



DECEMBER 2016



Noel and the Carousel Await You!

Dear Friends of the Carousel,

The Silver Beach Carousel Family wishes you all the best for this holiday season! This has been a spectacular year for the carousel and we appreciate everyone who helped make this year one of the best!

December is a busy month at the Carousel. Listed below are some upcoming events. Please consider giving of your time. Thank you to those volunteers we see a lot. For those volunteers that we haven't seen lately...PLEASE COME BACK! We need you!

Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy this special time wherever you are relaxing! The Volunteer Newsletter is back so stay tuned!

Carol Klukas,  
Editor and Gift Shop Staffing Manager

## DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

- DECEMBER 15** Share the Joy Family Fun Night – all rides \$1, 4-8:30pm  
Bring a non-perishable food item for Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency and get a free ride! Visit the Website or Facebook for a listing of needed items. You can drop off your items through December 18th.
- DECEMBER 22** Santa and the Reindeer Return! 4-9:00pm- rides \$1  
Now is your chance to see them again especially if you missed them in November. We are still in need of a few volunteers for this event. Call Marty in the Carousel office at 269-932-1141 to come and join the fun!
- DECEMBER 21** **JANUARY 3** – extended hours all during Christmas break.  
There are lots of empty shifts to still fill.
- DECEMBER 29** Polka Party Family Fun Night- 4-8:30 pm, \$1 rides.  
Come join the party and help our guests polka around the Carousel! Can you guess Ringo the Rooster's favorite dance?
- DECEMBER 31** New Years Eve - Carousel is open 11:00am to 3:00pm. End the year on a happy note....wear your party hats!
- JANUARY 2-3** Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Us!  
We will be celebrating for two days! It's a Frozen theme with all our favorite characters including that lovable reindeer Sven! Wear your favorite costume and get a free ride. Hours are 11am to 5pm both days.
- JANUARY 4 -5** Undecorating and packing up from 9am – 4 pm  
We need to get the Carousel ready for its annual sprucing up. Many helpers make the job go fast! The first day is tear down and the second day is preparing the carousel house for painting, dry walling, floor repair and other maintenance items. Sign up on VolunteerUp to come and help.
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## CAROUSEL CLOSURES

- DECEMBER 24-25** Merry Christmas!
- JANUARY 1** Happy New Year!
- JANUARY 4- FEBRUARY 1** Carousel annual cleaning and shut down. Maintenance will include painting, dry walling and floor repair. The carousel itself will need to be carefully covered and protected.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 29

**"Warm Up with Chili"** event - 5:30pm

Come join us for fun and fellowship and get the latest info on future events. You will be treated to a wonderful variety of homemade chilies, delicious corn breads and beverages including wine! This would be a great time to bring a friend who might be interested in volunteering.

FEBRUARY 2-5

**"Waikiki Weekend"**

Summertime fun in the Carousel House during the Magical Ice Fest!



APRIL 1-9

**Spring Break**

Come follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City. Watch for information regarding planning and helping to transform the Carousel House into the Emerald City.



**Don't forget to use AmazonSmile for online holiday shopping!**

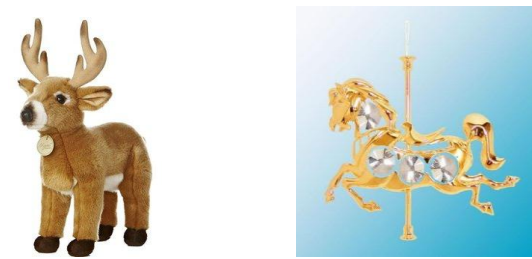
Amazon's Smile program now allows customers to shop as usual while their favorite non-profit organizations receive 0.5% of their total purchase! The program only works when you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select the Silver Beach Carousel as your recipient. Remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop and thank you for supporting the Silver Beach Carousel!

## THIS AND THAT

- ✿ The Volunteer Recruitment Committee is looking for 3 additional members. Contact Pat Fisk at 269-428-9174 or 269-313-2668 if interested in joining this fine group.
- ✿ The Cotton Candy Team is also looking for more spinners and baggers. Don't worry if you don't know how...we will train you! Contact Marty in the Carousel office at 269-932-1141 to join.
- ✿ REMINDER - we do not accept foreign currency of any kind.
- ✿ There is now a very specific policy and procedure for opening and closing the concession stand. Closing must be coordinated with the Gift Shop. They will be happy to help you if you are having any difficulties. Instructions are in a plastic sleeve protector and will be located under the fruit snack rack.
- ✿ Photo Booth - Here are a few tips if guests are having problems with printing pictures. 1. Photos take time to print. Be patient. 2. If still not printing turn off, wait a minute and turn back on. Please try to avoid just simply refunding the money.
- ✿ Please let the Team Leaders know as soon as possible if you are not able to volunteer for an extended time. Whether that be because of family obligations, illness or if you've decided that Michigan winters are not for you. This helps the TL's with their future planning.

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## BRASS RING GIFT OFFERINGS



The gift shop has lots of great items that make good stocking stuffer or one of kind gifts. Stop in and take a look at our special carousel mugs filled with hot chocolate goodies for only \$10.49, Reindeer Beanie Babies for \$6.99, Holiday gift tubes for \$7.95 and of course a wonderful section of Christmas ornaments.

We are also running a special on the book **“How Noel Saved Christmas”** written and illustrated by natives of St. Joseph and featuring our very own Carousel. Originally \$14.95 you can now get it for \$9.95!

Take a look at what some of the volunteers have been up to lately!!!



Splash at the Reindog Parade

Christmas at the Carousel House





***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family  
from the Silver Beach Carousel!***



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