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CARILLON TOURS AND FREE CONCERTS

The Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, in Washington Park, will re-open for tours on Saturday, May 4.

The Rees Carillon, a 12-story tower with three observation decks, offers spectacular views of Washington Park and Springfield from the city's highest point of elevation. Tours are offered every 30 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There is one tour on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New this year, every tour includes a live carillon performance. Adults - \$3.25 and children - \$2.50.

The new expanded free schedule of concerts begins this Wednesday, May 1. Concerts are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 3:00 and 7:00 pm. Each concert is 30 minutes in length. Robin Austin, the Park District's Carillonneur plays a wide variety of classical, folk and popular songs. Enjoy the beauty of Washington Park and the adjacent Botanical Center with the unique accompaniment of carillon music.

Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon is the gift of Senator Thomas Rees, publisher of Illinois State Register from 1881 until his death in 1933. The 67 cast bronze bells range in weight from 22 pounds to 7½ tons. The carillon was cast by the 300-year-old bellfoundry of Petit & Fritsen, Ltd., in Aarle-Rixtel, The Netherlands. All of the bells are played manually by means of the keyboard located in the carillonneur's cabin

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