



**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, January 14, 2025, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 1/9/2025

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 Resolutions for 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, Conference Room C, Chicago, Illinois. Persons authorized to provide public testimony 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**25-0007**

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR MICHAEL J. O'MALLEY PRESERVE**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 30, Township 35, Range 15, all in Cook County, Illinois near Michael J. O'Malley Preserve in District 6.

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.

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 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:

2730 Sauk Trail, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois (AKA 2801 E. Sauk Trail, Sauk Village, IL)

THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (E ½ NW ¼) OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-FIVE (35), RANGE FIFTEEN (15), IN BLOOM TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 33-30-101-001-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 3,222,133 SQUARE FEET, OR 73.97 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 6

25-0006

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

WETLAND MITIGATION BANK AGREEMENT AND PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF REAL ESTATE DONATION

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: HGS, LLC D/B/A RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC, Bellaire, Texas

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement for HGS, LLC to develop, manage and maintain a wetland mitigation bank on Forest Preserves property in unincorporated Cook County near Sauk Village, and authorization for the Forest Preserves to accept donated property from HGS, LLC with a corresponding deed restriction or similar instrument.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$10,000.00 in miscellaneous real estate fees, such as closing costs.

Contract Period: From date of execution until Mitigation Bank Closeout as determined by the appropriate federal authorities (the Forest Preserves will assume long-term maintenance responsibilities thereafter).

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$10,000.00. After Mitigation Bank Closeout, the Forest Preserves expects to receive approximately \$260,000.00 via a fund established by HGS, LLC and held by the Forest Preserves or a third-party fiduciary for the long-term management, maintenance, and stewardship of the mitigation site.

Accounts: Professional Services 51034.520830; Real Estate Capital Outlay 51006.560010; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): N/A

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

District(s): 6

Summary: HGS, LLC (“HGS”) is a subsidiary of Resource Environmental Solutions, which provides comprehensive ecological restoration and water resource solutions, serving public and private sector clients with full-delivery, land-based projects that build and sustain natural resiliency in ecosystems. HGS has rights to purchase an approximately (±) 71.7 acre parcel directly adjacent to Forest Preserves property located at Torrence Avenue and Sauk Trail Road near Sauk Village (the “Donation Parcel”). HGS seeks to develop a wetland mitigation bank utilizing all or a portion of this property together with approximately (±) 32.9 acres of Forest Preserves land, subject to the approval of the applicable federal agencies. Upon acquisition of the Donation Parcel and federal approval with respect to the mitigation bank, HGS will conduct ecological restoration of wetlands within the boundaries of the mitigation bank site, as approved by the Forest Preserves. This ecological restoration will benefit wildlife and restore native vegetation. HGS will also sell credits from the wetland mitigation bank to third parties.

Upon approval of the wetland mitigation bank plan, the Donation Parcel owned by HGS will then be donated to the Forest Preserves. Per federal regulations, the Forest Preserves will then be required to record a deed to the donated property that includes a declaration of a restrictive covenant, a deed restriction or a similar instrument restricting use of the property in accordance with the federally-approved Mitigation Banking Instrument and Plan. After Closeout of the Mitigation Bank, the Forest Preserves will then serve as the long-term steward of the mitigation site, which will include the Donation Parcel. The Donation Parcel is more fully described in the legal description included in related Board Item No. 25-0007. The acquisition of the Donation Parcel would advance the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

The area of the wetland mitigation bank is expected to total approximately (\pm) 104 acres, which will be restored by HGS at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. Upon successful completion of all performance standards for a period of at least seven (7) years and the official Closeout of the Mitigation Bank, the Forest Preserves will assume long-term maintenance and stewardship responsibilities for the mitigation site with the support of a monetary fund established by HGS on behalf of the Forest Preserves and held by the Forest Preserves or a third-party fiduciary. If the federal authorities require a third-party fiduciary to hold these long-term maintenance funds per the approved Mitigation Plan, the Forest Preserves will bring the details of any such agreement before the Board for approval.

25-0016

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alaka Wali

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

Alaka Wali is curator emerita of North American Anthropology in the Science and Education Division of the Field Museum. Alaka was born in India and came to the United States as a child. Curious about issues of cultural identity, she studied anthropology at Harvard and Columbia, focusing on the challenges facing Indigenous peoples and their efforts to maintain cultural practices and worldviews.

She was the founding director of the Center for Cultural Understanding and Change at The Field Museum from 1995- 2010. During that time, she pioneered the development of participatory social science research and community engagement processes based in museum science. She curated the North American collection, one of the Museum's largest regional anthropology holdings. Since 2000, she has worked closely with ecologists and museum educators to develop innovative community engagement strategies for people living in and around biodiverse regions of the Western Amazon and urban Chicago to expand inclusion of their voices in environmental conservation efforts.

Her research focuses on the relationship between art and the capacity for social resilience. She has authored several books, and published monographs and more than 50 articles on a wide range of topics, including museum practice, political ecology, racialized health disparities and urban anthropology. She has curated numerous exhibitions, pioneering co-curated exhibitions with Native American contemporary artists. She led the curation of the exhibition-Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories

which opened in May 2022 and broke new ground for the Field Museum with a deeply collaborative approach that privileges the perspectives of Native American scholars, artists and community members. A companion edited volume became available in 2024 from BAR Publishing.

From 2016-2024, Alaka served on the Board of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation which focuses on land conservation and artistic vitality in Chicago and the Low Country of South Carolina. She has also served on other Chicago region Boards including the Chicago Cultural Alliance and the Latin School of Chicago.

25-0003

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jacqui Ulrich, Director, Department of Conservation & Experiential Programming

Position: Member of the Board

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective Date: 1/15/2025

Expiration Date: Two (2) year term expiring 12/31/2026

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests approval of the reappointment of Jacqui Ulrich, Director of the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department (“CEP”) to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves.

NeighborSpace is a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give young and old alike an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

CEP connects diverse audiences to nature through a wide range of educational and outdoor recreation experiences and is also responsible for community engagement and committed to developing relationships with citizens to energize them and connect them to nature. CEP works with program partners at the local level on programming, building relationships with groups to become long-term advocates, stewards and ambassadors of the Forest Preserves.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Park District worked

together to establish NeighborSpace as a non-profit in 1997. These three (3) governmental agencies continue to provide leadership and financial support to protect community-managed open spaces in Chicago.

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

25-0005

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals, and Concessions

Vendor: Indigo Sports, LLC (formerly Billy Casper Golf), a wholly owned subsidiary of Troon Golf, LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Pavilion Management Services

Contract Value: \$2,686,575.00

Contract Period: 1/1/2025 (retroactive) - 12/31/2029 with two (2) one-year extensions subject to the discretion of the General Superintendent

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$337,348.00; FY 2026 \$348,345.00; FY 2027 \$359,711.00; FY 2028 \$371,458.00; FY 2029 \$383,599.00; FY 2030 \$421,959.00 (optional); FY 2031 \$464,155.00 (optional)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520850

Contract Number(s): #74000015273

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

District(s): 4, 9, 10, 15, 17

Summary: The proposed agreement is for the vendor to manage the Forest Preserves' indoor room rental program. The vendor will oversee third-party rentals at five (5) Forest Preserves pavilions,

handling tasks such as reservations, staffing, setup and teardown, daily maintenance, and marketing. The Forest Preserves will pay a monthly management fee and cover all operational expenses. The contract includes financial performance incentives tied to exceeding established targets. The Forest Preserves will retain all rental revenue and anticipate the program will continue to generate positive revenue. The vendor was the sole respondent to the Request for Proposals, which was issued twice following an extensive outreach effort. The vendor has been delivering these services for the Forest Preserves since 2018, consistently ensuring the pavilions remain profitable while maintaining a high standard of performance.

25-0004

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Law Enforcement

Request: Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

Report Title: Model Policing

Report Period: 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Summary: Report on the status of achieving the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

25-0011

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - November 2024

Report Period: 11/1/2024 - 11/30/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of November 2024. Payments total \$94,734.10 for November 2024.

[25-0012](#)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Award Annual Report

Report Period: 7/26/2022 - 10/31/2024

Summary: This report serves as an annual update on the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (the "Forest Preserves") American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") sub-award funds pursuant to Board Resolution No. 22-0289. This report covers the period of July 26, 2022 through October 31, 2024 and includes Forest Preserves' expenditures and activities for ARPA projects. ARPA funds seek to address the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on communities nationwide. The Forest Preserves remained open throughout the pandemic and saw firsthand how important nature is to the residents of Cook County, with visitor numbers jumping from an estimated 62 million visits per year to 100 million during this time. ARPA funds support the Forest Preserves mission in providing access to nature for all residents of Cook County.

25-0013

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 11/1/2024 - 11/30/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of November 2024. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of

Ordinances.

25-0015

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

REPORT

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: American Humane Conservation Certification

Certification Period: 12/16/2024 - 12/15/2025

Summary: On December 16, 2024, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) was awarded a Certificate of Approval in the American Humane Association’s (“American Humane”) Conservation Certification Program for its Ambassador Animal Program at its six nature centers. In June, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners re-approved (with updated terms) the agreement with American Humane to have the Forest Preserves’ six Nature Centers go through the certification program (See Board Item No. 24-0077). In October, American Humane had an auditor spend a week at the Nature Centers, observing the Ambassador Animals, reviewing procedures and records and talking with and observing staff as they provided husbandry, enrichment and programming with and for the Ambassador Animals.

The assessment included evaluating the animals’ enclosures, behaviors, food quality, physiological metrics, choice, environmental parameters, care and more. In its assessment, American Humane asked the Forest Preserves to address one item related to two Snapping Turtles at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center and Sand Ridge Nature Center. With an action plan in place for that issue, the final approval was provided by American Humane, which is the first national humane organization in America and the world’s largest certifier of the welfare and humane treatment of animals in working and other environments. American Humane’s animal welfare certification programs are built on the foundation of science and evidence-based practices, with independent third-party leading experts, scientists, behaviorists and ethicists determining what practices are indeed humane.

In its letter to the Forest Preserves upon receiving the certification, Robin R. Ganzert, Ph.D., President & CEO said, “I would like to congratulate you and your team at the Forest Preserves of Cook County for your demonstrated commitment to animal welfare. You have joined an elite group of institutions around

the world to earn the *American Humane Certified*[™] seal of approval, and I commend you for your dedicated work in providing exceptional welfare to the animals in your care while educating and inspiring the next generation of conservationists.”

25-0008

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 1/14/2025 - 2/3/2025

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

Saturdays, 1/18 through 2/1; 9am

Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn how to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. *Registration required. Registration for each lesson starts the Sunday prior to the lesson week. Reservation link will only be available when snow conditions are skiable. Ages 12 and up. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call (630) 257-2045 or visit the website.*

Sundays, 1/19 through 2/2; 9am

Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn how to ski with a certified Professional Ski Instructor of America. *Registration required. Registration for each lesson starts the Sunday prior to the lesson week. Reservation link will only be available when snow conditions are skiable. Ages 12 and up. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call (630) 257-2045 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/18; 8:30am

Bird and Bagel Bird Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for bagels inside followed by a guided bird walk with Chicago Bird Alliance. *Registration required. All birding levels are welcome, and binoculars will be provided. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 1/18; 10am - 12pm

MLK Service Day Celebration, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago

Give back this MLK day! Join us for a litter clean up in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 1/18; 10am - 12pm

Teen Exploration Day: Day of Service, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago

Teens and families can give back this MLK day! Join us for a litter clean up in celebration of Martin

Luther King Jr. *This event will be held at Grove 10. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/18; 10am - 2pm**MLK Day of Service and Brush Pile Burn, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Learn what it takes to keep our preserves healthy and participate in a day of service by removing invasive plant species. *S'mores will be provided. Please call (224) 763-4317.*

Sunday, 1/19; 1:30pm**Conservation at Home: Winter Seed Sowing, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

You can learn about native seeds for winter sowing by making your own winter sowing milk jug. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Supplies will be provided. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 1/20; 9am - 2pm**MLK Day of Service, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Drop-in at the nature center and participate in a self-led litter pick-up. *Garbage bags and disposable gloves will be provided. For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Monday, 1/20; 10am - 1pm**MLK Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Join us and celebrate MLK with a day of service. The activities include a litter clean-up, crafts and cocoa. *Groups of 10 or more must register for the event. For more information, please visit the website.*

Monday, 1/20; 1pm - 3pm**MLK Day Restoration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us to improve our natural community by helping remove invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Equipment will be provided. High school students may earn service hours. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Monday, 1/20; 1pm - 3pm**Martin Luther King Jr, National Day of Service, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us to work to make River Trail better on this official day of community service. *Ages 10 and up. Ages 16 and under with an adult. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 1/20; 6:30pm**Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn how to serve your community by reducing light pollution, while enjoying a walk in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 1/25; 9am - 11am**Winter Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for an outdoor workshop focusing on amazing winter scenes. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 1/25; 10:30am - 3:30pm

All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, make fire-inspired art, build your own fire, and roast a marshmallow. *For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/25; 11am - 2pm**Snowshoeing, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Come out and explore the preserves via snowshoe. *This program will occur when snow depth exceeds 4 inches. Hikes and other activities will be offered if there is no snow. For more information, please call 224-763-4317 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/25; 1pm**Winter Walk in the Woods, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Enjoy an afternoon walk in the Preserves. *Snowshoes will be provided when the snow depth exceeds 4 inches. For more information, please visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/25; 2pm**Bird and Bagel Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor ambassador animals. *Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 1/25; 6pm - 8pm**Winter Night Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Embrace the chilly weather with a brisk nighttime walk, then warm up with a hot beverage. *Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 1/26; 10am - 1pm**Lunar New Year Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Welcome good luck and fortune in 2025 by celebrating the Year of the Snake with activities, crafts and performances. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 1/26; 1pm**Picidae, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for a short presentation and stroll as we learn about woodpeckers and how they adapt to their environment. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Wednesday, 1/29; 10:30am**Children's Lunar New Year, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Let's learn about the holiday through reading, creating, and celebrating together! *Ages 2-10 with an adult. For more information, please call (847) 381-6598.*

Wednesday, 1/29; 5pm - 7pm**Teen S'mores Night, Dan Ryan Visitor Center, Chicago**

Hang out by the fire with friends and enjoy a sweet treat. *S'mores and supplies will be provided. For more information, please call (224)763-4317.*

Saturday, 2/1 through Friday, 2/28; 9am - 4pm

Underground Railroad Self-Guided Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month. You can learn about historical events and people on self-guided walks throughout February. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 2/1; 10am - 12pm

Winter Workshop: Woodworking, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new. *Registration required. Equipment will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Ages 10-16 with an adult. Please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 2/1; 11am - 1pm

Black History Month Kickoff Drop-in, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Baratunde Thurston is an American writer and conservationist. Join us as we view his award-winning PBS series America Outdoors. *Snacks will be provided. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 2/1; 10am - 12pm

Winter Open Climb, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Join us at Camp Sullivan's indoor climbing wall. *Registration and waiver required. Ages 18 and under must have an adult. 12 individuals per 30-minute time slot. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 2/2; 10am - 12pm

Poetry Trail: Black History Month, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

Join us for a walk on a short, looped trail as we celebrate Black History Month. We will read poetry written by African American authors. *This event will begin at Grove 7. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Sunday, 2/2; 1pm - 3pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

You can make a simple instrument or bring your own. All participants are welcome to join the jam or just listen to the music. *Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Sunday, 2/2; 1:30pm

Groundhog Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn the story behind this peculiar holiday. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025**

25-0064 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 12/17/2024

24-0436 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Standing Committees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025**

25-0009 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 1/14/2025

25-0010 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 1/14/2025

25-0014 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 11/30/2024

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025**

24-0455 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Ethics Ordinance

**RECREATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025**

24-0522 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Requesting a Meeting of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Recreation & Engagement Committee to Discuss African American History Programing
