

# TOWER NOTES



## There BEE a Buzz on the Plaza!

Perhaps you were lucky enough to be on the plaza May 7th to witness an amazing spectacle of nature – a large swarm of honeybees buzzing about. Swarming is a normal process for a honeybee colony forming a new hive location. It's the colony's natural means of reproduction.

Most likely, the swarm on our plaza was resting in the tree on its way to a new home. Because the queen bee is too heavy to fly for long distances, the bees pick a location to rest along the way. The bees then cluster around the queen to protect her as she recharges. A cluster can rest for up to three days, but usually stays only a few hours because swarming creates a vulnerable time in the life of honeybees.

Though unsettling for some people, a swarm of bees is usually not aggressive at this stage in their life. Their primary purpose is to find a new home and protect the queen. If the bees sense a threat, however, they may become aggressive.

Our bees were fortunate that the tower's property manager, Ramona Cain, contacted local beekeeper, Tom Terry. Within two hours, Tom was on site, setting up a bee house and trying to entice the swarm in. When that didn't work, he gently vacuumed the swarm into the house and transferred the bees to a rural area just north of the building where they are now making their new home and local honey!



## Etta Cox Returns



On June 25th, renowned jazz vocalist, Etta Cox, makes her return to the plaza with bandleader Al Dowe. It's been nine years since Etta last performed on the plaza in the tower's annual Summer Concert Series.

A smooth vocalist reminiscent of a bygone era, Etta has been voted "Best Jazz Vocalist" in Pittsburgh for eight consecutive years. She's opened for legends including Ray Charles, Doc Severinson and Debbie Reynolds, and has appeared on Broadway, on television and in films. You may have been fortunate to attend one of her local performances at City Theater or the Pittsburgh Public Theater over the years.

Don't miss this chance to see Etta and Al live on the plaza. And be sure to mark your calendar for all of this summer's performances.

## U. S. Steel Tower Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays in June  
12 – 1:30 pm on the Plaza

- June 4 Jimmy Sapienza & Five Guys Named Moe
- June 11 Pittsburgh CLO Mini Stars
- June 18 Kenny Blake
- June 25 Al Dowe & Etta Cox

# JUNE

## 2019 Concierge Calendar

### Toastmasters in the Tower

Thursdays, 12-1 pm, Rm. 33C-12

Everyday life presents many challenging communication situations. The average person absorbs more than 20,000 words of information daily. Toastmasters teaches you how to select, organize, communicate and relate this information to your listeners.

### Flower Fair on the Plaza

Fridays, 10 am - 2 pm, Plaza

Pisarcik Greenhouses uses earth-friendly planting and provides sustainable, top quality, herbs, bedding plants, hanging baskets and freshly cut bouquets.

### Used Book Sale

June 5 & 6, 8 am - 3pm, Concourse

Tower tenant Eckert Seamans is conducting its annual used book drive. Shop through a selection of gently used books, and for just \$10 you'll get a large brown bag to fill up with the titles you choose. Proceeds benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

### Father's Day Pledge to End Gender Violence

June 13, 12-1:00 pm, Plaza

Join our region's leaders who are standing up and speaking out against gender violence at the 4th Annual Father's Day Pledge Signing Ceremony.



"The real secret of success is  
*enthusiasm.*"

- Walter Chrysler

# Ticket Offers

Contact the Concierge, Barbara Stull, at 412-553-8803, for best available seats, many at discounted rates.

### Pittsburgh Pirates Tickets

Looking for discounted tickets to Pirates home games? Quickly order discounted tickets, with no service fees, through the Concierge. Beat 'em Bucs!

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has more tricks up their sleeve!

### Billy Kidd in Bridging the Gap

Through June 23, Liberty Magic

Billy Kidd, host of Discovery Channel's *Breaking Magic*, is regarded as one of the preeminent sleight-of-hand and close-up magicians. In her newest close-up presentation, Billy, a trained escapologist, performs feats that no one should try at home.

### Marjorie Prime

Through June 30, O'Reilly Theater

In the future, "primes" are programmed to look and sound like our dearly departed. With "Walter," Marjorie recalls the heyday of their marriage despite her failing memory. This inventive play explores a world in which technology can lead us back to who we are and to the people we love.

### Nat & Natalie: Unforgettable

June 21-23, Heinz Hall

The voice: so smooth, so clear, so cool. The hits: so many - "Too Young," "Nature Boy," "Mona Lisa" and many more. Byron Stripling conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony POPS joined by Denzal Sinclair and Dee Daniels for this "Unforgettable" tribute to Nate King Cole and Natalie Cole.

The Pittsburgh CLO presents 3 memorable shows

### Spamilton: An American Parody

Through August 21, CLO Cabaret

After tearing it up in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, this singing, dancing comedy revolution makes a stop in Pittsburgh.

### Oklahoma!

June 21-30, Benedum

When this Rodgers & Hammerstein masterpiece made its Broadway debut in 1934, it launched a new era in American musical theater by fusing story, an unforgettable score and the stunning choreography of Agnes DeMille. Don't miss this fabulous production, hailed by critics as the "Best Musical of the Century."

### Peter Pan

July 12-21, Benedum

For 60 years, this high-flying, Tony-Award winning musical has delighted audiences worldwide. Peter Pan is the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up.