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Burlington City Park Historic Dentzel Carousel opens after Evaluation, Maintenance and Repair

BURLINGTON, NC— Burlington’s City Park Carousel will open on Saturday May 26 after being closed for evaluation, maintenance and repair. The carousel closed on September 18, 2017 for the repair project.

After evaluation was complete, a restoration project plan was developed and two phases were identified. Phase one included components of the mechanical systems to be repaired and replaced. This phase was completed during closure period. The following phase will include figure refurbishment and complete mechanical overhaul of the carousel. The carousel is scheduled to run all summer in 2018, future closure will be necessary to complete the full restoration. Stay tuned to www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Carousel for updates.

The work is being completed by Carousels and Carvings of Marion, Ohio. Because the carousel is historic, rare, and extremely intricate, its mechanisms require custom fabrication by carousel restoration specialists.

The City Park Carousel is a 3-row Dentzel Menagerie Carousel built around the turn of the 20th century. The City of Burlington purchased the carousel in 1948. Most recently, the carousel was refurbished in 1985. Now, over 30 years later, the carousel is again in need refurbishment.

City Park Amusement park is following spring hours of operation until June 11 when it will transition into lengthier summer hours. The park will be open Memorial Day, May 28 from 10am-8pm for holiday hours.

Spring Hours of Operation: March 3 - June 11

Monday - Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Summer Hours of Operation: June 12 - August 27

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 - 8:00 pm

“We are excited to get this ride open for the public Memorial Day weekend. The work has begun to ensure the longevity of the Carousel; we want to see many more generations enjoy this ride” said Burlington Recreation & Parks Director Tony Laws.

Details about operating hours, ticket prices and height restrictions can be found at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CityPark.

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