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## News Release

### **Como Town 2008 Season Opening April 26 Watch the Weather Forecast for the *Tornado!***

*SAINT PAUL, MN* –Como Town, the family amusement park at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in Saint Paul, will open for its fourth season on Saturday, April 26 and include the newest ride, guaranteed to create a “ride storm.” Watch the weather forecast for the newest spinning, tilting and swinging ride--the ***Tornado!***—it will hit Como Town early this season. The Tornado allows passengers to control the spin in each car themselves so they can make the ride as wild or as mild as they want. The ride also lifts seven feet off the ground and tilts at a 20-degree angle as the cars swing in and out as well as spin around, just like the real weather twister.

Como Town Amusement Park will be open the weekend of April 26 & 27, and May 3 & 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Saturday, May 10, daily at 10 a.m. through Labor Day, Monday, September 1, and then weekends through September 28.

Como Town has more than 18 rides and attractions which are tailored to kids ages two to 12, including visitors’ favorites Traffic Jam! bumper cars, the double spiral roller coaster Screamin’ Dragon, Drop Zone and Como Town Driving School.

“We have a great outdoor amusement park at Como Town that provides families with exciting new options that keep them coming back again and again,” said Como Town Guest Services Manager Brianna Warner, “And, the best part is all the rides and tickets are at the same price as last year!”

Como Town's rides and activities encourage kids to actively shape or control their experience, including:

- Driving School: Kids hop into miniature cars and cruise the streets, turning, accelerating and steering. Every child gets a "driver's license" at the end of the ride.
- Fire Brigade: Kids move up and down a tower, directing fire hoses to quench the flames of a "burning" building.
- Sky Glider: Riders climb into a plane and using their own pedal power, soar and swoop just like a real airline pilot.

Other rides include Frog Hopper, Como Town Train, Family Swing, Drop Zone, Tea Cups, and favorite attractions include Hodge Podge Park and Como Town Theater.

### **Lancer Hospitality**

Como Town is owned by Lancer Hospitality, a Minnesota-based hospitality company with corporate offices in Eagan. Lancer has been in the recreational food service and full-service catering business for more than 25 years. Lancer Hospitality is owned by company founders and business partners since 1979, Glenn Baron and Steve Craver. Lancer Hospitality invested more than \$4 million in private funding to redesign and re-landscape the four-acre amusement area in 2005.

### **Como Town Information**

Admission to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory and Como Town is free. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person for Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory. Rides and attractions at Como Town require one to four tickets. The cost per ticket is still 75 cents. Unlimited ride wristbands are available for \$16.95; and \$10.95 after 4 p.m. Como Town season passes are just \$59.95 or \$49.95 for kids under 40 inches.

For additional information about Como Town, call 651-487-2121 or visit [www.comotown.com](http://www.comotown.com).