



News From

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BROOKS ANNOUNCES COUNTY'S HISTORIC DENTZEL CAROUSEL IS REPAIRED AND RE-OPENED TO PUBLIC

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the historic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte has been repaired and is now reopened to the public. The 108-year old carousel was sidelined on June 29th by a broken original cast iron gear. A replacement gear was located in Southern California and shipped to Rochester. The replacement is also a cast iron original, which was salvaged from a Dentzel Carousel of the same vintage.

*"Like many local families, we are thrilled to have our historic carousel back in service again at Ontario Beach Park before the end of the summer season," said **Brooks**. "The carousel certainly holds special memories for so many adults in our area and continues to create brand new memories for some of our youngest residents each and every year. Because the carousel is such an important part of our history and quality-of-life, Monroe County is committed to keeping this attraction up-and-running for many years to come."*

The County's carousel was carved and created by the firm of G.A. Dentzel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was installed at Ontario Beach Park in 1905, and has remained in its original location ever since. The carousel is a menagerie model and consists of 52 riding animals and two chariots, set in three rows. The hand-carved animals include: 22 Jumping Horses; 11 Standing Horses; 3 Cats; 1 Deer; 1 Giraffe; 1 Goat; 1 Lion; 2 Mules; 3 Ostriches; 3 Pigs; 3 Rabbits; and 1 Tiger. In 1984, the County initiated a complete restoration of the animals to their original condition. The carousel has also been modified to accommodate ADA accessibility.

The Carousel's 2013 Operating Schedule is, as follows:

Now through Labor Day – Open Daily (7-Days per Week)

Post-Labor Day through Columbus Day – Open Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)

Columbus Day – Open Monday, October 14 (Last Day of 2013 Season)

The Carousel's 2013 Hours of Operation are: **Noon to 9:00 p.m.**

The Carousel's 2013 Price Schedule is, as follows:

Single Ride -- \$1.00

Punch Card (12 rides for the cost of 10) -- \$10.00 ****Valid Any Time****

Wrist Band (Ride All Day) -- \$5.00

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