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The Carousel Memory Archive to Collect Stories of Burlington's Historic Carousel

Generations of Burlington residents have ridden, enjoyed, and loved the City's historic Dentzel Carousel. It's a tradition where folks who rode the Carousel as children have taken their children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren to do the same. The circa 1910, hand-carved Dentzel Menagerie Carousel was brought to Burlington in 1948 and is currently undergoing an extensive renovation. The fully-restored Carousel with all new mechanics will return to City Park in 2021. Commenters on recent social media posts featuring photos of the animals stripped of their paint awaiting repair truly capture how deeply the Carousel is woven into the fabric of the Burlington community.

Some comments:

["Love this!....I'm a Burlington native and have loved this magnificent merry-go-round for my entire 68 years!"](#)

["I love seeing my old friends!! I was born and raised in Burlington, and still live in Burlington, and have ridden the carousel many, many times in my lifetime. The carousel is a gem that is worth saving no matter the cost. It is beautiful!!"](#)

["Look forward to sharing this tradition with my granddaughter when it's all put back together."](#)

The City wants to celebrate this Burlington landmark with the **Carousel Memory Archive**. Much like [NPR's StoryCorps concept](#), the City invites folks to share their memories, stories, and family traditions involving the Carousel. A booth will be set up near the Carousel House during the [2019 Carousel Festival](#) on September 21st and 22nd. Bringing old photos of Carousel fun to be scanned and used to accompany the stories is encouraged. The memories will be collected and edited into bite-sized stories that the City will periodically share while the Carousel is closed for restoration. The complete recordings will also be featured in an archive that will be accessible through City's website.

The Carousel Memory Archive
At the [Burlington Carousel Festival](#)
September 21 from 10am-5pm
September 22 from 12noon-5pm

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