



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion Unveils its Summer Programming

Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 17, 2020 – Earlier today, Mayor Guy Pilon presented the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Summer Program accompanied by representatives of the Recreation and Culture Department. The programming will include a mix of original entertainment options that have been reformulated to better comply with the public health measures made necessary in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Celebrating Quebec's National Holiday at home, together!

To mark the occasion on June 23, fully decked-out, animated floats will visit senior homes during the afternoon before riding through neighbourhoods across the territory throughout the evening. They will make short stops at many parks while a singer performs a few tunes. To add to the fun, four artists have been commissioned to invite residents to decorate their homes for the occasion using tutorials, which will be broadcast this afternoon on the Réseau Mozaïk web-site at jesuismozaik.com.

Around 10 p.m., four firework displays will be launched simultaneously from various locations in the City to allow the largest possible number of residents to view them - a nod, on a smaller scale, to the traditional June 23 fireworks display.

"Unfortunately, in an effort to prevent gatherings, we are not able to reveal the exact time when the singer will stop singing nor the locations from where the fireworks will be launched. Citizens are therefore encouraged to keep an eye open and enjoy the surprise offered by this different way of celebrating our National Holiday", said Catherine Boyer Dandurand, Head of the Sports and Recreation division.

To further highlight this special holiday, ten artists have come together to create birds of hope figures, which will be installed in front of senior homes throughout the territory. Just as we welcome the slow return to normal life, this art project, entitled *L'Envolée*, is a way to help us welcome the arrival of Summer.

Temporary Drive-in Theatre

From July 8 to August 1, the City will set up a drive-in movie park on the Cité-des-Jeunes campus property, facing the Bay of Vaudreuil. A variety of performances will take place at this site from Wednesday to Saturday, during the evening. On Wednesdays, in collaboration with Ciné-club La boîte lumineuse, the highlight will be on repertory cinema. On Thursdays, an English film will be presented, and on Saturdays, a French film. On Fridays, guests will be treated to a double feature in French. About 100 vehicles will be permitted on the site every evening, and residents are asked to book their spots online ahead of time at a cost of \$10 by accessing the Registration section on the City's website, up to 72 hours before the performance.

This project is made possible, among other things, thanks to the contribution of the main partners Promutuel Assurance and Groupe Allard-Ménard and the partners Winpak, Sanivac and Pharmacie Brunet Vaudreuil-Dorion.

"The last few months have been difficult for our citizens. As everyone knows, it would have been impossible to maintain our usual summer programming because of the many government guidelines. However, it was the City Council's wish to offer the public access to activities while complying with public health guidelines. I want to thank our working teams who have once again shown us their creativity and their remarkable capacity to adapt to change. We hope that the public will enjoy this new version of our summer programming", said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Outdoor "Rythmes d'été" Concerts

The shows normally presented at Parc de la Maison-Valois will be broadcast exclusively on the jesuismozaik.com website on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. This year's program will feature: Maxime Landry (July 7), Virginie Cummins (July 14), Brian Tyler (July 21) and Briga (July 28).

Digital Art Project with the Société des arts technologiques

Throughout the summer, three Vaudreuil-Dorion artists will be working on the creation of digital art displays with the Société des arts technologiques (SAT). Citizens will also have the opportunity to participate in the ideation process. The three displays will be presented in one of the City's public spaces over a period of one week towards the end of the summer. This project is made possible thanks to the Cultural Development Agreement 2017-2020 between the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion and the Ministère de la culture et des communications du Québec.

"We collaborated with the SAT last winter for the architectural projection on Maison Valois during the Feux et Flocons event. It was something completely different from what we usually do with our artists, and the citizens truly enjoyed the show. We are very happy to have the opportunity to work with this organization again", commented Chloe Marcil, Head of Culture and Community Life.

Artefact Music Festival

The organizers of the Artefact Music Festival are working on producing a version of the event that could be presented at the end of the summer in accordance with the public health guidelines that will be in effect at that time. More details will follow over the next few months.

The Library in Virtual Mode

The TD Summer Reading Club, which is very popular with young people, has taken a 100% virtual turn for the summer. As of Monday, subscribers aged 17 and under are invited to register online at clubdelecturetd.ca. The library will be offering online activities related to the Club every Thursday at 10 a.m., via its Facebook page, beginning on June 25. If the usual Closing festivities cannot take place, prizes will still be awarded to kids who send in photos or videos of themselves immersed in a book, or those who submit a review of a book they enjoyed.

The Lab is also adapting to virtual mode. Different activities will be offered on Tuesday afternoons via videoconference for young participants who have registered. A complete list of the-

mes is available on the City's website under the Library section. Our energetic Lab Coordinator, Nicholas, will also be offering individual support on appointment.

"Normally, the library is like a home away from home for our citizens. Following the lengthy closure imposed by the pandemic, we resumed loan services using a contactless reservation system and pick-up service. The enthusiastic reaction of citizens was immediate. With the Summer Reading Club and the Lab, our aim is to continue supporting our young patrons in their reading and digital interests", commented Annick Lemay, Head of the Library Division.

Maison Félix-Leclerc

Guided tours of Maison Félix-Leclerc will resume on weekends starting July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, activities planned for La Mèz in the spring will be partly resumed in webcast mode. The Jam au salon show featuring Emeraude Sébastien can already be viewed in the Mes vidéos section at jesuismozaik.com. Over the next few days, the Soirée Cabaret chez Félix will be added, as well as the Soirées jasette activity with Marc-André Fortin and Éric Michaud.

Sports and Recreational Activities

This year, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion, in collaboration with the Centre Multisports, is offering a sports program to its citizens to be held in the park located at 405 Avenue Saint-Charles, from July 6 to August 21. Attention all yoga, cardio stroller, zumba and WOD (Workout of the Day) enthusiasts!

Watercraft rentals are again being offered at Parc de la Maison-Valois throughout the summer. Outdoor swimming pools will open on June 27. However, time slots will need to be assigned since the number of bathers using the pool will have to be restricted due to public health measures. Reservations will be made online on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, under the Registration for activities section.

For further details on summer programming and activities, residents are urged to visit the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca and follow us on social media.