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City of Burlington Cancels Burlington Carousel Festival in response to COVID-19

BURLINGTON, NC— After careful analysis by city staff considering the safety of guests, vendors and staff, and taking into consideration the current and projected Executive Orders by the Governor of North Carolina, the City of Burlington announces the cancellation of the 32nd Annual Burlington Carousel Festival. The Burlington Carousel Festival is hosted by the Burlington Recreation and Parks' B-town Events division during the third week of September each year and draws crowds of approximately 15,000 over the 2-day festival at Burlington City Park.

Adhering to best practices and safety guidelines recommended by the Center for Disease Control and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, hosting the Burlington Carousel Festival would not be possible this year.

Burlington's circa 1910 Historic Dentzel Carousel is undergoing a full restoration by Carousel Carvings, Inc in Marion, Ohio. The Carousel's return to City Park is anticipated by the 2021 Carousel Festival when it will be located in a newly constructed Carousel House. While the 2020 Festival cancellation is disappointing, the 2021 Burlington Carousel Festival will truly be a memorable celebration.

Stay tuned to the City of Burlington's social media channels as we release a series of oral history recordings capturing carousel stories told by the Burlington community. These were recorded at the 2019 Festival and are sure to give you that nostalgic feeling as we wait for the return of the Carousel. Go to www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CarouselStories to submit your own and listen to the growing compilation of these stories.

Attached: Photos taken July 2020 of the Burlington Dentzel Carousel while undergoing a full restoration in preparation for the 2021 Carousel Festival.

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"The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees."

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