

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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DEBORAH SIMS  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 11:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**Also Present:** President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Stephen John Thurston II, Executive Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Mark Armstrong
3. Lord Cashus

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**17-0319**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, STANLEY MOORE and GREGG GOSLIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARY PAT DAILEY CROSS**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mary Pat Dailey Cross has retired from her position as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) after six years and after a twenty (20) year career at Cook County’s Department of Capital Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross began her career with Cook County’s Department of Capital Planning in 1991, where she managed office operations, assisted in the development of departmental policies and procedures, organized and compiled proposals, arranged board items, prepared payroll and the annual budget and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross joined the Preserves in 2011 where she played an instrumental role in the development of the Preserves’ Centennial Campaign and in planning the Preserves’ three (3) year Centennial Celebration all aimed at ensuring that the remarkable nature of the Preserves’ continues to thrive for the enjoyment of the people of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross shepherded and managed the production of the Preserves' 2017 Emmy Award winning documentary "Chicago's True Nature" which has been seen by tens of thousands of people since the release; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross launched the Preserves' first Green Team to identify how the Preserves could improve its sustainability efforts. The Green Team worked with the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to access internal sustainability and recycling and to identify improvements and implement best practices. The Green Team's work led to the 30th Annual Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award and the Best of the Best Green Practices Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts, both in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross was deeply committed to ensuring that all of Cook County's residents be aware of the many amenities the Preserves have to offer. She helped create and manage a parade float that celebrated the Preserves' natural beauty and many outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. The Preserves' float has participated in numerous parades and reached thousands of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross spent each and every day dedicated to building a strong administrative infrastructure that enhanced the Preserves' efficiency and effectiveness. She always went above and beyond in her work and her can-do attitude made small work of big tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross always volunteered generously of her personal time and energy both on behalf of the Preserves and the many other causes that she cares about. An enthusiastic and talented photographer, she could often be found serving as the Preserves' informal photographer at special events or out in nature capturing the beauty of native plants and animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross' commitment to inclusion and her unfailing kindness, courtesy and helpfulness contributed significantly to a collegial and positive work environment. She is a champion of young people and mentored many of the Preserves' interns; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cross would want to recognize her two daughters Ashleigh St. Peters and Leigh Dailey Cross for all of their support over the years and she would want to especially remember and celebrate her beloved husband Chuck Cross with whom she shared 38 years in marriage and who was the delight of her heart; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County do hereby congratulate Mary Pat Dailey Cross on a long and rich career of public service and thank Mrs. Cross for her many contributions to improve the health, beauty and sustainability of the Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mrs. Cross in recognition of her contribution to the Preserves, Cook County and her passion and dedication to a life of exemplary public service.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve on the Consent Agenda 17-0319. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**PRESIDENT**

**17-0318**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Arnold L. Randall, Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Position:** Board of Commissioners

**Department/Board/Commission:** Public Building Commission of Chicago

**Effective date:** 10/1/2017

**Expiration date:** This appointment will remain in effect for five (5) years until 9/30/2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-0318. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**17-0291**

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

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”)

**Grantor:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to conduct 17.5 acres of tree thinning and invasive species removal at Green Lake Savanna in Calumet City

**Grant Amount:** \$33,500.00

**Grant Period:** 7/11/2017 retroactively - 7/11/2028

**Fiscal Impact:** \$33,500.00

**Accounts:** Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, Tree Removal 51009.521456, Potential Grant Match & Work 51009.521440,  
Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** Green Lake Savanna is a one hundred thirty (130) acre preserve located in Calumet City in southeastern Cook County. The site has sandy soils, retains characteristic ridge and swale topography,

and is home to several locally rare and conservative plant species. Building upon restoration efforts in the northern half of the preserve, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to conduct an additional 17.5 acres of timber stand improvements and invasive species removal at the site. Work is expected to be completed within one to two winter work seasons, depending on ground conditions. Thinning of invasive and over-abundant trees will restore natural oak savanna and marsh tree densities, increase the amount of sunlight reaching the ground-layer, and improve wildlife habitat. As a condition of the grant award, the Preserves are obligated to maintain the project area through a habitat retention period which is in effect until 7/11/2028. Total project costs are \$67,000.00, with a 50-50 match being contributed by each partner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-0291. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0294**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Northwest Wood Products, Harvard, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Woody debris disposal

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** Date of execution - 9/11/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None; the vendor will perform the detailed services at no cost to the Preserves



**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17-31-108

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Request for Proposal #17-31-108 consists of the disposal of woody debris generated by the Preserves' maintenance and restoration operations. Northwest Wood Products will remove logs stockpiled on the Preserves' property. The logs will be removed at no cost to the Preserves. This vendor adds to an existing pool of three (3) prequalified vendors who perform similar services on the Preserves' property.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-0294. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0298**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Legal Department

**Vendor:** West Publishing Corporation, Eagan, Minnesota

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Legal Research data, online continuing legal education and updates to West Illinois Complied Statutes Annotated

**Contract Value:** \$103,000.00

**Contract period:** 10/1/2017 - 12/31/2020

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$8,500.00, FY 2018 \$31,500.00, FY 2019 \$31,500.00 and FY 2020 \$31,500.00

**Accounts:** 51001.521055 - Legal Services and 51001.501795 Dues and Subscriptions

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** N/A

**Summary:** Attorneys and paralegals in the Preserves' Legal Department use West Publishing Corporation's Westlaw site for legal research and online legal education. The department has access to over 7,000 legal education courses with varied content. In addition, it also receives a 50% discount on the West Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated, which are approximately 145 volumes. The Preserves' Legal Department has utilized Westlaw for many years and continues to receive satisfactory customer service.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-0298. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0300**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Mark Hansen, Crete, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into

and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$28,725.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”). This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Mark Hansen was the highest responsible bidder for the two (2) locations listed below, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$28,725.00. Mark Hansen was the sole bidder for each site.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Zander/Jurgensen	51	\$8,925.00
North Creek Meadow	99	\$19,800.00

**Total:** 150 \$28,725.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0300. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0302**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Hendrix Agri Power, Buckingham, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$45,967.50

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”). This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to

restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Hendrix Agri Power was the highest responsible bidder for hay site #7, Tinley Creek, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$45,967.50. Hendrix Agri Power was the sole bidder for this site and also recently entered into a short term contract with the Preserves to hay this same parcel of land for the remainder of 2017 for up to \$2,855.00.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Tinley Creek	227	\$45,967.50

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0302. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0303**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Kopping Farms, Lemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$18,715.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”). This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Kopping Farms was the highest responsible bidder of the two (2) bidders for hay site #5, Morrill Meadow, hay site #6, Duffy Preserve, and hay site #12, Holy Family Villa, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$18,715.00

**Bid Results:**

Duffy Preserve (50 acres)

1. Kopping Farms, \$10,250.00
2. Hendrix Agri Power, \$6,812.50

Holy Family Villa (33 acres)

1. Kopping Farms, \$7,590.00
2. Hendrix Agri Power, \$4,496.25

Morrill Meadow (25 acres)

1. ~~Hendrix Agri Power, \$3,406.25\*~~
2. Kopping Farms, \$875.00

\*Hendrix Agri Power rescinded their bid due to logistical issues related to equipment moving and the

small size of this parcel.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0303. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0304**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Jeff Heinsohn, Kirkland, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$400,950.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 116

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The Preserves is letting a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Jeff Heinsohn was the highest responsible bidder for row crop site #1, Janura Preserve, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$400,950.00. Jeff Heinsohn was the sole bidder for this site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Janura Preserve	486	\$400,950.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 17-0304. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0305**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Joseph & Janet McCabe, Orland Park, Illinois

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



**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$16,250.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 116

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Preserves is letting a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve’s intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Joseph & Janet McCabe were the highest responsible bidder for row crop site #2, Tampier, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$16,250.00. Joseph & Janet McCabe were the sole bidder for this site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Tampier	25	\$16,250.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 17-0305. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0312**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Furnish and Deliver Bulk Rock Salt

**Contract Value:** \$300,000.00

**Contract period:** 9/12/2017 - 2/14/2020

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$50,000.00, FY 2018 \$100,000.00, FY 2019 \$100,000.00, FY 2020 \$50,000.00.

**Accounts:** 51001.530264

**Contract Number(s):** 1628-15809

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** On 2/8/2017, the Cook County Board approved contract 1628-15809 with Morton Salt Inc. to furnish and deliver bulk rock salt. The City of Chicago awarded this contract through a competitive bid process, and both Cook County and the Preserves would like to leverage this procurement effort. The rock salt will be utilized to maintain the Preserve’s roadways during winter operations. The Preserve’s

Fleet & Facilities Department has utilized Morton Salt for many years and continues to receive satisfactory service.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0312. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0262**

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

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

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

**Vendor:** Billy Casper Golf, Vienna, Virginia

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase and extend the Billy Casper Golf campground contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Campground management and operations

**Original Contract Period and Optional Renewal:** 12/1/2014 - 11/30/2017

**Contract Renewal Option Period:** 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,407,671.00

**Original Approval:** 11/18/2014, \$2,407,671.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$1,053,267.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$203,267.00; FY 2018 \$850,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840

**Contract Number(s):** 14-40-0403

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** 4, 6, 14 and 17

**Summary:** Increase contract amount to accommodate increased expenses for managing the campgrounds during the first three years and exercise the option to renew their contract for one (1) year, as per original contract. Billy Casper Golf was selected via a Request for Proposal process.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0262. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0273**

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

**PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Right of Entry Agreement - Pilot Program with Nature Exploration Academy.

**Reason:** Nature Exploration Academy is a Not-for-Profit school in the south suburbs that uses nature as the base for their curriculum. They are proposing use of a bunkhouse at Camp Sullivan during the 2017-2018 school year for their nine student classroom.

NEA's mission is focused on preserving, cultivating and leveraging the joy of discovery to all children through a hands-on, nature based curriculum. The school encourages student to be creative and compassionate, inspires them to deepen their connections to the natural world and empowers them to lead and succeed at the next level.

NEA is one teacher with support from parent volunteers delivering the following:

Hands on science and nature based curriculum

Outdoor education and exploration

Opportunities for all of our senses while learning ecology, gardening, botany, habitats and more

Common core activity focused on creative exploration in the arts and music

The Forest Preserve is entering into this Right of Entry Agreement - Pilot Program because of the nature focus of the curriculum and because we have been looking for opportunities to increase the use of the campgrounds during week days. The size of the school is currently nine students and will not exceed the capacity of the bunkhouse they are using.

**Contract period:** 9/13/2017-5/25/2018

**Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generating to the Forest Preserve of between \$5,000.00 and \$6,700.00. This represents about a 75% discount off of the standard rate.

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0273. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0228**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Wildlife monitoring and analysis

**Original Contract Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$640,000.00

**Original Approval:** 3/11/2014, Not to exceed \$160,000.00 per year or \$640,000.00 over four (4) years

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$160,000.00 per year or \$800,000.00 over the five (5) years of the contract extension

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$160,000.00, FY 2019 \$160,000.00, FY 2020 \$160,000.00, FY 2021 \$160,000.00, FY 2022 \$160,000.00

**Accounts:** Integrated Wildlife Services 51009.521451, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant and Mitigation Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

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

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Preserves have utilized Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation for assistance with capturing, collecting data, 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 both locally and nationally, including but not limited to the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation is considered a sole source vendor due to their unique expertise in wildlife research, local officing, access to regionally and nationally prominent biologists, as well as the length of their longstanding partnership with the Preserves on various research projects. The Preserves entered into the existing Board approved agreement with Max McGraw in 2014 for a period of four (4) years, and are requesting an extension for an additional five (5) years.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0228. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0295**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Systems Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to extend and increase, contract

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**Good(s) or Service(s):** Computer hardware and software

**Original Contract Period:** 7/11/2012 - 7/10/2015, Administrative extension for sixty (60) days from 7/11/2015 - 9/8/2015, Board approved extension 9/9/2015 - 12/31/2016, Administrative extension for sixty (60) days from 1/1/2017 - 3/1/2017, Board approved contract extension 3/2/2017 - 6/30/2017, Administrative extension for sixty (60) days from 7/1/2017 - 8/29/2017.

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** retroactive from 8/30/2017 through 6/30/2018.

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,540,000.00

**Original Approval:** 7/1/2012, \$200,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 5/13/2013, \$20,000.00, Board Approved 6/18/2013, \$300,000.00, Board Approval 1/20/2015, \$300,000.00, Board Approval 9/18/2015, \$420,000.00 and Board Approval 3/9/2017, \$300,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$200,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$50,000.00, FY 2018 \$150,000.00

**Accounts:** Computer Supplies and Service, 51001-531670

**Contract Number(s):** Cook County 11-84-167 Lot A-Hardware

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Preserves wish to continue to utilize Cook County's contract with System Solutions that was approved on 6/28/2017. The contract extension request is through 6/30/2018. This extension will allow Cook County and the Preserves adequate time to prepare and complete the Request for Proposal "RFP" process for Lot A (Hardware).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve**



**17-0295. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0299**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** dsi Associates, Inc., Burr Ridge, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend an existing professional services contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Project management/owner's representative services for various construction projects.

**Original Contract Period:** Three hundred sixty five (365) days (10/3/2016 - 10/2/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Three hundred sixty five (365) days (10/3/2017 - 10/2/2018)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$60,000.00

**Original Approval:** 10/3/2016, \$60,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 16-80-30

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** 4 and 17

**Summary:** A time extension is needed to perform project management/owner’s representative services for construction projects that have been delayed primarily due to new water filtration systems at Camp Bullfrog Lake, Maple Lake Boat Boathouse, Swallow Cliff Pavilion and Camp Shabbona. The original contract was awarded after public posting of a Request for Proposals (RFP). Board approval is required due to the contract length extending over one year.

Note: Board approval is required due to the contract length extending over one year.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0299. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0314**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Western Remac, Inc., Woodridge, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to add accounts and extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fabrication and installation of Gateway signs Districtwide

**Original Contract Period:** (3/29/2017 - 9/29/2017)

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Six (6) month extension from (9/30/2017 - 3/30/2018)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$377,336.00

**Original Approval:** 3/9/2017, \$377,336.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Land Developments: 51025.560019, 51026.560019, 51054.560019, 51055.560019, 51056.560019, 51057.560019 and 51009.560019 and Grant Account 51010.560019.

**Contract Number(s):** 17-80-15

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** 4,13,14,16 and 17

**Summary:** The Preserves recently received \$13,500.00 in grant funds from the Forest Preserve Foundation and REI for a gateway kiosk in the Palos Preserves. The Preserves is requesting authority to add a grant account to the contract and also to extend the contract to provide additional time to complete the project.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0314. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0254**

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

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Gladstone Post #777, a local subsidiary of the American Legion (“Gladstone Post #777”), Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Preserves seeks to enter into a partnership agreement with the Gladstone Post #777 whereby the Preserves will allow Gladstone Post #777 to have up to ten (10) meetings a year at the Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center during regular business hours, in exchange for Gladstone Post #777 participating in two volunteer workdays per year at the Preserves and providing the Preserves with American Flags for the Volunteer resource Center and other locations within the Preserves on an as-needed basis. Gladstone Post #777 is a local subsidiary of the American Legion, a nonprofit veterans’ service organization that is responsible for mentoring youth, sponsoring programs, advocating patriotism and honoring and promoting strong national security.

**Contract period:** 9/1/2017 - 8/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 10

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0254. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0306**

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

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

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

**Reason:** Friends of the Forest Preserves has obtained a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the amount of \$591,265.00 to be used to field a ten (10) member Calumet Conservation Corps program. The program will engage a Crew Manager, an Assistant Crew Manager, four (4) adult participants, as well as four (4) part time young adult Emerging Calumet Leader interns in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered on herbicide application, prescribed fire, native seed collection, and invasive species removal.

Ecological restoration will be conducted in partnership with the Preserves, volunteers, community members, and professional contractors to advance goals in support of stewardship projects and invasive species management in the Calumet region, which harbors significant biological diversity but is threatened by environmental justice issues.

The project will advance the Preserve’s Next Century Conservation Plan goal to mobilize people to heal and nurture the land.

**Contract period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** \$30,000.00, plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match

**Account(s):** Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Intern Programs 51009.521525, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, Potential Grant Match & Work 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 4, 5 and 6

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 17-0306. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0326**

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

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Request:** Approval of permanent and temporary easement areas as revised.

**Item Number:** Approved on the 7/16/2013 Board Agenda as item 6; Approved on the 7/16/2013 Real Estate Committee Report as item 13REAL0001.

**Fiscal Impact:** IDOT will pay the appraised value of \$12,300.00 for the permanent easements and \$11,700.00 for the temporary easement.

**Account(s):** N/A

**Summary:** Based on preliminary plans, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requested 0.25 acres of Permanent Easement and 0.14 acres of Temporary Easement for removal, replacement and maintenance of an existing culvert and outfall of the Middle Fork North Branch Chicago River through the intersection of Dundee Road and Lee Road in Northbrook. Due to subsequent final engineering plans, IDOT requests that the previously approved easement be amended to 0.335 acres for the Permanent Easement and 0.25 acres for the Temporary Easement. The additional easement area eliminates the use of unsightly gabions and will result in a more natural slope. The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this request and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the easement areas as amended.

7/16/2013 Real Estate Committee Report

13REAL0001

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent, requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to grant permanent and temporary easements to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for removal, replacement and maintenance of an existing culvert and outfall of the Middle Fork North Branch Chicago River through the intersection of Dundee Road (IL 68) and Lee Road in Northbrook. The area for the permanent easements is 0.25335 acres. The area for the temporary easement is 0.4425 acres. IDOT indicates that 67 live and 10 dead trees will be removed on the Preserves' property for the project.

Reason: The existing storm water culvert at this major intersection is badly deteriorated and needs replacement. The northernmost end of the existing culvert already extends onto the Preserves' property but there are no records of an existing easement. The new culvert will eliminate the middle wall of the existing structure where debris accumulates and impedes the flow. IDOT will be responsible for future maintenance and debris removal at the structure.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Revenue of ~~\$231,627.03~~ \$186,000.00 to District for Tree Mitigation Fee. Easement Fee: To be determined by appraised value. IDOT has agreed to pay fair market value for the easements.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item

**District(s):** 14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to approve 17-0326. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0311**

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

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION**

**Department(s):** Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Broadway Electric, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Security Monitoring and Installation Services

**Original Contract Period:** 10/7/2014-10/7/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/8/2017-10/7/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,146,946.92

**Original Approval:** 10/07/14, \$1,146,946.92

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** 51001.520840 and Camp Accounts 51025.560057, 51054.56057, 51055.560057; Building Accounts 51025.56106, 51054.56106, 51055.56106; Land Improvement Accounts 51025.560055, 51054.560055, 51055.560055.

**Contract Number(s):** 14-53-520

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Preserves solicited proposals from qualified/licensed companies to establish a contract for Security Monitoring and Installation Services at over forty (40) properties owned by the Preserves for a period of thirty six (36) months with the option of two (2) twelve (12) month extension periods. The Preserves are requesting to exercise the option for one (1) twelve (12) month contract extension.



**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0311. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0283**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Conservation and Experimental Programming

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Campground Report

**Report Period:** 5/22/2015 - 6/26/2017

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County operated five (5) campgrounds across the County (Camps Shabbona, Sullivan, Reinberg, Bullfrog, and Dan Beard). This report summarizes campground activity from when the first camp was open on 5/22/2015 - 6/26/2017.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to receive and filed 17-0283. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0073**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 6/1/2017 - 6/30/2017 and 7/1/2017 - 7/31/2017

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of June 2017 and July 2017. Both reports are to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to receive and filed 17-0073. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0316**

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

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Conservation & Experiential Programming

**Summary:** .PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, 9/23 & Sunday, 9/24; 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Party for the Preserves**

Celebrate your Forest Preserves and all the great activities available throughout our 70,000 acres. We're kicking off the week of National Public Lands Day with celebrations at two of our campgrounds. Learn more at [fpdcc.com/party](http://fpdcc.com/party)

These festivals are free. However, some items (food, souvenirs, and materials) will be available for purchase onsite.

**Saturday, 9/23; 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Camp Bullfrog Lake , Willow Springs**

Wild and Wonderful: Enjoy hikes, paddling, archery, art-making, learn about fish, gaze at the stars, and lose yourself in the wild in one of the densest wilderness areas in the region.

**Sunday, 9/24; 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Workshop in the Woods: Primitive Skills, Creative Reuse and Nature Play

Create tools and art using reclaimed wood, build and climb with tinker trees, split firewood, build a shelter, learn primitive skills, explore our pop-up adventure playground. End the night with a giant bonfire!

**Saturdays and Sundays through 10/8; 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

**Garden Chef Series, Chicago Botanic Garden, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden**

Watch and learn from local chefs on how to cook with fresh, seasonal ingredients. Seating is first-come, first served for these free demonstrations.

**Daily through Sunday, 10/15**

**“Brazil in the Garden”; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Come experience the vibrant sights and sounds of Brazil as the Garden celebrates the biodiversity and culture of the country with plants and special offerings inspired by Brazil. There will be Brazilian music on selected evenings, special exhibits in the Joutras gallery and Lenhardt library, classes, family drop-in programs, food in the Café, and Roberto Burle Marx-inspired plantings throughout the Garden. Check the Garden's website for specific dates and activities.

Free, but registration is required for classes.

**Saturday, 9/9; 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Night Sky Program: Astronomy vs. Astrology, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society. No registration required.

**Saturday, 9/16; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Conservation@Home: Fall Compost Program, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Master Gardeners will demonstrate the three-bin composting technique. Learn how composting can reduce waste from fall garden clean up and help you prepare your garden for spring.

**Saturday, 9/16; 1:00 p.m.**

**Nature Writing: Journal to Haiku, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Use nature to jumpstart your creativity by writing poetry and drawing. For adults & interested teens. Registration required.

**Sunday, 9/17; 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Archery 101, Bremen Grove 1, Tinley Park**

Never tried archery before? Learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. All archery programs are for ages 10 & up. Call 708-386-4042 for info.

**Friday, 9/22; 7:00 p.m.**

**Autumnal Equinox Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us for an informative chat about the science and cultural beliefs surrounding the Autumnal Equinox, and then hike as darkness falls.

**Friday, 9/22; 7:00 p.m.**

**Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Some of our local wildlife begin their day after the sun sets. Learn about these animals and more on a guided hike.

**Saturday, 9/23; 1:30 p.m.**

**The History of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Sand Ridge Nature Center, Calumet City**

Come along on a short hike and learn about the history and founding of the Forest Preserves of Cook County and Sand Ridge Nature Center.

**Sunday, 9/24; 10:00 a.m.**

**Fall Celebration Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Enjoy our first fall nature hike in the woods, and observe how nature begins its transition to the new season.

**Tuesday, 9/26; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Seniors in all Seasons, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

It's never too late to learn something new. Drop in for our Senior Day of programs and activities all about nature. Light refreshments served. Groups and organizations welcome. Registration preferred. Call for more information. *This program is offered in partnership with the Wildbird Shack.*

**Saturday, 9/30 - Sunday, 10/1; Check-in 3:00p.m. on 9/30. Check-out 1:00 p.m. on 10/1.**

**Family Campout, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

This special overnight event for families is a great intro to camping. Basic skills training, a cookout and outdoor activities are included. The cost is \$75 for family groups up to 6. Camperships are available for families with financial need. For more information and an application, call 708-386-4042.

**Sunday, 10/1; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Red Gate Woods: Beginning of the Atomic Age, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

What happened in a Southwestern Forest Preserve that changed the world? Meet at Sagawau for a presentation, then drive to Red Gate Woods and hike to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. Participants will drive their own vehicles. For adults & interested teens. Registration required.

**Sunday, 10/1; 1:00 p.m.**

**Bird the Preserves: Knock, Knock! Who's there?, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

The red-bellied woodpecker, that's who! Learn about this bird's adaptations, make your own feeder, and go on a binocular hunt.

**Sunday, 10/1; 1:30 p.m.**

**All-A-Buzz About Honey, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Meet River Trail's beekeeper; learn about honeybees and their hives.

**Tuesday, 10/3; 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond at Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Take in the early fall colors on the pond as we learn about parts of a canoe and go through an introductory class on basic paddling strokes. We'll conclude with a fire next to the pond. Call 708.366.6530 to reserve a space. All paddle programs are for ages 5 & up.

**Wednesday, 10/4; 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Painting by the Pond Art Workshop, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Explore nature through painting while taking in the Rolling Knolls landscape! Follow along as an instructor

leads you step-by-step in creating a beautiful autumn landscape using a large tree slice as your canvas.

All painting materials will be provided. Ages 21+. \$20/person. Payment required upon registration.

Refunds are not available for any reason, including inclement weather. Space is limited. Call

312-505-0659

to register.

**Wednesday, 10/4; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Camping 101, Camp Shabbona, Calumet City**

A free, hands-on, 90 minute workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills to first time campers.

Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is

required. Perfect for families and novice campers. Parents required to be present with children 16 and

younger.

**Thursday, 10/5; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Archery 101, Swallow Cliff Stairs (North entrance), IL Rt 83 (Cal Sag Rd) & US Rt 45**

Never tried archery before? Learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique. Archery equipment is provided for all programs. All archery programs are for ages 10 & up. Call 708-386-4042 for info.

**Friday, 10/6; 7:00 p.m.**

**Harvest Moon Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Hike the trails under the full Harvest Moon.

**Saturday, 10/7; 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Familias Jugando en la Naturaleza, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Familias con niños pequeños vengan a jugar en y con la naturaleza. Muchas actividades divertidas dirigidas en español por padres líderes de la Asociación de Logan Square. Nature activities led in Spanish in partnership with parent leaders from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association.

**Saturday, 10/7; 1:30 p.m.**

**Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, Calumet City**

Join our monthly hiking club. A naturalist will lead a vigorous hike on our trails.

**Saturday, 10/7; 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Night Sky Program: Phases of the Moon, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society. No registration required.

**Sunday, 10/8; 1:00 p.m.**

**Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Make a simple musical instrument from an invasive plant species, then join the fun in a bluegrass jam circle! Bring your basses, fiddles, mandolins, guitars, and banjos too. The jam is open to anyone who wants to play or listen.

**Monday, 10/9; 1:30 p.m.**

**Holiday Program: Birds at the Feeder, Sand Ridge Nature Center, Calumet City**

One of the easiest ways to learn to identify different birds is by watching them at a feeder. Join us during the Columbus Day holiday as we provide a variety of foods to attract various bird species and see if any surprise visitors stop by.

**Thursday, 10/12; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

A free, hands-on, 90 minute workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills to first time campers. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is required. Perfect for families and novice campers. Parents required to be present with children 16 and

younger.

**Saturday, 10/14; 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Fall Fishing Derby, Horsetail Lake - McCarthy Rd (123rd) and 104th Avenue**

The Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (FPCC) are offering you and your family a FUN day of fishing. Bring your rod and tackle or we have rods to borrow if you do not have one. Try your luck at catching the largest fish in your age group. Free

**Saturday, 10/14; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Fall Paddle Festival, Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Launch, Tower Rd east of I-94, Northfield**

Enjoy the fall season with activities both on and off the water. We will have canoe trips, guided hikes, archery, craft making and more. Call 312.533.5751 for more info. All paddle programs are for ages 5 & up.

**Sunday, 10/15; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Conservaton@Home: Gardening Now, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

IL Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide helpful tips on what you can do in your yard right now to prepare your garden for fall, winter, and spring, as well as answer your general gardening questions.

**Tuesday, 10/17; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Hiking 101, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

This Outdoor Adventure will focus on hiking. This is a free, hands-on 90 minute workshop designed to teach basic day-hiking skills. Learn the 10 essential items to bring on a hike, proper hike planning techniques, hiking etiquette and LNT as well as basic map reading. No registration is required. Ideal for ages 10 and up. Parents required to be present with children 16 and younger

**Wednesday, 10/18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

A free, hands-on, 90 minute workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills to first time campers. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is required. Perfect for families and novice campers. Parents required to be present with children 16 and younger.

**Friday, 10/20, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Family Night Out: Stars, Stories & S'Mores, Midlothian Meadows, Midlothian**

Bring your family and friends for an opportunity to enjoy an evening in the Forest Preserves. Come join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and other nature-based activities.

For more information, call 708-386-4042 or email: [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov)  
<<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov>>

**Saturday, 10/21; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Paddle 101, Wampum Lake, 598 Thornton Lansing Rd, Thornton**

Always wanted to try out canoeing, but never got the opportunity? Come out and learn the basics of canoe safety and paddling techniques. We supply the canoes, you supply the enthusiasm! All paddle programs are for ages 5 & up.

**Sunday, 10/22; 1:00 p.m.**

**Art in Nature: Introduction to Pastels, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Artist Susan Flanagan will demonstrate the use of soft pastels and give students the opportunity to experiment with the application of pastels. Adults only. Registration required.

**Tuesday, 10/24; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

A free, hands-on, 90 minute workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills to first time campers. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is required. Perfect for families and novice campers. Parents required to be present with children 16 and younger.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to receive and filed 17-0316. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9/12/2017**

**17-0288**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 6/6/2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 17-0288. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)



**17-0337**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 7/20/2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 17-0337. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9/12/2017**

**17-0309**

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Anchor Mechanical, Inc.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0309. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**17-0072**

**REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 7/31/2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 17-0072. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**This meeting was adjourned**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler (1)