

## MILLENNIUM CARILLON IN MOSER TOWER

At the base of the Riverwalk's Rotary Hill stands the majestic Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower, a unique, 16-story structure with a 72- bell musical instrument. This gift, given to the Naperville community to commemorate the dawn of the new millennium, was built through community support and donations, and is maintained through a partnership between the Naperville Park District, Millennium Carillon Foundation and the City of Naperville.

The Carillon and adjacent Visitor Center are open for tours from May-November. Visitors can climb the 253 steps to the top of the tower and enjoy the spectacular view, where on a clear day the Chicago Skyline can be seen. Those who are unable to climb the stairs are encouraged to use the elevator and remain on the Gallery Level Observation Deck.

## CARILLON VISITOR CENTER

At the Visitor Center, formerly the historic Netzley House, guests will learn about the Carillon and area history through fun and interactive exhibits, and view the carillonneur practice area. A six-minute video will highlight nearby Centennial Park where Centennial Beach is located, the Riverwalk and the Millennium Carillon to illustrate how these "three gifts" have had a positive impact on the community. Guests may access the Visitor Center free of charge.

You may rent the Carillon Visitor Center for gatherings as intimate as 25 guests. This space, with beautiful views, is the perfect setting for showers, family gatherings or small receptions. Its unique museum-like setting will delight your guests! Call 630-848-5000 for info.

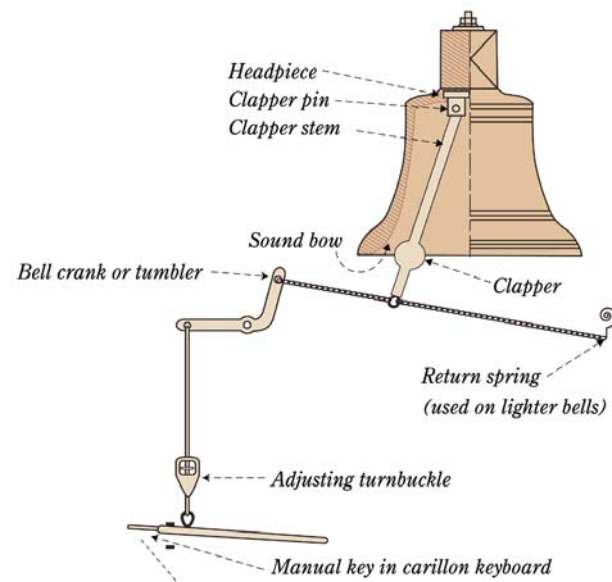
The Carillon's Visitor Center is located adjacent to the Millennium Carillon.

## ABOUT NAPERVILLE'S CARILLON

Of the approximately 600 carillons worldwide, Naperville's is the fourth largest in North America. It is referred to as a "Grand Carillon" because its 72 bells span six octaves and it is one of only a few Grand Carillons in the world. The bells were cast by the Royal Eijsbouts (eyes-bouts) Bell Foundry in The Netherlands and range in weight from ten pounds to nearly six tons with a combined weight of 32.5 tons. The 5.8 ton Captain Joseph Naper Bell ("Big Joe") is the largest of the bells and strikes the hour daily.

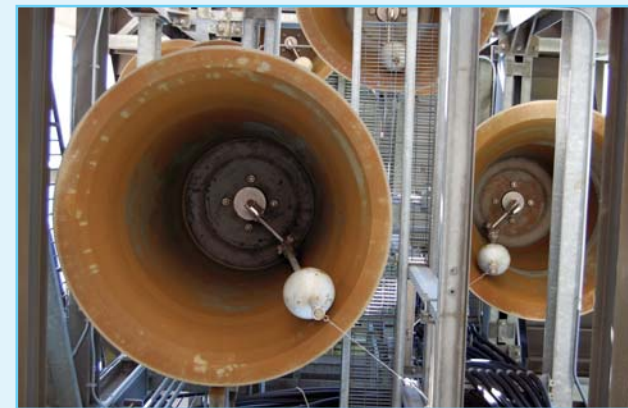
The bells can be played in two different ways. Part of the bell system is controlled by a computer located in the cabin and plays automatically at 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. daily. The large hammers that can be seen fixed near some of the bells are used to sound the bells when the automatic playing system is engaged. A carillonneur also can play the bells manually. Many local, national, and international carillonneurs perform each summer as part of the Millennium Carillon Summer Recital Series. In addition, recitals are performed each week, all year long.

## HOW THE MUSIC IS MADE:



Clavier in Moser Tower

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# Millennium Carillon

in Moser Tower 2010



2000-2010  
10th Anniversary

HEALING FIELDS, 2009



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## 2010 CARILLON & VISITOR CENTER

### HOURS OF OPERATION

**May 1-November 21**  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**May 28-August 20**  
Fridays: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for ages 5 and older; children 4 and under are free.  
Visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

*Dates and hours of operations are subject to change due to weather and other factors beyond our control.*

**Moonlight Carillon Tours:** Climb to the top of the tower on recital nights from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and enjoy the evening sky! Cost is \$3/person.

**GROUP TOURS**  
For groups of 10 or more, please make a reservation by calling 630-848-3540 or e-mail fgusel@napervilleparks.org.

**2010 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES**  
On Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., from June 8-August 24, talented carillonneurs hailing locally, nationally and abroad, will delight concert-goers with an evening of music. These free performances are held rain or shine (unless there is lightning), and picnicking on the lawns surrounding the tower is welcomed. Post-recital Moonlight Carillon Tours are available from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**WEEKLY RECITALS**  
**May through October:**  
Saturdays: Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 4:00 p.m.

*Information regarding recitals and special events can be found at the Carillon website, [www.naperville-carillon.org](http://www.naperville-carillon.org).*

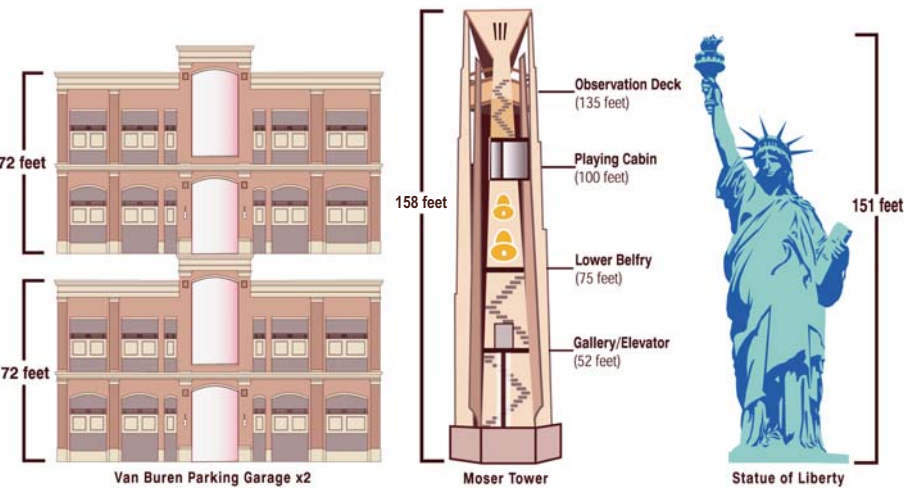
**WHAT IS A CARILLON?**  
A carillon is a musical instrument composed of a minimum of 23 bells played from a keyboard using fists and feet. The Millennium Carillon is a 72-bell instrument.

**HISTORY OF THE MILLENNIUM CARILLON**  
The Millennium Carillon project began in late 1997 to permanently commemorate the arrival of the Year 2000. Thanks to a generous \$1 million gift from Harold and Margaret Moser, contributions from scores of bell sponsors, private and business donors, countless hours of volunteer efforts, and a generous line of credit in the amount of \$1.5 million from the City of Naperville, Phase I was dedicated in June 2000. Then, thanks to a grant of \$3.3 million from Naperville's Special Events and Cultural Amenities (SECA) Fund, Moser Tower and the adjacent Visitor Center were opened to the public in July 2007.

In recognition of the Millennium Carillon project, Naperville was designated an official White House Millennium Community in 1999.



### HOW TALL IS THE MILLENNIUM CARILLON?



- CARILLON FUN FACTS**
- There are 72 bells cast in bronze within Moser Tower.
  - The largest bell, Big Joe, weighs in at just under six (6) tons.
  - The total weight of all the bells is 32.5 tons but the smallest bell weighs a mere 10 pounds.
  - The bells of the Carillon can be played manually on a special keyboard called a clavier as well as by a computer controlled system of hammers.
  - Bells never go out of tune unless they are damaged.
  - While in the lower bell chamber, one can look up inside the bells and see the score marks where the bronze was removed during the tuning process.
  - The construction of Moser Tower required about 14,000 man hours of labor.
  - There are 185 individual pre-cast stone pieces in Moser Tower.
  - The four piers of the tower represent the core values of Naperville: Education, Community, Family, and Commerce.
  - The Visitor Center was the former home of the Netzeley family - the last family to use it as a residence from the early 60s through the 80s.
  - The house was renovated in 2006 to be used as the Millennium Carillon Visitor Center.

**Higher ground:** From its base to the roof, Moser Tower is 16 stories high or 158 feet tall. That said, Moser Tower stands taller than two of downtown Naperville's Van Buren parking garages stacked on top of each other, or slightly higher than the Statue of Liberty. An elevator takes you up 52 feet to the Gallery Level. However, higher ascent requires walking up as many as eight stories to reach the Observation Deck.

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### LET YOUR WEDDING BELLS RING OUT ACROSS NAPERVILLE!

Imagine hosting your once-in-a-lifetime event with the unique Millennium Carillon bell tower and the beautiful Naperville Riverwalk as your backdrop. Add to that your special wedding song rung out across Naperville as you walk down the aisle. If you're looking for a different kind of place to host your wedding ceremony, this is it. We'll do everything to make your day a memorable one.

- A basic Millennium Carillon wedding package includes:**
- Carillon music\*
  - White wedding arch
  - 40 chairs
  - Candelabra
  - Private access to the Millennium Carillon Visitor Center for wedding party staging and preparation
  - Private access to the top of the tower for wedding party photographs

Cost: \$700  
*\*Fee for music is based on difficulty of the piece(s) requested.*

Just across the river, the newly renovated Community Hall at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center offers an ideal venue for your reception. You also may want to treat your guests to a Naperville trolley tour or take additional pictures on the Riverwalk.

Wedding ceremonies are offered on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Ceremonies are conducted at the base of the Carillon. Please note that there are some blackout dates for holidays and special events. Please call today to book your special day as availability is limited. Call 630-848-3540 for more information.

**Engagement and Anniversary dinner options**  
Your special someone makes you feel like you're on top of the world, so why not treat them to an experience at the top of the Carillon - the highest viewing point in downtown Naperville! We can arrange an intimate engagement or anniversary dinner for you. Please call 630-848-3540 for additional details, pricing and availability.