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This Halloween, Make Way for the Frightful Circus!

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 11, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is launching its programming for the two-day Halloween festivities that will take place on October 28th and 29th. The public is invited to pay a visit to the Haunted House at *Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste (145 boulevard Harwood)* and participate in the various thematic activities offered at the library.

“We are excited to be offering an activity program for Halloween again this year. Considering the poor weather last year, we decided to hold part of the activities indoors this time to ensure everyone’s comfort. We hope to see many of you there! », said Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste

On both Friday, October 28th, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, October 29th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., citizens are invited to visit the Haunted House and participate in the carnival games that will be located outside the *Opticentre*. This year, the theme for the Haunted House will be *l’effroyable cirque* (Frightful Circus) where guests might just run into mysterious characters such as the Fortune Teller, the Magician and the Strong Man.

On Friday, October 28th, the *Opticentre* will host a movie night featuring the film *La Famille Adams 2* at 7 p.m. and the horror film *It* (French version) at 9:30 p.m. for viewers aged 13 and over. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available for sale on site from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

On Saturday, October 29th, the doors of the *Opticentre* will open at 7 p.m. to make way for the costume party with music provided by DJ Adrien Tosti. Then, at 8 p.m., Lady Beats, featuring the duo composed of percussionist and Belle et Bum co-host, Mélissa Lavergne, and *DJ Abeille*, an experienced DJ and former VJ for *Musiqueplus*, will hit the stage and lure the crowd to the dance floor. Bar service will be available from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Because places are limited for this event, those interested in participating are urged to register online at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca starting October 24th until October 27th. People who show up in a costume are eligible to win prizes in our Costume Contest.

The complete Halloween program is available online on the City’s website in the Recreation and Culture section under Activities and Events.

Library

On October 22nd, 28th, 29th and 30th, families will be able to participate in various thematic activities at the library. On the evening of October 28th, *La Ribouldingue* will host a special game night for youths aged 10 to 17 who wish to participate in a game of *Loups-garous* (Werewolves). On Sunday, October 30th, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., children aged 2 to 7 are invited to attend the play *Les malheurs de Grichette* presented by *La petite valise Théâtre*. The complete program can be found online in the Library section, under Activities and Events.

Out-of-this-world Sceneries

Once again this year, the Horticulture and Forestry department used its amazing creativity to produce sumptuous decorations for Halloween.

"The horticultural team's extraordinary talents will again be on display through a number of carnival-inspired terror-provoking exhibits. This year, new characters will be making their appearance, including a burlesque-inspired set of piano playing skeletons at the corner of avenue Saint-Charles and chemin Paul-Gérin-Lajoie. Citizens of all ages are in for some delightful surprises," hints Patrick Legault, Foreman - Horticulture and Urban Forestry.

The famous character personified by Jack, from the movie «Jack's Strange Christmas», has been moved to the *Opticentre* for the Haunted House. The team has also been working on the design of modules reminiscent of circuses of the past. Jack and his decor will remain on site for the entire winter season with a little tweaking to mark the Holiday season.

The public is invited to come admire the Halloween decorations at the entrance of the library (51 *rue Jeannotte*), in front of the *Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste* and on the property located at the corner of *avenue Saint-Charles* and *chemin Paul-Gérin-Lajoie*.