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Fountain sculpture "Female Landscape" unveiled on PVM esplanade, 1972. Removed 2022 when the Ring was installed.			Work starts on Mount Royal tunnel, 1912 Great Fire of 1852: 11,000 houses destroyed	Botanical Garden founded by Frère Marie-Victorin, 1930		Mercier bridge inaugurated, 1934 Oka Crisis begins, 1990
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
First tram runs over Mount Royal, 1930 Queen Victoria monument blown up, 1963	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	Sex Garage raid, 1990	Work starts on Lachine Canal, 1821	Olympic Games open, 1976 Pointe-aux-Trembles annexed to Montreal, 1977	City's first coat of arms adopted, 1933 (amended 1938 and 2017)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	First stone laid for Victoria Bridge, 1854	Completion of first grain elevator, 1904		Lachine Canal completed, 1825	Charles De Gaulle's <i>Vive le Québec libre</i> , 1967	Hôpital Notre-Dame opens, 1880 First live TV broadcast, Royals game, CBFT, 1952
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Molson brewery begins operations, 1786	First REM line opens, Central Station to Brossard, 2023	Fire destroys second dome of Marché Bonsecours, 1976 (reconstructed 1978)	First REM branch, from Central Station to Brossard, goes into service, 2023	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

AirBnB is not supposed to be allowed anywhere in Montreal outside of the Summer tourist season, right? But I can go right now to the airbnb site and see over a thousand listings in Montreal. Surely every one of those accounts can just be fined right now? – jaddle 13:00 on 2025-10-10

[The REM is] a fine train – you just can't get it wet. Or cold. And it doesn't work well in the sun, or wind. Air and light seem to degrade its performance.  
– bob 01:49 on 2025-03-19



Construction of the old Lasalle bridge,  
at the entrance to the aqueduct canal, 1870s  
Unsigned  
Archives de Montréal

# 08 AUGUST 2026

We need to start a betting pool for which wasted space will be developed first: the Empress, the Cavendish extension, Blue Bonnets housing, or the direct rail link to the airport. And make it a codicil in our wills so our heirs can eventually win. – Kevin 17:43 on 2025-10-11

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<p>It's impossible to have zero corruption in a large organization like a city of two million people. – Nicholas 19:45 on 2025-05-06</p> <p>Can't we just say [Soraya Martinez Ferrada] is from Longueuil? Leave the bias to the reader. (Is it wrong to judge ROQers pejoratively?). – steph 15:03 on 2025-11-15</p>						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Kondiaronk dies, 1701		Great Peace of Montreal, 1701 R-100 dirigible over town, 1930		Camillien Houde interned for anti-conscription statements, 1940		Slavery made illegal, 1834 Record high, 37.6°C, 1975 Olympic Games close, 1976
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Refus global published, 1948 Fredy Villanueva killed, 2008	Jacques Cartier names the river after a Catholic saint, 1535	Antoine Toutant, first Montreal pedestrian in automobile fatality, 1906	Théâtre National opens on Ste-Catherine E., 1900 Death of Jean Drapeau, 1999	Camillien Houde born, 1889 Eaton's opens on Ste-Catherine Street, 1925		Oscar Peterson born, 1925 Cornerstone of St. Joseph's Oratory laid, 1930
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Redpath Museum opens, 1882	Nelson column inaugurated on Place Jacques-Cartier, 1809	Camillien Houde freed from internment, 1944 Union workers hold vigorous demo at city hall, 2014	First passage of Lachine Canal by steamboat, 1840			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Lachine Canal completed, 1825	Concordia University opens, 1974 Valery Fabrikant murders four colleagues at Concordia, 1992	Prince of Wales inaugurates Victoria Bridge & Crystal Palace • Notre-Dame Hospital opens on Sherbrooke, 1924		Boulevard Robert-Bourassa officially adopted as new name of rue University, 2014	Place Vertu shopping centre opens, 1975	Kahnawake loses 33 men in collapse of Quebec bridge, 1907 Macdonald statue pulled down, 2020
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Last streetcar run, Rosemont, 1959	Begging made illegal, 1676 Work begins to build St Joseph's Oratory, 1924					
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Native-born citizens anywhere can't possibly understand the disillusionment that arises from relocating somewhere, then paying close attention to local affairs for a few decades. That slow, agonizing realization that you – the immigrant – maybe made a mistake. The place you've displaced your life & family to – a place where you've stuck it out despite all the downsides – might be hopelessly dysfunctional, irreparable. – Annette 03:47 on 2025-09-27

Democracy is founded on the rule of law as much as majority rule. If you put an asterisk next to your fundamental law that says "optional", you do not have rule of law, you have rule of bigot demagogues.  
– bob 19:09 on 2025-09-30

I've also noticed that since Plante announced she won't run again her administration seems to be getting a lot more done. – DeWolf 16:22 on 2025-01-30




Construction of Sun Life building,  
Dorchester St., Montreal, 1923  
Unsigned  
McCord Stewart Museum

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# 09 SEPTEMBER 2026

The blue line was built elevator-free in the '80s. The very designers/engineers would be quite elderly now, maybe have mobility issues. Their own stations are inaccessible to them.  
– Annette 01:04 on 2024-10-31

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>The energy unleashed by the Quiet Revolution keeps needing to find new outlets/targets. – Tim S. 08:51 on 2024-10-23</p> <p>30</p>						
<p>Cartier monument inaugurated, 1919 CBFT begins TV broadcasts, 1952 PdA opens, 1963</p> <p>6</p>	<p><b>LABOUR DAY</b> CBFT begins TV broadcasts, 1952 PdA opens, 1963 Great Antonio dies, 2003</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Bridge renamed for Jacques Cartier, 1931 • Dorval airport opens, 1941 • Blue Bird fire, 1972</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Jeanne Mance statue unveiled at Hôtel-Dieu, 1909 • Classes begin at UQÀM, 1969 • First Osheaga festival, 2008</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Eight sud-ouest stations of Green Line open, 1978. Bomb at Central Station, 1984</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Art heist at the MMFA, 18 works stolen, 1972 Shooting at the Metropolis after the PQ election win, 2012</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Place Ville-Marie opens, 1962 Dawson College shooting, two die including perpetrator, 2006</p> <p>13</p>	 <p>New city arms and flag, 2017</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Montreal capitulates to the British, 1760 Van Horne mansion demolished, 1973 Queen Elizabeth II dies, 2022</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Maisonnette dies in Paris, 1676</p> <p>9</p>	<p>First police union, 1918</p> <p>10</p>	<p><b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Square Viger opens, 1860 • Villeray annexed, 1905 • Camillien Houde dies, 1958 • Pope at Jarry Park, 1984</p> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p><b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Beginning of month-long transit strike, 1967</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Leonard Cohen born, 1934 First concert opens Place des Arts, 1963</p> <p>21</p>	<p><b>AUTUMN EQUINOX</b></p> <p>15</p>	<p>Earthquake of 1732, estimated at 5.8 Montreal Protocol on ozone layer agreed on, 1987</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Montreal Neuro opens, 1934</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Promenades de la Cathédrale opens, 1988 Pierre Trudeau dies, 2000</p> <p>28</p>	<p>CKAC radio makes first broadcast, 1922</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Earthquake of 1732, estimated at 5.8 Montreal Protocol on ozone layer agreed on, 1987</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Courses begin at Dawson College, 1969</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Battle of Longue-Pointe, 1775 Final edition of Montreal Star, 1979</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Canada wins Russia-Canada series with a last-minute goal, 1972 Oka Crisis ends, 1990</p> <p>25</p>
			<p><b>NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION</b> Collapse of Concorde overpass in Laval, 2006</p> <p>30</p>			
<p>Oops, I forgot that people die. Don't do math on 4 hours sleep, kids! – MarcG 06:49 on 2024-11-05</p>		<p>Jean Drapeau's house bombed, 1969 Last Expos game at Olympic Stadium, 2004</p> <p>29</p>		<p>The elites bleed the place dry by cutting social services to the bone, privatize everything they can (most notably education and health care) and then blame Anglos, immigrants, and the RoC. They are basically the pre-révolution-tranquille fascist-friendly Church, privatized. – bob 19:22 on 2025-01-31</p> <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

Montreal seems to be for too many this port-wine stain on the otherwise pristine visage of La Belle Province. – Robert H 10:40 on 2024-11-03

“It's too complicated to apply the law” is an excuse that is so Montreal I think it should be on a plaque at the airport as a warning to newcomers. – Ian 15:31 on 2025-11-21



Construction of the tunnel under Mount Royal  
The entrance  
Edgar Gariépy, after June 1912  
Archives de Montréal

# 10 OCTOBER 2026

Gentrification is dollars and cents. You can be a “cashed-up bogan,” as the Australians say, and still be a force for gentrification because a rich person is still rich even if they are a working class hero in their heart of hearts. It isn’t about specialty coffee, curb extensions and bike lanes, it’s about property speculation, displacement and policies that enable those to happen.  
– DeWolf 17:46 on 2024-10-24

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
(Businesses south of the border trying to lure back Canadian customers): A bucket of golf balls. Be still my heart. – jeather 10:36 on 2025-05-30 Cute, Canadian-themed golfballs...against the threat of detention in ICE facilities or Salvadoran prisons. So many Americans don’t value ‘habeas corpus’, the very foundation of democracy. – JaneyB 11:25 on 2025-05-30				First typographical union, 1870 Saint-Hubert airport opens, 1928	Jacques Cartier visits Hochelaga, 1535 CKAC goes on air, first French radio in Americas, 1922	Cartier names Mount Royal, 1535 Last Expos game, Shea Stadium, 2004
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Outremont Theatre opens, 1929 Mirabel International Airport opens, 1975	First aqueduct brings water from Mount Royal down to the city, 1801		First death from Spanish flu, 1918 Police strike and riot, 1969	Hôtel-Dieu opens, 1643 • Jewish General opens, 1934 • Gilles Villeneuve wins Canadian Grand Prix, 1978	Canada’s first TV station, VE2EC, begins transmissions, 1931 Casino opens, 1993	Pierre Laporte abducted by FLQ, 1970
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Public health declares lockdown over Spanish flu, 1918 First hockey telecast, CBFT, 1952	THANKSGIVING	McCord opens, 1921 • Last tram over Victoria Bridge, 1956 • Belmont Park closes, 1983	McGill music conservatory opens, 1904. (Closed 2022.) Metro inaugurated, 1966	Occupation of Victoria Square begins, 2011	War Measures Act invoked, 1970	Pierre Laporte killed by FLQ, 1970 Brother André canonized, 2010
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pierre Trudeau born, 1919	Montreal Herald begins publication, 1811. (Folds in 1957.) Expos’ Blue Monday, 1981	First edition of La Presse, 1884	First train through Mount Royal tunnel, 1918 Kateri Tekakwitha canonized, 2012	Molson Stadium inaugurated, 1915 Original buildings of UdeM destroyed in fire, 1919		Jean Drapeau elected mayor for the 2nd time, 1960. He will serve till 1986. St-Michel annexed, 1968
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
First Canadian city with population of one million, 1951 Jean Drapeau elected mayor for the first time, 1954		Massive pro-Canada unity rally, 1995		Expo 67 closes, 1967 Librairie Olivieri opens, 1985 (closes April 2020)	First tram over Victoria Bridge, 1909 Second Quebec referendum, 1995	Maurice Richard signs with Habs, 1942 Marguerite Bourgeoys canonized, 1982 Last passenger flight from Mirabel, 2004
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

I wonder which Christian symbols count as not religious. Christmas trees, Santa, I assume everything Easter. Crosses on school buildings. Schools named after Jesus, or Mary, or a saint. Glad we’re saving everyone from religion here.  
– jeather 16:26 on 2025-10-31

I love going to other cities (Mexico City, London, NYC, etc) and seeing Bixis.  
– DeWolf 15:06 on 2025-10-10

This new breed of thrill-seeking trespasser that posts videos on public social media, usually with toes right on the ledge of a 30 story building and set to awful music, are just not urban explorers as I’ve always understood them. – Tux, 2025-01-30



Diver and workers,  
Delorimier outlet, Montreal, QC, 1919  
Unsigned  
McCord Stewart Museum

# 11 NOVEMBER 2026

Free idea: Mandatory public transit use for politicians.  
– MarcG 09:01 on 2025-03-18

Only Quebec would create a new bureaucracy with the goal of cutting wasteful expenditures and red tape at another bureaucracy. – Kevin 18:25 on 2024-11-17  
(re Santé Québec)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Casa d'Italia opens, 1936 • TCA begins daily flights to Vancouver, 1939. • René Lévesque dies, 1987 <b>1</b>	Mechanics Institute opens, 1828. Becomes Atwater Library. National Theatre School established, 1960. <b>2</b>	Bank of Montreal opens for business, 1817 Denis Coderre elected mayor, 2013 <b>3</b>	Gérald Tremblay elected 2001 – steps down same date, 2012 Valérie Plante elected, 2017 <b>4</b>	First Grey Cup game won by Montreal at home, 1884 Pierre Bourque elected mayor, 1994 <b>5</b>	Last spike driven into the rails in B.C. linking Montreal to the west coast, 1885 Leonard Cohen dies, 2016 <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>DIWALI</b>  <b>8</b>	Montreal Forum opens, 1908 • Jean Doré elected mayor, 1986 • Montreal Screwjob, 1997 <b>9</b>	Louis Cyr dies, 1912 Nicolo Rizzuto Sr. shot dead, 2010 <b>10</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>  <b>11</b>	Jeanne Mance born, 1606 • Mayor John Easton Mills dies tending typhus victims, 1847 <b>12</b>	City falls to Americans, 1775, their leaders occupying the Chateau Ramezay. They are defeated and leave within the year. <b>13</b>	Claire Kirkland Casgrain elected, first female MNA, 1961 • Eaton Centre opens, 1990 • Deux-Montagnes REM line opens, 2025 <b>14</b>
First traffic light, placed at the Craig Street terminus, 1927  <b>15</b>	 <b>16</b>	Regular train service begins between Montreal and New York City, 1875 Deux-Montagnes REM opens for service, 2025 <b>17</b>	Joseph Guibord dies, 1869 • Habs adopt Forum as a permanent home, 1926 • Death of Émile Nelligan, 1941 <b>18</b>	 <b>19</b>	Jean Doré elected mayor, 1986 <b>20</b>	First car, owned by Ucal-Henri Dandurand, 1899 <b>21</b>
First gaslights in streets, 1837 • First regular city bus service begins, 1919 • Voir begins publishing, 1986 <b>22</b>	Whale oil lamps installed in the Port of Montreal as public lighting, 1815 <b>23</b>	First child of French parentage baptized, 1648 Occupation of Victoria Square ends, 2011 <b>24</b>	Prince of Wales opens Crystal Palace, 1860 <b>25</b>	NHL founded at Windsor Hotel, 1917 <b>26</b>	Christ Church Cathedral opens, 1860 First public transit, horse tram, 1861 Ste-Justine founded, 1907 <b>27</b>	First performance by OSM, 1934 Anti-conscription riot, 1944 <b>28</b>
Montreal Forum opens, 1924 Crash of Flight 839, 5 minutes out from Dorval, 1963 <b>29</b>	Medical Institution opens, 1822, becomes McGill Faculty of Medicine in 1829 • Dorchester Blvd renamed René-Lévesque, 1987 (except in Westmount and Montreal East) <b>30</b>	As a student, I once participated in a McGill classroom discussion about the city and a fellow student complained that she didn't like Rue Sainte-Catherine because it was commercial and too money-money-money. I thought that was a superficial assessment, like complaining about water being wet. – Robert H 08:14 on 2024-11-18 <b>1</b>	 <b>2</b>	Meanwhile, some residents near Duluth Street have banded together to lobby the city to end the summertime concerts that take place during the pedestrianized period (if not to end the pedestrianization outright) because there is music... in the afternoon. – DeWolf 12:08 on 2024-10-31 <b>3</b>	 <b>4</b>	 <b>5</b>
One day I want a journalist to comment on the secular schools named for Jesus and the saints. – jeather 09:12 on 2024-11-15		Yes, yes, but the problem is none of these waterfront spots are in the Plateau. Turning De Lorimier into a canal really is the obvious next step for Projet, if you think about it. What other city has kayak as a major transportation mode? – Tim S. 09:54 on 2025-10-13			LOL no, cops & vampires don't get invited in. – Ian 20:28 on 2024-10-10	



Construction of Jacques-Cartier bridge  
1928  
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# 12 DECEMBER 2026

Snow is Montreal's little black dress. – Ian 21:24 on 2024-12-24  
We're going to need a whole new set of French swear words.  
The current ones don't feel very secular.– GC 09:54 on 2025-11-26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Someone can consider Quebec to be a principality, or a moon base, or a small bowl of oatmeal. Does not make it so. – bob 14:09 on 2025-11-25		Black Rock placed as memorial, 1859 911 becomes emergency number, 1985	Royal Vic opens, 1893 Simpson's store opens on Ste-Catherine, 1930 Jean Béliveau dies, 2014	Entire metro system connected to LTE network, 2020	<b>CHANUKAH</b> Montreal Canadiens founded, 1909 October Crisis ends, 1970	Old Maison Radio-Canada opens, 1973
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Polytechnique massacre, 1989, 14 women murdered	CKGM begins broadcasting, 1959	Westmount incorporated, 1874 CJAD starts broadcasting, 1945 Norgate, Canada's first strip mall, opens 1950	Art Association opens, 1912 – later becomes MMFA Transit riot, 1955 Fire in tunnel at Henri-Bourassa, 1971	First train goes through Mount Royal tunnel, 1913 All charges dropped against Henry Morgentaler, 1976	CBF radio goes on air, 1937 Camillien Houde re-elected, 1944	First freight train crosses Victoria Bridge, 1859
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Dorval airport opens new terminal, 1959	Béliveau, Geoffrion play first NHL game, 1950	Foundation of Institut canadien, 1844 Birth of Arthur Sicard, inventor of the snowblower, 1876	First passenger train crosses Victoria Bridge, 1859 Dupuis Frères store opens, 1922	Death of James McGill, 1813
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
First post office, 1792 Opening of Mount Royal Hotel, 1922	<b>WINTER SOLSTICE</b>	Cartierville annexed to Montreal, 1916	Sarah Bernhardt's first visit to Montreal, 1880	Émile Nelligan born, 1879 Mount Royal cross first lit up, 1924	<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Autoroute Métropolitaine opens, 1960	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Nick Rizzuto Jr. gunned down, 2009		Final printed edition of La Presse, 2017	Ritz-Carlton Hotel opens, 1912 Final day for calèches, 2019		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

I don't practice santeria, I ain't got no crystal ball  
I use chatgpt to parse my memories  
And bloviate them all – Ian 18:37 on 2024-11-06

The political climate post 9/11 and GWB has been one of declining trust in institutions and in each other. Socialized medicine, like so many of the most valuable things in life, requires us to trust in each other and the system. People are too cynical and as such are easily manipulated [...] It's been frustrating to watch people act in a way that undermines their own interests because they believe that cooperation equals being suckered. – David Senik, 10:27 on 2024-10-25