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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO OPENS THE HISTORIC DENTZEL CAROUSEL AT ONTARIO BEACH PARK

117th season kicks off Friday with FREE rides through Memorial Day

ROCHESTER, NY — County Executive Adam Bello today opened the historic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte for the 2023 summer season and invites all Monroe County children and families to enjoy free carousel rides through Memorial Day, May 29. This year will be the carousel's 117th season at the park.

"The Dentzel Menagerie Carousel has brought joy to Monroe County families every year for more than a century. It truly has stood the test of time and is a staple of the summer season," **said County Executive Bello**. "I encourage all families to give the carousel a whirl as we offer free rides all weekend long."

The Carousel's 2023 Operating Schedule is as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend – Open Friday, May 26 through Memorial Day (FREE rides)

Post-Memorial Day until June 25 – Open Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)

June 26 through Labor Day – Open Daily (7-Days per Week)

The Carousel's 2023 Hours of Operation are **noon - 7:00 p.m.** (Opening Day through Labor Day, September 4th).

The Carousel's 2023 Price Schedule is as follows:

All rides **FREE** Friday May 26th – Monday May 29th

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

[Last year](#), County Executive Bello announced a \$500,000 investment that will add cosmetic upgrades, new fencing, guardrails, handrails and additional handicap accessibility to the carousel. Renovation work is expected to begin by late 2023.

The 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 since.

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