



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building**

BOARD AGENDA

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to 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 Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

PRESIDENT**15-0220**

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

ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2015.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2015 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2015 at its meeting held November 19, 2014, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of Eighty-Nine Million, Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and No Cents (\$ \$89,682,876), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2015 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 19, 2014 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2014 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From the Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than Tax Levy
Corporate	62,097,166	48,387,904	13,709,262
Self-Insurance	3,000,000	0	3,000,000
Const. & Development	2,910,000	3,000,000	(90,000)
Bond & interest	16,116,388	12,118,288	3,998,100
Bond & interest Abatement	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	0
Empl. Annuity & Benefit	3,493,374	3,143,687	349,687
Zoological	67,179,141	14,884,927	52,294,214
Botanic Garden	33,807,788	9,348,070	24,459,718
Total	187,403,857	89,682,876	97,720,981

COMMISSIONERS

15-0233

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioner

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1: - General Ordinances, Chapter 5: - Forest Preserve District President and Board of Commissioners Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 1-5-2: - Organization., Subsection 2-13. of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

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2-13. Approval of Journal of Proceedings. Effective January 1, 2011, in accordance with Public Act 96-1473, the Journal of Proceedings shall be approved within the time allowed by the law. To achieve this requirement of the law, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (1) Commissioners shall file a statement of their "nay" and "present" votes with the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of a Meeting. For items approved pursuant to a voice vote, a member may record a vote of "present" or "no" for a particular resolution by filing a notice with the Secretary to be included in the Journal of Proceedings within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the meeting.

- (2) Draft copies of the Journal of Proceedings shall be circulated to the President and the Board within twenty-one (21) days of the meeting for review and correction.
- (3) All corrections shall be made to the Clerk in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the Draft Copy of the Journal of Proceedings.
- (4) A standing meeting of the Committee on Rules and Administration at 9:45 a.m. on the days of regularly scheduled Board Meetings shall be convened to approve the Journal with all corrections.
- (5) The Board shall approve the Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration at the subsequent Board Meeting.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

15-0228

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioner

REPORT

Department: Miami Woods Volunteer Stewards

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Miami Woods & Prairie 2014 Update

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Provides a summary of the ecological restoration activities in Miami Woods during 2014 including a review of the ecological health of the Woods (native plant communities, impact of deer, invasive species, etc.) and volunteer activities (number of volunteers, hours, activities, etc.).

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

15-0189

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Century Contractors Inc., Bedford Park, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services for various trail improvements at 13 locations Districtwide (see maps in backup materials)

Original Contract Period: 4/4/2014 - 11/4/2014

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Twelve (12) Month Extension beginning 11/5/2014 retroactively through 11/4/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$536,595.00

Original Approval: 14-0138, 3/11/2014, \$536,595.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and 55-6760

Contract Number(s): 13-80-02-12C1

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: A contract extension is required due to contractor capacity constraints and a delayed project start on multiple sites before the onset of cold weather conditions. Contract 13-80-02-12C1 is for various trail improvements consisting of culvert replacement, trail removal and replacement, polymer enhanced aggregate surface course, HMA paving, fence repairs, riprap placement, shaping and grading of trail, shoreline stabilization and box culvert installation. Century Contractors Inc., Bedford Park, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 2/14/2014.

15-0192

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: CXT, Inc. an L.B. Foster Company, Spokane, Washington

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of four (4) prefabricated toilet buildings

Original Contract Period: 1/29/2014 - 1/28/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Three (3) Month Extension 3/30/2015-6/30/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$222,568.00

Original Approval: Item #14, 10/1/2013, \$222,568.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

Previous Extension: Sixty (60) days 1/29/2015 - 3/29/2015

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Building Accounts 51-6710 and 52-6710

Contract Number(s): 13-80-46B

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: A contract extension is required because the corresponding site work necessary to be completed for the installation of these units has been delayed.

Contract 13-80-46B includes the fabrication and delivery of four (4) prefabricated flush toilet buildings at Barrington Road Pond (District 15), Harms Woods-North (District 14), Schiller Woods-West (District 9) and North Creek Meadow (District 6).

These units are being purchased from a national prefabricated toilet manufacturer through National Joint Purchasing Alliance Contract #022113-CXT pursuant to Section 1-8-2(AA) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

The project specific goals regarding the MBE/WBE participation for this project was zero (0) because the product is a sole manufacturer by one vendor.

15-0200

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase and extend a previously executed construction contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Camp Reinberg Development Construction

Original Contract Period: 7/17/2014 - 4/13/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Four (4) Month Extension from 4/14/2015 - 8/13/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$3,920,843.76

Original Approval: 5/20/2014, \$3,920,843.76

Previous Increase(s): none

This Increase Requested: \$437,275.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$437,275.00

Accounts: Camp Accounts 25-6730, 51-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730, 55-6730 and 26-6730.

Contract Number(s): Contract #13-80-03-004-C

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The Preserves is currently seeking approval of a \$437,275.00 addition to increase the total contract amount to \$4,358,118.76. The proposed contract increase is due to a number of items that require additional work necessary to complete the project. Reasons for the increase include unforeseen conditions encountered during construction (i.e. additional topsoil that needed to be removed to structural soils, sewer line repairs for sewer that was determined to have failed, and grading and landscaping of unsuitable soils) and permit and code related changes required by the local jurisdictions (i.e. changing underground piping to materials that meet current requirements, looping water lines in buildings, replacing existing fire hydrants, and winterizing fire protection to unheated buildings). The proposed contract extension is due to the changes in project scope as detailed above.

15-0203

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Eggers Grove site improvements

Original Contract Period: 8/20/2014 - 11/2/2014

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Nine (9) Month Extension From 11/3/2014 retroactively through 8/2/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$634,966.90

Original Approval: 14-0360, 7/22/2014, \$634,966.90

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and 55-6760

Contract Number(s): 13-80-02-04C1-Rebid

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: A contract extension is required due to delay in delivery of boardwalk material and cold weather conditions. Contract 13-80-02-04C1-R, Eggers Grove Site Improvements work includes, but is not limited to, new paths, boardwalk, plant material, seating, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications. Also included is a new paved path connection between the Indiana’s existing Wolf Lake West Park Trail and the District’s existing Burnham Greenway Paved Trail.

Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 6/13/2014.

15-0205

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Clauss Brothers, Inc., Streamwood, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Little Red Schoolhouse Outdoor Interpretation and Landscaping

Original Contract Period: 2/7/2014 - 10/5/2014

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Seven (7) Month Extension From 10/6/2014 - 5/5/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$317,988.14

Original Approval: 14-0013, 1/14/2014, \$317,988.14

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 60-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760 and Capital Improvement Account 09-6750

Contract Number(s): 13-80-02-05C1

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: A contract extension is required to allow additional time to revise interpretive signs and due to cold weather conditions.

Contract 13-80-02-05C1 is for site improvements at Little Red School House including outdoor interpretation elements, ADA and landscaping work. Specific work items include site clearing, earthwork, concrete paving, rough carpentry, site furnishings, underdrain, water piping, planting, native seeding, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Clauss Brothers, Inc., Streamwood, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 12/11/2013.

15-0206

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Facilities & Fleet

Request: Reconsider a previously approved item and approve as amended

Item Number: 14-0489

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): Other Professional Services, 01-6217; Camp Accounts 25-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730 & 55-6730; Building Accounts 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710 & 55-6710; and Recreation Landscape Accounts 25-6760, 54-6760 & 55-6760.

Summary: Board approval is requested to add capital improvement accounts to a previously approved board item that would allow for the use of these capital funds for these security equipment purchases at the campgrounds.

Item 14-0489, a contract with Broadway Electric for security monitoring and installation services was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 10/7/2014. Staff is seeking to purchase security equipment for new campgrounds and other new public buildings and recreation sites from this vendor through this previously approved contract. No change in the contract amount or term is needed.

The previously approved item with the recommended change is as follows:

14-0489

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Facilities & Fleet

Vendor: Broadway Electric, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Security monitoring and installation services

Contract Value: \$1,146,946.92

Contract period: 10/7/2014 -10/7/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014 \$155,229.67, FY 2015 \$364,090.32, FY 2016, \$342,342.00, FY 2017 \$285,284.93.

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217, Camp Accounts 25-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730 & 55-6730; Building Accounts 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710 & 55-6710; and Recreation Landscape

Accounts 25-6760, 54-6760 & 55-6760.

Contract Number(s): 14-53-520

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The Forest Preserves solicited proposals from qualified/licensed companies to establish a contract for Security Monitoring and Installation Services at over forty (40) properties owned by the Preserves for a period of 36 months with the option of two (2) 12 month extension periods.

15-0208

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Management Program

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to fund the development of a Conservation Action Plan for Critical Wetlands in the Millennium Reserve with the goal of improving habitat for threatened breeding birds and improving the overall quality of the Calumet Wetland System.

Grant Amount: \$153,824.00

Grant Period: 3/10/2015 - 12/1/2016

Fiscal Impact: \$163,337.00

Accounts: Grant Match and Working Fund, 09-6758

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: This grant will enable the Forest Preserves to conduct an assessment of Calumet wetland habitats and create a plan that identifies opportunities for restoration and how to best conserve and improve habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other species. The total cost of the project, which addresses a top priority for South Chicago, the Calumet and the Millennium Reserve to improve wetlands, is estimated to be \$317,161.00. The Forest Preserves is responsible for 51.5%, or \$163,337.00, of the total. This project is a collaborative effort and will involve the Chicago Park District, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wetland Initiative, the Field Museum, and Audubon Chicago Region. Contributions from each of these partners are anticipated and could ultimately reduce the amount of funds expended by the Forest Preserves to \$15,000.00.

15-0202

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to 13500 S. Harlem Ave., LLC, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain an existing steel and wood retaining wall, pavement, light poles and appurtenances. The existing wall and improvements were inadvertently installed at an angle to the property line approximately 15 years ago, resulting in much of the wall encroaching on FPCC property. The 15.5 foot high wall supports FPCC land behind it; removal would leave an unstable slope subject to erosion and collapse, and the land containing mature oak trees unsupported. No additional land other than what is occupied by the encroachment is requested. In addition to the Licensing Fees, the applicant will contribute \$20,000.00 toward restoration activities in the FPCC.

Term: 10 Years

License Fee: \$3,500.00 (minimum license fee)

License Application Fee: \$1,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,500.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$8,000.00 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.024 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 17

15-0151

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan

Report Period: N/A

Summary: In October of 2013 the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) partnered with the University of Illinois’s Prairie Research Institute (“PRI”) for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan (the “Plan”) as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Preserves. The Plan was designed to establish a logical framework to identify and prioritize management of the Forest Preserves’ natural and cultural resources. The Plan will help guide the allocation of resources and inform strategies to accomplish the ambitious goals set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan, including the goal to restore 30,000 acres within 25 years. Moreover, the Plan provides targeted insight into the development of the rhetorical narrative needed to communicate the aforementioned goals to the people of Cook County and beyond.

Legislative History: 2/11/15 Item was withdrawn by the Sponsor.

15-0209

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 1/1/2015 - 1/31/2015

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of January 2015. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

15-0211

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Facilities and Fleet

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Resident Watchman Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Resident Watchman Detailed Report

15-0223

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserve of Cook County MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

15-0224

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

15-0226

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Chicago Botanic Garden MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

15-0207

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 3/11/2015 - 4/14/2015

Saturday, 3/14 - Sunday, 3/15; 10 am - 4 pm

Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join the Illinois Orchid society at its spring show and sale, in which individual orchids in 128 classes will vie for ribbons. Free.

Saturday, 3/14; 1 pm

Natural Numbers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Celebrate Pi Day with a look at how mathematics and the natural world are intertwined.

Thursday, 3/19; 11 am - 2 pm

Third Thursdays: A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made, and enjoy lunch from food trucks with maple syrup-focused menus. All ages.

Saturday, 3/21 - Sunday, March 22; 11 am - 4 pm

Malott Japanese Garden Spring Weekend; Regenstein Center,

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Celebrate spring by writing a seasonal haiku and making a cherry blossom hanging scroll, plus try other hands-on activities. Free.

Saturday, 3/21; 9 - 11 am

Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods, Morton Grove

Experienced paddlers, bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese. Paddle the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8am to 2pm from Linne Woods (Dempster St and Ferris Ave) to Willow Road Dam. For more info, call 708-386-4042 x 23.

Saturday, 3/21; 10 - 11:30 am

Natural Egg Dyeing Made Easy, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Dyeing and decorating eggs is a wonderful way to celebrate spring. Create your own beautiful egg using natural dyes and decorations. Materials provided. Ages 6 & up. Limit 15.

Sunday, 3/22; 11 am - 3 pm

Maple Syrup Celebration, River Trail, Northbrook

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history.

Sunday, 3/22; 1 pm

Graminoid Fens, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about the vegetation that thrives with high levels of calcium and magnesium carbonates. The bedrock enriches the soil giving life to many sedges and forbs. Conditions will be muddy, wear rubber boots.

Saturday, 3/28; 1 pm

Hints of Spring Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy a guided nature walk to discover the subtle sights, sounds and smells of early spring. Register by 3/26.

Saturday, 3/28; 1:30 pm

A Stroll Through Calumet, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Go back in time to when this region was under glaciers, when Sand Ridge was a shoreline and when settlers arrived. Includes log cabin tour.

Saturday, 4/4; 10:30 - 11:30 am

Up, Up & Away, Pioneer Woods (Sponsored by Little Red Schoolhouse), Willow Springs

Wind is more than the breeze on your face. Wind is important for plants and animals. Learn more about the power of wind using kites. Please bring your own kite. Limit 15. Pioneer Woods, 9966 W 107th St, Willow Springs, Illinois

Saturday, 4/4; 11 am - 3 pm

Little Calumet River Trip, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago

Explore the Little Calumet as we paddle from Beaubien Woods to Whistler Woods. We'll provide a free shuttle bus back to Beaubien Woods after we finish the paddle. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Saturday, 4/4; 1 pm

Eggstravagana, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Lots of things start out as eggs! Find out which and create a nest.

Sunday, 4/5; 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 1 pm,

Easter Brunch; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Enjoy brunch and an Easter egg hunt then spend the rest of the day viewing all that spring has to offer at the Garden. Registration and fee applies.

Sunday, 4/5; 1:30 pm

Cold-blooded Crawl, River Trail, Northbrook

Ever wonder what it is like for our native turtles, snakes and frogs to wake after months of hibernation? Come meet some of our local "herps" and find out.

Saturday, 4/11; 1:30 pm

Wildflower Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

On this walk we'll observe and learn about some of the amazing native spring ephemeral wild flowers that are blooming in the forest preserves.

Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm

Wildflower Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Observe our wildflowers while hiking through the woods. Many of these low-growing beauties will only bloom for a couple of days.

Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm

Fabulous Frogs, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the life cycle, ecology, and identification of native frogs, then visit our pond to look for frogs. Adults and children ages 8 and up. Register by 4/10.

SAVE THE DATES!

9/20 – 9/27

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

On Public Land's Day weekend, we're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations throughout the Forest Preserves. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2015**

15-0235 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, 2/11/2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2015

15-0232: Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

15-0187: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

15-0216: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0217: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT CCC Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0218: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0219: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Cornerstone Contracting Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

15-0221: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0186: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Arborworks LLC, Downers Grove, Illinois

15-0188: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Path Construction Company, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois.

15-0190: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Path Construction, Arlington Heights, Illinois

15-0197: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION All Bry Construction, Burr Ridge, Illinois

15-0199: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Outlook Design and Construction, Chicago, Illinois

15-0215: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Staalsen Construction Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0210: REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 12/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

15-0135: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Forest Preserve Fee Schedule

15-0178: PROPOSED ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$17,000,000 general obligation unlimited tax refunding bonds, and not to exceed \$3,000,000 general obligation limited tax bonds of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

15-0147: PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing the Chicago Botanic Garden to increase seasonal parking fees for non-members