ENTER THE SERLING ZONE

Rod Serling (1924-1975) graduated from Binghamton Central HS, class of ‘43. New known as Binghamton High School, it is the home of the Rod Serling School of Fine Arts. Visit the plaque dedicated to Serling on the front lawn, see the door casing where he signed his name in 1943 while working backstage, visit the Helen Reddy Theatre named after Rod’s drama teacher and mentor and where he was commencement speaker in 1968, leaf through his high school yearbook at the library, or just stroll through the halls that Rod passed through each school day. Appointments are suggested. Please contact Lawrence Kassan, Coordinator of Special Events and Theatre for the Binghamton City School District at (607) 792-9222.

Each year, the Rod Serling Film Festival is presented by WSKG Public Broadcasting to sustain the Serling legacy and stir the creative imaginations of students K-12 both locally and nationally. Visit: www.wskg.org/program/rod-serling-film-festival

Visit Recreation Park in Binghamton’s West Side to marvel at the inspiration for The Twilight Zone’s fifth episode, “Working Distance,” Recreation Park’s iconic pavilion can be spotted in the episode. Ride the carousel, visit the pavilion where Serling inscribed his initial, and see his commemorative bronze plaque, just a few blocks from his boyhood home. See the newly renovated carousel with “Fairground Art” style panels by artist Corrihall Flat.

Visit the Forum Theatre for the Performing Arts to see Rod’s star on the Wall of Fame and spend time viewing a display chronicling Rod Serling’s life in photos, including a bronze bust of Rod Serling sculpted by Richard Dryers, at the Forum Theatre for the Performing Arts. For further information contact The Forum Theatre of Performing Arts at (607) 770-2400.

The Bundy Museum of History and Art offers a Rod Serling Archive Exhibit honoring one of America’s greatest writers. View rare and one-of-a-kind pieces, original wire images, TV and film props, memorabilia and personal items. Twice a year, the Bundy Museum of History and Art hosts this symposium to educate the general public about Rod Serling and his importance to pop culture, and how his work awakens the audience’s sense of humanity. Watch 2 episodes of the Twilight Zone Series at the Bundy Annex followed by a discussion led by a guest moderator. Free admission. For more information, contact The Bundy Museum at (607)722-5019.

Check out the Binghamton area for Rod Serling’s Treasure Map:

- Visit the Rod Serling Film Festival
- Visit the Rod Serling School of Fine Arts
- Visit the Helen Reddy Theatre
- Visit the Recreation Park
- Visit the Forum Theatre for the Performing Arts
- Visit the Bundy Museum of History and Art

Discover Broome County’s Time Machines in the Carousel Capital of the World!

Between 1929 and 1934, George F. Johnson (1867-1943), shoe manufacturer and great benefactor, donated six beautiful carousels to our local parks. Johnson's commitment to recreation was always more than just good business. He felt carousels contributed to a happy life and would help youngsters grow into strong and useful citizens. Because of his own poor childhood, "George F." believed carousels should be enjoyed by everyone and insisted that the municipalities never charge money for a magic ride.

Now, into their tenth decade, these magnificent machines still spin from Memorial Day through Labor Day at no charge, or for an admission of “one piece of litter.” In a day when nothing is free, we boast the world’s greatest entertainment bargain!

Our carousels (we’ve always called them “merry-go-rounds”), were all manufactured by the Allen Herschell Company of North Tonawanda, New York, in the “country fair” style. You can still hear the sounds of the original Wurlitzer Band Organs on the Recreation and Ross Park carousels. And, if you are lucky enough to ride on all six merry-go-rounds, you will be delighted by monkey chariots, horses with hidden horns in the saddle blankets, a pig, and even a dog. Not to worry, every carousel animal in Greater Binghamton is a “jumper”? You can “Ride the Carousel Circuit” by collecting a card at each carousel, and when you have all six, you'll receive a special button. What is even more remarkable is that of 150 wood-carved carousels remaining in the United States and Canada, six are right here in Greater Binghamton, New York!

All six carousels are plated on the New York State Historic Register and National Register of Historic Places and restoration projects over the years attest to the commitment of our community to preserve these cultural legacies for future generations to enjoy.

*For 2018 only 6 cards will be required due to Ross Park’s Carousel closure for the season.

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**C. Fred Johnson Park**

98 C.F.J. Boulevard, Johnson City, NY 13790

Installed in 1925, this carousel is the largest of the six in the area, featuring 72 figures, 4 abreast. This carousel is considered the most elaborate group of carvings in our collection. Original iconic panels and jeweled mirrors remain. The park also includes a basketball court, ball fields, volleyball court, a playground and a small water spray park for children. Park is open 9:00 am – dusk. Carousel opens Memorial Day through June weekends 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, weekends 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm through Labor Day. Holiday Lights on the Carousel held Friday and Saturday through Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call the Johnson City parks office at (607) 797-3035 (6:30 am - 2:30 pm weekdays) for more details.

**Highland Park**

801 Hooper Road, Endwell, NY 13760

Installed in 1926, this carousel is the only one of the area’s carousels that has been relocated. Originally located at the old En-Joie Park in Endicott, the carousel features 36 animals, 3 abreast; including a pig and a dog. Highland Park facilities include a swimming pool and wading pool, picnic area, playground, tennis courts, ball fields, volleyball, all in a wooded setting. Park is open 10:00 am – dusk. Carousels run from 12:00 pm - 7:45 pm. Carousel opens Memorial Day weekend; weekends only through June, then open daily through Labor Day. For more information call (607) 786-2970.

**George W. Johnson Park**

201 Oak Hill Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760

Installed in 1934 and historically restored in 1994, this carousel has 36 horses, 3 abreast and 2 chariots in its original carousel pavilion. A glass enclosure was added in 1999. Situated in the heart of Endicott’s “Northside” and “Little Italy” neighborhoods, the George W. Johnson Park features a swimming pool, basketball, picnic shelter, the “Stage at Little Italy,” ball fields and playground. The Carousel is host to “Halloween at the Carousel” in October and “Little Italy Christmas” in December. Park is open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Carousel is open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day from noon to 7:45 pm, closed during inclement weather. For more information call (607) 757-2422.

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**Ross Park**

60 Morgan Road, Binghamton, NY 13903

Installed in 1933, this carousel features 60 jumping horses, 4 abreast; 2 chariots; and original 2-frame Wurlitzer Band Organ. Situated in the heart of the Binghamton zoo, where a variety of exotic animals and animals as well as that familiar carousel music, this park is open during the weekend, and will operate 7 days a week from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. For more information, call (607) 722-7017.

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**West Endicott Park**

501 Maple Street at Page Avenue, Endicott, N.Y.

Installed in 1892, this carousel features 36 animals, three abreast, including a pig and a dog. The West Endicott Park is adjacent to Endicott-Johnson factories, consistent with Johnson’s commitment to providing recreational facilities for his employees and their families. Park has a kidde pool, tennis courts, playground and a covered picnic shelter. Park is open 10:00 am – dusk. Carousel open 12:00 pm - 7:45 pm daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day; weekends only through June. For more information call (607) 796-2970.

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**Recreation Park**

58-78 Beethoven Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

Installed in 1925, this carousel includes 60 jumping horses, 4 abreast; chariots; and the original 2-frame Wurlitzer Military Band Organ with bells. The horses and the original carousel house cupolas have been restored. Situated in the historic George F. Johnson Recreation Park, facilities include a reflective pond, statue of George F. Johnson, Rod Selling Memorial Plaque, band shell concerts, pools and bathhouse, tennis courts, playground, and ball fields. The Carousel is host to “Holiday Rides at Rec Park” Saturdays in December; carousel is open from 5:00 – 8:00 pm with hayrides, horse and carriage rides, local choirs/chorus groups, and more. Park is open dawn – 9:00 pm. Carousel is open Memorial Day Weekend through mid-June, Mon-Fri: 4:00 pm – 7:45 pm, Sat & Sun 12 noon – 7:45 pm, and from mid-June through Labor Day, daily 12 noon – 7:45 pm. For more information call (607) 722-9888 or (607) 772-7027.

Located in six parks throughout Broome County, our carousels operate from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Hours of operation vary by park. For specific hours of operation, please call the number provided in carousel description. Carousel operation is weather dependent.