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News Release

AMUSEMENT ALERT!
Chaos Comes to Como Town May 1
New This Season: Tilt-A-Whirl and Splash Zone

SAINT PAUL, MN—[Como Town](#) Amusement Park at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in Saint Paul will open on Saturday, May 1, for its sixth season. Como Town features two new attractions for the 2010 season: [Tilt-A-Whirl](#)—an original Made-in-Minnesota ride—and the Splash Zone—an interactive water play area.

TILT-A-WHIRL

Como Town's new Tilt-A-Whirl débuts on opening weekend, Saturday, May 1. 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 unpredictable nature of the motion. Physicists and mathematicians call the Tilt-A-Whirl's movements "chaotic motion" based on the [Chaos Theory](#). Physicists Bret M. Huggard and Richard L. Kautz came up with a [mathematical equation](#)¹ that approximates the motion of the Tilt-A-Whirl.

¹ (Kautz, R.L., and Huggard, Bret M.; "Chaos at the Amusement Park: Dynamics of the Tilt-A-Whirl," *American Journal of Physics*, 62:59, 1994.)

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.

SPLASH ZONE

Como Town will open a new interactive water play area on Saturday, May 29, in [Hodge Podge Park](#) called "Splash Zone." The Splash Zone is the perfect place for kids to stay cool on hot summer days. The water play features in the Splash Zone allow kids to play in the 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."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Como Town rides and activities encourage kids to actively shape or control their experience. The Tornado! was introduced last year and allows passengers to control the spin in each car themselves so they can make the ride as wild or as mild as they want. Other visitors' favorites include Screamin' Dragon the double spiral roller coaster, Drop Zone, Traffic Jam! bumper cars, and Como Town Driving School.

Como Town Amusement Park will be open the weekend of May 1 & 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Saturday, May 8, open daily at 10 a.m. through Labor Day, Monday, September 6, and then weekends through September 26.

For ticket packages or more information, visit www.comotown.com or call 651-487-2121.