



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 10:00 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**19-0397**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF HARMS WOODS AS THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY'S 25TH ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019, at the 233rd meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Harms Woods was approved for designation as an Illinois Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, dedication of a site as a Nature Preserve provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of exceptional ecological or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Harms Woods Nature Preserve is an approximately 170 acre preserve partially located in the Village of Glenview in northeast Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the site consists of high quality mesic oak woodlands, mesic upland forest, and floodplain forest along the Chicago River featuring a diversity of wildflowers, and a number of rare state-listed species; and

WHEREAS, ecological management of the site began in the 1980s by dedicated volunteers and Forest Preserves of Cook County staff, and remains supported today by a vibrant volunteer stewardship community; and

WHEREAS, authorization to submit Harms Woods for registration as an Illinois Nature Preserve was granted by the Board of Commissioners on April 23, 2019 pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 810/9); and

WHEREAS, Harms Woods Nature Preserve is celebrated as the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 25th dedicated Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County currently owns and manages a total of approximately 9,870 acres of dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and Land and Water Reserves, the second largest amount by any landowner in the State after the Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County was one of the first participants of the Illinois Nature Preserves program when it began in the 1960s, pioneering formal protection and conservation of the State's natural areas; and

WHEREAS, dedication of Harms Woods advances the goal set forward in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate eligible lands as Illinois Nature Preserve protected land, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge the dedication and protection of Harms Woods as an Illinois Nature Preserve and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources.

19-0411

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO STREAMLINE SECURING AND INCREASING RESOURCES FROM FEDERAL, STATE, PRIVATE AND OTHER ENTITIES

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") recognizes that grant funding plays an important role in advancing the Forest Preserves' mission; and

WHEREAS, since 2015 the Forest Preserves has received more than \$11 million in grants from various entities including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Forest Preserve Foundation to support the Forest Preserves mission and enhance the quality of life of Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves is a non-home rule unit of government under Illinois law with limited

ability to raise revenue and the Forest Preserves diligently seeks to leverage its financial and other resources and to make its processes more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves desires to pursue grant funding in support of conservation and restoration, land acquisitions, trail enhancements, experiential and recreational programs, green infrastructure, and other initiatives for the benefit of Cook County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, grant applications frequently require that the party seeking to obtain a grant has the requisite authority to do so and such proposed grantee must provide signed forms indicating its governing body's support of the project for which grant funds are sought; and

WHEREAS, as grant application deadlines do not always coincide with Board meetings, the Forest Preserves seeks blanket authority to apply for and pursue any and all grant funding in support of its mission and agrees to seek further authority from its Board of Commissioners in the event the Forest Preserves is required to commit to matching funds in order to receive a desired grant or other financial support; and

WHEREAS, board approval of this proposed Resolution to **Authorize the Submission of Grant Applications to Streamline Securing and Increasing Resources from Federal, State, Private and other Entities** will allow the Forest Preserves to improve its grant application process and better ensure that appropriate grant opportunities are pursued effectively and efficiently.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that this proposed resolution for the **Authorization for the Submission of Grant Applications to Streamline Securing and Increasing Resources, from Federal, State, Private and other Entities** is hereby approved.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

19-0358

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

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

Vendor: Active Network, Dallas, Texas

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Software contract for permit reservations and membership sales

Contract Value: \$205,000.00

Contract period: 10/22/2019 - 12/31/2021; and four (4) two-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$35,000.00, FY 2020 \$35,000.00, FY 2021 \$15,000.00, FY 2022 \$15,000.00, FY 2023 \$15,000.00, FY 2024 \$15,000.00, FY 2025 \$15,000.00, FY 2026 \$15,000.00, FY 2027 \$15,000.00, FY 2028 \$15,000.00, FY 2029 \$15,000.00 plus transaction fees ranging from 2.25% to 3%

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520850

Contract Number(s): Contract #74000006620 issued under Request for Proposal #18-40-566

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific MWBE goal for this contract was set at zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves originally entered into a contract with Active Network to provide permit reservation services in 2013 and launched the system on 1/1/2014. The current contract expires on 12/31/2019. In spring 2019, the Forest Preserves issued a competitive RFP to select a new software provider and again selected Active Network as the most responsive of the six (6) proposals.

This proposed new contract will allow the Forest Preserves to continue utilizing Active Network for permit reservations and membership sales; however, the Permits, Rentals and Concessions Department intends to rebuild the existing permit reservation interface to increase efficiency and customer satisfaction by utilizing map reservation and other new features. The new system will be launched before 2021 permit sales begin. The fiscal impact includes \$70,000.00 for consultant support to rebuild the system in 2019 and 2020. Funding in subsequent years will be used to upgrade outdated equipment, including credit card readers, and for consulting optimization services. The proposed fiscal impact excludes transaction fees which are in the range of 2.25% to 3% (lower than the current contract).

Software agreements are often form agreements that apply to a general class of customer, which is the case here as well. Thus, the proposed new contract includes some non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves. The RFP called for a four (4) year contract with two (2) optional two-year extensions; however, this term has been modified to a two (2) year contract with four (4) optional two-year extensions. While Active Network's hourly consultant rates to the Forest Preserves are not fixed, Active Network has agreed not to modify the transaction fees during the initial term and the first two-year extension option. The Forest Preserves will be subject to an early termination fee if it terminates the contract for convenience during the initial term or during a renewal term. The contract will be governed by

a state law other than Illinois law (similar to the current contract with Active Network). The final agreement will be subject to legal review and approval. Finally, the Forest Preserves' current contract with Active Network will terminate upon the Forest Preserves execution of this proposed new agreement with Active Network.

19-0365

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Finance and Administration

Vendor: Insight Public Sector, Inc, Tempe, Arizona

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Computer hardware products

Contract Value: \$600,000.00

Contract period: 10/22/2019 - 9/8/2024, with three (3) one-year renewal options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$50,000.00, FY 2020 \$125,000.00, FY 2021 \$100,000.00, FY 2022 \$125,000.00, FY 2023 \$100,000.00, FY 2024 \$100,000.00

Accounts: Computer Supplies and Services 51001.530635

Contract Number(s): #74000006761

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific MWBE goal for this contract was set at zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County requests to utilize and piggyback off the Cook County Government, Bureau of Technology contract #1830-17423A. This contract was awarded by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/25/2019 and amended 9/5/2019 to Insight Public Sector, Inc for computer hardware, laptops, desk top computers, and audio/video equipment.

19-0377**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Department of Resource Management**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to increase a previously executed contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** Calumet Conservation Corps Program**Original Contract Period:** 9/12/2017 - 12/31/2019**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$30,000.00, plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match**Original Approval:** 9/12/2017**Previous Increase(s):** N/A**This Increase Requested:** An additional \$75,000.00, bringing the contract total to \$105,000.00 cash match plus \$22,794.00 in-kind match**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$0.00, FY 2018 \$30,000.00, FY 2019 \$75,000.00**Accounts:** Intern Programs 51009.521525, 51058.521525, 51051.521525 and all future intern program accounts; Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51058.521452, 51051.521452 and all future habitat enhancement accounts; Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51058.521444, 51051.521444 and all future habitat restoration accounts; Grant and Mitigation accounts 51010.521444**Contract Number(s):** #74000003390**Concurrences:**

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting an increase in the overall authority for this program to continue service through the end of 2019. The program was partially funded by a grant Friends of the Forest Preserves (“Friends”) obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the amount of \$591,265.00. This grant expired in September 2019, and was not renewed by the granting agency, thereby leaving a gap until the end of the program.

The Calumet Conservation Corps program is an employment program providing conservation and job skills training for a ten (10) member field crew. The program engages 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 Forest 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.

19-0393

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”), as Licensor to amend a License to North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District, Grantee, to extend the term and increase fees related to the occupation of approximately 200 square feet of workspace at the Forest Preserves’ Northwest Resource Management facility, 640 Cosman Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Term: Originally, 9/13/2016 - 12/31/2021; proposed five (5) one-year extension options from 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2026 to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

License Fee: Originally, \$100.00 monthly. Proposed increase effective 1/1/2020 to \$300.00 monthly, for which the monthly rate may increase each calendar year thereafter up to the rate, if positive, of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of July of the prior year, rounded up to the nearest dollar.

License Application Fee: N/A

YELAR Fee: N/A

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: Approximately 200 square feet of workspace at the Forest Preserves' Northwest Resource Management facility, 640 Cosman Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 15

19-0396

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the Village of Niles, Illinois ("Niles").

Goods or Services: Niles is requesting an IGA to provide a paved trail connection from Caldwell Avenue to the North Branch Trail through the Bunker Hill Forest Preserve. The trail will be constructed and maintained by Niles at no cost to the Forest Preserves.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

Fiscal Impact: None

License Fee: \$48,419.42 (waived)

License Application Fee: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: TBD (none anticipated at this time)

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. Niles proposes to construct a paved trail to connect residents and businesses to the trail as part of a larger bike and pedestrian improvement program. Niles will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. The trail follows the alignment of an existing storm sewer license area and mowed areas. Tree removal is expected to be minimal or none and will comply with the Forest Preserves' Tree Mitigation Plan. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. Niles has funding for the design and construction of the trail segments. The IGA constitutes a license for Niles to construct and maintain the trail in perpetuity, subject to termination by the Forest Preserves after twenty (20) years. The Board approved a similar Intergovernmental Agreement on April 23, 2019 as Agenda Item 19-0184 for another trail connection to the North Branch Trail in the same general area on the south side of Touhy Avenue and Harts Road. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

19-0399

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to utilize additional accounts for professional services rendered by the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute. The intergovernmental agreement was renewed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 10/16/2018.

Item Number: 18-0400

Original Text of Item: PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Department: Resource Management

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

Request: Authorization to renew an existing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois

Goods or Services: Professional services related to the execution and implementation of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan

Agreement Number: FPD 2014-01101

Agreement Period: Original contract period 10/1/2013 - 12/31/2018; Proposed renewal period 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2023

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year, or a total of \$1,000,000.00 over the five (5) year renewal term.

Accounts: Professional Services 51058.520860 and all future professional services accounts; Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313 and all future special or co-op program accounts; Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, ~~and~~ 51058.521452 and all future habitat enhancement accounts; Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, ~~and~~ 51058.521444 and all future habitat restoration accounts; Intern Programs 51009.521525, ~~and~~ 51058.521525 and all future intern program accounts; Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440; Grant & Mitigation accounts 51010.5131; Special Events 51001.520635; Supplies and Materials 51001.530252; Institutional Supplies 51001.530270; General Consulting Services accounts 51009.520830, 51051.520830 and all future general consulting services accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan was completed in early 2015, and has successfully helped guide the allocation of resources and informed strategies to pursue and meet the ambitious goals set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan.

The Forest Preserves' continued partnership with the Prairie Research Institute has resulted in the development of numerous tools for successful execution of the plan and effective resource conservation into the future. These tools and other major accomplishments are summarized in the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan 2018 Summary Report, but include a detailed prioritization schematic for restoration, a seed policy, and the development of standardizing protocols for long-term measurement of conservation success.

The proposed extension will enable the University of Illinois and the Forest Preserves to continue to

collaborate to meet the Forest Preserves' needs for information and analysis in support of natural and cultural resource management. Tasks will include, but are not limited to, the creation of web-based and printed interpretive materials to provide easy-to-understand interpretation of science data that will engage constituents and conservation partners. The University of Illinois will also assist the Forest Preserves with advanced land cover and cultural resource mapping, continued field assessments of archaeological resources, and classification of priority waterways to remedy impacts to key conservation lands.

The Forest Preserves would like to extend the aforementioned IGA with the University of Illinois for an additional five (5) years.

19-0400

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to the Village of Morton Grove (the "Village"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain an existing 42-inch concrete storm sewer and headwall. A license for the existing storm sewer and headwall was granted to a private developer in 1963 for a twenty-five (25) year term. The new license will transfer the authority and responsibility to maintain and operate the facilities to the Village. The Forest Preserves will also recover \$1,282.20 spent on erosion control at the outfall. There are no new structures to be constructed on the Forest Preserves property.

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$6,317.72

License Application Fee: \$500.00

License Review Fee: \$5,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,450.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$18,267.72 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.07 Acre

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Attorney have approved this item. Final license agreement subject to legal review and approval.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 13

19-0401

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Libertyville, Illinois; Citizens for Conservation, Barrington, Illinois; Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois; the Bobolink Foundation, Chicago, Illinois; and Great Lakes Audubon, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Cooperative restoration and management of natural areas within the Barrington Greenway Initiative (“BGI”), a region of the Flint Creek Watershed which includes the following properties owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County: Crabtree Forest Preserve, Beverly Lake, Penny Road Pond, Spring Lake Forest Preserve, and Spring Lake Nature Preserve.

Through this agreement, the partners may share and exchange resources and information to improve management practices, and work jointly to secure grant funds and implement common management objectives. This may involve collaboration on common ecological management activities for the protection and management of the BGI, including fire management, invasive plant control, wildlife conservation and nuisance wildlife management activities. Additionally, the partners may be able to share information on land management techniques and effectiveness, as well as research and monitoring data relevant to conservation threats.

By adopting a multi-agency collaborative approach, the partners intend to achieve a positive ecological impact on the BGI ecosystem that is more efficient and cost effective than what they could achieve working individually.

Contract period: The agreement shall remain perpetual at the discretion of the General Superintendent, so long as a minimum of two (2) parties are participating. Any party shall have the right to withdraw from the agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 15

[19-0406](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 8/1/2019 - 8/31/2019

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of August 2019. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

19-0112

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 10/22/2019 - 11/19/2019

Wednesday, 10/23; 9am - 1pm

Sand Ridge Senior Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore the nature center and its grounds while learning about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Wednesday, 10/23; 4pm - 6pm

Archery 101, Rubio Woods, Midlothian

Learn proper techniques and bow basics from one-on-one instruction from certified staff. *All levels. Ages 10 and up.*

Saturday and Sunday, 10/26 - 10/27; 10am - 4pm

Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy, including candy stations, a pumpkin smasher, crafts, a hayride, specialty food and drink, and tons of themed activities.

Saturday, 10/26; 1:30pm

Fall Color Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy the colorful leaves of sassafras yellow, black cherry red and black oak orange during a 2-mile walk.

Sunday, 10/27; 2pm - 5pm

Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Enjoy a family-friendly Halloween event, with candy. Sponsored by the Forest Preserves and East Side Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, 10/27; 1pm

Costumes and Camouflage, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Costumes are encouraged for this family-friendly hike through the woods. Learn about the colors and camouflage animals wear and find treats along the way.

Sunday, 10/27; 9am - 1pm

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. *Ages 16 and up. Registration required.*

Tuesday, 10/29; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Free, hands-on workshops for individuals and families, teaching basic camping skills. *All ages. Children 16 and under with adult.*

Friday, 11/1; 5pm - 8pm

Stars, Stories and S'mores, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, and astronomy.

Saturday, 11/2; 10am - 2pm

Bison Crawl, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Join us on a bison history hike along our prairie to discuss the importance of these magnificent grazers. Selfies with a life size bison will delight visitors of all ages. Enjoy participating in a bison scavenger hunt, make bison mud pies, and learn more about bison and the significance of their horns through activities.

Sunday, 11/3; 1:30pm**Pioneer Living: Cooking from Scratch, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn how to make some staple pioneer meals over a fire and find out how pioneers preserved food without refrigeration. *Registration required.*

Sunday, 11/3; 12pm - 2pm**GPS Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

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.*

Thursday, 11/7; 7pm**Nature Book Club, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a lively discussion of the book *Animal Investigators: How the World's First Wildlife Forensics Lab is Solving Crimes and Saving Endangered Species* by Laurel Abrams.

Thursday, 11/7; 10am - 11am**S.E.N.I.O.R.S, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Nature will inspire a different activity for seniors each week. *Seniors only.*

Thursday, 11/7; 5:30pm - 7:30pm**Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Free, hands-on workshops for individuals and families, teaching basic camping skills. *All ages. Children 16 and under with adult.*

Saturday, 11/9; 1pm - 3pm**Hike the Freedom Trail, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Learn about the many Freedom Seekers that came through this region prior to the civil war. Presented by The Little Calumet River Underground Railroad Project. *Registration required.*

Saturday, 11/9; 9am**Walk the Sag Valley Trail, McClaughrey Spring Woods, Tinley Park**

Join us as we walk and explore a 2-mile stretch of the Sag Valley Trail.

Saturday, 11/9; 10am - 12pm**Conservation@Home: Composting for a Sustainable Lifestyle, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Join University of Illinois Extension staff and volunteers for a composting workshop and learn how to recycle food scraps and yard waste to create compost both in indoor and outdoor spaces. *Registration required at University of Illinois Extension website.*

Sunday, 11/10; 7:30am**Eggers Grove Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join Chicago Ornithological Society to look for fall migrants and waterfowl. Wear waterproof boots. *Ages 13 and up. Registration required.*

Monday, 11/11; 11am - 2pm**Veterans Day Celebration, Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

To honor the men and women who have proudly served our nation, the Chicago Zoological Society invites the public to a special Veterans Day ceremony at Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center. On Veterans Day, admission to the zoo is FREE for all guests, and parking is free for veterans.

Friday, 11/15; 8am**Permits Opening Day**

2020 Picnic and special event permits go on sale online at fpdcc.com/permits and in person at the Forest Preserves General Headquarters (536 N. Harlem, River Forest) and Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center (87th and Western, Chicago).

Friday, 11/15; 5pm - 8pm**Stars, Stories and S'mores, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Join us for an evening in the Forest Preserves. Enjoy a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, and natural material building.

Friday, 11/15; 7pm**Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A guided hike on our trail to search for local owls. \$3/person.

Saturday, 11/16; 1pm**Predators of the Preserves Canines: Coyotes, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn about the predators that call Cook County home and their vital role in our ecosystem. *Ages 14 and up. Registration required.*

Saturday, 11/16; 5:30pm**Owl Prowl Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Explore our woodlands at night for a unique experience as we search for these nocturnal birds of prey. *Registration required.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/22/2019

19-0431 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 9/24/2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/22/2019

19-0415 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 9/25/2019

19-0416 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 10/22/2019

19-0417 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 9/25/2019

19-0394 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION, AmeriGas Propane

19-0395 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT, Ideal Heating Company, Brookfield, IL

19-0407 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 1/1/2019 – 8/31/2019

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/22/2019**

19-0345 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Bottled Water Ban

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/22/2019

19-0352 PROPOSED ORDINANCE Authorizing The Acquisition of Land Via Donation From The City of Elgin

19-0356 PROPOSED ORDINANCE To Create A Forest Preserve Near Turnbull Woods

19-0357 PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF REAL ESTATE DONATION, Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois

19-0381 PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF REAL ESTATE DONATION, City of Elgin