



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

**County Board Room**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 *Public Testimony*, 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 minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-7 *Consent Calendar*, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Resolutions for your consideration. Any Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**14-0151**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Capital Development

Committee Date: 2/19/2014

**14-0149**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Rules

Committee Date: 3/11/2014

**14-0150**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Finance

Committee Date: 3/11/2014

**14-0167**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Contract Compliance

Committee Date: 3/11/2014

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**14-0023**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department(s):** Conservation & Experiential Programming

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

**Request:** Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension (“Extension”).

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Environmental education and outreach services

**Agreement period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

**Fiscal Impact:** \$250,000.00

**Accounts:** Corporate Fund Districtwide Services 01-6919

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Summary/Notes:** 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 Education Manager and staff will work with Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities.

**14-0082**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Summary:** Powderhorn Marsh and Prairie Nature Preserve received Bronze Accreditation through Chicago Wilderness’ Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program (“EERP”).

The Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program (EERP) is a program designed to recognize high-quality restoration sites and develop professional standards of excellence in natural resource management and ecological restoration. The primary purpose of the EERP is to promote best management practices in order to improve ecological restoration management efforts in the Chicago region and across the nation. The Program combines a rigorous, standards-based approach with a voluntary, comprehensive assessment process to recognize high-quality sites and the organizations that manage them.

The benefits of participating in the EERP go beyond simply restoring the ecological health of a particular site. Participation in the EERP provides agencies with opportunities for self-assessment and demonstrates on the ground commitment to Chicago Wilderness's Biodiversity Recovery Plan. It also provides an opportunity to update and clarify policies and procedures in order to ensure that demonstrated practices are in alignment with existing policies and procedures. The EERP outlines professional standards for both internal and external comparisons, thereby raising the credibility for agencies engaged in restoring sites.

Powderhorn Marsh and Prairie Nature Preserve is a 192-acre preserve located in the Calumet region of southeastern Cook County, primarily in the Village of Burnham but with select portions within the Chicago city limits. Lying within the Lake Michigan watershed, the site is a remarkable remnant of dune-and-swale habitat and a shallow, naturalized lake. It has been identified as an Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site, and 130 acres are dedicated as a State Nature Preserve by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

Powderhorn Marsh and Prairie Nature Preserve holds significant biodiversity and six state-listed plant and animal species. The site reflects the unusual plant communities' characteristic of sandy dune-and-swale remnants: black oak barrens, dry, mesic, and wet sand prairies, sedge meadows, and emergent wetlands. Because of its proximity to Lake Michigan, Powderhorn Marsh and Prairie Nature Preserve is also recognized and managed as a critical migratory bird stop-over site.

## 14-0083

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") has won Conservation and Native Landscaping awards which recognizes sites and projects within the Chicago region that demonstrates exemplary use of native landscaping ecosystem restoration and protection. The awards are for the following sites:

#### **Edgebrook Woods Demonstration Site**

In 2007, Friends of the Chicago River partnered with the Preserves to establish long-term restoration practices at Edgebrook Woods, located along the North Branch of the Chicago River in Chicago. The partners created a site management plan to improve the riverbank and upland conditions and address the impacts of storm water runoff. Friends of the Chicago River organized volunteer workdays to remove non-native plants, create multiple rain gardens, collect and disperse local native seeds, establish new habitats, and monitor species. Since 2007, more than 1,300 volunteers have logged approximately 5,000 hours and learned simple at-home actions they can take to manage storm water.

#### **Thatcher Woods Savanna Restoration Project**

A tiny remnant with a once small and closed savanna, Thatcher Woods Savanna is now a thriving five-acre prairie and open savanna with rebounding plant populations. The Preserves restored the site by removing invasive buckthorn, conducting prescribed burns, and monitoring rare plant species. The Thatcher complex has more than 250 native plant species and includes one of the only remaining examples of quality floodplain forest left in the Northeastern Morainal Division of Illinois. For surrounding suburban communities such as River Forest and Melrose Park, Thatcher Woods provides a refuge and a place for walking and learning about nature, especially when interpreted by the naturalists at the nearby Hal Tyrrell Trailside Museum of Natural History. As habitat continues to improve, the experience will only grow richer for visitors.

**Theodore Stone Preserve**

After 20 years of restoration, Theodore Stone Preserve-a formerly degraded woodland and brushed-over prairie-now supports a spectacular mix of restored remnant mesic oak woodland, mesic prairie, dolomite prairie, and marshland communities. In part because of its rare dolomite prairie, the 135-acre preserve is a natural area of regional importance and is home to several threatened and endangered species. Several years ago, the Preserves worked with the Village of Hodgkins, Friends of the Forest Preserves and others to eliminate parking lot runoff that had created a 20-foot-deep erosion gully through one of the preserve’s wooded bluffs and was polluting the dolomite prairie below. The Preserves then filled the gully and restored the area. Staff, contractors, and extremely dedicated volunteers undertook intense restoration efforts, and Theodore Stone Preserve now plays a role in improved air and water quality as well as flood control, provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and respite, conserves critical habitat for wildlife, increases local property values, and raises the overall quality of life for people who live and work in the area.

**14-0101**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL REQUEST**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), as Licensor to Renew and Amend a License Agreement with ComEd (“Grantee”), to allow Grantee to continue to operate, replace, and maintain electric transmission facilities on nine parcels owned by the Preserves, as described in the License Agreement dated 7/14/1958 and recorded as Document 17271279 in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds on 7/25/1958.

The original License Agreement expired on 7/14/2008. The amended Agreement, as proposed, will extend the term of the License for 20 years, commencing on 7/14/2008 and terminating on 7/14/2028.

**Term:** Twenty (20) Years

**License Fee:** \$7,500,000.00

**Renewal Application Fee:** \$500.00, included in License Fee

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00, included in License Fee. One-time upfront fee of \$2,250,000.00 to bring the License current. Annual fee of \$375,000.00 due on or before the renewal date for the remaining 14 years of the License, commencing on 7/14/2008 and ending on 7/14/2028.

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**The area of the License is:** 109.26 Acres

**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

**District(s):** 6 and 17

**14-0121**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement with Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Preserves have utilized the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois for assistance with capturing, collecting, monitoring and analyzing wildlife activity since 2008. This work assists the Preserves with tracking wildlife disease transmittance between various wildlife populations and human populations. Information gathered through this work is shared throughout the health services community nationally.

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$160,000.00 per year or \$640,000.00 over the four years of the agreement

**Account(s):** Wildlife Disease Monitoring and Health Studies 01-6240, Capital Improvement Fund and Grant Accounts 09-6750, 09-6751, 10-6750

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**14-0122**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement with University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (UICVM), Urbana, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Preserves has utilized UICVM since 2008 and this important work allows District Wildlife Biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in the wildlife community and how those diseases may affect the human population. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community to better inform them of potential risks to human populations.

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year or \$240,000.00 over the four years of the agreement

**Account(s):** Wildlife Disease Monitoring and Health Studies 01-6240, Capital Improvement Fund and Grant Accounts 09-6750, 09-6751, 10-6750

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**Vendor:** The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (“UICVM”) is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**District(s):** Districtwide

## 14-0123

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### PROPOSED AGREEMENT

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement with the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG), Glencoe, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Preserves would like to continue its collaborative partnership with the CBG in its efforts to identify and monitor rare plant species on Preserves’ holdings. The CBG coordinates the Plants of Concern program for the Chicago Wilderness region. Plants of Concern engages citizens scientists to monitor the Chicago Wilderness region’s rarest plants, assess trends in their populations and provides important data used to conserve our rapidly declining floral heritage. The Preserves would like to utilize the CBG to assist in identifying and monitoring these rare plant species within the preserves.

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year or \$100,000.00 over the four (4) years of the agreement.

**Account(s):** Capital Improvement and Grant Accounts 09-6750, 09-6758, 10-6750

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**Vendor:** The Chicago Botanic Garden (the “CBG”) is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**14-0124**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into and execute a contract with Sweet Beginnings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the North Lawndale Employment Network, Chicago, Illinois.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** The operation of an on-site demonstration hive and an apiary consisting of 25 honeybee hives, educational programing and honey production.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$75,000.00 over the three (3) year term of the agreement

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2016

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year

**Accounts:** Capital Improvement and Grant Fund accounts 09-6750, 09-6758, 10-6750

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**Summary:** Contract 13-31-118 consists of an internship program focused on improving habitat and introducing youth and adults to science and conservation. The Preserves’ received nine (9) proposals for this project and Sweet Beginnings and their team, North Lawndale Employment Network (SBNLEN), was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals.

The Preserve’ assembled a review panel which consisted of various Preserve staff that considered SBNLEN’s proposal one of the most responsive, including particular strengths in experience, expertise and performance capacity as it relates to the work as requested in the proposal. The program will provide a demonstration hive at a prominent Preserve location along with an apiary consisting of twenty-five (25) honeybee hives. SBNLEN will provide education sessions and hive maintenance throughout the bee season. SBNLEN will increase visits to the Preserves by city youth and adults through their community outreach and marketing this program for school field trips, community organization events and family excursions. The Preserves will also receive about one-hundred (100) pounds of honey to be packaged for the Preserves to utilize at special events.



**14-0127**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent  
**REPORT**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Trail Master Plan & Policy

**Report Period:** The Plan & Policy was developed over approximately 12 months starting in March 2013.

**Summary:** The goal of the Trail Master Plan & Policy is to improve the user experience and identify opportunities to ensure a safe and easy-to-navigate trail system. This plan includes baseline information on the current trail system, recommends new policies for managing trails, assessing requests to improve unrecognized trails and prioritizing future capital improvement projects. It also describes the need for additional information, staff and volunteers to adequately inventory, fund, maintain and police the extensive trail system.

An external Advisory Committee spoke to staff in developing the Plan & Policy. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) also provided technical assistance by identifying trail connection needs in the Des Plaines River corridor. Copies of the completed Plan & Policy have been distributed to the Board of Commissioners and can also be downloaded from the District’s website. <http://fpdcc.com/trailmasterplan>.

**14-0142**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), that Title 4 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 1 - General Motor Vehicle and Traffic Provisions, Section 6 - Testing District Vehicles of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Chapter 1 General Motor Vehicle and Traffic Provisions

- 4-1-1: Traffic Code Adopted
- 4-1-2: Obedience to Police
- 4-1-3: Speed Limit
- 4-1-4: Right of Way of Horses
- 4-1-5: Prohibited and Restricted Acts
- 4-1-6: Testing District Vehicles
- 4-1-7: Rules and Regulations
- 4-1-8: Penalty

**Sec. 4-1-6. Testing District Vehicles**

The General Superintendent shall take the appropriate action to have all District vehicles safety tested ~~not less than every three thousand (3,000) miles.~~ in accordance with the manufacturers recommended routine maintenance schedule.

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

**14-0144**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** General Office

**Request:** Receive and file

**Report Title:** Resident Watchman Annual Report

**Report Period:** FY 2013

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District Superintendent shall place on the agenda of the March meeting of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners an Annual report to the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners listing the names of employees occupying forest preserve homes for part or all of the fiscal year, as well as their job titles and salaries. In addition, the report shall contain a summary of all watchman reports filed by employees occupying forest preserve homes. (Code Section 1-9-3).

**14-0146**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Department(s):** General Office and Permits, Concessions & Volunteer Resources

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Friends of the Forest Preserves (“FOTFP”), Chicago, Illinois.

**Summary:** FOTFP, in partnership with Friends of the Chicago River and Audubon Chicago Region, has received a grant from the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund in the amount of \$271,213.00 to support the recruitment and coordination of a Centennial call for volunteers. The result of this initiative will be the engagement of a network of more than 6,000 volunteers dedicated to restoring habitat in the Chicago and the Calumet river basins, in particular at Somme Woods East, Blue Star Memorial Woods, LaBagh Woods East, Whistler Woods, and Kickapoo Woods. This project will significantly expand volunteer opportunities, broaden support for habitat restoration, an increase the number of conservation stewards in the region. This project leverages the \$493,560.00 of in-kind match that Friends and partners are contributing to this project. The District’s Volunteer Manager and staff will work with FOTFP and partners to coordinate and direct this project.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$190,000.00 (includes \$100,000.00 in financial support and up to \$90,000.00 in in-kind support)

**Contract period:** 1/6/2014 - 12/18/2015

**Account Name-Account Number:** Contractual Services, 01-6200

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

FOTFP is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**District(s):** Districtwide

## 14-0156

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**Department:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Sheriff's Office

**Request:** authorization to enter into and execute

**Goods or Services:** Cook County Sheriff's Office to pilot a new program to train inmates and Post Release Participants from the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center (a/k/a "Boot Camp") and participants in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program ("SWAP") to provide deconstruction and building material salvage services for removal of cabins at Forest Preserve campgrounds (Dan Beard, and Sullivan) and at a residential property (7 Hickory Lane in Westchester).

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 3/11/2014 - 3/11/2015, with option to extend for and additional one (1) year period.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$84,839.00

**Accounts:** Building Accounts: 51-6710 & 52-6710 Real Estate Land Acquisition Account: 06-60-80-000-6801

**Summary:** The District is in need of demolition/deconstruction services to clear old campground cabins for redevelopment, as well as remove a residential building for grant compliance purposes. Under the terms of the IGA, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for inmate deconstruction training, transportation, supervision, equipment, deconstruction and demolition of buildings specified by the District, packaging and removal of reusable building materials according to District specifications and hauling of remaining construction debris. The District would commit capital demolition funds to compensate the Sheriff's Office for deconstruction training, job site supervision, waste hauling and other costs for each site up to an agreed cap.

**14-0157**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**BUSINESS, LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 6 – Business, Licenses and Permit Provisions, Chapter 1 – Application for Permits of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**6-1-1: APPLICATION FOR PERMITS.**

A. Permits may be issued in accordance with Title 2 and Title 7 of this Code, for temporary access to Forest Preserve lands and facilities and for the purposes of conducting restoration, research or education activities.

~~B. Applications for permits for setting of guy poles and anchors for existing installations, or for tree trimming may be made directly to the General Superintendent of the District, who may directly grant such permit to the applicant without requiring a deposit as provided for in Section 6-1-2 of this Chapter, upon such additional fees, terms and conditions as said General Superintendent may from time to time specify; however, no permit shall be granted for more than a one year period (or 365 consecutive days) without Board approval.~~

**6-1-2: DEPOSIT.**

*A. Deposit Required:*

1. Before the issuance of a license authorized by the Board of Commissioners to other than:
  - A public utility company;
  - The City of Chicago or another unit of local government;
  - The State of Illinois;
  - The Federal government;
  - The County of Cook, Illinois;
  - Sanitary District of Chicago; or
  - A department of any of the foregoing,

to do or perform any act for which a license is required under any section of this Code or any other ordinance of the District, the applicant for such license shall deposit with the Comptroller of the District a sum of money determined by the District Planning and Development Department in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Forest Preserve District. Such deposit shall be held by the Comptroller as a guaranty that all the conditions and provisions prescribed in such license with respect to restoring the premises to their former condition shall be kept and complied with.

2. Where the applicant for a license is:

A public utility company;  
The City of Chicago or another unit of local government;  
The State of Illinois;  
The Federal government;  
The County of Cook, Illinois;  
Sanitary District of Chicago; or  
A department of any of the foregoing,

and the work, or any part thereof, is to be performed by an independent contractor, then such independent contractor shall comply with all the requirements of this subsection before such license is issued.

B. Refunding Deposit: After the work shall have been done for which such license ~~or permit~~ was issued, all excavations caused thereby shall be refilled and the premises restored to its former condition, if necessary by the employees of this District, at the sole expense of the person to whom such license ~~or permit~~ was issued.

After deducting the actual expenses incurred by the District in connection with any restoration work done related to such license ~~or permit~~, the Comptroller shall refund to the persons entitled thereto the balance, if any, of the amount deposited.

**6-1-3: INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS.**

A. Before the issuance of a license authorized by the District Board of Commissioners to other than:

A public utility company;  
The City of Chicago or another unit of local government;  
The State of Illinois;  
The Federal government;  
The County of Cook, Illinois;  
Sanitary District of Chicago; or  
A department of any of the foregoing,

to do the work provided for in the Code, the General Superintendent of the District shall take from the applicant a certificate of insurance coverage satisfactory to the District and/or, if required by the Board of Commissioners, a surety bond in a sum fixed by the Board by resolution or by the terms of the license, indemnifying the Forest Preserve District, its Commissioners, officers, agents and employees against any loss, claim, expense, damage or claim for damages on account of any injury to persons or property, whether that of the District or otherwise, which may be occasioned by or result from the issuance of such license; provided however, in addition thereto, if the work or any part thereof is to be performed by an independent contractor, then said independent contractor shall, before such license is issued, comply with all the requirements of any applicant under this subsection A. The separate undertaking of the licensee and of the independent contractor shall be supplemental to and not be in lieu of each other.

B. Where the Board of Commissioners authorizes the issuance of such license to:

- A public utility company;
- The City of Chicago or another unit of local government;
- The State of Illinois;
- The Federal government;
- The County of Cook, Illinois;
- Sanitary District of Chicago; or
- A department of any of the foregoing,

the General Superintendent shall, prior to the issuance thereof, require the applicant to accept the terms and conditions of the said license by official or otherwise authorized signature or signatures to the form of license wherein the applicant shall be required to fully indemnify and hold harmless the Forest Preserve District, its President, its Commissioners, officers, agents and employees against any loss, claim, expense, damage or claim from damages on account of any injury to persons or property, whether that of the District or otherwise, which may be occasioned by or result from the issuance of such license; provided however, in addition thereto, if the work or any part thereof is to be performed by an independent contractor, then said independent contractor shall, before such license is issued, comply with all the requirements of an applicant under subsection A of this Section. The separate undertaking of the licensee and of the independent contractor shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of each other.

#### **6-1-4: REVOCATION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS.**

Excepting licenses which by their term are granted for a specified period, any license issued under the provisions of this Chapter by authority of the District Board of Commissioners of the District may be revoked at any time upon the order of said Board by the General Superintendent of the District and any permit issued under the provisions of this Chapter directly by the General Superintendent may be revoked at any time by order of said Board or by order of the General Superintendent. Such right of revocation shall be contained in printed provisions of each license or permit.

#### **6-1-5: EFFECT OF TAX OR FEE DELINQUENCY.**

A. *Disqualification for Tax and Fee Delinquency:* No person or business entity shall be granted a license ~~for permit for a non-recreational activity~~ by the District if such person or business entity is delinquent in the payment of any tax levied by or fee charged by the District. No person or business entity will be prohibited from obtaining a license if the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with the appropriate procedures, its liability for the tax or fee or the amount of the tax or fee, and shows proof of the contest to the District.

B. *Statement Under Oath:* Before granting a license, the District shall obtain a statement under oath from the person or business entity that none of the taxes or fees contested, or other taxes or fees, are delinquent. The statement shall agree in substance with the following form:

Verification of Payment of Forest Preserve District of Cook County Taxes and Fees

[Name of Person or Entity] is/are not an owner(s) of real property in Cook County, or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee owed to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, for which such tax or fee is delinquent.

[Name of Person or Entity] represents that the following is a complete list of real estate owned by [Name of Person or Entity] in Cook County:

[List by Permanent Index Number]

*C.False Statements:* The effect of any person or entity making a false statement under oath shall be to suspend any license or permit until such delinquencies are paid and to make that person or entity subject to any penalty authorized by the appropriate District ordinance, for operating or acting without a license or permit, including any criminal, civil or monetary penalty.

*D.Applicability:* This Section applies to all licenses ~~and permits~~ granted by the District ~~for non-recreational activities~~ and required by law or by ordinance to be obtained from any officer or department of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. For purposes of this Section, "taxes levied and fees imposed" by the District shall mean any and all taxes or fees which are levied, imposed or collected by or on behalf of the District, its officials or departments, including but not limited to taxes levied on real estate, and fees and charges imposed by ordinance or by law which are payable to the District, or an officer or department of the District, for any license, service or any other purpose. Taxes and fees shall be construed to include any and all interest and penalties authorized or imposed by law or by ordinance for a late payment or nonpayment of taxes or fees. Taxes or fees shall be considered delinquent if a claim, notice or demand for payment has been made for such taxes or fees by or on behalf of the District or any of its officers or agencies, boards, commissions or departments without timely payment, except in those cases where authorized procedures for protesting or contesting such taxes or fees have been timely and properly initiated and where such protest or contest remains pending.

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

## 14-0158

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 5 – Public Utilities, Chapter 2 – Franchises, Article A and B of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

#### **Chapter 2 Franchises.**

#### ARTICLE A – UTILITY COMPANIES AND OTHER “FOR PROFIT” ENTITIES

5-2A-1: NEW LICENSES.

5-2A-2: ACCEPTABLE APPLICATION AND PLANS.

5-2A-3: TERM OF LICENSE.

5-2A-4: LICENSE FEE.

5-2A-5: TREE MITIGATION.

5-2A-6: RENEWAL OF EXISTING LICENSES.

5-2A-7: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

5-2A-8: FAILURE TO PAY FEES.

5-2A-9: YOUTH EDUCATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND RESORATION PROGRAM FEE (YELAR).

ARTICLE B. - MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL

5-2B-1: NEW LICENSES.

5-2B-2: ACCEPTABLE APPLICATION AND PLANS.

5-2B-3: TERM OF LICENSE.

5-2B-4: LICENSE FEE.

5-2B-5: TREE MITIGATION.

5-2B-6: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

5-2B-7: FAILURE TO PAY FEES.

5-2B-8: YOUTH EDUCATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND RESORATION PROGRAM FEE (YELAR).

Article A. Utility Companies and other “for Profit” Entities

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5-2A-3: TERM OF LICENSE.

All licenses issued to entities that fall into this category will be issued for up to a ten-year term, unless otherwise approved by the Board based upon Forest Preserve staff recommendations for a license exceeding twenty-five acres and/or when in staff opinion the license can generate additional revenue for the Forest Preserves. Said term will commence when said license is executed by the President of the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners.

5-2A-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by Forest Preserve staff, the fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of five (5) percent of the cost per acre shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

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5-2A-6: RENEWAL OF EXISTING LICENSES.

Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires while this Article is in force will be renewed at a rate fifty (50) percent lower than that specified for issuance of a new license, unless otherwise approved by the Board based upon Forest Preserve staff recommendations for a license exceeding twenty-five acres and/or when in staff opinion the license can generate additional revenue for the Forest Preserves. The minimum renewal license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of five (5) percent of the cost per acre shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. The Licensee must submit a non-refundable license renewal application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the FPD six (6) months prior to the expiration date of said license to confirm its interest in continued operation and maintenance of the facilities for which the license was originally issued. If the applicable license renewal application fee and prior notice of



the Licensee's intent to renew is not received by the FPD at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the existing license, the FPD will mail the Licensee a "Removal Notice" at their last known address notifying the licensee to remove their facilities from FPD property. If the Licensee wishes to renew a license for which it has already received a "Removal Notice" the FPD will allow the renewal but the fee for the renewal will be based on the formula used to determine the fee for issuance of a new license. All fees due for license renewals will be paid as a lump-sum upfront one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

5-2A-7: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

This Article will expire on December 31, ~~2014~~ 2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

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Article B. Municipalities and Other Governmental Agencies

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5-2B-3: TERM OF LICENSE.

All licenses issued to entities that fall into this category will be issued for a continuous term, unless otherwise approved by the Board based upon Forest Preserve staff recommendations when in staff opinion the license can generate additional revenue for the Forest Preserve. Said term will commence when said license is executed by the President of the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners and would continue as long as the licensee complies with the terms and conditions set forth in the license. Any License not issued for a continuous term may be renewed in accordance with Title 5-2A-6 of this Code.

5-2B-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by Forest Preserve staff, ~~The~~ fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of five (5) percent of the cost per acre shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Chapter. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board.

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5-2B-6: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

This Article will expire on December 31, ~~2014~~2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

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

**14-0161**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROPERTY**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 – Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 3 – Trespass and Use of Property, Section 1 – Erection and Ownership of Structures of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Chapter 3 –Trespass and Use of Property.**

2-3-1: ERECTION AND OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES.

2-3-2: DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

2-3-3: GOODS AND VEHICLES AS OBSTRUCTIONS.

2-3-4: OBSTRUCTING USE OF PREMISES.

2-3-5: DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING.

2-3-6: SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS.

2-3-7: ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES.

2-3-8: GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINER ORDINANCE.

2-3-9: PENALTY.

2-3-1: ERECTION AND OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES.

2-3-1: ERECTION AND OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES.

A. Permit to Erect; License to Use: No person shall stage any equipment or erect, construct or maintain any fence, building or other structure within the Forest Preserve District, or assert any right to the exclusive use and occupancy of any structure or any portion of said structure, without first having obtained a permit in writing from the District for the staging of equipment, or erection, construction or maintenance of such fence, building or other structure, or a license for the use and occupancy of such property. Where private property, located adjacent to property of the Forest Preserve District, benefits from an unlawful fence, building or other structure within the Forest Preserve District, described in this Chapter, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the private property is responsible for the erection, construction or maintenance of the unlawful fence, building or other structure.

B. Structures on Property of District; Authority: Any fence, building or other structure erected, whether lawfully or unlawfully, shall immediately become the property of the Forest Preserve District, and the use or tenancy of any structure or land may be terminated at any time when, in the discretion of the District, it is in the best interests of the public and of the Forest Preserve District to so terminate such use or tenancy. Any such structure, whether erected lawfully or unlawfully, may be removed or destroyed by the Forest Preserve District, unless otherwise provided in said permit or license.

C. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, any permit issued pursuant to this section shall at a minimum include a fee based upon a per day square footage use as calculated from the annual cost per acre fee for licenses as stated in Title 5 Chapter 2 of this Code.

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

**14-0162**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROEPRTY ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 – Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 5 – Authorized Conveyance of Property, Section 1 - Purpose of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Chapter 5 – Authorized Conveyance of Property.**

- 2-5-1: Purpose.
- 2-5-2: Request for Authorized Conveyance of Forest Preserve Land.
- 2-5-3: Sale of Surplus Forest Preserve Land.
- 2-5-4: Transfer of Land.
- 2-5-5: Annexation.
- 2-5-6: Eminent Domain.
- 2-5-7: Easements.
- 2-5-8: Required Review Factors.

**2-5-1: PURPOSE**

A. In 1913, the Illinois General Assembly authorized the creation of County Forest Preserve Districts, and granted the Commissioners thereof, the specific power: "To acquire and hold lands containing natural forests, or lands connecting such forests for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauties, and to restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and said lands, together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure and recreation of the public."

B. The Forest Preserve District is the single largest land owner in Cook County and has acquired to date, a system of forested lands and lands connecting them, totaling 68,000 acres, in accordance with Illinois State Statute 70 ILCS 810 which currently allows for the maximum acquisition of a total of 75,000 acres.

C. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to establish rules and regulations governing the authorized conveyance of Forest Preserve lands. The Board of Commissioners finds that such rules and regulations are required in order to protect and preserve the property, natural areas, forests, trees, vegetation, wildlife, scenic beauties, natural resources, flora and fauna, facilities and improvements of the District.

Except for those permits issued pursuant to Title 2, Title 6 and Title 7 of this Code, this ordinance shall apply to all persons, firms, partnerships, companies, corporations, municipalities, municipal corporations, special districts, school districts, unites of local government, the Federal Government, and the State of Illinois (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Applicant") that desire to use, or seek ownership of any property of the District.

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

### 14-0163

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

#### FEES

**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 is hereby amended as Follows:

#### Chapter 1 – Fee Schedule

##### 7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE.

Fee type	Fee Description	Fee
<b>Picnic Permit*</b>		
	No Shelter - Category W	\$37.00
	No Shelter - Category X	\$90.00
	No Shelter - Category Y	\$535.00
	No Shelter - Level 4	\$960.00
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	With Shelter - Category W	\$53.00
	With Shelter - Category X	\$105.00
	With Shelter - Category Y	\$550.00
	With Shelter - Level 4	\$960.00

Permit Application Fee	\$10.00
Vending	Maximum \$500.00 per vendor
Special Use Permit	\$25.00 + \$10.00 per item
Replace/Change	\$5.00
Copy of Permit	\$2.00
Special Event Permit	\$175.00 per day
Youth Field Permit (Soccer, football, etc.)	\$50.00 + \$10.00 per hour
Adult Field Permit (Soccer, football, etc.)	\$50.00 + \$20.00 per hour
Still Photography	\$55.00 per hour
Commercial Photography (Video)	\$125.00 per hour
Day Camp Permit	\$30.00 per day
Cabin Fee per Night (all locations)	\$50.00
Tent Fee per Night per Group	\$20.00 per tent

- Picnic Permits - one grove per permit, fees assessed for all permits; large groups may require multiple permits and/or security.  
 Picnic permit category W = 25 to 99 people  
 Picnic permit category X = 100 to 399 people  
 Picnic permit category Y = 400 to 999 people  
 Picnic permit Level 4 = Large area events
- Special use permits: special accommodations such as tents, beer truck, caterer, rides, generator, lights, overflow parking. A special use permit will be required for the aforementioned accommodations even if a picnic permit is not required based on the size [size] of the group.
- Special activity/event permits: activities not included in picnic permits and/or special use permits. Usually sold to a group.
- Nonprofit organizations with proper documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated picnic permit charges.

**PAVILIONS AND FACILITIES\***

Pavilion	Deposit	Capacity	Cook County Residents and Businesses**	Non-Cook County Residents and Businesses
<b>Thatcher</b>				
East Room				
M.—Thurs.	50%	166	\$50/Hr.	\$75/Hr.
Fri., Sat., Sun.	50%	166	\$70/Hr.	\$95/Hr.
West Room				

M.—Thurs.	50%	133	\$40/Hr.	\$65/Hr.
Fri., Sat., Sun.	50%	133	\$60/Hr.	\$85/Hr.
<b>Dan Ryan Woods</b>				
M.—Thurs.	50%	183	\$50/Hr.	\$75/Hr.
Fri., Sat., Sun.	50%	183	\$70/Hr.	\$95/Hr.

~~\*Please note: Pavilions at Thatcher and Dan Ryan require a 4 hour minimum rental.~~

~~\*\* Non profit organizations with property documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated charges.~~

VRC	Deposit	Capacity	Cook County Residents and Businesses**	Non Cook County Residents and Businesses
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**Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center**

Community Room

M.—Thurs.	50%	100	\$30/Hr.	\$55/Hr.
Fri., and Sun.	50%	100	\$40/Hr.	\$50/Hr.
Sat.	50%	100	\$50/Hr.	\$60/Hr.

Classroom

M.—Thurs.	50%	40	\$15/Hr.	\$25/Hr.
Fri., and Sun.	50%	40	\$30/Hr.	\$40/Hr.
Sat.	50%	40	\$25/Hr.	\$45/Hr.

~~\*Please note: Rooms at Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center Pavilions and Facilities require a 2 4-hour minimum rental~~

~~\*\*Nonprofit organizations with proper documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated charges. Additionally, designated rates and minimum rental times may not apply to the above listed pavilions and facilities for Forest Preserve Volunteer Stewards, units of local government and permit applicants who have an executed partnership agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.~~

	Fee
<b>Pool Fee</b>	
Child 3—12 years old	\$4.00
Adult	\$6.00
Season pass (Family—Up to four members)	\$150.00
Additional	\$35.00
Season pass (Individual)	\$40.00

		<i>Fee</i>	
<b>Annual Horse License</b>			
	Resident	\$30.00	
	Nonresident	\$45.00	
	Annual Rider License	\$4.00	
<b>One Day Horse Permit Fee</b>			
	Resident - Horse Tag/Rider Fee	\$4.00	
	Nonresident - Horse Tag/Rider Fee	\$5.00	
<b>Annual Dog License</b>			
	Resident	\$55.00	
	Nonresident	\$110.00	
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		<i>Fee</i>	
<b>Snowmobile Permit</b>			
	Resident	\$25.00	
	Nonresident	\$50.00	
<b>Cross-Country Skiing</b>			
	Ski Rental	\$15.00	
	Ski Rental - Senior	\$10.00	
	Ski Rental - Family	\$40.00	
	Ski Rental - Group	\$5.00 (per person)	
	Lesson and Ski Rental	\$30.00	
	Lesson	\$20.00	
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**GOLF**

Golf Course Green Fees (Weekday)	18-Holes		9-Holes		Twilight		Sr./Jr. Golf Card
	Public	Golf Card	Public	Golf Card	Public	Golf Card	
Billy Caldwell	—	—	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$11.00
Burnham Woods	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$13.00
Chick Evans	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Edgebrook	\$26.00	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$13.00
George W. Dunne National	\$49.00	\$44.00	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$21.00
Highland Woods	\$38.00	\$33.00	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$19.00

Indian Boundary	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Joe Louis "The Champ"	\$26.00	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$13.00
Meadowlark	—	—	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$11.00
River Oaks	\$26.00	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$17.00	\$13.00

Golf Course Green Fees (Weekend)	18-Holes		9-Holes		Twilight	
	Public	Golf Card	Public	Golf Card	Public	Golf Card
Billy Caldwell	—	—	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$12.00
Burnham Woods	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$16.00	\$19.00	\$16.00
Chick Evans	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$25.00	\$22.00
Edgebrook	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$17.00
George W. Dunne National	\$55.00	\$49.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$33.00	\$25.00
Highland Woods	\$43.00	\$38.00	\$27.00	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$24.00
Indian Boundary	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$25.00	\$22.00
Joe Louis "The Champ"	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$17.00
Meadowlark	—	—	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	\$12.00
River Oaks	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$17.00

Driving Range Fee (Regular Bucket)	Public	Golf Card
Burnham Woods, George Dunne, Highland Woods and Joe Louis Only	\$6.00	\$5.00
<b>Cart Fees (All Courses)</b>	<i>18-Holes</i>	<i>9-Holes</i>
	\$16.00 per rider	\$9.00 per rider
<b>Golf Course Identification Cards</b>		
Standard - Resident	\$37.00	
Standard - Nonresident	\$42.00	
Platinum - Resident	\$84.00	
Platinum - Nonresident	\$89.00	

Golf Card rate available with purchase of Golf Card. Weekdays (Mon-Fri); Weekends (Sat-Sun); Holidays (Officially Observed). Seniors age 62 and over; Junior age 17 and under. Add 9% Chicago city sales tax on green fee and 8% Chicago city sales tax on cart fee for Indian Boundary, Edgebrook and Billy Caldwell. Senior/Junior rate only available for Golf Card.

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



## 14-0165

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### REPORT

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and file

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursements Report

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

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement 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

## 14-0141

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

**Summary:** Calendar of Events at the Forest Preserves of Cook County 3/11/2014 – 4/7/2014

**Saturday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Teacher Training Program: Introduction to Green Technology, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Teachers will explore green technology and concepts in environmental science geared to engage students in inquiry learning and engineering.

Registration and fee apply.

**Sunday, March 16, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Weekend Family class: Tropical Terrarium, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Gardens come in all shapes and sizes. Visit the three Greenhouses, and learn about what a plant needs to grow and thrive. Participants will make their own tropical terrarium to take home.

Registration and fee apply.

**Sunday, March 16, 1 p.m.**

**Wonderful Woodpeckers, Crabtree Nature Center**

Woodpecker adaptations are amazing. Learn all about these incredible birds.

Registration required.

**Thursday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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

Celebrate the first day of spring with us! Learn how real maple syrup is made. Have lunch at a Food Trucks with Maple Syrup menu items.

**Thursday, March 20 - Saturday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Post-Orchid Show Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden**

Exhibition orchids and indoor plants will be sold to the public, while supplies last.

**Saturday, March 22, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Predator-Prey Drop In, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Explore the world of food chains through activities and crafts.

**Sunday, March 23, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Maple Syrup Celebration, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, ga.m.es, tree tapping and maple syrup history.

**Saturday, March 29, 1 p.m.**

**Fossil Hunt, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center**

Visit an ancient coral reef! Piece together the habitat of the Silurian Sea while searching for fossilized invertebrates.

Register in advance; space is limited. Meet at Learning Center.

**Saturday, April 5, noon – 4 p.m.**

**Rolling Knolls Forest Fun Day, Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve, Elgin**

Discover what's coming to Rolling Knolls, the newest location for fun and learning in the preserves. Try disc golf, archery, nature play and more! Bring the whole family.

**Saturdays, April 5, 7 p.m.**

**Night Sky Program, Little Red School House**

The Chicago Astronomical Society invites all astronomy enthusiasts to view the spring night sky. Telescopes are set up for viewing, or bring your own.

**Sunday, April 6, 1 p.m.**

**Sunday Afternoon Gardening: Herb Gardening, Sand Ridge Nature Center, and South Holland**

Join U of I Master Gardeners to learn all about herbs—as flavorings, medicines and more. Learn to grow herbs at home.

Please register by 4/2.