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<b>News Release</b>
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**AMUSEMENT ALERT!**  
**Como Town Opens April 30**

*SAINT PAUL, MN* – [Como Town](#) Amusement Park at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in Saint Paul will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, for its seventh season. Como Town Amusement Park includes more than 18 rides and attractions for kids of all ages. Visitors' favorites include Screamin' Dragon the double spiral roller coaster, Drop Zone, Tornado, Traffic Jam! bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and Como Town Driving School.

The Splash Zone, an interactive water play area in Hodge Podge Park, will be open Memorial Day weekend. The Splash Zone is the perfect place for kids to stay cool on hot summer days. The Splash Zone allows kids to play in water fountains and jets, and get soaked by the sprayers and water buckets. The colorful 40' X 40' splash pad play area includes a series of bubblers, water buckets, sprayers, water boosters, spouts and jets guaranteed to provide a soaking wet experience to anyone in the "Zone."

An original made-in-Minnesota [Tilt-A-Whirl](#) was added to Como Town last year. The Tilt-A-Whirl is a platform-type ride with seven free-spinning cars attached to a revolving platform that raises and lowers as the ride revolves. The ride's motion causes variable speeds and changes the direction and spinning motion of the cars; the weight of the riders can also affect the

spinning motion, adding to the “chaotic” unpredictable nature of the car’s motion.

The first Tilt-A-Whirl was invented by Herbert W. Sellner in 1926 at his Faribault, MN home for the Wildwood Amusement Park in White Bear Lake, MN. Since 1927 more than 1,000 Tilt-A-Whirls have been built and sold by [Sellner Manufacturing](#) in Faribault, MN, and more than 500 can still be found in amusement parks and carnivals throughout the world.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Como Town will be open the weekend of April 30 & May 1; Friday, May 6 – Sunday, May 8; every day beginning Friday, May 13 through Labor Day, Monday, September 5; and, then weekends through October 2. Como Town opens at 10 a.m. daily.

Admission to Como Town and Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is free. Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory have a recommended donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Prices for ride ticket packages and all-day unlimited ride wristband are available online at [www.comotown.com](http://www.comotown.com) or call 651-487-2121.

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