



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion**

**8659 S. Western Ave, Chicago, IL**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Thursday, July 20, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PRESIDENT**

[17-0234](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Title 1 Chapter 8 Section 2: Contracts and Purchases

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 2 - Contracts and Purchases of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

**Sec. 1-8-2. Contracts and Purchases.**

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- I. *Powers and duties of Purchasing Agent:* The District Purchasing Agent shall, pursuant to the terms, exceptions, or restrictions established by this Code and the President and Board of Commissioners:
  1. Purchase or contract for all supplies, materials and equipment, and contractual services required by any Office, department, institution or agency of the District subject to the provisions, restrictions and limitations of this Subsection;
  2. Establish and enforce standard and non-standard specifications established in accordance with this Subsection which shall apply to all supplies, materials and equipment purchased for the use of any Office, department, institution or agency of the District;
  3. Transfer to or between, and/or assign to the various offices, departments, institutions or agencies

of the District and the Forest Preserves Foundation (as an approved Donee), or otherwise trade in and/or sell supplies, materials and equipment that are surplus, obsolete, abandoned, or unusable, except for such property which has been approved for donation as a charitable contribution per Section 1-8-2(O) below;

4. Have charge of such other purchasing activities as the Board of Commissioners may assign from time to time;
5. Distribute or cause to be distributed to the various Offices, departments, institutions or agencies of the District all supplies, materials and equipment purchased by the Office of the Purchasing Agent;
6. Require all vendors to submit a notarized certification or affidavit of their compliance with all requirements imposed by this Subsection on forms promulgated by the Purchasing Agent, which shall include, but shall not be limited to: an affirmation that the vendor is a registered business in good standing with the State of Illinois and, in the case of a contractor operating under an assumed name, with the County Clerk, and an affirmation with respect to Section 1-8-2(U) of this Ordinance (Child Support), Section 1-8-2(D) of this Ordinance (Taxes and Fees) and that said vendor is in compliance with the District's Ethics Act including the provisions regarding receiving and soliciting gifts and favors as well as the limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials and an economic disclosure statement disclosing all persons or entities who have made lobbying contacts on behalf of the vendor with respect to the contract.

Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, no supplies, materials or equipment or contractual services shall be purchased or contracted for by any Elected Official, department, institution or agency of the District, or by any officer or employee thereof, but all such supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services shall be purchased or contracted for by such Purchasing Agent in accordance with this Subsection.

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*O Purchase Procedure:*

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*6. Distribution of assets:*

- a. ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the District Board reserves the right to designate certain unusable, surplus and/or obsolete personal property, equipment or other property~~ The Purchasing Agent, in conjunction with the applicable District department(s), is authorized to approve or deny the distribution of supplies, materials and equipment that have been declared unusable, surplus, abandoned, and/or obsolete per Section 1-8-2(I) above (hereinafter referred to collectively as "assets" ~~for distribution for purposes of this Subsection 6)~~ as charitable donations. Assets may be designated for distribution as charitable donations as specifically authorized by State of Illinois statute(s), or if:

- (1) A determination has been made that the assets are not needed by any department or division of the District;
- (2) The assets are of a type that would provide a beneficial service in ~~either the medical, or education fields to a another entity~~ education, public safety, social services, environmental, and/or conservation fields; and
- (3) The recipient of the assets is a legitimate nonprofit organization, or a local or foreign governmental entity.

b. The assets shall be transferred by an appropriate instrument of transfer, which shall include:

- (1) A provision that requires the recipient to use the property in a manner that primarily promotes the implementation or improvement of ~~educational~~ services available to the public via the medical, education, public safety, social services, environmental, and/or conservation fields; and
- (2) A provision that indicates that ownership of the assets automatically reverts to the District if the entity at any time fails to use the property in that manner.

~~The responsibility for determining the recipient of the donation, pursuant to the above guidelines shall reside in the Office of the President of the District Board, with approval by the District Board.~~

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

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[17-0256](#)

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

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Vendor:** Equal Opportunity and Access, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to extend and increase the previously approved agreement

**Reason:** The Forest Preserve is extending this agreement to improve our physical and programmatic accessibility for all of the citizens of Cook County.

**Original Agreement Period:** 6/17/2016 - 6/16/2017

**Sixty (60) Day Administrative Extension:** Approved on 6/14/2017 by the Purchasing Agent from 6/16/2017 - 8/15/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 8/16/2017 - 8/15/2018

**Original Fiscal Impact:** \$49,700.000

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$44,000.00

**Account(s):** Professional Services 51001.520840

**RFP Number:** 15-10-103

**Summary:** The extension of this agreement will help the Preserves maintain and improve accessibility at the Preserves. During the extension term, the vendor will help the Preserves: (1) amend and update Self Evaluation and Transition Plan; (2) complete on site accessibility evaluations of certain identified high use locations within the Preserves; (3) provide an updated barrier removal plan for making properties within the Preserves more accessible; (4) create a comprehensive staff training plan; and (5) create and convene an ADA Advisory committee.

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**17-0253**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Vendor:** Active Network, San Diego, California

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase this contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Online reservation software for the Preserves permit and membership programs.

**Original Contract Period:** 4/23/2013 - 4/22/2015; Previous Extension 4/23/2015 - 12/31/2017 Board Approval on 5/19/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2019

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$147,860.39 (excluding transactional fees that currently range from 2.08% to 3.64%)

**Original Approval:** 2/4/2013, \$87,860.39

**Previous Increase(s):** 5/19/2015, \$60,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$40,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$20,000.00, FY 2019 \$20,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840

**Contract Number(s):** 12-54-300

**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):** District Wide

**Summary:** This proposed contract extension will allow the Preserves to continue utilizing Active Network for permit reservations and membership sales. This monetary increase will be used for annual optimization consulting to improve the permit reservation process for increased customer satisfaction. The proposed monetary increase excludes transaction fees which will continue to be charged under the contract and are currently in the range of 2.08% to 3.64%. Active Network was selected via an RFP process. The Preserves anticipates a new RFP process for the same or similar service before the proposed extension expires.

[17-0264](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Chicago Public Art Group, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Creation of Public Art Work

**Original Contract Period:** 2/3/2017 - 2/2/2018

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

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

**Original Approval:** 2/3/2017, \$60,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$25,000.00

**Accounts:** Special Events 51001.520635; Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51052.560019, 51054.560019, 51055.560019, 51056.560019, 51057.560019

**Contract Number(s):** 16-35-301

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** An increased amount is proposed for this contract regarding a public art project at the Preserves' General Headquarters for two purposes: (1) to increase funding for Chicago Public Art Group to pay stipends to youth involved in the project, and (2) to improve ADA accessibility for the public art project. These two items were added to the project once the artwork design was created.

[17-0270](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Chicago Commercial Construction Inc. ("CCC"), Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Orland Grasslands Site Improvements

**Original Contract Period:** 1/16/2015 - 8/14/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 8/1/2017 - 11/30/2017 (122 day extension)

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** 10/6/2015, 10/15/2015 - 7/11/2016 (270 day extension); 9/13/2016, 7/12/2016 - 7/31/2017 (385 day extension, retroactive)

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** 8/15/2015 - 10/14/2015 (60 day extension)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$319,595.46

**Original Approval:** 12/16/2014, \$319,595.46

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Recreation Landscape Accounts 51025.560020, 51052.560020 and 51054.560020

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-05C3

**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):** 17

**Summary:** A contract extension is required to provide additional time to complete custom engraved stone elements for outdoor interpretive areas. Revisions to custom art work files involved external partners and consultants and require additional time that has delayed the start of fabrication. Installation is scheduled to occur by September 2017. CCC is committed to completing stone element work under the contract, per discussions in 2016 involving CCC, its surety, and the Forest Preserve.

[17-0286](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** Northwestern University - Center for Public Safety, Evanston, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Northwestern University - Center for Public Safety is conducting a study to document the physiological benefits of spending time in nature.

**Original Contract Period:** 5/1/2016 - 4/30/2017; 60 day administrative extension 5/1/2017 - 6/29/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 6/30/2017, retroactive - 12/31/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$5,000.00

**Original Approval:** 5/1/2016, \$5,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$0

**This Increase Requested:** \$0

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Consulting and Management Services 51001.520850

**Contract Number(s):** 15-10-001 (Next Century Conservation Plan Launch Early Action Plans); Walking Green: Developing an evidence-base for Nature Prescriptions

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** An extension is required due to the difficulty in attracting male candidates for the study. The

protocol is very time consuming and over the course of a month, participants put in about 23 hours. The Preserves awarded funding for this project in 2015 after an RFP process which was posted on the Preserves' website. Northwestern University and its partners are contributing \$64,017.00 to the project.

[17-0271](#)

**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 CBS EcoMedia Inc., 919 Manhattan Avenue, Suite 100, Manhattan Beach, California, 90266.

**Reason:** The Preserves wishes to enter into a partnership agreement with CBS EcoMedia ("EcoMedia") whereby the Preserves will be considered for future funding and sponsorship support for qualified projects on which the Preserves, EcoMedia, and a potential sponsor agree. If and when a qualified project is agreed to by the Preserves, EcoMedia and a potential sponsor, a separate support agreement for the project will be executed. Please note that it is anticipated that EcoMedia will provide the Preserves, under a separate agreement, with a one year \$25,000 grant for a paddling program located in the Preserves' central zone and focused in Maywood, Illinois.

**Contract period:** 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2020

**Fiscal Impact:** \$0

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

**Concurrences:**

CBS EcoMedia Inc., is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

**District(s):** 9,1,16

[17-0230](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Winnetka, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding a Stormwater Management Wetlands Project in the Skokie Lagoons Preserves, south of Willow Road.

**Goods or Services:** Winnetka would like to use approximately 18.6 acres of Preserves property to construct, operate, and maintain Stormwater Management Wetlands Project.

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

**Agreement Period:** Ten (10) years from date of execution, unless terminated earlier

**Fiscal Impact:** \$50,000 Revenue Generating

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** The proposed Stormwater Management Wetlands Project consists of an open-water feature, wetlands and sedge meadow. The project will provide an additional 74 acre-feet of stormwater storage on the Preserves land as part of a comprehensive stormwater plan that includes a variety of additional conveyance, storage, and green infrastructure facilities. Winnetka will provide water quality improvement measures upstream of discharge points onto the Preserves, and provide water quality monitoring.

Upon execution of the MOU, Winnetka will work on the following action items in relation to the project: (1) finalizing construction drawings, and (2) obtaining approval from other local units of government controlling open spaces to be incorporated for stormwater storage, conveyance, or water quality improvements, including the Winnetka Park District, Winnetka School District 36, and New Trier High School District. Upon satisfactory completion of the above-referenced items, the Preserves and Winnetka will work together amicably to finalize an Intergovernmental License Agreement, which will be presented to this governing body for further review and consideration.

Under such license, it is anticipated that the Land Use License Fee will be \$1,405,925, consisting of a (i) License Fee component; (ii) Youth Education, Land Acquisition, Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee; (iii) Construction Permit Fee component; and (iv) License Application Fee. An additional contribution of \$500,000 is anticipated for ecological land restoration in the sub-watershed. Tree removal mitigation fees, estimated at \$1,103,533, will be based upon the Preserves’ tree mitigation requirements. Further, it is anticipated that Winnetka will pay an estimated \$24,000 in costs associated with a Construction Inspector/Owner’s Representative. Construction is anticipated to start late 2018/early 2019 and be substantially complete by the end of 2019.

[17-0259](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Agency:** University of Illinois, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (“ISTC”)

**Other Part(ies):** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”)

**Request:** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Professional services for assisting Preserve “Green Team” members on the creation and implementation of the “Sustainability Master Plan.”

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

**Agreement Period:** Twelve (12) months from the date of execution

**Fiscal Impact:** \$10,500.00

**Accounts:** Consulting and Management Services, 51001.520850

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:**The proposed intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) provides for the creation and implementation of the Preserves’ “Sustainability Master Plan” with ISTC’s assistance. The Preserves is striving to become a leader and model in sustainability practices. In 2014/2015 ISTC, a unit of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign worked with Preserve staff to assess the current state of materials management operations and opportunities for improvement. Previous collaborations with ISTC resulted in the completion of the following: Recycling and Waste Reduction Opportunity Assessment, the Solid Waste Characterization and Zero Waste Implementation Assessment and the Waste Stream Characterization Study and recycling pilots. The proposed IGA is subject to final review and approval by the Preserves’ Legal Department

[17-0274](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Oak Park, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental License Agreement

**Goods or Services:** The proposed amendment increases from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) the number of parking spaces available for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) at the Village of Oak Park’s Lot Number 18, for the purpose of parking Preserves’ motor pool passenger vehicles. In exchange for the fifteen (15) additional parking spaces at Lot Number 18, the Preserves will provide an additional 2 acres of storage area for the Village’s Public Works Department at a Maintenance Facility of the Preserves.

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 8/4/2014 - 8/3/2024, with two (2) successive five (5) year renewal terms

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 1

**Summary:** In 2014, the Village of Oak Park (the “Village”) and the Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental License Agreement whereby the Village licensed to the Preserves the use of fifteen (15) parking spaces in Lot Number 18 (commonly known as the Holley Court Parking Garage) and the Preserves’ granted the Village a license to construct, operate, and maintain a salt storage shelter at a Maintenance Facility of the Preserves. In exchange for the fifteen (15) additional parking spaces at Lot Number 18, the Preserves will provide an additional 2 acres of storage area for the Village’s Public Works Department.

[17-0266](#)

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

## REPORT

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Approval

**Report Title:** Land Management Guidelines

**Report Period:** 2017

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) have revised the Land Management Guidelines, which were last revised in 2012. The document summarizes the goals and principles informing the expansion and restoration of the Preserves, as outlined in the Next Century Conservation Plan and Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan. The Land Management Guidelines were created to provide confidence and transparency in the Preserves’ land management program, to both the Board of Commissioners and the general public.

[17-0071](#)

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

#### **REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 5/1/2017 - 5/31/2017

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of May 2017. This Report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

[17-0265](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 7/20/2017 - 9/12/2017

**Today! Thursday, 7/20; 11 am - 2 pm**

**Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Come celebrate and learn about insects. Explore how pollinators help us. Build a bug playground. Follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies and learn how to create habitat for them locally. For more information, call 708-386-4042. *All ages.*

**Daily through Monday, 9/4; 10 am - 5 pm (weather permitting)****Butterflies & Blooms; Regenstein Learning Campus; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

This wonderful exhibition, where visitors can immerse themselves in a habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies, has become a Garden favorite. Fee applies.

**Daily through 9/17; 10 am - 5 pm****Dinos and Dragons, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's summer Dinos & Dragons exhibit features 17 animatronic creatures, including the Stegosaurus, Apatosaurus, Tyrannosaurus rex, and Chinese dragon. Zoogoers can also get up-close views of live reptiles, including a Komodo Dragon. The exhibit features hands-on activities, as well as a dinosaur dissection lab and excavation site.

**Daily through 8/27; 10 am - 4 pm****Saturdays and Sundays, through 10/1; 11 am - 4 pm****Family Drop-in activities, Chicago Botanic Garden, Regenstein Learning Campus**

Join us at the Regenstein Learning Campus for fun, hands-on activities for families and children.

**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.

**Fridays and Saturdays, 7/21 - 8/12; 4 - 9 pm****Summer Nights, East Mall, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's summertime event is back for a fourth season. Enjoy the Zoo with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining, beer and wine garden, live music, roaming performers, kid entertainment, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature. Entertainment includes a 4 pm Opening Act, 6 pm Kid's Entertainment, 7 pm Headliners on the Main Stage, and 9 pm Laser Light Show.

**Thursday, 7/27; 7:30 - 9 pm****Evening Moths, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about and view the often overlooked "butterflies of the night," moths. We'll set out bait and black lights - prepare to be surprised. *For adults and ages 8 & up. Register by 7/26.*

**Saturday, 7/29; 10 am****Canyon Tour, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sagawau Canyon hike highlights the geology of Northeastern Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain, wading through a stream is necessary. Registration in person or by phone, starts the Monday prior to the program date. No groups. Space is limited.

**Sunday, 7/30; 1 pm**

**Habitat Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

The wetlands, prairie and forest all have their own unique story of survival. Join a guided 1.5-mile hike to explore the wide variety of habitats along the way.

**Sunday, 7/30; 1:30 pm****Ecosystem Exploration, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

What is an ecosystem? This hike will explore eight different ecosystems found at Sand Ridge. Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes and be prepared for the weather. *Register by 7/28.*

**Thursday, 8/3; Noon - 4 pm****5th Annual Teen Exploration Day****Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard Ave, Burnham**

Join us for our 5th annual Teen Exploration Day. This event is teen-focused, with activities highlighting outdoor adventure and education. Try your hand at canoeing, tree climbing, restoration activities, guided hikes, learning about conservation and engaging with other youth. For more information or to register groups of more than 10, email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov) <<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov>> or call 708-386-4042 ext. 19.

**Friday, 8/4; 7 - 10 pm****River Trail at Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Adults are invited to enjoy the nature center at their leisure. Enjoy a casual picnic dinner, hike our trails, sit by the campfire, roast marshmallows or enjoy the exhibits inside. *Adults only. \$10 per person.*

**Saturday, 8/5; 10 am - 2 pm****Back-to-School Paddle & Archery Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Come celebrate the start of the school year with an exciting day of paddling, archery, pond dipping and more at one of our newest preserves - Rolling Knolls! Gear and equipment provided. For more information or to reserve a group spot, call 708-386-4042, ext. 26.

**Sunday, 8/6; 9 am - 5 pm****CAMBr Meltdown, Pulaski Woods, Willow Springs**

The CAMBr Meltdown is Chicagoland's premiere mountain biking event, with racing for all ages and abilities. *Free for spectators.*

**Tuesday, 8/8; Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm. Concert runs from 6:30 - 8 pm.****Forest Jams, Whealan Pool, Chicago**

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov) <<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov>>.

**Wednesday, 8/9; 6 -9:30 pm****Full Moon Celebration Paddle, Skokie Lagoons, Tower Rd Boat Launch**

Join us for a unique paddle as we celebrate the full moon. This is more than a canoe trip - it's an experience full of surprises you won't soon forget. Call 312-533-5751 to reserve a spot.

**Saturday, 8/12; 1pm****Summer Ramble, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Take a naturalist-led hike and see what's happening along the way during the summer season.

**Saturday, 8/12; 1:30 pm****Everyday Scientist, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Your observations of plants and animals anywhere and anytime can change the world. Learn how you can help collect information used by scientists to better understand our planet and save species.

**Tuesday, 8/15; 5 - 7 pm****Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook and Camp Shabbona, Calumet City**

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. No registration is required. Perfect for families and novice campers.

**Saturday, 8/19; 9 am - 2 pm****Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Celebrate the beauty of these amazing birds. Join us for activities, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research purposes.

**Saturday, 8/19; 9:30 am - 2 pm****Upper Des Plaines River Paddle & Clean-Up, Dam No. 1 Woods East, Wheeling**

Join our clean-up efforts as we paddle along the river, learn about aquatic life, and why it is important to keep our rivers clean. Tools provided. To reserve your spot, call 708-386-4042.

**Monday, 8/21; Noon - 2:45 pm****Spectacular Solar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Watch this rare natural phenomenon here. We will have telescopes ready for viewing during the entire partial eclipse of the sun. The sun will be at maximum eclipse at 1:19 pm with 87% coverage.

**Monday, 8/21; 12:30 - 2:30 pm****(Almost) Total Solar Eclipse, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about and view our closest star, the sun, through a special filter on our telescope as we experience an (almost) total solar eclipse. The maximum coverage of our sun by the moon will be between 1 - 1:40 pm.

**Thursday 8/24; 3:30 - 6 pm****Archery 101, Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 5, Chicago**

Never tried archery before? Attend this session to learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique.

**Friday, 8/25 and Saturday, 8/26; 5 pm****ZooBrew, East Mall, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Enjoy bears and beers, lions and lagers, anteaters and ales...all at Brookfield Zoo's 6th annual ZooBrew,

a unique beer-tasting event featuring over 80 beers. Tickets required.

**Friday, 8/25; 6:30 - 7:45 pm**

**Sunset Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an after hours, 2-mile hike at a relaxed pace. We will explore the trails, look for flora and fauna, and take in the beauty of nature lit up by the sunset hues. Wear comfortable shoes. *Registration required. Adults only. Limit 20.*

**Saturday, 8/26 and Sunday 8/27; 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Share the Trails**

Look for our staff and volunteers along the trails with info and giveaways throughout the Forest Preserves. And be sure to check out our Share the Trail website at [fpdcc.com/stt](http://fpdcc.com/stt).

**Saturday, 8/26; 6 - 9 pm**

**Sunrise Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

An outdoor workshop combining the skills of both a naturalist and a photographer. Focus on amazing nature scenes. *Adults and teens only. Registration required by 8/23. Location will be provided upon registration.*

**Sunday, 8/27; 2 - 7 pm**

**Dan Ryan Woods 100th Anniversary, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of Dan Ryan Woods with guided hikes, archery, information about the preserve and Dan Ryan himself and so much more. At night, enjoy a free Forest Jam concert outside the Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion. For more information, call 312-415-2970.

**Sunday, 8/27; Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm. Concert runs from 6:30 - 8 pm.**

**Forest Jams, Dan Ryan Pavilion, Chicago**

Head out to our summer concert series and participate in group jam sessions, learn about making instruments from natural and recycled materials and enjoy concerts by local musicians. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email [experience.nature@cookcountvil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountvil.gov)  
[<mailto:experience.nature@cookcountvil.gov>](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountvil.gov).

**Monday, 9/4; 1:30 pm**

**Holiday Program: Singing Insects, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us on Labor Day for an insect program. Do you ever hear a chorus outside your window as you try to fall asleep? Come discover the insects that sing. Presentation followed by a short hike to see how many insects we can hear.

**Thursday, 9/7; Pre-activities start at 5:30 pm. Concert runs from 6:30 - 8 pm.**

**Forest Jams, Cummings Square, River Forest**

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**Saturday, 9/9 - Sunday, 9/10****CLIC Training, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

The Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) Training is an overnight course that provides skills such as camping equipment use and care, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education for leaders of school, community, Scouting or youth groups. After completing this training, you and your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a one-night campout at Camp Sullivan. For more information, email [experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov).

**Saturday, 9/9; 8 am - 2 pm****Fishin' Buddies Fall Fishing Derby, Wampum Lake, Thornton-Lansing**

This annual family fishing derby is perfect for all skill levels. Register at [fishin-buddies.net/fishing](http://fishin-buddies.net/fishing)

**Saturday, 9/9; 10 am - 5 pm & Sunday, 9/10; 10 am - 4 pm****A River Thru History, Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous, Columbia Woods, Willow springs**

Look back 200 years to frontier life and enjoy food, music, crafts, reenactments, canoe races, games and more. Park free at UPS parking lot at Willow Springs Road and 7th Street and take the shuttle bus to the site. *Adult admission \$10; family pass \$25 for 1 or 2 adults and up to 4 children; seniors (over 62) \$5; children (6-17) \$5. Free for kids under 6. Cash only. More info at [aRiverThruHistory.com](http://aRiverThruHistory.com).*

**Saturday, 9/9; 7 - 10 pm****Nighty Sky Program: Astronomy vs. Astrology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

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

**Sunday, 9/10; 8:30 am****ZooRunRun for the Conservation Fund, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

ZooRunRun features a 5k timed race, 5k fun walk and 1 mile kids dash with courses located entirely within the Brookfield Zoo. Each race entry raises awareness and funds for the Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund, dedicated to making a difference for species across the globe.

**Sunday, 9/10; 10 am - 4 pm****Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Watch artists as they paint along our scenic trails. Listen to live music, view additional artwork for sale and vote for your favorite artist. Try your hand at drawing or painting your own watercolor, materials and instruction provided. Children can sculpt with clay, paint or draw.

**Sunday, 9/10; Anytime from Noon - 2 pm****GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Stop in and learn about this technology inspired scavenger hunt. We'll provide you with coordinates of some hidden treasures to find in the forest. *Check out one of our GPS units or bring your own. Supplies are limited.*

**Sunday, 9/10; 1 pm**

**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. Northern Illinois Bluegrass Association members welcome. The jam is open to anyone who wants to play or listen.

**Save the Date!****Saturday, 9/23; 1 - 9 pm****Party for the Preserves: Wild and Wonderful, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Enjoy hikes, paddling, archery, artmaking, learn about fish, gaze at the stars, and lose yourself in the wild in one of the densest wilderness areas in the region. 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*

**Save the Date!****Sunday, 9/24; 1 - 9 pm****Party for the Preserves: Workshop in the Woods: Primitive Skills, Creative Reuse and Nature Play, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

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! 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.*

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7/20/2017**

**17-0288 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 6/6/2017

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7/20/2017**

**17-0277 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -07/18/2017

**17-0278 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**  
Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -06/06/2017

**17-0279 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**  
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**17-0250 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, All Masonry Construction Co., Inc.

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**17-0260 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Ujamaa, Inc.

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