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Burlington City Park Historic Dentzel Carousel Currently Closed

BURLINGTON, NC— Burlington’s City Park Carousel is currently closed. This closure has been implemented to ensure the preservation of the carousel and the safety of its patrons. The mechanisms have been scheduled for evaluation by carousel restoration specialists to determine the extent of necessary repairs and an estimated timeline for its reopening.

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 completely refurbished in 1985. A multi-phase restoration of the both the mechanical and artistic components of the Carousel began in the fall of 2017. This closure is not a scheduled component of the current restoration plan, but is necessary to preserve the condition of the mechanisms. Because the carousel is historic, rare, and extremely intricate, its mechanisms require custom fabrication and may lead to longer downtimes than experienced in the past for our patrons.

“The Dentzel Carousel is the crown jewel of Burlington’s park system and the City is committed to caring for this rare treasure. We are also completely committed to our patrons safely enjoying each amusement park attraction and will therefore always act with an abundance of caution,” said Burlington Recreation & Parks Director Tony Laws.

Due to the specialized nature of the work, it is uncertain when the carousel will reopen to the public. Updated timelines will be made available to the public as they become available. Follow the progress at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Carousel.

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