



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 18: Open 12-4 PM for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sunday, February 7: In honor of Super Bowl Sunday, wear your favorite team's gear and receive a 1/2 price ride!

Sunday, February 14: Celebrate LOVE! Treat your Valentine to a 1/2 price ride when you purchase a full price ticket. Then create a sweet card for your special someone!

Monday, February 15: Open 12-4 PM for Presidents' Day.



Monday, February 15 - Friday, February 19: Open 12-4 PM each day for school vacation week.

Special Days Ahead in March

Saturday, March 19: Show off your green for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race and receive a 1/2 price ride.



Sunday, March 20: Closed so that all can enjoy the 65th Annual Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade!

Saturday, March 26: Holyoke Parks and Recreation's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage State Park.



Sunday, March 27: The Easter Bunny visits the Merry-Go-Round from 12-3 PM.



**TICKET WINNER:
MADELYN REYES**

Our Holyoke Merry-Go-Round family wishes you and yours a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

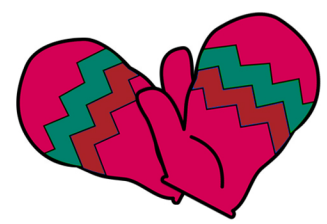


On Thursday, 12/31/15, over 1,000 children and families enjoyed Holyoke's 19th annual "First Night Jr." celebration! A highlight was a visit to indoor skaters by Frozen's snowman, Olaf, accompanied by princesses Elsa and Anna. Festivities also included Holyoke Merry-Go-Round rides, Children's Museum activities, Volleyball Hall of Fame entry, face painting, glitter tattoos, music, animals, a minion ice sculpture, a clown, the Holyoke High School Marching Band, and the Zany Acts Circus Show. Mayor Alex Morse led the countdown and ball drop as the event's grand finale to ring in the New Year.

First Night Jr. planners Elizabeth O'Connor, Interim Holyoke Merry-Go-Round Operations Manager, and Susan Kelley, Children's Museum Executive Director, thank the following people and organizations whose support helped us provide this great family event: PeoplesBank, Holyoke Gas & Electric, Holyoke Parks and Recreation, Mayor Alex Morse, Joan Cavanaugh & Holyoke High School Marching Band, Hampshire Towing, Homewood Suites, Marcotte Ford, Racing Mart Fuels, Holyoke Police Dept., Charlie Lotspeich and Heritage State Park staff, the performers & ALL the families who came to help us ring in the New Year! Time to mark your calendars for our 20th First Night Jr. on 12/31/16!

Thank You & Best Wishes to a Special Friend of the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round! John Suchocki, 37-year photographer with The Republican, is beginning a well-deserved retirement. His last day was spent on a Holyoke assignment: First Night Jr. John has photographed our Merry-Go-Round and riders since our campaign to save it 28 years ago. Visit MassLive.com to see a gallery of his wonderful FNJ photographs. Thank you John for your extraordinary work!

Thanks to our very generous donors, over 300 hats, gloves, and scarves were added to our *Warming Tree* in support of Providence Ministries and other non-profits. Special thanks to Cecile Ploran, Holyoke Charter School's Renee Glazer, fellow teachers, and administrators, and Renee's 5th grade class for their generous gifts and for adopting our *Warming Tree* as their community service project.



Holyoke Merry-Go-Round rides are only \$2 per person or enjoy 6 rides for \$10

**Winter Hours:
Saturdays and Sundays
noon to 4 PM**



Book your child's birthday party today! For more information, email our Party Coordinator at mgrparties@aol.com or call 413-538-9838.