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Vaudreuil-Dorion gears up for a summer activity program brimming with variety and new features

Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 15, 2021 – Even though it appears summer will be looking a little different again this year, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is getting ready to offer its citizens a wide range of summer activities which includes many new features. Citizens can expect something to please everyone!

Fête Nationale celebrations come to your neighborhood

To avoid large gatherings, Fête Nationale festivities will be held in your neighborhood this year. On June 23rd, singer Alexis Arbour will tour senior homes to perform a few Québécois numbers between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. During the evening, Valspec will present Le Grand spectacle virtuel régional du Suroît, featuring the band La Chicane at 9 p.m. Melt it up will perform during the regional segment in the first half, starting at 7 p.m. This virtual event will be available for viewing on the Valspec website.

A mobile celebration is planned for June 24th. In total, 24 parks will host mini concerts lasting 30 minutes each and featuring one of the four singers from the famous club Le 2 Pierrots, namely Carl Cadorette, Serge Lachappelle, Dany Pouliot and Pascal Vanasse. The park schedule is available on the City's website in the Events section.

Le 405

Among the new events, as of July 12th, the park located at 405, avenue Saint-Charles will become a genuine venue – a place for both relaxing and making new discoveries. Work is underway to equip the site with urban furnishings for visitors to enjoy including a dock, benches, hammocks, swings and waterfront platforms.

On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, discovery evenings featuring musical performances by emerging artists, thematic evenings including some with a tropical or country flair among others, and campfire evenings with storytellers and board games are not to be missed. At different times every day, there will be yoga sessions, cultural activities - including musical theatre, and artistic activities such as painting classes. Items such as washer toss games, spike ball and shuffle equipment along with many others will be available for loan during the afternoon.

Foodies will have the pleasure of discovering or rediscovering local restaurants who will be offering meal delivery to the site. Another interesting option: *La grande tablée*, an immense table

installed around a tree, complete with lights and BBQ, that families and groups of friends will be able to reserve to enjoy a meal together (maximum of 16 people).

"Despite the complex government measures that must be observed during public events, our teams have gone above and beyond in order to offer citizens a varied and interesting summer program. I applaud their efforts and I invite citizens to keep their copy of the *Sous le soleil de Vaudreuil-Dorion* brochure close at hand, which they will receive shortly, and which will provide them with all the information they need to enjoy fun activities close to home, at little or no charge. For my part, I can't wait to check out the layout of our new venue: Le 405 - a beautiful green space close to the water, which we acquired four years ago, and which citizens will have the chance to fully enjoy!" commented Mayor Guy Pilon.

Rythmes d'été summer concerts

The popular Tuesday Rythmes d'été concerts will be back at Parc de la Maison-Valois as of July 6th. The artists invited to perform will include Geneviève Jodoin, Étienne Drapeau, Brigitte Boisjoli, Sussex, Marie-Pierre Leduc, Émile Bilodeau, Le trio Pat St-Pier, and Laurence Jalbert. Since the number of people in attendance must be limited because of government measures, people will need to reserve their spot on the City's website in the Registrations section starting at 9 a.m. on the Wednesday preceding the concert they wish to attend. The citizen card will be required to make the reservation. Non-residents will be able to reserve from 9 a.m. on the Friday morning before the concert. Please note that people may contact the Recreation and Culture department if they require assistance. This process will also allow us to maintain a log of visitors, as required by Public Health.

Maison Félix-Leclerc

The Maison Félix-Leclerc venue, located at 186 Chemin de l'Anse, is now featuring new exhibitions by artists such as Caroline Forget, Glenn Warren, Marie-Ève Bourbonnais and Club de photo Vaudreuil-Dorion. The literary exhibition *La promenade littéraire* will also be updated by presenting the works entitled *Conversations poétiques* starting on July 1st. Guided tours of the building will be offered until August 29th, on Wednesdays between 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and from Thursday to Sunday, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., with the exception of June 24th.

Every Wednesday, starting July 7th, citizens will be invited to attend the outdoor event *Soirée aux jardins* which will feature music, storytelling, poetry, open-air cinema presented by Ciné-club *La boîte lumineuse*, and improvisation. *L'intrépide Cabaret d'Improvisateurs* will also be hosting improv sessions every Thursday. The full program is available at maisonfelixleclerc.org.

Sports programming

From July 4th to August 13th, citizens who enjoy being active will have access to a diverse sports program at Parc de la Maison-Valois, which will include WODs (Workout of the day), zumba, parent-child multi-sports, stroller fitness, beginner sports and karate. Family WODs and zumba will also be offered at different parks including Jean-Jacques-Bertrand (July 11th), Dorion-Gardens (July 18th), Louise-Joseph (July 25th), Aurèle-Joliat (August 1st) and des Narcesses (August 8th).

Watercraft Rentals

The popular watercraft rental service (canoe, kayak, pedal boat and paddle board) is already in operation at Parc de la Maison-Valois. This year, guided kayak tours will also be offered – including a sunrise tour and a sunset tour, a SUP workout-themed day, kayak/mayak polo, a harp and meditation session on the water, SUP fitness and parent-child paddle boarding classes. Full details can be found in the Boat Rentals section of the City’s website.

Playground activities

Building on last year’s success, playground activities will be back in a dozen parks as of June 28th. This free recreational service aimed at kids aged 5 to 12 is scheduled to take place from Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This is not the type of childcare service provided by the regular day camp service, but rather an activity where kids can come and go as they please. Details can be found in the Summer Camp section of the City’s website.

Library activities

Following last summer’s edition in virtual mode, the TD Summer Reading Club is back in its original form this year. Young people aged 17 and under will be able to sign up in person at the library starting June 26th. Activities will take place every Saturday for club members, in addition to the drawing contest *Illustre ton histoire* and the famous closing celebrations at the end of the summer. The schedule is available on the City’s website in the Activities section under Library.

From Wednesday to Sunday, starting June 23rd, the Reading Tent will travel across 12 parks to offer both young and old some time to read and relax. The schedule can also be found on the City’s website, in the Reading Tent section under Library.

The Lab, a digital creative space, is open to all citizens, whether novices or experts in technology. Staff members are on site to help visitors use state-of-the-art equipment and guide them through their projects. The lab’s monthly schedule can be found in the library’s online catalogue.

The *Sous le soleil* brochure will be distributed to all homes shortly. In the meantime, feel free to consult the pdf version on the City’s website, in the Publications section.