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**Kids Ride the Prospect Park Carousel for FREE
Every Thursday in August
Thanks to Astoria Federal Savings**

Brooklyn, NY – The best family fun ride in the heart of Brooklyn just got better: Prospect Park's 1912 Carousel is **free for kids under the age of 12 every Thursday in August, courtesy of Astoria Federal Savings.**

“Enjoying the cool breezes and joyous music while riding the Prospect Park Carousel is a perfect family outing,” said Prospect Park Alliance President, Tupper Thomas. “It’s wonderful that Astoria Federal Savings is making it possible for even more people to experience this great treasure of the Park.”

Restored in 1990 by the Prospect Park Alliance, the Carousel has 51 hand carved horses, as well as a giraffe, lion, deer and two dragon-pulled chariots. The Carousel’s melodic Wurlitzer organ with 141 pipes and 16 bells is dedicated in honor of philanthropists Peter and Isabel Malkin.

The Carousel is open Thursdays through Sundays, from 12 – 6 p.m. (5 p.m. after Labor Day). Rides cost only \$1.50. Books of 6 tickets are available for \$8. Children under 3-years-old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Carousel is wheelchair accessible. Join the Prospect Park Alliance at the \$100 level and your family (up to 4 people) will receive unlimited rides on the Carousel for a full year.

The Carousel is also a popular place to hold birthday parties, complete with food and party favors in a scenic, kid-friendly setting. Please call the Rental & Event Planning Office at (718) 287-6215 for more information.

Newly reprinted is the lovely Prospect Park Carousel Coloring Book! This 16 page book featuring outlines of many of the Carousel’s charming and whimsical features, is available for purchase at the Carousel for \$3.50

The Carousel is located in the Park’s Children's Corner, just inside the Willink entrance to the Park, at Ocean and Flatbush Avenues and Empire Boulevard. The nearest subways are the Q, S, or B Train to Prospect Park station.

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In partnership with the City of New York and the community, the Prospect Park Alliance restores, develops, and operates Prospect Park for the enjoyment of all by caring for the natural environment, preserving historic design, and serving the public through facilities and programs. Prospect Park's 585 acres of meadows, waterfalls, forest, lakes, and athletic facilities comprise a masterwork of urban green space.

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