



**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, December 17, 2024, 10:00 AM

Issued On: 12/12/2024

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.

24-0511

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**K9 ROCCO**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Law Enforcement Department would like to honor the life of K9 Rocco. It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of K9 Rocco of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department. After 10 years of loyal service, K9 Rocco age 12, passed away on November 27th, 2024, following medical complications from a brief illness; and

WHEREAS, K9 Rocco served as a trusted partner to Officer Darrin Jackson, working side by side to safeguard the citizens of Cook County. Their bond went beyond duty-it was one of mutual respect, unwavering dedication, and an unspoken understanding that only a handler and his K9 partner could share. Together, they formed an inseparable team that contributed to public safety and left a lasting impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, K9 Rocco was not just a working dog but a cherished member of the Forest Preserves of Cook County family. His courageous service and the sacrifices he made will always be remembered with gratitude and admiration; and

WHEREAS, Our deepest condolences go out to Officer Jackson, his family and all who had the honor of working with Rocco. As we mourn his passing, we also pause to honor his memory and the exceptional legacy he leaves behind. Rocco’s work will continue to inspire and remind us all of the extraordinary commitment it takes to serve and protect. Rest in peace K9 Rocco. Your work here is done, but your spirit will forever remain a part of the Forest Preserves of Cook County family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President along with members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Forest Preserves of Cook County do hereby honor the life of K9 Rocco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be sent to Officer Darrin Jackson and to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Law Enforcement Department.

24-0550

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MICHELLE GAGE**

WHEREAS, Ms. Michelle Gage has provided over 30 years of public service in local government agencies including 16 years as the Human Resources Manager at the Chicago Park District where she was responsible for all aspects of human resources for up to 900 employees, and will retire from her position as Director of Human Resources for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, after 14 years of service, on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Michelle has a B.A. degree in political science (public law) from Northern Illinois University, has served on the Board of Directors for Harriet's Daughters, and has been an active member of the Society for Human Resource Management, Illinois Park and Recreation Association, Illinois Association of Park Districts, and the City Parks Alliance; and

WHEREAS, her compassionate and caring attitude, her boundless energy, her commitment to finding solutions, and her lively sense of humor made her a valued colleague and an exceptional human resources director; and

WHEREAS, in her role as the Director of Human Resources for the Forest Preserves, she managed an infrastructure that supports over 700 full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees, ensuring that its human relations practices are fair, transparent and effective; and

WHEREAS, Michelle oversaw hiring, employee relations, change management, conflict resolution, labor relations, performance management and employee recognition initiatives, as well as instituted human resources policies, implemented equal employment opportunity practices, and assessed organizational as well as employee needs; and

WHEREAS, Michelle was instrumental in drafting the Forest Preserves' original Employment Plan and has drafted and obtained approval of amendments crucial for effective employment practices in the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Michelle facilitated the Forest Preserves' dismissal as a Defendant under the *Shakman*

Consent Decree by reaching substantial compliance in February 2013, a court ruling that verified that political consideration plays no role in employment decisions for non-Shakman Exempt Forest Preserves employees, thereby engendering internal and external confidence in the Forest Preserves and its hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, Michelle consistently prioritized equity and inclusion, reinforcing initiatives which gained the Forest Preserves an award from the National Association of Counties in the Personnel Management, Employment and Training category for demonstrating strategic ways to recruit employees, encourage professional development, and maintain a first-class workforce; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Human Resources Department developed a robust infrastructure that included properly classified and trained staff, new staff orientations and trainings, a streamlined timekeeping process, and the development of paid fellowship and internship programs; and

WHEREAS, Michelle promoted the Forest Preserves' Conservation Corps, an award-winning program that provides paid, hands-on experiences to participants from across Cook County's diverse communities, including those with barriers to employment, by participating in Greencorps Chicago's interview and resume workshops to help participants secure jobs and attending the Forest Preserves' Conservation Corps Career Fair to connect adult Conservation Corps alumni with green job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Michelle eagerly supported opportunities for staff to grow their knowledge and skills and founded a robust professional development program that provides training, information, and certification opportunities for all staff, thereby helping employees better serve the people and nature of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, one of the Forest Preserves' most important assets is its employees who accomplish the agency's mission, ensuring that its more than 70,000 acres of public land are accessible, welcoming, and ecologically healthy, and Michelle ensured that employees are recruited and oriented thoughtfully and efficiently and that current employees are, and feel, supported; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's contributions and dedication have resulted in an effective, approachable, and transparent Human Resources Department that contributes to the Forest Preserves' reputation as an outstanding employer; and

WHEREAS, Michelle is devoted to her family, raising two successful and kind sons, Mario and Myles, and she was a selfless and generous daughter, caring for her mother during her mother's last years with grace and fortitude; and

WHEREAS, Michelle looks forward to spending time with her family and friends, listening to music, traveling, and volunteering her time and energy in connecting vulnerable and ailing people and their caregivers with resources and support; and

WHEREAS, Michelle is a master rhymers who has celebrated countless colleagues with her thoughtful and humorous poems and our attempt will not be half as good, but comes fully from our hearts:

Michelle Gage was the enchanted Forest's HR Director extraordinaire
she was hardworking, empathetic, funny, and fair
throughout the years, she remained grounded and cool
a champion of staff and Employment Plan rule
she will be remembered for her qualities and style
to say we will miss Michelle is putting it mild

WHEREAS, in the words of Interim General Superintendent, Eileen Figel, "Michelle's combination of empathy, insight, and expertise make her the most effective HR director I have ever known. I am deeply grateful for her service and wish her a long and happy retirement."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle, along with the members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Michelle Gage on a long career of public service and thank her for her many contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Michelle Gage in recognition of her career, contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County and her passion for public service.

24-0456

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF CATHY GERAGHTY

WHEREAS, Ms. Cathy Geraghty will be retiring from her position at the Forest Preserves of Cook County as the Director of External and Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the General Superintendent on December 31, 2024. Cathy has held this position for the last 14 years and previously served as the Forest Preserves' Director of Grant Development for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, as a Ph.D. candidate in Biological Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Cathy has been trained as an ecologist and evolutionary biologist, and she also studied land use law, public policy, and environmental economics; and

WHEREAS, Cathy's career path included 14 years at a variety of conservation organizations including Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Curtis & Edith Munson Foundation, Committee for the National Institute of the Environment, and as a researcher and instructor at multiple organizations, giving her a unique cross-disciplinary approach to conservation; and

WHEREAS, she has always urged the Forest Preserves to be ambitious and to do all it can to protect and sustain the lands and waters in its care and has been integral in creating and leading the Forest Preserves' most ambitious and visionary plans and initiatives. These include the Forest Preserves' first Sustainability Principles in 2010, the Forest Preserves' first Science & Research Symposium in 2012, the 2013 Centennial Campaign Plan, developed to celebrate the Forest Preserves 100-year anniversary, and creating the 2014 Next Century Conservation Plan, the visionary strategy for protecting and caring for people and nature for the next 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has influenced and guided, together with partners and volunteers, several restoration and leadership initiatives that have positioned the Forest Preserves as a local, regional and national leader, among them the Conservation Corps, Centennial Volunteers, the Conservation and Policy Council, and the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has always understood the importance of listening to opposing viewpoints with an open mind, of remaining objective, and to finding solutions and has always been committed to building relationships based on trust, consensus, and collaboration and has helped the Forest Preserves build strategic partnerships with government agencies, universities, non-profit organizations, and individuals to work collaboratively on shared goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, under Cathy's guidance the Forest Preserves became a founding member of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, a regional collaborative of hundreds of partners organizations and individuals working to implement landscape-scale approaches to conservation in and around the southern shores of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure Cathy has been responsible for bringing considerable resources to the Forest Preserves, first in her role as Director of Grant Development where she secured more than \$64M in federal, state and private grant funding, then as Director of Strategic Initiatives overseeing the raising of more than \$126M in grant funding, and then in 2006 helping to found the Forest Preserve Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to raising philanthropic support to support the visionary goals of the Forest Preserves of Cook County and that has raised a total of \$3.2M to support ecological restoration projects, Conservation Corps programs, and other efforts that support the next generation of environmental advocates; and

WHEREAS, Cathy was instrumental in building a community of support to successfully pass a tax referendum, which voters approved in 2022, providing critical funds to ensure the Forest Preserves can conserve and protect nature and provide access to outdoor recreation for all people now and in the future;

and

WHEREAS, Cathy has worked tirelessly to find solutions that ensure that both human and natural communities thrive, and she has never shied away from complex issues remaining committed to finding positive resolutions, making her a deeply valued colleague within the Forest Preserves, as well as on the many committees she advised; and

WHEREAS, Cathy was instrumental in advancing one of the Forest Preserves' most challenging goals of acquiring and protecting a total of 90,000 acres of public land. She helped author the Forest Preserves' 2020 Board adopted position paper on *Acquisition and Disposition of Land in the Forest Preserves of Cook County* which recommends finding creative new ways to continue to protect more land and begin exploring land conservation models beyond ownership; and

WHEREAS, Cathy is a steadfast supporter of volunteers helping to craft the *Scaling up Volunteers in the Forest Preserves of Cook County* position paper adopted by this Board in 2021 which focuses on increasing the number of volunteers and recommends that the model of volunteerism should be expanded to attract, welcome, and retain participants that reflects the diversity of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cathy serves on a numerous committees including the Chicago Wilderness Steering Committee, the Illinois Association of Conservation and Forest Preserve Districts, City of Chicago River Ecology and Governance Taskforce, and previously served on the Metropolitan Planning Council, Our Great Rivers Resource Team, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Natural Resource Committee, Alliance for the Great Lakes Board of Directors, Northeast Illinois Water Trail Council and the Mayor's Nature and Wildlife Committee; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Cathy will continue to dedicate herself to protecting and conserving nature and will join her husband Bob Geraghty, family, friends, and her dog, Mackinaw, in sailing and traveling adventures; and

WHEREAS, Cathy's long-time leadership, expertise, and commitment have contributed to strengthening this agency's infrastructure and reputation and have led to the Forest Preserves' success in navigating the many complex and challenging situations in managing one of the largest conservation agencies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, she is one of the region's most ardent champions of biodiversity and has dedicated her professional career and her free time to protecting nature, her passion and commitment to partnership and collaboration is one of the key ways the Forest Preserves has been so successful in both protecting native habitats and wildlife as well as building support and creating better access to nature for all people; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Interim General Superintendent, Eileen Figel, "Cathy's genuine desire to do what is best for nature is imbued in everything she does. Throughout her professional career and her personal life, she has been an ardent champion of biodiversity. The impact of her work--both to the forest

preserves and to our region--is invaluable. I am deeply grateful for her service and wish her a long and happy retirement.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, along with members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Ms. Cathy Geraghty on a long career in public service and thank her for her many contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be tendered to her and her family in recognition of her career, contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County, service to residents and visitors, and her passion for public service.

24-0512

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DELIO CALZOLARI TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mr. Delio Calzolari served the Forest Preserves of Cook County as the Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs from July 2017 through December 2024, being an integral part of the leadership team for over seven years; and

WHEREAS, Delio’s career began in the United States Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer and Gunner Officer on the Spruance Class Destroyer USS O’BRIEN. During his time in the Navy, Delio earned an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in the Persian Gulf during Operation Southern Watch while forward deployed from Yokosuka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, after his time on active duty, he embarked on a management career with Caterpillar, Inc. providing logistics services to companies including Land Rover and Mazda in the United Kingdom and Canada, and was in the Navy Reserves as the Officer-in-Charge of an Area Search Detachment within Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Seven; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 and through 2008, Delio worked in several states on the successful Obama for America campaign, spending most of his time in the critical state of North Carolina for then-Senator Barack Obama, followed by a return to Caterpillar in McAllen, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Delio returned to Illinois in 2011 to become a Senior Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Shiela Simon and later joined the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University as the Associate Director, working with students and helping foster a passion for civic engagement in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Forest Preserves Delio fostered a culture of collaboration, keeping the General Superintendent, President's Office, and Board of Commissioners updated and informed on impending government relations of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Delio shepherded hundreds of Board Agenda Items through the Board approval process, resolved hundreds of constituent and intergovernmental affairs issues, negotiated several land use agreements, streamlined the Forest Preserves internal Board Agenda Item proposal development, and worked on Land Use Code Reform to better protect public open space; and

WHEREAS, Delio was active in the internal decision making process for the Forest Preserves by leading the TIF Committee and participating as a member of the Land Use Committee, Policy Committee, Land Acquisition Committee; and Delio played a major role in guiding eight budgets through the budget cycle, communicating Madam President and the General Superintendent's vision for the Forest Preserves to Commissioners, their staffs, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Delio's work in Springfield made significant progress for the Forest Preserves. He drafted and lobbied for legislation that ensured that the Forest Preserves of Cook County's levy timing allowed for the realization of \$41 million it would not have otherwise been able to use from the referendum and championed legislation that changed the employer pension contribution formula, averting fund insolvency and putting the fund on track to be 100% funded in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to passing advantageous legislation, Delio worked to protect the Forest Preserves from bills that would harm the Forest Preserves. He defeated legislation that would have eliminated the Forest Preserves Police Department; and

WHEREAS, he successfully lobbied the General Assembly during the 2019 Capital Bill, securing \$10 million for the Red Gate Project - the largest project of its kind in Forest Preserves history - which is being used to improve over 1,000 acres of habitat; and

WHEREAS, Delio was instrumental in the passage of the 2022 Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife Habitat Protection Referendum, which passed with overwhelming support from voters. He worked closely with the Chief Attorney, CFO, and outside counsel to draft and advocate for the resolutions that placed the referendum question on the ballot and helped develop and deliver specialized ethics training for Forest Preserves staff leading into the referendum; and

WHEREAS, Delio has a B.S. in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. *cum laude* from Southern Illinois University School of Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, along with members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Mr. Delio Calzolari on a long career in public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County, colleagues and friends, celebrate Delio's leadership, dedication, and hard work, recognizing the significant, positive impact he made to the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County wish Delio Calzolari an abundance of success and happiness as he embark upon a new chapter, expanding his interest and experiences. Delio will always be a cherished and respected part of the Forest Preserves of Cook County team legacy and will be greatly missed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mr. Delio Calzolari in recognition of his significant contributions and achievements to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

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 F, 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

24-0436

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 5 - Forest Preserve District President and Board of Commissioners Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 2-6 - Standing Committees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-6. Standing Committees.

The standing committees of the Board, their standing subcommittees and the number of members to be appointed to each (including Chair and Vice-Chair) are as follows:

AUDIT (7) (Chief Financial Officer shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Audit Committee)

BOTANIC GARDEN (9)

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION (9)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY (7)

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole) with the following subcommittees with the number of members indicated:

Labor (9)

Litigation (7)

Workers' Compensation (5)

LAW ENFORCEMENT (~~7~~) (9)

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

PENSION COMMITTEE (7)

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

RECREATION AND ENGAGEMENT (7)

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (9)

ZOOLOGICAL (9)

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

COMMISSIONERS

24-0455

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and BRIDGET DEGNEN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO ETHICS ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 13 - Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 1-13-2, Subsection L (7) of the Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

1-13-2: - CODE OF CONDUCT.

L. *Political Activity.*

(7) ~~Except as provided by subsection e, Sixty days prior to a general, primary, or special election and ending the day after such election in which an elected Official is a candidate, District funds and or resources may not be used by any elected District Official to print, mail, transmit, or pay for the printing, mailing, or transmission of any newsletters or brochures bearing the proper name of the elected District Official during the period of time design, print, transmit, and/or distribute;~~

a. Print newsletters or brochures bearing the name or image of the elected District

~~Official who is a candidate in an election; Sixty (60) days prior to a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election; and~~

b. ~~Public service announcements or advertisements that are on behalf of a District administered program and contains the proper name, image, or voice of an elected District Official who is a candidate in an election that is broadcast or aired on radio or television, printed in a commercial newspaper or commercial magazine, or shared or posted on any District owned website or District owned social media account. Sixty (60) days prior to a general election and ending the day after such general election.~~

c. ~~Exceptions. The prohibitions in paragraphs 7a and 7b of this section shall not apply to: This Section shall not apply to:~~

(1) Responses to unsolicited inquiries from constituents and other interested parties; or

(2) Informational brochures that are solely related to and accompany any mailing of a property tax bill, notice of property tax assessment, or notice of voter registration or polling place information, or to a brochure mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions raised by that constituent.

(3) Budget Books (Annual Appropriations Ordinances); annual and other official reports; memos, letters, and other communications on District letterhead; and coverage of press releases on official District events noting speakers or ribbon cutting or other official duties of elected Officials.

d. ~~No public service announcement or advertisement that is on behalf of any District administered program and contains the proper name, image, or voice of any elected District Official shall be paid with District funds and broadcast or aired on radio or television or printed in a commercial newspaper or commercial magazine at any time on or after the date that the elected District Official files nominating papers for any elected office, and ending the day after such general election if the elected District Official is a candidate in such primary or general election. This Section shall not apply to any information available or posted by the District or any elected District Official on any District owned website or District owned social media account or broadcast or aired on the "public educational, government access" channels.~~

e. Permanent Prohibitions. The proper name or image of any elected Official may not appear on any promotional materials or items if designed, paid for, produced, and/or distributed with public funds or resources, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Bumper stickers;
- (2) Commercial billboards;
- (3) Lapel pins or buttons;
- (4) Magnets;
- (5) Sports teams;
- (6) Items of clothing or apparel;
- (7) Stickers;
- (8) Calendars, with the exception of the annual District wall calendar which highlights and features photographic images of the flora and fauna, historical buildings, and landmarks within the District;
- (9) Vehicles; or
- (10) Equipment.

f. At no time during official district events, shall any Official disseminate or display political promotional material that includes the Official's name and/or image.

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

24-0523

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ADDITIONAL ARPA GRANT FUNDING FROM COOK COUNTY TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385 of ARPA funding to Cook County (“County”) to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, the County’s American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

WHEREAS, the County has sub-awarded certain funds to the Forest Preserves of Cook County (see Board Items Nos. 22-0289, 23-0308, and 24-0245); and

WHEREAS, the County may have additional ARPA funds available to sub-award to the Forest Preserves of Cook County via either amendments to current agreements or funding new projects via new agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves of Cook County to accept as a sub-recipient any and all additional APRA grant funds designated for the Forest Preserves by Cook County as authorized by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County shall provide a report to the Board of Commissioners no later than March 11, 2025 specifying any additional ARPA sub-award funds awarded pursuant to this resolution.

24-0404

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Two (2) 2024 Ford Model F350 XL 4x4 Crew Dual Rear Wheel 60’ CA Chassis Cabs

Contract Value: \$108,516.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$108,516.00

Accounts: Vehicle Purchase 51009.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000014966

Concurrences: The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of the referenced vehicles.

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

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals. The vendor is a certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 12/5/2024 to purchase two (2) new 2024 Ford Model F350 trucks. Both vehicles will be assigned to the Department of Resource Management for newly created crew at Thorn Creek location. The purchase is based on Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #222, with Sutton Ford, Inc., expiring 6/30/2025.

24-0489

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Shorewood Home and Auto, Inc., Homer Glen, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fifteen (15) John Deere units: four (4) Deere Model 5100E Cab Tractors with various attachments, one (1) Deere Gator Model XUV 845M, five (5) Deere Gators Model TH 6x4 with cabs, and five (5) Deere Gators Model TH 6x4 without cabs.

Contract Value: \$671,230.64

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025, \$671,230.64

Accounts: Construction and Development 51033.560266; Mitigation 51010.52144 and 51010.520314; and Repair Building and Institutional Equipment 51033.540360

Contract Number(s): #74000015181

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase fifteen (15) units of John Deere equipment to be distributed amongst three (3) departments. Four (4) Deere Model 5100E Cab Tractors with various attachments and five (5) Deere Model TH 6x4 gators with cabs will be assigned to the Department of Landscape Maintenance for daily operations. One (1) Deere Model XUV 845M will be assigned to the Department of Law Enforcement and five (5) Deere Model TH 6x4 gators without cabs will be assigned to the Department of Resource Management for land management operations. The purchase is based on Sourcewell contracts #031121-DAC, expiring 4/30/2025 and #082923-DAC, expiring 10/11/2027 with Deere & Company, fulfilled by local authorized dealer Shorewood Home and Auto.

24-0492

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Shorewood Home and Auto, Inc., Homer Glen, Illinois

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

Good(s)or Service(s): Three (3) Polaris brand off road vehicles: two (2) model Xpedition XP-5 Northstars, and one (1) model Ranger XP Kinetic Ultimate

Contract Value: \$141,526.44

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$141,526.44

Accounts: Supplies and Materials 51001.530252; and Vehicle Equipment and Supplies 51009.560265

Contract Number(s): #74000015255

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting the purchase of three (3) Polaris brand off road vehicles: two (2) model Xpedition XP-5 Northstars will be assigned to the Department of Law Enforcement for operations and one (1) model Ranger XP Kinetic Ultimate will be assigned to the Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming for programming events. The purchase is based on Sourcewell contract #122220-PSI, expiring 1/29/2025, with Polaris Sales Inc., fulfilled by local authorized dealer Shorewood Home and Auto.

24-0495

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Atlas Bobcat LLC, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Three (3) Bobcat Loaders with various attachments and one (1) 80” root grapple.

Contract Value: \$238,229.14

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$238,229.14

Accounts: Construction and Development 51033.560266; Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520314; and Repair Building and Institutional Equipment 51033.540360

Contract Number(s): #74000015264

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting the purchase of Bobcat equipment as follows: two (2) Bobcat Model MT100 Mini Track Loaders with bucket, brush, and 36” root grapple. One (1) loader will be assigned to the Department of Resource Management and the other to the Department of Landscape Maintenance. Additionally, the Forest Preserves is requesting the purchase of one (1) Bobcat Model T770 Track Loader with various attachments (80” bucket, 84” angle broom, auger drive unit, 80” brush, 82” rock bucket, drum mulcher, pallet fork frame and 10 ft. snow pusher) to be assigned to the Department of Landscape Maintenance and one (1) 80” root grapple to be assigned to the Department of Facilities and Fleet. The purchase is based on Sourcewell Contract #020223-CEC, expiring 4/17/2027, with Doosan Bobcat North America, fulfilled by local authorized dealer Atlas Bobcat, LLC.

24-0496

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Arends, Hogan, Walker D/B/A AHW LLC, Champaign, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Three (3) Deere Model 6120E Cab Tractors with Three (3) 22’ Diamond Heavy Duty Triple Gang Flail Mowers

Contract Value: \$550,657.26

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: 2025, \$550,657.26

Accounts: Construction and Development 51033.560266

Contract Number(s): #74000015259

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase three (3) Deere Model 6120E Cab Tractors with three (3) 22' Diamond Heavy Duty Triple Gang Flail Mowers to be assigned to the Department of Landscape Maintenance. The purchase is based on Sourcewell contract #082923-DAC, expiring 10/11/2027, with Deere and Company, fulfilled by local authorized dealer AHW LLC.

24-0500

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: EQ Industrial Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Republic Services, Inc., Livonia, Michigan

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Removal and Disposal of Electronic and Chemical Waste

Contract Value: \$441,000.00

Contract Period: 1/15/2025 - 12/31/2027

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$145,000.00, FY 2026 \$147,000.00, FY 2027 \$149,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000014995

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via a full MWBE waiver, approved by the Cook County Waiver Review Committee.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This contract is for the proper removal and disposal of illegally fly dumped materials found throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County. The dumped materials consist of household hazardous waste such as paints, oils, chemicals, and old televisions. The Forest Preserves' Request for Proposals to clear waste that has already accumulated at the Maywood Compound yielded two (2) responses. EQ Industrial Services, Inc. ("EQ") was the lower of the two (2) responsible bidders.

24-0454

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: A B Petroleum Services, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel

Original Contract Period: 7/6/2021 - 7/5/2025 with three (3) one-year optional renewal extensions to be exercised with the approval of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$3,275,307.60

Original Approval: 6/22/2021, \$3,125,897.60; Amended 7/27/2021 \$3,125,307.60

Previous Increase(s): 11/22/2024, \$150,000.00 Administrative Increase

This Increase Requested: \$700,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$100,000.00, FY 2025 \$600,000.00

Accounts: Automotive Operation and Maintenance 51001.540250

Contract Number(s): #74000009187 issued under solicitation #21-53-006083

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County put out a public solicitation in 2021 for the supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel to twenty (20) Districtwide fueling stations. The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting \$700,000.00 in additional funding for the supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel contract. The estimated yearly costs in 2021 were set at \$2.90 per gallon of unleaded and \$2.89 per gallon of diesel. Due to the volatile oil market, prices have been well above our past estimate during the life of this contract.

24-0505

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services at Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter

Original Contract Period: 12/1/2022 - 1/25/2024; Administrative Extensions 1/26/2024 - 7/1/2024 and 7/2/2024 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 7/1/2025

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$2,333,487.68

Original Approval: 11/15/2022, \$2,183,500.00 (Board Item No. 22-0397)

Previous Increase(s): 10/14/2024, \$149,987.68

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): #74000011349 issued under Project #21-80-28 Building and Site Renovations at Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter

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

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increase in contract value.

District(s): 9

Summary: A contract extension is needed to complete punch list items and receive and install security cameras. Additional time is also needed to start up and commission the new HVAC system to ensure it is operating correctly. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on 11/15/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0397).

24-0497

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Amend contract authority to cover non-standard contract terms, including an obligation to indemnify vendor, SMG Security Holdings LLC (“SMG”), to the extent legally enforceable from certain third-party claims. SMG has provided fire and security alarm related services to the Forest Preserves

since 8/1/2019.

Item Number: 24-0271

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: SMG Security Holdings LLC, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspection and Maintenance Services

Contract Value: \$943,807.00

Contract Period: 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2027, plus two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$943,807.00 (FY 2024, \$77,629.58, FY 2025, \$186,311.00, FY 2026, \$186,311.00, FY 2027, \$187,995.59, FY 2028 (optional), \$192,089.83, and FY 2029 (optional), \$113,470.00)

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): #74000014361 issued under Project #24-53-010553

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves would like to engage SMG Security Holdings LLC (“SMG”) to monitor, inspect, and maintain security and fire alarm systems at various properties owned or leased by the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals and received two (2) responses. The Forest Preserves determined that SMG was the more responsive and qualified respondent to manage the Forest Preserves’ existing security and fire alarm systems, while delivering an improved level of service. Services include support for over one hundred (100) existing security and fire alarm systems dispersed throughout forty-two (42) preserve locations. Additional sites may be added as needed. The agreement resembles a form agreement that includes non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves, including with respect to disclaimers, limitations on liability, warranties, and indemnification. For purposes of full transparency, the Forest Preserves is alerting the Board to these nonstandard terms and conditions, which includes an obligation to indemnify SMG to the extent legally enforceable from certain third-party claims related to SMG’s alarm systems or service obligations under the agreement.

24-0071

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: 10/1/2024 - 10/31/2024

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

24-0504

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - October 2024

Report Period: 10/1/2024 - 10/31/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of October 2024. Payments total \$142,601.69 for October 2024.

24-0490

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 12/17/2024 - 1/13/2025

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

Tuesday, 12/17 through Sunday, 1/5; 4:30pm - 11pm

Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join us and embrace the spirit and beauty of the season with glowing of lights, art, and music! We are celebrating the sixth year of this annual holiday celebration. We are taking this year's celebration to new heights and lights with our re-imagined trail that will have dazzling installations debuting in the U.S. for the first time. You can leave your to-do list at home and make lasting memories at Lightscape. *This event has tiered cost and timeslots. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 12/20; 6pm - 9pm

Winter Solstice Night of Lights, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Join us and celebrate the longest night of the year! You can choose a timeslot to walk along our candlelit paths. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6592.*

Saturday, 12/21; 10:30am - 12pm

Winter Solstice Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us and learn about the Winter Solstice through indigenous storytelling and songs. The activities include snowshoeing, tracking, shelter building and other winter-related activities. *There are some activities that*

are weather dependent. This event is presented with American Indian Center. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.

Saturday, 12/21; 1pm**Winter Workshop, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Calling all creatives! Join us for our themed sessions as we explore pottery. *Registration required. For more information, please call (773)758-8899.*

Saturday, 12/21; 1:30pm**Winter Solstice, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and celebrate the shortest day of the year while unlocking winter's secrets. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 12/21; 1:30pm**Animal Homes Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Bring the family on a guided hike to discover where our local animals will spend the winter. *Registration required. This is a family program. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Saturday, 12/21; 5pm - 7pm**Winter Solstice Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us and celebrate the longest night of the year with a bonfire and a self-guided walk along our Farm Pond Trail. *Registration required. S'mores and hot cocoa will be provided. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

Sunday, 12/22; 1pm - 3pm**Winter Play Date, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Drop-in for fun family activities, which include self-guided activity stations and learning through play. *This event is held indoors and outdoors. For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

Sunday, 12/22; 1pm - 3pm**Cozy Crafting, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Stay warm inside while making arts and crafts using natural materials. *Registration required. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Friday, 12/27; 9am**Winter Bird Watch, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a walk to discover which birds are winter residents and then get warm by a cozy fire.

Registration required. Ages 14 and up. Hot cocoa will be provided. Please call (708) 839-6897.

Saturday, 12/28; 9:30am - 11:30am

Restoration Workday, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join a naturalist and help restore our ecosystems by removing invasive species. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Tools and safety gear will be provided. Please call (630) 257-2045 or visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 12/28; 11am - 2pm

Winter Nature Days , River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Drop in for fun family activities that are centered around nature. The activities will include pinecone bird feeders, walking sticks and more. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Sunday, 12/29; 9:30am - 11:30am

Restoration Workday, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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Monday, 12/30; 1:30pm

Winter Secrets Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest

The winter can appear barren of wildlife, but surprisingly there is so much happening. Join us for a walk to see what is going on within nature during the winter and beneath the snow. *Registration required. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Tuesday, 12/31; 10am - 2pm

Kwanzaa Celebration, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us and celebrate community and honor Pan-African Heritage while embracing the seven principles of Kwanzaa. *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 1/2; 10am**Winter Secrets Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a brisk guided walk. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Thursday, 1/2 through Saturday, 1/4; 10am - 2pm**Winter Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Join us and learn about the significance of the winter season in Native American culture while participating in various activities. *This event is presented by Trickster Cultural Center. For more information, please call (773)758-8899 or visit the website.*

Thursday, 1/2; 1pm - 3pm**The Bare Bones, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Check out this jaw dropping interactive display of animal skulls and bones. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

Friday, 1/3; 11am - 2pm**Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago**

Get outside and enjoy winter! This is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience snowshoeing, hikes, art making, campfires and more. *There are some activities that are weather dependent. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/4; 10am - 12pm**Winter Workshop: Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Calling all creatives! Join us for our themed sessions and learn about woodworking with invasive species. *Registration required. Please call (773)758-8899.*

Sunday, 1/5; 1:30pm**Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a winter afternoon on a self-guided hunt for signs of animals and plant life on your Scavenger Hunt List. You can conclude the fun activity by relaxing around a campfire and enjoying snacks. *Registration required. This is a family program. Please call (708) 366-6530.*

Monday, 1/6; 11am - 12pm**Winter Bird Watch, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us and learn about the mammals of Cook County by examining our skin and skulls collection. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Friday, 1/10; 6:30pm**Winter Fire Building Workshop, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Join us and learn fire building skills indoors, then try out your new talent outdoors. *Ages 10 and up. Ages 10-17 with an adult. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 1/10; 6pm - 7:30pm**Creative Sustainability Workshop, Swallow Cliff Pavilion, Palos Park**

This program will teach you about creative reuse methods and mending techniques. You can give items a second life by turning them into an ornament, decoration or bird feeder. *Supplies will be provided, or you can bring your own. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 1/11; 8am - 10am**Sit and Sip: Winter Birds, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Drop in to see who is visiting our feeders and learn from a Sand Ridge bird nerd! *Warm drinks and cookies will be provided. For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 1/11; 11am - 2pm**Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago**

Join us for activities that educate and celebrate the impact of Lunar New Year. You will learn about this year's cycle, which is the Year of the Snake. *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 1/11; 1pm**What I did on my Winter Migration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Discover what migratory birds do at their Central and South American wintering grounds. *For more information, please call (847) 381-6592.*

Saturday, 1/11; 1pm**Winter Insects, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Believe it or not, some insects are active through the winter. You can search for these cold-hardy survivors. *Registration required. Ages 14 and up. Please call (630) 257-2045 or visit the website for more information.*

Saturday, 1/11 through Monday, 1/13; 4pm - 9pm

Moonlight Ski, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy skiing by the light of the full moon. *Registration required. Ski rentals are limited. Skiers with their own equipment must wear a free trail pass. Please call (630) 257-2045 or visit the website for more information.*

Sunday, 1/12; 12pm - 2pm**Conservation at Home: Seed Swap, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us at this free seed swapping event. You can bring some seeds, take some seeds home or both. *There will be experts on-site to provide advice and recommendations. Ages 13 and up. For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Monday, 1/13; 6pm**Women's Night Out: Full Moon Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for an evening of empowerment in this first series of women-centered programming. *Registration required. This program is for women ages 18 and up. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0507 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 11/19/2024

24-0508 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Special meeting held on 11/19/2024

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0503 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 12/17/2024

24-0463 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 12/17/2024

24-0085 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 10/31/2024

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0414 PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT Glencoe Golf Course, Glencoe, Illinois ("GGC") and the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe, Illinois (the "Village"), Agreement relating to the use of Forest Preserves property for golf course purposes, including construction of a new clubhouse building complex, by GGC and/or the Village

24-0465 PROPOSED AGREEMENT Kar Rack Corp. D/B/A Eden Lanes Bowling Alley, Westchester, Illinois,

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0409 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Sustainable Purchasing

24-0459 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Repeal Outdated Recycling Ordinance

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0476 PROPOSED APPOINTMENT Kim Ruffin, Ph.D., Council Member, Conservation and Policy Council

24-0477 PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, Ph.D., Council Members, Conservation and Policy Council

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

24-0466 REPORT Report Title: 2025 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Report Period: Five (5) Years, 2025-2029
