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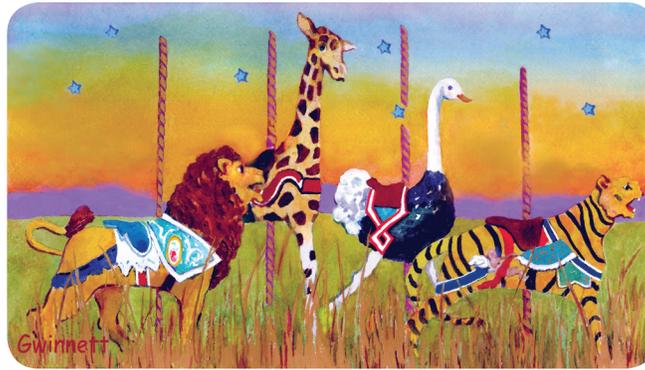
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Celebrating Burlington's Historic Carousel



Did you know that a treasure sits in the center of our city? The historic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel has been turning in Burlington City Park since 1948. This piece of art in motion, featuring 46 wooden animals and chariots, dates back to the early 1900s and holds a special place in the hearts of many. The Carousel is not only an amusement ride to entertain park-goers of all ages, but is also often used as the centerpiece for memorable moments such as marriage proposals, family reunions and prom photos.

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Dates to Remember:

Carousel Festival
September 15-16
(Call 222-5030)

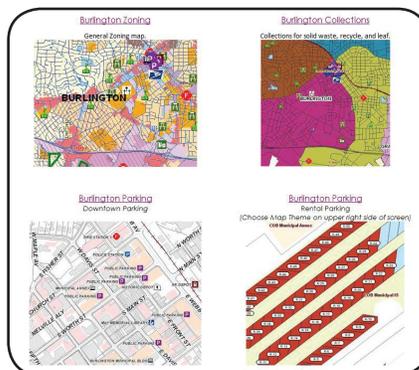
E-Waste Collection Event
September 22, 9am-2pm
(Call 222-5095)

\$5 Rabies Clinic
September 29, 9-11am
(Call 578-0343)

Downtown Spooktacular
October 26
(Call 222-5030)

Dark in the Park
October 27
(Call 222-5030)

Introducing Interactive City Maps on the Web



The Geographic Information System (GIS) Division has made several new interactive maps available to the public. Interactive Zoning, Collections, and Downtown Parking maps are now available online. Learning more about a specific property is now as easy as a few keystrokes and clicks of a mouse.

With access to these maps, citizens now have the ability to easily determine how a specific lot is zoned and in which, if any, special districts the property is located. Residents no longer have to make

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The Dentzel Carousel has been a unique and cherished presence in City Park since 1948 when rides were sold to visitors for only a nickel. The Carousel stood, front and center, in City Park for years, bearing wind, rain, snow, and the unfortunate missteps of the staff who were then unaware of the careful maintenance required for such delicate handcrafted carousel animals.

By the 1970s, the Carousel had sadly fallen into disrepair. This all changed when the Ladies' Service League made it their mission to restore the City's treasure back to its original glory. Dedicated volunteer Diane Vaught spearheaded the project and spent years painstakingly managing the restoration of the animals, rounding boards, gears, and more.

Ms. Vaught's tireless efforts paid off in April of 1983 when the Carousel, now enclosed to protect its polished brass, fresh paint, real horsehair and custom made pipe organ from the elements, reopened to the public. The Carousel is now recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and is adorned with a plaque of recognition from the National Carousel Association.

Every year, to celebrate the historic Carousel and the community that cherishes it, the City of Burlington hosts the annual Carousel Festival during the third weekend of September. 2012 marks the 25th anniversary of this celebration. This unique event is comprised of multiple features bringing together entertainment, artisans, food vendors, and local non-profit organizations in celebration of tradition, family, and community.

The Children's area of the Festival offers a chance to experience the Dentzel Carousel in addition to the numerous other amusement rides located in the Park and the inflatables brought in by Interactive Playgrounds. The food court tantalizes the taste buds of Festival-goers as they enjoy the sights and sounds throughout the park. The Artists' Alley features exhibitors displaying arts and crafts.

In addition to the fabulous artisans, amusements and food present at the Carousel Festival, an impressive slate of musical and performing artists are on hand each year to entertain the crowds from the stages of the Jimmy Combs Pavilion, Thataways, and the Performing Arts Tent. The 2012 headlining artist is Mac McAnally. McAnally is a member of Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band and has written many of Buffet's songs in addition to producing albums for both Buffet and the band Sawyer Brown.

Come join the celebration on September 15th and 16th of this year and make a point to spend the third weekend in September at the Carousel Festival in City Park for years to come.

FD Shirts & Adopt-A-Dog

Burlington FD T-Shirts: More Than a Fashion Statement



Burlington Firefighters have launched the 2012 T-shirt fundraising campaign, patterning T-shirts after the duty shirts firefighters wear. This year the effort returns to support breast cancer awareness but it will also include the promotion of prostate cancer awareness.

The 2012 T-shirts are solid black this year with logos that come in two different colors. Pink logos represent breast cancer awareness and blue logos represent prostate cancer awareness. All proceeds (approximately \$5 per shirt) will be contributed to the cancer funds of the Alamance Regional Charitable Foundation. The foundation already had the Pink Ribbon Fund established for breast cancer but firefighters worked with the foundation to establish a new prostate cancer fund, now known as the Blue Ribbon Fund.

Shirts are available for sale at the Burlington Fire Department Headquarters Station, Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5 pm. They are only available in adult sizes. Shirts cost \$10 for sizes small through XL and \$12 for sizes 2XL or larger. Contact the Burlington Fire Department at 336-229-3564 or visit the Headquarters Station at 215 S. Church St. for more information.



October is Adopt-A-Dog Month



October is the American Humane's Adopt-a-Dog Month and the Burlington Pet Adoption Center will be celebrating with reduced adoption fees! Check their webpage (www.burlingtonnc.gov/pets) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BurlingtonPetAdoptionCenter) for more information. October will be a great time to find a new best friend!

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a call to the City's Sanitation Division in order to determine on which day a particular property receives sanitation, recycling, and seasonal leaf collection. Citizens will also have the ability to identify the location of publicly available parking in downtown Burlington.

Anyone can easily access and utilize these three new interactive maps by visiting www.BurlingtonNC.gov and clicking on the "Mapping/GIS" quick link in the center of the City's homepage. By entering a tax account number, residents will be quickly given details about the associated property. Advanced searches can also be performed in order to access information based on the physical location or property owner. However, the new maps are not a substitute for Alamance County's tax mapping, therefore, property tax and deed information should still be accessed at www.alamance-nc.com/d/gis.html.

"Have Two Ways Out" this Fire Prevention Week



If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? Many people would guess 5 or 6 minutes. The problem is that it is usually less. In 2003, a major fire in a night club resulted in 100 fatalities in less than 2 minutes and it wasn't because of locked exits. Often fires can grow so quickly that occupants are overcome by the smoke before the fire ever reaches them.

That's why the Burlington Fire Department is urging residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

In 2010, one home fire was reported every 85 seconds in the United States. Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home.

Burlington Fire Department recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan (911).
- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.