



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 1/29/2026

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary of the Board.

There are no Consent items this meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Room A, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony are encouraged to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting and shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

PRESIDENT

[26-0118](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Conservation and Policy Council Monthly Report

Summary: Created in 2014, the Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board and the General Superintendent about conservation policies and practices, including the implementation of the Next Century Conservation Plan's vision of vibrant, ecologically healthy and welcoming forest preserves system.

Each month, a member of the Conservation and Policy Council will provide a verbal report detailing the work that the Conservation and Policy Council is doing as well as their recommendations to the Board regarding policies, practices, and other strategic initiatives of the Forest Preserves.

26-0129

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SPRING LAKE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 16, Township 42 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve in District 15.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District

purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

Common Address: 324 Sutton Road #A, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois

PIN: 01-16-100-008-0000

PARCEL 1:

THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 346.50 FEET OF THE WEST ½ OF THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS CREATED BY DEED FROM THE KIMBERLY CORPORATION, A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS, TO EGBERT S. MARSH AND HARRIET L. MARSH, HIS WIFE, DATED APRIL 30, 1955, AND RECORDED MAY 4, 1955 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 16 225 025 AND CONTAINED IN AGREEMENT RECORDED DECEMBER 3, 1956, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 16 770 031 FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER:

THE SOUTH 19 FEET OF THE NORTH 355.50 FEET OF THE EAST 750 FEET OF SAID WEST ½ OF THE NORTH WEST ¼ ALSO OVER THAT PART OF SAID WEST ½ WHICH FALLS WITHIN A CIRCLE HAVING A RADIUS OF 50 FEET THE CENTER POINT OF WHICH IS 750 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST ½ AND 346.50 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID WEST ½ OF THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 16 (EXCEPT THAT PART FALLING IN PARCEL 1) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 219,542 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the parcel(s) of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 15

26-0130

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): John R. Napolitano (Owner of Record)

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase, subject to retention of a life estate by the Owner of Record, be approved.

Description of Real Estate: 324 Sutton Road #A, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): 01-16-100-008-0000

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THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE NORTH 346.50 FEET OF THE WEST ½ OF THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 219,542 SQUARE FEET, OR 5.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$520,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$530,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Spring Lake (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 324 Sutton Road # A, Barrington Hills, Cook County, Illinois consists of approximately 5.04 ± acres. The Property is an infill parcel directly adjacent to current holdings in an 1007-acre section of Spring Creek forest preserve and will expand habitat and provide a buffer from impacts from neighboring properties. The Property will be acquired with a reserved life estate.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$520,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$530,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Seller shall retain a life estate in the Property for the duration of the Seller’s natural life and shall have the exclusive right to occupy, use and enjoy the Property for the Seller’s lifetime, as long as Seller resides on the Property. Seller shall remain responsible for routine maintenance, utilities, and property taxes during the life estate, as well as maintaining proper insurance. Seller shall not commit waste or make substantial alterations without the Forest Preserves’ consent. The life estate shall terminate automatically upon death or change of residence of Seller and the Forest Preserves shall obtain full possession and fee simple title without further consideration.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

26-0131

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR POPLAR CREEK LAND AND WATER RESERVE**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve in District 15.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

Common Address: 59 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood, Cook County, Illinois and 253 Sutton Road, Unincorporated Hanover Township, Cook County, Illinois

PINS: 06-15-300-021-0000, 06-15-300-011-0000, 06-15-301-017-0000

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15 AFORESAID THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 742.5 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1316.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST, 14.50 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 660.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES WEST 198.0 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 3.91 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 05 MINUTES WEST, 528.0 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 1975.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WEST OF THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROUTE 59, BEING SITUATED IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

AND:

PARCEL 1:

THE SOUTH 3 ACRES OF THE NORTH 19 ACRES OF LOT 8 OF THE PLAT OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, RECORDED JULY 1, 1848 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 20207, IN BOOK 29 OF MAPS, PAGE 144 AND DEPOSITED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2:

THAT PART OF LOT 6 OF THE PLAT OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 1, 1848 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 20207 IN BOOK 29 OF MAPS, PAGE 144, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE STATE ROUTE 59, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF DEDICATION THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 22, 1932, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 11143392, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3:

THAT PART OF LOT 8 OF THE PLAT OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, RECORDED JULY 1, 1949 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 20207 IN BOOK 29 OF MAPS, PAGE 144 AND DEPOSITED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, LYING SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 19 ACRES OF SAID LOT 8 AND LYING NORTH OF A STRAIGHT LINE DRAWN FROM THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF THE PLAT OF SECTION 15, AFORESAID, TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 8, 742.56 FEET, AS MEASURED ALONG SAID EAST LINE, NORTH OF THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 8, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,218,808 SQUARE FEET, OR 27.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the parcel(s) of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 15

26-0132

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): 59 and Schaumburg Road, LLC (Owner of Record)

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

Description of Real Estate: 59 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood, Cook County, Illinois and 253 Sutton Road, Unincorporated Hanover Township, Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): 06-15-300-021-0000, 06-15-300-011-0000, 06-15-301-017-0000

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PARCEL 1:

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SAID PARCELS CONTAINING 1,218,808 SQUARE FEET, OR 27.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$5,650,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$5,660,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010

District(s): 15

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has identified several parcels of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves’ current holdings near Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve (the “Property”). The Property, commonly known as 59 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood, Cook County, Illinois and 253 Sutton Road, Unincorporated Hanover Township, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 27.98 ± acres. The Property has remnant oak-hickory

woodland. Protection of this parcel will keep habitat adjacent to 765-acre Schaumburg Road Grassland to the west.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the “Seller”), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,650,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$5,660,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves’ satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

26-0021

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Brad Manning Ford, Inc., Dekalb, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of Ford OEM Vehicle Parts, Supplies and Services.

Contract Value: \$750,000.00

Contract Period: 2/3/2026 - 11/14/2028 with three (3) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent subject to the renewal of the underlying contract on which this piggyback is based.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2026 \$125,000.00, FY 2027 \$125,000.00, FY 2028 \$125,000.00, FY 2029 \$125,000.00 (optional), FY 2030 \$125,000.00 (optional), FY 2031 \$125,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000017547

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet is requesting the purchase of Ford OEM Vehicle Parts, Supplies and Services based on Sourcewell Contract #080124-FMC with Ford Motor Company and fulfilled by authorized dealer Brad Manning Ford, Inc. for Fleet operations. Ford vehicles comprise a significant portion of the fleet used by all departments for daily operations. To ensure efficiency and reliability, it is essential to partner with a reliable vendor that provides rapid turnaround times and skilled mechanics experienced in propane powered technologies.

26-0023

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 12/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of December 2025. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

26-0135

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - December 2025

Report Period: 12/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of December 2025. Payments total \$121,285.33 for December 2025.

26-0133

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 2/3/2026 - 3/9/2026

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Tuesday, 2/3; 10am

Groundhogs 101, Brookfield Woods, Brookfield

Patrons can learn about the groundhog, which is one of Chicagoland's only true hibernating animals. Then take a short hike to explore their habitat. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Wednesday, 2/4; 12pm—4pm

Black History Month Story Trails, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us for a self-guided story featuring a prominent African American figure. *For more information, please call (708)771-9632.*

Saturday, 2/7; 9am—12pm

Winterpalooza, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Join us for winter activities including hikes, broom hockey, shelter building and more. *This program is presented with the Portage Creek Boy Scouts. For more information, please call (312)533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/7; 10am—11:30am

Walk and Talk: Black History Month Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Participants can learn about Black environmentalists and the history of the Forest Preserves' trails as it relates to the Underground Railroad. *Registration required. This program will begin at Grove 1. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/7; 10:30am—12:30pm

Winter Trails and Camp Fire Details, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Participants can enjoy a short hike, watch a campfire building demo, and relax by the fireside with hot

beverages and s'mores. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/7; 11am—1pm**Black History Month Kickoff, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Discover the voice behind *America Outdoors*! Patrons can watch a brief viewing of this inspiring PBS series and explore the work of writer, conservationist, and storyteller, Baratunde Thurston. *Refreshments will be served throughout the program. For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 2/7; 12pm—3pm**Winter Nature Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Participants can learn about the significance of winter in Native American culture. *Registration required. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/7; 1pm**Extreme Winter Weather, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

What causes the extreme, cold temperatures during the winter? Stay warm inside while learning about these weather events. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 2/7; 1:30pm**Owls, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Patrons can visit the nature center and learn about the fascinating owls as well as meet an ambassador animal. *Registration required. This is a family program. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 2/8; 10am—2pm**Lunar New Year, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Participants can embrace the promise of luck and prosperity in 2026 by honoring the *Year of the Horse* through festive activities, hands-on crafts, and lively performances. *For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

Sunday, 2/8; 1:30pm**Superb Owl Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and celebrate owls while learning what makes them so unique. *For more information, please call (847)824-8360.*

Wednesday, 2/11; 9am**International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join women experts, youth, and professionals in dialogues and discussion to put science, technology and

innovation at the heart of sustainable development programs. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

Thursday, 2/12; 10am**Wellness in the Woods: The Cupid Shuffle, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Embrace a healthy heart and your well-being! Join us for a guided walk, then warm up with hot tea. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 2/12; 2pm**Wellness in the Woods: The Cupid Shuffle, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Embrace a healthy heart and your well-being! Join us for a guided walk, then warm up with hot tea. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Friday, 2/13; 11am—2pm**Crafternoon: Paint and Sip, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Patrons can paint and sip a cup of hot chocolate. *Supplies will be provided. For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Saturday, 2/14; 6:15am**Sunrise Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a nature expert to experience the greatness and peace of a winter sunrise. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 2/14; 10:30am**Animal Courtship Walk, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Love is in the air! Join us for a hike with a nature expert and learn how animals express their love and attraction. *The nature walk will be 2.5 miles. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/14; 1:30pm**Nature Walk and Mingle for Singles, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Patrons can join other singles for a walk, then break the ice indoors over warm beverages and games. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 2/14; 5:30pm—9pm**Sweetheart Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Couples and friends are invited to hike candlelit trails, relax around a campfire and warm up inside with a catered dinner and warm beverages. *Registration required by 2/9. Ages 21 and up. The cost is \$30*

per person. Please call (847)824-8360.

Wednesday, 2/18 through Sunday, 2/22; 9am

Birkie Week, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Participants can ski with wood skis and wool knickers to win a prize then test their skiing knowledge by answering daily trivia about the Birkebeiner Ski Race. *For more information, please call (630)257-2045.*

Wednesday, 2/18; 12pm—4pm

Black History Month Story Trails, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us for a self-guided story featuring a prominent African American figure. *For more information, please call (708)771-9632.*

Sunday, 2/19; 10 am - 12

Holiday Restoration and S'mores Series, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Patrons can remove invasive species, participate in a brush pile burn and then enjoy s'mores. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Equipment will be provided. Students can earn service-learning hours. Please call (708)868-0606.*

Saturday, 2/21; 10am

Walk and Talk: Black History Month, Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious mind who wants to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These walks will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *This nature walk will be 1-mile. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/21; 10am—3pm

Cold Case, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Drop-in and take a self-guided walk to examine clues and investigate the mystery of an environmental crime scene on the nature center grounds. *For more information, please call (708)839-6897.*

Saturdays & Sundays, 2/21-3/1; 10:30am & 1:30 pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Participants can walk in the sugar maple forest and learn about the sweet process of making maple syrup. *Registration required. Please call (847)824-8360.*

Saturday, 2/21; 10:30am—12:30pm

Winter Trails and Camp Fire Details, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Participants can enjoy a short hike, watch a campfire building demo, and relax by the fireside with hot beverages and s'mores. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/21; 11am & 2 pm**If Walls Could Talk: Stories of the Underground Railroad-Part I, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can enjoy indoor performances of joy, power and determination, celebrating the African-descended genius of scientific and botanical discovery. *Registration required. This program is presented by Mama Edie. Please call (708)868-0606.*

Saturday, 2/21; 1pm**Winter 'Brr'ding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Patrons can enjoy an indoor presentation where we talk about winter and the irruptive bird species. *Registration required. Ages 16 and up. Please call (630)257-2045.*

Saturday, 2/21; 1pm–3pm**Board Game Afternoon, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Bring family and friends to an afternoon of nature-based board game fun! *Adult and kid-friendly board games will be available. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Sunday, 2/22; 9:30am–11:30am**Restoration Workday, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Participants can join nature experts as we help restore our ecosystems by removing invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please visit the website.*

Sunday, 2/22; 10am–12:30pm**Black History Month Celebration: Poetry, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Patrons can enjoy live poetry readings and learn about Chicagoland black poets. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 2/22; 1pm–3pm**Lunar New Year, St. Paul Woods, Morton Grove**

Participants can enjoy this festive celebration with an afternoon of family-friendly activities and cultural traditions. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 2/27; 7:30am**Sunrise Stroll, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Patrons can enjoy a stroll through the Forest Preserves at sunrise. *This nature walk will be 2.5-miles. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/28; 9:30am—11:30am**Restoration Workday, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Participants can join nature experts as we help restore our ecosystems by removing invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/28; 10am—1pm**In Our Nature: Celebrating Black Voices, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Patrons can enjoy an inspiring celebration of Black voices in nature through storytelling, shared learning, meaningful connections and a collaborative hands-on art experience. *For more information, please call (708)771-9632.*

Saturday, 2/28; 1pm—2pm**Local Stories of the Underground Railroad, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can learn the history of local people, places and events that shaped the Underground Railroad. *Registration required. This program is presented by the Midwest Underground Railroad Network. Please call (708)868-0606.*

Monday, 3/2; 5pm—7pm**Teen Nature Recharge, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate World Teen Mental Wellness Day with a relaxing evening in nature full of self-care and community. *Registration required. Ages 13-17. Please call (847)381-6592.*

Tuesday, 3/3; 4am—6am**Blood Moon Rising: A Lunar Eclipse Night, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Experience the awe of a total lunar eclipse and watch Earth's shadow dance across the moon in a breathtaking celestial display. Participants can enjoy a sunrise walk. *Registration required. Participants must bring a chair. Please call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 3/7; 9am—5pm**Women Environmentalists: Self-Guided Trail Exhibition, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate women past and present who have contributed to biology, conservation, environmental justice and more with presentations, activities and exhibits. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

Saturday, 3/7; 10am**Walk and Talk: Women in Conservation, LaBagh Woods, Chicago**

Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious mind who wants to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These walks will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *Registration required. This program will begin at Grove 1. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 3/7; 10am & 2 pm**Maple Tree Tapping, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Patrons can enjoy a short walk and watch a maple tree tapping demonstration. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 3/7; 10am**Walk and Talk: Women's History Month, Oak Forest Heritage Preserve-East, Oak Forest**

Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious mind who wants to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These walks will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation.

Saturday, 3/7; 1pm**Women Environmentalists: Women's History Program, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate women past and present who have contributed to biology, conservation, environmental justice and more with presentations, activities and exhibits. *For more information, please call (847)381-6592.*

Sunday, 3/8; 10am**Women's Heritage Month Walk, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Walk and learn about conservation leader Isabel Bassett Wasson and her work and discoveries at Thatcher Woods. *For more information, please call (312)533-5751.*

Sunday, 3/8; 12pm–2pm**Conservation at Home: Native Seed Starter Pots, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Patrons can welcome spring by planting wildflower seeds in upcycled seedling pots. *Materials will be provided. For more information, please call (708)868-0606.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

26-0005 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Nicor Gas Company, operate and maintain a 4-inch gas main, the total length of which is 2,728 linear feet of pipe on Forest Preserves land

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

26-0145 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS regular meeting held on 01/13/2026

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

26-0015 PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS Office of the General Superintendent, Advertising and Promotional Services

26-0134 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 2/3/2026

26-0024 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025
