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Zippin Pippin to Re-Open Saturday at Noon

(GREEN BAY, WI) Please be advised that the Zippin Pippin has been recertified by the State Department of Safety and Professional Services for immediate operations to commence.

We are planning a grand re-opening of the Zippin Pippin for Saturday, July 9th at 12:00 noon. We will hold a press conference prior to the re-opening at 11:45 a.m. in front of the Zippin Pippin.

The City of Green Bay has been working diligently to determine what may have caused the incident on June 20, 2016, when one train bumped into the other as it was entering the loading station. Extensive testing has been performed, and it has been made clear to the City time and again that the ride is very well maintained.

To ensure the safety of riders, the City has performed maintenance upgrades and conducted extensive test runs on the ride. The City has also addressed the findings from the State, including providing additional operational training to the Zippin Pippin coaster operators. The City of Green Bay and the State have determined that the ride is safe for single train operation and the Zippin Pippin will resume operation on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at noon. One train has been inspected, repaired, and recertified by the manufacturer at its factory in Philadelphia. Two-train operation will resume when the second train arrives in Green Bay and after approvals are received from the State of Wisconsin and each of the manufacturers and suppliers involved.

“I am delighted with the cooperative team effort over the past three weeks to assure we have a safe ride,” commented Mayor Schmitt. “The Zippin Pippin is one of the highlights at Bay Beach, and we’re glad it’s back in operation. I look forward to being one of the first riders, along with many others who’ve been anticipating this re-opening.”

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