



MARCH/APRIL 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 19: Celebrate Holyoke's St. Patrick's Road Race with a ride on our "Happiness Machine!" Proudly wear your green and we'll treat you to a 1/2 price ride.



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

Friday, March 25: Open 12 to 4 PM. Stop by to create an Easter card.

Saturday, March 26: Holyoke Parks and Recreation's 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage State Park from 10 AM to 12 PM. The Merry-Go-Round will be open from 10 AM to 4 PM. For information about the area's best spring celebration, call 322-5620.

Sunday, March 27: The Easter Bunny visits the Merry-Go-Round from 12-3 PM. Wear your Easter finery or your bunny ears and whiskers and receive a 1/2 price ride!

Monday, April 18 (Patriot's Day) - Friday, April 22 School Vacation Week: Enjoy springtime at Heritage State Park! The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round is open 12 to 4 PM this week.

Reserve now! Celebrate birthdays, graduations, first communions, weddings, engagements, receptions, and more!



Birthday parties can be scheduled during normal operating hours or by private rental. We offer very affordable party rates and are a fun, unique place to host your event! Contact our Party Coordinator, Liz O'Connor at mgrparties@aol.com or by calling 413-538-9838.

 Find us on Facebook

Valley Gives Day: Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Valley Gives is a 24 hour online giving event sponsored by the Community Foundation of Western MA to encourage philanthropy and the spirit of giving among the residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Our Holyoke Merry-Go-Round will be participating in this special event. Prizes are awarded to organizations that have the most contributors as well as those that raise the most funds.



We will be asking you to consider making a contribution to the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round to help us continue to operate and maintain our 87-year-old "Happiness Machine." To learn more about the special giving event, please visit www.valleygivesday.org.



**Winter/Spring Hours:
Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 4 PM**

Sunshine Village Volunteer "Sprout" was prominently featured in the 1/25/16 *BusinessWest* Difference Makers issue which related her Holyoke Merry-Go-Round volunteer experience during the summer of 2015. Sprout, as she likes to be called, and other Sunshine Village volunteers performed important tasks along with Sunshine Village staff members and were an enormous help to our staff. Sprout and her friends enjoyed rides on their favorite horses along with a fun party as our thank you for their excellent work.

Sunshine Village's tribute to the 2016 Difference Makers reads: "Sunshine Village makes a difference in the lives of adults with autism and developmental disabilities. May your contributions continue to shine." Thanks to Liz O'Connor and the HMGR staff for truly shining in their collaboration with Chicopee's Sunshine Village staff and volunteers.



**TICKET WINNER:
SARAH MELANSON**

