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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES FREE RIDES ALL WEEKEND ON HISTORIC DENTZEL CAROUSEL AT ONTARIO BEACH

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** announced that the historic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte, which opened today for the 2017 Season, **will offer FREE carousel rides, regardless of age, throughout the Holiday Weekend.** This year will be the carousel's 112th continuous season at the Park, where it first opened in 1905.

*"Initially, we planned to offer FREE rides on opening day, to kick-off the carousel's 112th season." said **Dinolfo**. "Now, we will extend FREE rides all weekend, through Memorial Day. I hope that many of our hard working families and residents of all ages will come up to Ontario Beach Park and enjoy this community treasure, at no charge."*

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. In recent years, the County added rocking chairs at the carousel building for patrons' use and enjoyment. This season, visitors will be sure to notice the fresh coat of paint, from top to bottom, which brightens the interior and restores an historic color to its ceiling and high points.

The Carousel's 2017 Operating Schedule is, as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend – Open Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29 (FREE Rides)

Post-Memorial Day until June 23 – Open Weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

June 23 through Labor Day – Open Daily (7-Days per Week)

The Carousel's 2017 Hours of Operation are: **Noon to 9:00 p.m.**

The Carousel's 2017 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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