

# TOWER NOTES



## Dodger's Nose Knows Arson



Pittsburgh's first arson dog, a 2-year-old black labrador retriever named Dodger, will visit the tower this month as part of his ongoing training. Dodger is a member of Pittsburgh Police & Fire's Fire Investigative Unit; he's been training with his handler, Detective Michael Burns, since February.

Dodger is a food reward accelerant detection K9. In order for him to eat, he has to find accelerants, such as gasoline, kerosene, acetone or alcohol that can be used to start or spread a fire. When he finds the accelerant, he sits.

At the tower, Dodger will conduct room sniffs – detecting minute traces of evaporated gasoline or other accelerants –

in a room or on a person's shoe. The drops are so small and spread out they can't be detected by humans.

How sharp is a canine's sense of smell? Consider this: while humans have 5 million olfactory cells (also known as smell receptors), canines have 225 million!

Dodger's training at the tower will also include some elevator and escalator rides, ensuring he's exposed to and comfortable with different modes of transport that he might encounter. And while he's all business when he's working, Detective Burns says Dodger loves to pose for photos and get long belly rubs when he's off duty.

Dodger's formal training began in Maine at the State Farm Arson Dog Program, accompanied by Detective Burns. The program is part of the Maine State Police and is renowned for its training of canines. Together, Dodger and Detective Burns completed 200 hours of intensive training to achieve certification.

Since 1993, the Arson Dog Program has put more than 400 dogs and their partners to work in 45 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces. The dogs are known as an arsonist's worst nightmare.

Dodger and Detective Burns don't just work together – they're together 24/7 for at least the next five years. According to Detective Burns, arson dogs can work as many as 12-14 years. And when he's not working? "Dodger's just a normal dog," says the detective. "He loves attention."

## U. S. Steel Tower Summer Concert Series

12-1:30 pm on the Plaza

Tues., July 2

Cue Ball

Tues., July 9

The Jimmy Adler Band

Weds., July 17

The Boilermaker Jazz Band

Tues., July 23

Jill West & the Blues Attack

# JULY

## 2019 Concierge Calendar

### Toastmasters in the Tower

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

Investigate Toastmasters and learn how to always create a fabulous first impression! Attend a meeting as a guest with no obligation. Everyone welcome...every Thursday!

### Flower Fair on the Plaza

Fridays, 10 am - 2 pm, Plaza

Colorful hanging baskets, bedding plants, flower bouquets, herbs and vegetables locally and sustainably grown by Pisarcik Greenhouses.

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12-1:30 pm, Plaza

See pg. 1 for schedule.

### Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

July 17, 10 am - 2 pm, Plaza

Get a close-up look at some of Pittsburgh's best-preserved vintage cars while enjoying the music of The Boilermaker Jazz Band.

### Tenant Appreciation Event

July 24, beginning at noon, Plaza

Tower tenant employees are invited to come down and enjoy a Blue Bunny ice cream treat distributed by Winthrop team members.



# Ticket Offers

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

### Pittsburgh Pirates Tickets

Order your tickets for Pirates home games at discounted prices, with no service fees, through the Concierge.

### The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents a mind-blowing experience Mark Toland in Mind Reader

Through August 4, Liberty Magic

Not only does Mark Toland know what you're thinking, he can tell you your birthday, where you grew up and what you did last summer. In his latest mental masterpiece, the audience is his cast, your thoughts are his props and your mind is his stage!

### Windborne's The Music of the Rolling Stones with The Pittsburgh Symphony

July 13, 8 pm, Heinz Hall

Enjoy the music of one of the most iconic bands in history, whose music is pure rock 'n roll with a heart of blues. Listen to their number 1 hits, complete with a world-class sound and light show.

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.

### Peter Pan

July 23-28, Benedum

For 60 years, this high-flying, Tony-Award winning musical has delighted audiences worldwide. Peter Pan is the perfect show for the child in all of us.

### Rock of Ages

July 12-21, Benedum

Nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, this production captures the iconic era that was the big, bad 1980s.

### Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare

July 20, 8 pm, Byham

This show takes the best of The Bard and reshapes his words down to one-hour versions, all whilst adding a drunken cast member along for the ride. Join us after the show for a party in the Byham lobby, with music by DJ Inception, included with your ticket. Local breweries and distilleries will keep the fun going! (cash bar)

"The smallest *act of kindness*  
is worth more than the  
*greatest intention.*"

- Kahlil Gibran