



**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, January 20, 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

15-0135

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FOREST PRESERVE FEE SCHEDULE

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances to add a fee schedule for the new Camp Ground Facilities.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE

CAMP GROUND FEES

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>NIGHTS</u>	<u>RESIDENT*</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENT*</u>
Tent or RV Electric	6	November- March	All Nights	\$25.00	\$35.00
Tent or RV Electric	6	April - October	Sunday- Wednesday	\$35.00	\$45.00
Tent or RV Electric	6	April - October	Thursday - Saturday	\$50.00	\$60.00
Tent or RV Non-Electric	6	November - March	All Nights	\$20.00	\$30.00

<u>Tent or RV Non-Electric</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Sunday -</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>Tent or RV Non-Electric</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Thursday -</u> <u>Saturday</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>Small Cabin</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>November -</u> <u>March</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Small Cabin</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Sunday -</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
<u>Small Cabin</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Thursday -</u> <u>Saturday</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
<u>Large Cabin</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>November -</u> <u>March</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
<u>Large Cabin</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Sunday -</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>	<u>\$95.00</u>
<u>Large Cabin</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Thursday -</u> <u>Saturday</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>
<u>Small Bunkhouse</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>November -</u> <u>March</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>
<u>Small Bunkhouse</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>April</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Sunday -</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Small Bunkhouse</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Thursday -</u> <u>Saturday</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Large Bunkhouse</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>November -</u> <u>March</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Large Bunkhouse</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Sunday -</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>
<u>Large Bunkhouse</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>April -</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Thursday -</u> <u>Saturday</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>
<u>Group Sites (tents only)</u>	<u>30-60</u>	<u>Year Round</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$20.00/Tent</u>	<u>\$30.00/Tent</u>
<u>Gear Library</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>Year Round</u>	<u>All Nights</u>	<u>\$100.00N/A</u>	

*Nonprofit organizations with proper documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated charges.

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

15-0081

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTENCE AND FORMATION OF THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, of the State of Illinois (hereinafter “Governmental Entity”) is a special purpose unit of local government and duly constituted public agency of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Entity, as a public agency of the State of Illinois, is authorized and empowered by the Constitution of the State of Illinois (Ill. Const. Art. VII § 10) and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*) to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other public agencies on matters of mutual concern and interest such as the provision of adequate law enforcement personnel and resources for the protection of residents and property falling within the jurisdiction of the Governmental Entity, and;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Entity recognizes that certain natural or man-made occurrences may result in emergencies or disasters that exceed the resources, equipment and/or law enforcement personnel of a single given public agency, and;

WHEREAS, a given public agency can, by entering into a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services and resources, effectively provide a broader range and more plentiful amount of law enforcement capability for the citizenry which it serves, and;

WHEREAS, in order to have an effective mutual aid agreement for law enforcement resources and services, this Governmental Entity recognizes it must be prepared to come to the aid of other public agencies in their respective times of need due to emergencies or disasters, and;

WHEREAS, this Governmental Entity recognizes the need for our specific Governmental Entity to develop an effective mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services and resources upon which it may call upon in its time of need and is prepared to enter into a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services and resources with other like-minded public agencies, and;

WHEREAS, this Governmental Entity also recognizes the need for the existence of a public agency, formed by an intergovernmental agreement between two or more public agencies, which can serve to coordinate and facilitate the provision of law enforcement mutual aid between signatory public agencies to a mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services and recourses, and;

WHEREAS, this Governmental Entity has been provided with a certain “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” which has been reviewed by the elected officials of this Governmental Entity and which other public agencies in the State of Illinois are prepared to execute, in conjunction with this Governmental Entity, in order to provide and receive law enforcement mutual aid services as set forth in the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement,” and;

WHEREAS, it is the anticipation and intention of this Governmental Entity that this “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” will be executed in counterparts as other public agencies choose to enter into the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” and strengthen the number of signatory public agencies and resources available from those public agencies, and;

WHEREAS, it is the anticipation and intent of this Governmental Entity that the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” will continue to garner support and acceptance from other currently unidentified public agencies who will enter into the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” over time and be considered as if all signatory public agencies to the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” had executed the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement” at the same time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Governmental Entity as follows:

1. This Resolution shall be known as, and may hereafter be referred to as, the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.
2. The Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation shall be, and hereby is, enacted as follows:
 - a. Authorization to enter into a Certain Agreement. The President of this Governmental Entity is hereby authorized to sign, execute and deliver the agreement known as the “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement”: and thereby enter into an intergovernmental agreement with such other public agencies of the State of Illinois as are likewise willing to enter into said “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement”: and recognize the existence and formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System as set forth in the said “Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.”
 - b. Savings Clause. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the provisions of this Resolution.
 - c. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

15-0117

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, THROUGH ITS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, TO REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY OF COOK ASSIST IN THE ACQUISITION OF THREE TAX DELINQUENT PARCELS BY THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY THROUGH THE NO CASH BID PROGRAM AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING FOREST PRESERVES IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE JOE LOUIS GOLF COURSE AND WHISTLER WOODS FOREST PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) owns an approximately 120 acre parcel known as Joe Louis Golf Course , located north of W 134th Street and west of S Halsted Street in Riverdale, Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the District that two parcels immediately adjacent to the north boundary of the Joe Louis Golf Course (“Parcel 1” and “Parcel 2”) and suitable for use by the District as a forest preserve are tax delinquent; and that a parcel immediately adjacent to the eastern Boundary of

Parcel 2 (“Parcel 3”) and suitable for use by the District as a forest preserve is tax delinquent; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 1, which is described by volume number 039 and permanent index number 25-32-215-002-0000, is a 58,750 square foot, or 1.348 acre parcel that is improved with a 1- and part 2-story, masonry- and frame-constructed restaurant use building and a 1-story, frame-constructed, unfinished/unheated structure utilized as an outdoor bar with two washrooms. This parcel is adjacent to the District’s Joe Louis Golf Course and would provide direct access to the future Cal-Sag Trail that will be constructed in 2015 and 2016. It will also offer opportunities for increased recreation and concessions. The site offers excellent access to the Little Calumet River, the future Cal-Sag paved trail and nearby existing Forest Preserves including Whistler Woods to the east, Calumet Boat Launch to the west and Calumet Woods and Kickapoo Woods to the south. This connection will allow for the Forest Preserve visitors to enjoy additional access to the Little Calumet River and the future Cal-Sag Trail. Recreation and concession opportunities could include bike rental, community education and partnership with nearby schools, community groups and stewardship volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 2, which is described by volume number 039 and permanent index number 25-32-215-003-0000, is a 185,000 square foot, or 4.247 acre parcel that is improved with two metal paneled storage buildings. This parcel is adjacent to the District’s Joe Louis Golf Course and could continue to support boat storage, boat repair and boat dry docking. This parcel could also support storage needs at Joe Louis Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 3, which is described by volume number 039 and permanent index number 25-32-215-005-0000, is a 101,267 square foot, or 2.325 acre parcel that is essentially vacant land. This parcel is adjacent to Parcels 1 and 2 and would provide ingress to and egress from those other PINs being requested to South Halsted Street. This parcel also has frontage on the Little Calumet River. To the extent it would not interfere with boat storage, the riverfront portion of this parcel would be improved with seating and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the District believes it to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the District’s mission to protect and maintain the maximum amount of natural open space areas now existing in the region, to preserve areas situated along waterways, and to expand existing preserves in appropriate areas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The preambles set forth above are hereby incorporated in this Resolution.
2. The Forest Preserve District is hereby authorized to acquire the three (3) tax delinquent parcels identified as Parcel 1, Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 above.
3. The General Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized and directed to request the President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners to make a no cash bid to acquire the properties identified as Parcel 1, Parcel 2 and Parcel 3, all of which are described by the permanent index numbers and volume numbers listed above, all pursuant to provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes 35 ILCS 200/1-1 et seq.
4. The District will file for tax exempt status on Parcel 1, Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 as the District intends on utilizing the parcels for forest preserve purposes. There is no Third Party Request associated with the parcels. The District will retain legal counsel to obtain the tax deed and bear all legal and other costs associated with acquisition of the parcels.

Upon acquisition of Parcel 1, Parcel 2 and Parcel 3, the District will annually report to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development as to the status of the parcels as required by the County’s “No Cash Bid Program Ordinance.”

COMMISSIONERS**15-0147**

Sponsored by: GREGG GOSLIN and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**AUTHORIZING THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN TO INCREASE SEASONAL PARKING FEES FOR NON-MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Botanic Garden (“the Garden”) has remained one of the top attractions in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Garden attracted a total of 697,000 guests; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, attendance at the Garden surpassed the one-million-visit-benchmark with 1,058,000 visits, an increase of 6% over 2013 and a 52% increase since 2005; and

WHEREAS, although the number of guests have increased, the Garden has never charged an admission fee; and

WHEREAS, the Garden is one of the only major cultural institutions in the Chicagoland area to not charge an admission fee; and

WHEREAS, while the Garden is extremely proud of the increased attendance numbers, this success frequently becomes a detriment to the visitor experience and Garden-wide commitment to outstanding customer service; and

WHEREAS, weekend visitorship has increased, guests waiting to enter the garden experience lengthy delays and the Garden’s 1,200 parking spaces are quickly filled; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to meet this challenge and encourage guests to visit the Garden on days other than weekends the Garden requests support for **a seasonal parking rate increase of \$5.00 for non-members on the weekends and holidays from April 1st through October 31st**; and

WHEREAS, members of the Garden do not pay a parking fee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County Forest Preserve District authorizes the Chicago Botanic Garden to increase its parking fee for Non-Members by \$5.00 on weekends and holidays from April 1st to October 31st.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**15-0108**

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: IMEX, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services for site utilities and site improvements for five prefabricated comfort stations

Original Contract Period: 10/16/2013-10/15/2014- twelve (12) months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 10/16/2014 - 6/30/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,110,060.00

Original Approval: FINA0068, 9/10/2013, \$1,110,060.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: **Building** Accounts 51-6710 and 52-6710

Contract Number(s): 13-80-40

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: Contract 13-80-40 includes site utilities and site improvements for five prefabricated comfort stations in various locations. Work includes site improvements and preparation of foundations (or a vault for one unit), as well as extension of utilities including municipal water (or a well at one location), municipal sewer (or septic at two locations), electricity and drinking fountains.

IMEX, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 6/21/2013.

A contract extension is required because of site utility changes, subcontractor changes, delays in obtaining permits and approvals from various local jurisdictional agencies as well as inclement weather

conditions.

15-0114

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into Interagency Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension

Goods or Services: Environmental education and outreach services

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/20/2015-12/31/2015

Fiscal Impact: \$250,000.00

Accounts: Corporate Fund Districtwide Services 01-6919

Summary: The University of Illinois Extension ("Extension") will provide educational and public outreach programs, thus significantly expanding educational opportunities for youth and adult populations within Cook County. Extension will also provide professional training workshops for Forest Preserve staff and assist in growing the number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners that volunteer with the Preserves. The Forest Preserve Conservation & Experiential Programming staff will work with Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities. The University of Illinois Extension will also work with Preserve staff to create a camping 101 curriculum and assist in delivering it at the Nature Centers.

15-0116

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Fishin' Buddies, Inc..

Reason: For more than twenty years, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") has partnered with Fishin' Buddies to provide educational and recreational outdoor programs and activities to underserved youth in Cook County. For the last six years, Fishin Buddies has sponsored several programs including, but not limited to, the Youth Conservation Conference ("YCC"), an intensive, four-week boot camp for High School youth; the Fall Fishing Derby, a team fishing contest at Wampum Lake in September; and the C.O.R.E Kids program, a winter/outdoor program for elementary and middle school youth. Those youth who complete the YCC also may be eligible for a two-week paid internship at District.

The total cost of these programs offered by Fishin; Buddies is about \$77,000.00. It is requested that the District be given authority to proceed as a sponsor for the programs listed by contributing \$34,272.50 to Fishin' Buddies, Inc. to support the programs. Fishin' Buddies Inc. has committed to raising the balance of the program costs.

Contract period: 1/20/2015-12/31/2015

Fiscal Impact: \$34,272.50

Account(s): Special Events Programs, 01-6260

Concurrences:

Fishin’ Buddies, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

District(s): 4, 5 and 6

15-0119

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: PNC Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Electronic payment card services

Contract Value: Revenue Generating, \$179,000.00

Contract period: 2/15/2015 - 7/31/2017

Estimated Revenue: FY 2015, 2015, \$46,000.00, FY 2016, \$83,000.00 and FY 2017 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Rebate Revenue, 01-5522

Contract Number(s): 1488-13855 Cook County Approved on 7/23/2014

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: PNC Bank will provide the Forest Preserve District of Cook County with electronic payment card services, utilizing a virtual credit card for vendor payments, this is cost effective, flexible and user friendly with strong security, antifraud and reconciliation features. The Forest Preserve is seeking to procure the same services provided by PNC Bank to the Chicago Public Schools and Cook County pursuant to Section 1-8-2(X) of the Forest Preserve Code.

The Forest Preserve’s contract will incorporate the substantially similar terms as Cook County’s existing contract.

15-0138

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) Award

Report Period: Fiscal Year End 2013

Summary: The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

15-0140

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 11/1/2014 - 11/30/2014

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

15-0146

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Finance & Administration

Vendor: Systems Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Computer hardware, software and hardware maintenance

Original Contract Period: 07/11/2012 - 07/10/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$520,000.00

Original Approval: 07/02/2012, \$200,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 05/13/2013, \$20,000.00 and 06/18/2013, \$300,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$300,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$300,000.00

Accounts: Computer Equipment, Supplies and Software Accounts, 01-6310, 01-6372 and 09-6374

Contract Number(s): 11-84-167cc

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 Preserve District wishes to continue to utilize the Cook County System Solutions contract approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on 06/05/2012 and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on 07/02/2012.

15-0115

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Forest Preserves of Cook County

Summary: Calendar items for the Forest Preserves of Cook County for 1/20/2015 - 2/11/2015.

Mondays, 1/12 - 5/18 (except 4/20); 10 - 11 am

Story Time in the Lenhardt Library, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Stories and activities for children ages 2 to 5, accompanied by a caregiver. Free.

Tuesday, 1/20; 5 - 7 pm

Winter Wellness in the Woods Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. Instructor-led workouts will include a variety of winter-related activities. Learn how to dress for exercise in cold conditions.

Call 708-771-1010 for details and to reserve a spot.

Saturday, 1/24; 9 am - 3 pm

Ski Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Celebrate cross-country skiing at Sagawau's winter wonderland. Experience our groomed trails at this slide-and-glide party for skiers of all levels.

Saturday, 1/24; 1:30 pm

Raptors in Winter, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about Illinois raptors and how they survive in winter. Ages 12 & up.

Registration required. Limit 30.

Sunday, 1/25; 1 pm

Art in Nature: Big Skies, Crabtree Nature Center

Learn to paint big skies in oils, taught by artist Sharron Boxenbaum. Ages 16 & up.
Registration required.

Sunday, 1/25; 1 pm

Winter Scavenger Hunt, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy an afternoon outdoors on a hunt for signs of animal activity and winter plant life. Warm up afterwards with snacks by a campfire. Register by 1/23. \$2 per person.

Sunday, 1/25; 1:30 pm

Two Owls & a Naturalist, River Trail, Northbrook

Get up-close and personal with two of River Trail's resident owls.

Wednesday, 1/28; 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Afterschool Outdoor Adventures: Winter GPS Hunt,

Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Calling outdoor adventurers ages 7 - 12! It can be difficult to find your way around a bare winter forest. Learn about the benefits of a field GPS unit and how to use one. Then, test your new skills on a coordinate-based scavenger hunt. Space is limited, so call 708-771-1010 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, 1/31; 9 - 10 am

Knock, Knock: Who's There? - Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Watch woodpeckers at the feeder and learn some cool facts about them!
Registration required. Limit 25.

Saturday, 1/31; 9:30 - 11 am or 1 - 2:30 pm

Weekend Family Class: Winter Explorers, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Plants and animals can survive outside, even in cold weather. Explore how evergreens thrive in the cold, search for animal tracks and make a snow catcher to use at home. Fee applies.

Saturday, 1/31; 10 am - 3 pm

**Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Facilitator Training,
Plant Science Center - Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join staff from the Garden's Windy City Harvest for a day focused on youth development in an urban agriculture or a school garden setting. Fee applies.

Sunday, 2/1; 1:30 pm

Groundhog Day Celebration, River Trail, Northbrook

Only the shadow knows if winter is over.
Enjoy facts and myths about groundhogs and their shadows.

Friday, 2/6; 8 pm

Prairie by a Winter Moon, Crabtree Nature Center

Join us on a winter evening as we snow-shoe our two-mile Phantom Prairie Trail. Ages 13 & up.
Registration required. Space is limited.

Sunday, 2/8; 1:30 pm

Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced when Illinois was first settled.

Saturday & Sunday, 2/7 & 8; 11 am - 3 pm

Darwin Celebration Days, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Celebrate Charles Darwin's birthday! Join us as we explore adaptation, fitness, selection and survival through activities and displays. Drop-in program for all ages.

Tuesday, 2/10; 7 - 9 pm

Front Yard Design, Plant Science Center - Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

This course will teach you the basics of front yard design. A lecture and slides will demonstrate how Plant Science Center proper planting design can change the way you use and view your property. Topics will include proper plant types and spacing, focusing and screening views, and creating curb appeal. Fee applies.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015

14-1017 REPORT Forest Preserve of Cook County MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

14-1018 REPORT Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

14-1019 REPORT Chicago Botanic Garden MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015

15-0145 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, 12/16/2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015

15-0113 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Currie Motors, Frankfort, Illinois

15-0123 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT BCR Automotive Group, DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

15-0124 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT BCR Automotive Group, DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

15-0129 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0130 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT All-Bry Construction, Burr Ridge, Illinois

15-0131 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0132 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0133 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0134 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Cornerstone Contracting, Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

15-0137 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

15-0142 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

15-0109 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

15-0110 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Path Construction, Arlington Heights, Illinois

15-0112 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

15-0118 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Homer Tree Care, Inc., Lockport, Illinois

15-0144 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue & Expenses 11/1/2014 - 11/30/2014