

# THE 1350-1360 LINK

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TENANT NEWSLETTER

## Building Management from Different Angles

GWLRA is running the show for you every day; behind the scenes, running a building totaling roughly a million square feet. Are you curious what this entails?

### Getting to know how a building is run

During future editions of Le Lien, we will strive to give you an informed overview of the many facets of managing a building like 1350-1360 René-Lévesque West, through an overview of spaces and activities you may not be familiar with, but that will allow you to have a more complete understanding of how the building works.

#### The Cleaning Staff

The first team we wish to showcase, is the cleaning staff. They ensure the cleanliness of the building, and most importantly, of your spaces. Their daily actions add on in providing us with a pleasant and healthy environment.



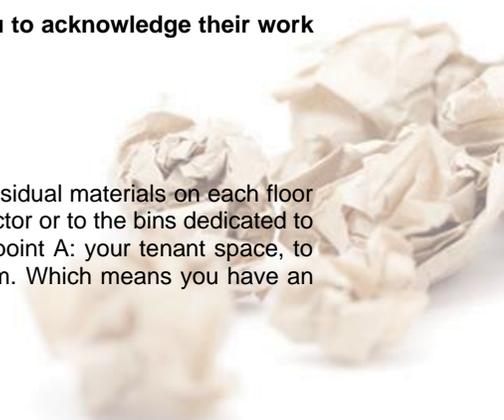
They are a discreet and efficient team that comes in, like haunts, after most of us have already gone home, to tidy your workspaces. And during the day, like bees, they tend to washrooms or kitchens or other various tasks: refill some paper here, wipe down the counter there. We salute them, as they deal with, let's call them, *our small and big disasters*. Let's not forget the "specials" teams, who, like cleaning ninjas, perform work in heights so those decorative trims, high up, get cleaned, who expertly wash and remove stains from carpets and are there to disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

To be such cleaning pros, our colleagues are trained at hiring, then get refresher training and any new technique training throughout their careers. Moreover, they are always supported by their Health and Safety teams who ensure adequate and safe procedures.

**This October 19<sup>th</sup> will be the national Thank Your Cleaner Day. We encourage you to acknowledge their work by saying "Thank you" when you see the GDI Service staff.**

#### From Bin to Bin

In addition to dusting, an important daily task of our cleaning team is the collection of residual materials on each floor and bringing it to the loading dock, where they are sent to the waste or recycling compactor or to the bins dedicated to compost. The cleaning staff is the vessel that transports your residual materials from point A: your tenant space, to point B: the dedicated bins. Their role here does not include checking and sorting them. Which means you have an



important role to play. The proper treatment of residual materials begins with their responsible disposal to reduce the quantities of residual materials sent to landfills, also called diversion, being a term that means: the action of changing the path of something. Concretely, it is to prevent recyclable and compostable materials from ending up in a landfill.

So you threw your food container in the recycling bin? Great, but was it still dripping sauce? Has your apple core landed in the bin too? Or perhaps you topped off the bin with a quarter full can of soft drink? Or maybe you sent a wilted bunch of parsley into the compost basket with a plastic wrapper and elastic band still on it?

We're sorry to say, but in each case, you have just contaminated the entire content of the bin, rendering it good for the garbage. All it would have taken, would have been to rinse out your food container and empty your can before putting them in the recycling bin, and tossing your apple core in the compost bin along with your parsley, but only after you would have removed the plastic wrapper and elastic band from it. Yes, mindful recycling is important.

## Musings of a GWLRA employee

Entering this building renews my sense of hope on a daily basis. How, you ask? Well, it's the space! It's the space that inspires me.

We enter this alley of glass walls that allow you to see the sky, this natural view, which reinvents itself every day. Upon entering, a smell of bread and coffee mixes with the little smiles and flapping wings of our deans of the honey. It feels good after the long lockdown!

When I see many people giving color to our buildings, existence, thus, continues to amaze me by its simplicity. If, like me, you too love colours, you must rejoice in the approach of autumn, apple and pumpkin season.

Soon it will be the holidays where teamwork will be celebrated, and our common efforts recognized with friendly and festive gatherings.

*\*Text and photo by anonymous  
GWLRA team member*



## Tell me more...

### Mind your beeswax

This past August, in collaboration with our beekeepers from Alvéole, we held a beeswax workshop, where participants made their very own candles in the traditional dipping manner. Although our bees will soon be readied for winter, we have one more workshop to offer sometime in early November.

But before we look too far ahead, let October rain goodies, both healthy and not so healthy. Sweet and crunchy would describe the next two activities we have in store for you.

### Tenant contacts

This is as good a time as any to remind you to update your tenant contact information, including your fire brigade teams, and listing of the members with reduced mobility. Any such changes and any emergency contact information changes should immediately be communicated to building security. We recommend having a scheduled periodic review that would ensure the accuracy of our lists.

