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## News Release

### **AMUSEMENT ALERT! Como Town Opens April 28 New Attractions for 2012 Season**

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – [Como Town](#) Amusement Park at the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in Saint Paul will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, for its eighth season. Como Town, which has 18 rides and attractions for kids of all ages, will feature three new attractions this summer: a pirate ship ride, Como Town Mining Co. and a new Aqua Dunk at the Splash Zone.

#### **SS Swashbuckler Pirate ship**

The newest ride the SS Swashbuckler Pirate Ship arrived at Como Town this summer from across the globe. The pirate ship was built in Italy and shipped overseas to Como Town. The 24,000 pound, 25-foot-long SS Swashbuckler has open seats and swings back and forth in a pendulum motion, changing elevations and speed while giving riders the feeling of weightlessness.

#### **Como Town Mining Co.**

Como Town Mining Co. gives kids the opportunity to pan for 40 gemstones and fossils that are 15,000-340,000 years old. The attraction features gemstones including quartz, amazonite, arrowhead, fluorite, emerald, lapidolite, moon stone, tiger eye, ruby, copper, and calcite, and fossils including oyster, coral, petrified wood, whale bone, shark teeth, trilobite, and amber.

### **Aqua Dunk at the Splash Zone**

The Splash Zone, an interactive water play area which opens Memorial Day weekend, will feature a new Aqua Dunk water play component. The colorful 40' X 40' splash pad 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 Splash Zone.

### **Other attractions**

Como Town features 18 attractions, including the Minnesota-made Tilt-A-Whirl, the Screamin' Dragon roller coaster, Drop Zone, Tornado, Traffic Jam! bumper cars, and Como Town Driving School.

### **General information**

Como Town will be open on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 28-Sunday, April 29
- Friday, May 4-Sunday, May 6
- Daily from Friday, May 11-Labor Day, Monday, September 3
- Weekends through September 30

Como Town opens daily at 10 a.m. Admission to Como Town and Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is free. Como Zoo and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory have a recommended donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information about the prices of ride tickets and all-day unlimited ride wristbands, Como Town hours, and the free Como Shuttle, visit [www.comotown.com](http://www.comotown.com) or call 651-487-2121.

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