



Eldridge Park Carousel Preservation Society, Inc 2023 Annual Report

A message from the President

2023 kicked off Memorial Day weekend with our brand new Splashpad opening the season. Dedicated to the memory of John Gough, the construction was paid for generously by his family. The City of Elmira deeded additional space to our group to allow us to expand. We will break ground for our new permanent stage in the area previously used for Soccer practice and start plans for the addition of our Whip ride.

Weather and performer illnesses forced cancellation of a few of our Saturday concerts but 2023 saw several local performances, car shows, children's entertainment and the return of Fireworks to the July 4th weekend. Thanks to Chemung Canal Trust Company, Wegman's and Seven Mountains Media for making that event successful. Three Family Fun Thursdays wowed children of all ages.

The Eldridge Park Board of Directors has a master plan to continue growing the park attractions and events to ensure we remain the number one family attraction in Chemung County, something for everyone to be proud of. Watch for more family programming and added live music dates this coming summer.

2024 marks the 100 year anniversary of Eldridge Park becoming an amusement park when the Long family brought their carousel to Elmira. Watch for new Anniversary mementos and commemorative events to celebrate this milestone.

Thank you to our Volunteers, Board, Manager and Staff, the City of Elmira and our Patrons for making Eldridge Park something we can all be proud of.

Bob Kramarik

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert Kramarik – President, Bobby K Entertainment Inc.
Walter Booth – Vice President, I.D. Booth Inc.
Jennifer Stimson – Treasurer, I.D. Booth Inc.
Michael “Robby” Robertson – Secretary, Howard Hanna Realtor & Retired Elmira City Police Chief
Jennifer Fortier – Member @ Large, Registered Nurse
Dale Bryant – Retired Educator
Brian Cassetta – Physician with Guthrie Medical Group
Jane Joralemon – Retired Beekeeper
Mike Mitchell – Owner of Riverside Suites
Bob Pfuntner – President of WQRW Radio
Pat Poppleton – Owner of Poppleton Gardens
Casidhe Gilboy – Attorney at Maggs & Associates
Mike Sullivan – Owner of Hilltop Inn
Sue Tryon-Rogers – Retired from Elmira City School District
Richard Quinn – Mechanical Electrical Engineer with Corning Incorporated

Staff - General Manager – Trisha Elwood

Business Supporters, Sponsors, Grant Funders and Community Partners

- American Legions Post 442
- Anchor Glass
- Anderson Foundation
- Benchmark Audio
- Chamberlain Acres
- Chemung Canal Trust Company
- Chemung County
- Chemung County Youth Bureau
- Chemung Valley Farmer's Museum
- City of Elmira
- CNY Arts Inc.
- Coca Cola
- Community Arts of Elmira
- Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes
- Ed's Heads
- Elm Chevrolet
- Elmira College
- Elmira Community Cycle
- Elmira Elks Lodge
- Excellus BlueCross BlueShield
- FirstTransit
- Friends of Chemung River Watershed
- George Hoare Memorial
- Gerould's Pharmacy
- Gough Foundation
- GST Boces
- Hale Roofing
- Hardinge Inc.
- Hilliard Corporation
- ID Booth
- JH Design
- John King
- Kiwanis Club - Elmira
- Kool Treats Entertainment
- KW's Fresh Coat Painting
- Larry Vanderhoff Excavating
- Lindau Foundation
- M&T Bank
- Music Depot
- National Historic Amusement Park Association
- Near Westside Neighborhood Association
- NY State Tourism
- NYS Council on the Arts
- Popcorn Truck Preservation Society
- Seven Mountains Media
- Southern Tier Logistics
- The Arctic League
- The Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes
- Thomas Edison High School
- Tripp Foundation
- Upper Susquehanna Coalition
- Vasco Products
- Visions Federal Credit Union
- VVA Chapter 803
- Wegmans
- White Eagles Club
- Williams Companies



2023 We took the Carousel from a manually engaging clutch to a variable frequency drive VFD.

Revenue

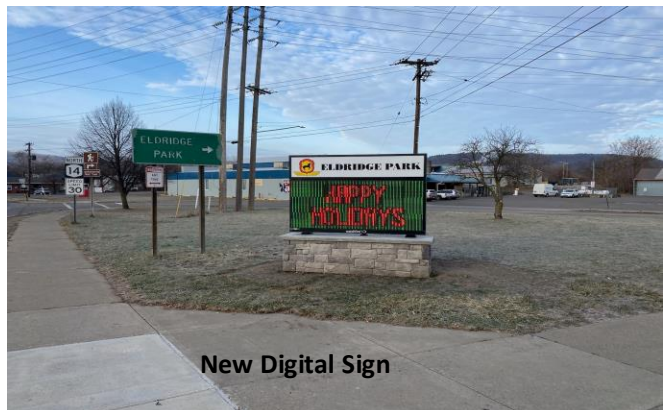
\$441,870

Expenses

\$332,848



Splash Pad & New Siding on Café & Lake Side



New Digital Sign