



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## Vaudreuil-Dorion to Host a Multitude of Activities for all Tastes this Summer

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 30, 2022** – After two years of having to adapt to ever-changing government guidelines, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to be able to offer an attractive and diversified summer program this year that will undoubtedly appeal to both the young and not-so-young. New activities will be added to the usual array of popular events starting in June in different locations throughout the territory.

### **Return of the** *Festival de Cirque*

At last, the *Festival de Cirque*, one of the City's major summer events, returns after a two-year absence. From June 23rd to 25th, Rue Jeannotte and Avenue Saint-Charles right up to parc Paul-Gérin-Lajoie, including Le 405, will be alive with street entertainment, rides, and new entertainment zones to thrill festival goers. Shows will include *Le Band de la Cité* (June 23rd), *Québec Issime* (June 24th) and *Les Cowboys Fringants*, with an opening performance featuring Marie-Annick Lépine (June 25th). Please note that unlike previous years, the famous fireworks display for *La Fête Nationale* will take place on June 24th this year.

### **Le 405**

A diversified activity program has been planned for Le 405 that will run all summer starting in July, and will include: discovery workshops, *Carte blanche* creative workshops, thematic evenings, comedy shows in collaboration with Just for Laughs, outdoor cinema and improv matches will unfold one after another in the popular gathering place launched last summer. Bar service, food trucks, equipment loans, relaxation areas, *La Grande Tablée...* there's something for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Les Fêtes de quartier**

Formerly known as *Fêtes en plein air*, these events are now moving from park gatherings to neighbourhood block parties and will be held in a different neighbourhood every week on Wednesday nights. The goal is to develop a sense of belonging for people sharing the same neighbourhood and provide the perfect context for citizens' initiatives and building relationships. Activities will include: giant football darts, free play, street entertainment, a temporary airbrush tattoo station, music, community activities and a workshop for the creation of a collective art project.

"We are really excited about being able to bring people together this summer and offering our citizens a wide array of activities sure to appeal to all generations. This extensive program

clearly demonstrates how dynamic our City is and I would like to thank all the teams who work directly or indirectly to ensure the success of these projects," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

### *Les Rythmes d'été*

The *Rythmes d'été* summer concerts are always highly appreciated by the public, and we are so happy to announce they will be back at the agora at Parc de la Maison-Valois. Starting on July 5th, featured artists will include the following: Brigitte Boisjoli, Elliott Maginot, Damien Robitaille, Fwonte, Marie Denise Pelletier and Maxime Landry.

### **Sports, water craft and aquatic programming**

Those who enjoy physical activity will have the pleasure of selecting the outdoor options that best suit their interests: circuit training (including a formula for families), zumba, stroller fitness and Yin Yang yoga. All classes are offered by qualified instructors and will take place at Parc de la Maison-Valois, with the exception of yoga, which will take place at Le 405.

At Parc Paul-Gérin-Lajoie, visitors will have access to the brand new equipment loan service, featuring: skateboards, scooters, table tennis and beach tennis equipment, volleyballs, etc. Young people aged 12 to 17 will also be able to participate in the activities offered by the Bunker throughout the summer.

Outdoor municipal pools will feature many new options for guests this summer, including swimming lessons for children and adults, early bird swimming, water walking, Aquafitness and Aqua deep classes, swimming and diving teams, Campers' Christmas and Inflatable Toy Thursdays. In addition to water craft rentals at Parc de la Maison-Valois, a variety of activities will take place on the water, including: Introduction to Paddleboarding, Mayak polo games, guided outings, water excursions and more! Also, SUP classes will be offered at parc-nature de l'Île-aux-Tourtes, located on rue de Breslay, a beautiful spot yet undiscovered by many residents!

For its part, the parc-nature Harwood pavilion will be open as of June 4th. Games and outdoor equipment will be available on loan to better enjoy the park's wide open spaces.

### **In culture**

As a new feature this year, the Mozaïk Caravan will be stopping by Vaudreuil-Dorion public spaces throughout the summer. The caravan will take turns acting as a mobile library, a traveling exhibition hall, a cultural mediation workshop and a digital lab, showing up at many of the City's events. Everyone is welcome to come visit!

Maison Valois will be open to the public starting in June and will feature a different artist in residence each month. Those interested will have the opportunity to meet Sonia Isabelle, Ginette Malouin, Lucie Bisson and Nathalie Paquette and watch them as they work on their creative projects. The works that will result from these artistic residencies will then be displayed in the Mozaïk Caravan.

At Maison Félix-Leclerc, in addition to guided tours of the house, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy several exhibitions: *Les petits bonheurs* by Raquel Maciel, *Espèces d'apocryphes* by Jacinthe Durand and Colette Beaudin, *Albums pour l'œil et l'oreille* by Stéphan Daigle and Annouchka Gravel Galouchko, *les Conversations poétiques* along the Promenade littéraire, and an

outdoor exhibition by Club photo Vaudreuil-Dorion. In July, Marie-Annie Pascale Guertin, Lilas L'Bon temps and André Champagne will perform on the outdoor stage, while in August, Ciné-Club La boîte lumineuse will present outdoor repertory films. Lastly, on August 6th, in collaboration with *Les Amis de Félix Leclerc*, the City will present *Célébrons Félix*, an homage to Félix Leclerc.

The *Éveil* art exhibition will be unveiled on June 9th at Parc de la Maison-Valois. The exhibition will feature the works of 10 artists from Vaudreuil-Dorion who were inspired to create three-dimensional art representing nature in its awakening. The exhibition will be on display for visitors all summer.

### **Book Clubs**

This year, registration for the TD Summer Reading Club, aimed at young readers aged 17 and under, will take place June 18th at the public library. The Closing Party will be held at Parc Le 405 on August 27th.

Adults are invited to join the new Outdoor Reading Club, with Cultural Leader Karine Fortin, to talk about books with other passionate readers.

### **Year of the Garden**

To celebrate the Year of the Garden, citizens will have the chance to participate in a herb planting activity and attend a conference on urban agriculture on June 4th at the Gannaiden Garden. Lily Michaud will give a virtual presentation entitled *Les secrets de la culture des fines herbes* on June 9th. Finally, a pot decoration and strawberry planting activity will take place on June 18th at Parc le 405.

### **Playground Activities**

For the third year in a row, a free recreational program for children aged 5 to 12 will be offered in some parks throughout the school summer holidays. Participating parks yet to be determined.

Full details on the summer programming offered by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion can be found at [ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca). Note that some activities require registration. The summer brochure *Sous le soleil* will also be delivered by mail to citizens in the coming days. This tool is a useful reminder to make sure you don't miss anything that's happening in Vaudreuil-Dorion this summer.