



# The Montreal Minute

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*Hello Montreal Friends!*

Whether we like it or not, winter is here with its colder temperatures and shorter days. As a season, winter is typically associated dormancy, hibernation, and darkness. But it can also be a time of introspection, contemplation, and renewal as we eagerly await the new buds of spring...

- The work on the City's Water Treatment Plant is officially underway. City officials and employees are working with Tonka Water to complete the pilot water testing.
- Montreal was home to 2 house fires in the past few weeks. Sadly, one of those homes was severely damaged. December, January and February are peak months for heating fires and space heaters are all too often at fault. Here are a few reminders to keep you warm and fire smart!
  1. Always keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source.
  2. Plug in heat producing appliances directly into wall outlets.
  3. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms once a month.
  4. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned every year.
- Dog licenses are up for renewal, and tags can be purchased at the city office. \$5 for your altered furbaby and \$10 for those who are still fully intact. The licenses are required for all Iron County dog owners, pursuant to WI statute 174.052 and the city retains \$.50 per license. Other fun facts: The City is also in discussion with NICER about creating a dog park near the city garden!

A BIG *thank you* goes out to 2 of our fabulous local residents: Cookie Laguna and Laverne Morello!

**Cookie**...what we would we do without you? Thank you for all of the time and dedication that goes into manning the Gile Park boat landing!

**Laverne**...you are a gardening goddess! Thank you for all of the time and energy you dedicate to keeping the city flowers blooming beautifully all season long!



## Upcoming Events

- Opie's Time Out will be hosting their very 1st Ice Fishing Tournament, The Time Out Tip Up, on January 21, 2023. This event is sure to impress with thousands of dollars of guaranteed prize money, Bloody Mary's and more! Check out the Opie's Time Out Facebook page for more details.
- Make sure to mark your calendars for some magical outdoor fun! The 5th annual Hygge Hike will take place on February 25, 2023, from 6-8pm at the Historic Montreal Ski Trails. The candlelit snowshoe hike is a family friendly event complete with bonfires, ice luminaries, cocoa and more!

For more details, visit  
[www.nicer715.com](http://www.nicer715.com)

*Until Next Time!*  
*Your Friendly Neighborhood*  
*Councilwoman.*  
*-Maleah Cummings*

**FRIENDLY REMINDER: THERE IS NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2am-6am DURING WINTER MONTHS TO ALLOW FOR PLOWING. VEHICLES REMAINING ON THE STREETS WILL BE TOWED!**