SPRING/SUMMER HOURS – CARILLON CONCERTS & TOURS

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is pleased to announce spring/summer hours for concerts and tours at the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Beginning May 1, free weekly concerts are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Concerts are 30 minutes and take place rain or shine. Enjoy the beauty of Washington Park and the adjacent Botanical Gardens with the unique accompaniment of carillon music.

Tours are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (one tour) and Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 – 8:00 pm (tours every 30 minutes). Every tour includes a live carillon performance. Admission: adults - $3.50; students - $2.75.

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. The beautiful 67 cast bronze bells range in weight from 22 pounds to 7½ tons. Enjoy an “insider’s view” of this extraordinary architectural landmark and rare musical instrument.

The Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon is the gift of Senator Thomas Rees, publisher of Illinois State Register from 1881 until his death in 1933. Among the world’s largest and heaviest carillons, the quality of the bells coupled with the tower’s location in Washington Park distinguish the Rees Carillon as one of the world’s finest instruments. For additional information, visit www.carillon-rees.org or http://www.springfieldparks.org/facilities/carillon/

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