

You taught us



Throughout this pandemic, I discovered how resilient you are. I also learned that we could not be perfect. Above all, I learned that it is necessary for tenants, employees

and partners to work together for the greater good. I am very proud to say that thanks to all of us and our beneficial actions, we have so far managed to limit the spread of the virus in our homes without having to face any major outbreak.

You are young, a mom, dad, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather... Every day, I thought of you and the steps you had to take for your safety and the safety of your family, neighbours and friends. Your big or small gestures of solidarity have given hope to the people around you and I sincerely thank you for that.

This summer, I invite you to flower your balconies and take care of your community gardens. Go out on your balconies, invite musicians and singers to entertain your neighbours. Take the opportunity to go for a walk or read. Gather your family and take a stroll through the alleys and parks. And above all, carry on as you have done so well from the start while following the rules!

You are inspiring. Thanks to your words of encouragement and your support, our employees have the energy to continue. Dear tenants, common room managers, tenant security agents and association members, take care of yourself and thank you for everything you do!

Danielle Cente

Danielle Cécile, Executive Director







Mission: disinfection

From the first days of the pandemic, the OMHM had a great challenge to meet: disinfect the common spaces in the our buildings, with a particular emphasis on high-rise buildings for seniors every day (7 days a week). To achieve this, the OMHM asked maintenance staff to meet public health requirements and ensure the safety of tenants. Despite a reduced team, several

employees volunteered to disinfect, even on weekends. Bladymir Jean-Charles is one of them and he set out to fulfill a real mission: disinfection! Even though he had to deal with three children at home and the schedule of his spouse who works in a CHSLD, Bladymir worked twice as hard. We have several dedicated employees like him, do not hesitate to thank them!

This summer, let's garden!

Some play in the soil to keep themselves in shape, to eat well or to beautify their balconies. Whatever your motivation, there are many gardeners amongst you!

The Flower and Garden Club

For its 10th season, the Club will make many tenants happy with donations of soil, compost, plants, herbs, bins, etc. Participants place their order free of charge with our partner Sentier Urbain who ensures delivery and gives horticultural advice.

If you have been a member for several years, you know that the Club usually offers other benefits, such as a visit to the Botanical Garden. This year, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel them. We contacted the tenants who live in certain boroughs and who were already participating in 2018 and 2019.

Community gardens

The gardens are open! Preventive measures are in place so that everyone can benefit from them and stay healthy.

We wish you a great summer. Send your photos by email to: rosedesvents@omhm.qc.ca



Your rental agent may have changed!

The OMHM has recently made organizational changes to improve its services to tenants, including rental services.

Since June 15, two rental agents are assigned to your building:



A rental agent dedicated to the living environment, who is responsible for rental visits, signing the first lease, welcoming new tenants, ensuring a presence in your living environment, etc.



A rental agent dedicated to the management of the lease, who sees to the renewal of your lease, your requests for modifications, the receipt of your annual documents, etc.

If you need to get in touch with your new rental agents, call the OMHM call center (514-872-6646).

Directors of maintenance and repairs have become building managers!

Note also that the directors of maintenance and repairs are now called building managers. Their roles have remained the same, but it is possible that some have changed buildings.

Have a healthy summer

With the good weather finally here, it's normal to want to spend more time outside. Let's keep our good reflexes to protect ourselves and others.

Here is a quick reminder of the government's instructions:

- » Wash your hands often.
- » Keep a distance of 2 meters from others.
- » Respect a maximum of 2 people in the elevator at all times.

It is recommended to wear a face covering (or mask) whenever it is impossible to keep a distance of 2 meters with other people.



Don't touch the mask while you wear it.



Do not let the mask hang around your neck or from your ears.



Do not take off your mask to talk to somebody.



Do not lend your mask to anybody.

HOW TO WEAR A FACE COVERING:



Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based disinfectant for hands before touching your mask and after taking it off.



Make sure that your nose and mouth are entirely covered.



Wash your mask in hot soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.



Touch only the ties passing behind your ears or head when putting the mask on and removing it.

Renewing your lease

A new exceptional temporary measure has been taken by the Société d'habitation du Québec. Its purpose is to encourage compliance with lockdown measures by eliminating the need to take various steps to obtain the documents required to renew your lease.

All tenants who had to renew their lease between April 17 and September 30 will benefit from a renewal of their 2019 lease without indexation, which means that their new rent will be the same as last year. The lease will be automatically renewed at the same rent for a period of 12 months. Incomplete and deferred leases between January 1, 2020 and April 17, 2020 are included in this measure.

All leases already renewed before April 17 for the months of May, June, July and September 2020 are excluded from this measure.





Guardian angels are among us

In times of crisis, we had to join forces. The first few months were difficult for everyone. The lockdown and sanitary rules have had a great impact on our living environments. Both seniors and families have been affected. Throughout these chaotic times, there have been many guardian angels among our tenants, employees and partners.

You know the greatest power of the guardian angels in our buildings? Their kindness is contagious!



Micheline Sparrow and her husband have been helping out at Habitations Nicolet since the start of the pandemic. They distributed food to tenants through several partners.



Danse la vie is a performance that takes place every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. until August. This citizens' initiative emerged on Facebook during lockdown and its first event took place on May 14. Kudos to Boyce-Viau Youth Centre!



Michel Miron, a volunteer with the program "A Vigilant Volunteer is Watching over You", rescued a tenant during the pandemic. The lady did not answer her phone because she had been unconscious in her bathroom for 3 days! "It was emotional and intense, but I am so relieved and happy that she is still alive today. Without the complicity and collaboration of the residents, things could have quickly degenerated", says Michel. What brave residents we have!



The OMHM at your service!

7/7 – 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. / **Security and emergency repairs** – **24/7**

For online repair requests, visit omhm.qc.ca/en/



Les Balconfinés.es is an original initiative that emerged to fight against the negative impact of isolation. The street theater company DRÔLDADON (which can be translated as "happy coincidence") offers a tour of itinerant shows presented in front of the facades of low-rent buildings in Rosemont. The initiative was created thanks to a partnership between the OMHM, DRÔLDADON and the Petite-Côte Community Center.



Lise Sévigny, President of the tenant association of Habitations Curé-Vianney-Savaria, entertained tenants at their balcony with the help of an accordionist and his beautiful music. Bravo to the musician Luzio Altobelli.



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