



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

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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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PRESIDENT**23-0422****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT****Appointee(s):** Jacqueline Samuel, PhD**Position:** Member**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council**Effective Date:** Immediate**Expiration Date:** 12/31/2024**Summary:** The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent on specific steps to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan, the Forest

Preserves of Cook County’s ambitious long-range plan to restore our forest preserves to ecological health and ensure that all the residents of Cook County are welcome at the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Dr. Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality of life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing committee/ Mayor’s Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor’s Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the Illinois ACE’s Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include National Louis University REACH Award, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital Courage Award, and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District area. Dr. Samuel was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago. Her areas of expertise include Urban Management, Community Development, Policymaking, Project Management, and Community Psychology.

23-0384

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-0544 - APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES AND MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that, effective upon passage, the following Commissioners are designated and appointed as President Pro Tempore, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Board.

Section 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be Commissioner Daley.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the committees and of the subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:

AUDIT (7 members)

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: S. Morrison

Members: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller

BOTANIC GARDEN (9 members)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gordon, ~~Johnson~~, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION (9)

Chair: Miller

Vice-Chair: Gordon Johnson

Members: Anaya, Britton, ~~Gordon~~, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members)

Chair: Miller

Vice-Chair: Quezada

Members: Anaya, Deer, Degnen, ~~Johnson~~, Lowry, Moore, K. Morrison, Stamps

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (7 members)

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Britton, Miller, K. Morrison, Quezada, Trevor

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Lowry

Vice-Chair: Deer

Members: All Board Members

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION (7 members)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Lowry

Members: Degnen, ~~Johnson~~, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, Stamps

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (5 members)

Chair: S. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Trevor

Members: Gordon, Morita, Quezada

LABOR (9 members)

Chair: Anaya

Vice Chair: Quezada ~~Johnson~~

Members: Aguilar, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, ~~Quezada~~, Stamps

LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members)

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Aguilar

Members: Britton, ~~Johnson~~, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Stamps

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL

RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: All Board Members

PENSION (7 members)

Chair: Gainer

Vice-Chair: Anaya

Members: Daley, ~~Johnson~~, Miller, K. Morrison, Trevor, Stamps

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Anaya

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: All Board Members

RECREATION AND ENGAGEMENT (7 members)

Chair: S. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Stamps ~~Johnson~~

Members: Aguilar, Anaya, Miller, K. Morrison, Quezada

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (9 members)

Chair: Lowry

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison

ZOOLOGICAL (9 members)

Chair: K. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Moore

Members: Aguilar, Daley, Deer, Miller, S. Morrison, Quezada, Trevor

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

23-0386

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Grantor: The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Morton Arboretum for tree planting utilizing funds received through the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Grant Period: 5/9/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$35,000.00 in direct match

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services and Grant and Mitigation accounts

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

District(s): 5, 6, 17

Summary: The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded grant funds from the Morton Arboretum via the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program to plant a total of sixty (60) trees in picnic groves within key preserves in southwest Cook County including Midlothian Meadows, Yankee Woods, Catalina Grove, St. Mihiel Woods, and Turtlehead Lake. These planting efforts serve to reduce the negative impacts of historical ash tree loss due to the Emerald Ash Borer and other stresses that trees in the urban environment face, including impacts from deer, invasive species, and an increasingly stressful climate.

The project will increase forest diversity and resiliency, improve wildlife habitat, and provide additional benefits in the form of improved air and water quality as well as shade for visitors' enjoyment. Trees will consist of a diverse mix of native species.

Total project costs are \$60,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves will contribute \$35,000.00 or approximately 58% in direct match.

23-0387

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend its Partnership Agreement with Openlands, Chicago, Illinois

Reason: The Forest Preserves wishes to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands in order to complete restoration activities undertaken in association with the installation of a community gathering space at Beaubien Woods.

Contract Period: 1/11/2022 - 9/30/2023

Proposed Partnership Agreement Extension: 10/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Fiscal Impact: N/A. This is an extension for time only. The project will continue to be implemented at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

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

District(s): 4, 5

Summary: Due to project delays, Openlands has requested and been granted a one-year extension from the Walder Foundation to complete a grant-funded project supporting approximately twenty-one (21) acres of ecological restoration at Beaubien Woods. As a result, the Forest Preserves is subsequently seeking to extend its partnership agreement with Openlands in order to accommodate completion of the project.

This request is an extension for time only. The project is being conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, and builds on plans developed by the Forest Preserves, local communities, and several other governmental organizations and nonprofits to create inviting and culturally relevant access to nature and the Little Calumet River in a way that fosters a healthy community. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 10/5/2021, per Board Item No. 21-0453. The original agreement also referred to the creation of a community gathering space, which has been addressed via a separate partnership agreement with The Field Museum of Natural History and Artist Christine Perri (See Board Item No. 22-0521).

23-0015

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent and temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Des Plaines River Road south of Foster Avenue in Schiller Park for a total of 0.7 acres or approximately 30,325 square feet.

Reason: IDOT is seeking the grant of a permanent easement on 0.61 acres and a temporary easement on 0.09 acres of Forest Preserves property to rebuild part of an existing culvert and headwall on Des Plaines River Road over an unnamed creek south of Foster Avenue and north of the Forest Preserves’ River Bend Family Picnic Area in Schiller Park.

The culvert is in poor condition, and the land around it has eroded. Improvements include erosion control upgrades at the east end of the culvert and a new headwall and sidewalk. Most of the permanent easement area is currently within the road right-of-way. A permanent easement in this area was not previously acquired by IDOT but would now be formally acquired. Only approximately 0.1 acres of Forest Preserves property outside the road right-of-way would be impacted.

The proposed culvert replacement will improve road safety and reduce erosion in the creek. The Forest Preserves would receive compensation for the value of the easements and trees.

The area for the permanent easement is 26,371 square feet or 0.6054 acres, and the area for the temporary easement is 3,953 square feet or 0.091 acres. IDOT indicates that fourteen (14) trees in total, including eight (8) live elm, bur oak and hackberry trees, two (2) dead elm trees, and four (4) buckthorn trees are expected to be removed for this project. In practice, once a project subject to tree mitigation fees

starts, occasionally more trees will need to be removed than originally estimated. In such instances, the Forest Preserves will increase the Tree Mitigation Fee in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (See Board Item No. 20-0279), provided that any increase above 20% of the original Tree Mitigation Fee will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Easement Fee: \$1,300.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$14,264.38

Concurrence(s): The Interim Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 9

23-0333

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Davey Resource Group, Elmhurst, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012312 and #74000012313 (Board Item Nos. 23-0334 and 23-0335)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0334 and 23-0335)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012305 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Davey Resource Group was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

23-0334

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC, Orland Park, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012305 and #74000012313 (Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0335)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY

2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0335)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012312 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

23-0335

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Trees “R” Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Pre-qualified vendor pool for districtwide tree removal and forestry services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$3,000,000.00 per calendar year (or \$15,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term) in conjunction with contract numbers #74000012305 and #74000012312 (Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0334)

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2028

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,500,000.00; FY 2024 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2025 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2026 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2027 \$3,000,000.00; FY 2028 \$1,500,000.00 (Fiscal impact includes fiscal impact for related Board Item Nos. 23-0333 and 23-0334)

Accounts: Professional Services 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012313 issued under RFQ #23-31-103

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to establish a pre-qualified contractor pool for the removal and pruning of potentially hazardous trees throughout Forest Preserves holdings. The scope of work also includes general forestry consulting services for the specialized care and maintenance of high value trees, including but not limited to: inspections, cabling and bracing, root pruning, soil decompaction, inoculations for insect and disease management, etc. Work will primarily take place in areas of high public interface, including but not limited to trails, groves, golf courses, roadsides, and private property interfaces. Task orders will be issued to pre-qualified firms on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

Trees “R” Us, Inc. was determined by an evaluation committee to meet the evaluation criteria in response to a qualification-based selection process (RFQ 23-31-103). Five (5) firms submitted qualifications in response to the RFQ.

23-0388

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: BCR Automotive Group DBA Roesch Ford, Bensenville, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): One (1) Ford F150 Lightning Pro pick-up truck, and one (1) Ford F150 Hybrid K9 pick-up truck

Contract Value: \$148,433.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$148,433.00

Accounts: Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266; Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Vehicle Purchase 51010.560266; and Equipment Supplies and Maintenance Service 51001.540275

Contract Number(s): #74000012589 issued under Project # 23-FL-211 (City of Chicago Contract No. 115511)

Concurrences: The Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Facilities and Fleet Department received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee to purchase two vehicles to meet the growing staff needs of the Law Enforcement and Resource Management Departments. One (1) Ford F150 Lightning Pro pick-up truck will be assigned to the Resource Management Department. The purchase of the pick-up truck will support expanding departmental operations, and pilot electric vehicles for the Preserves.

One (1) Ford F150 Hybrid K9 pick-up truck will be assigned to the Law Enforcement Department. This request will be predominantly funded with a \$75,000.00 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) sub-award from the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (Board Item No. 22-0527). The proposed K9 vehicle will help improve the Forest Preserves' responsiveness to search and rescue efforts, aid in the detection of contraband, and better assist partner

agencies with missing persons.

23-0380

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Stanard & Associates, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Stanard & Associates, Inc. ("Stanard") will provide services that include but are not limited to behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations and examinations for law enforcement positions.

Original Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months from 5/19/2017 - 5/18/2020 with three (3) one-year extension options; Administrative Extension 5/19/2020 - 5/18/2021; Board Approved Extension (3/16/2021) 5/19/2021 - 5/18/2022; exercise of optional renewal 5/19/2022 - 5/18/2023; and Administrative Extension 5/19/2023 - 6/30/2023

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$190,000.00

Original Approval: 5/11/2017, \$120,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 3/16/2021, \$70,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$25,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$25,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000004454 issued under Project #17-70-001

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

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Stanard provides behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations, and examinations for law enforcement positions in accordance with the Forest Preserves' Employment Plan. The Forest Preserves will issue Request for Proposals in 2023 for services to commence in early 2024.

23-0392

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of April 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

23-0397

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - April 2023

Report Period: 4/1/2023 - 4/30/2023

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of April 2023. Payments total \$157,846.20 for April 2023.

23-0393

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities: 6/27/2023 - 7/17/2023

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

Wednesday, 6/28; 6pm - 7:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs

Free workshop covering basic camping skills. *All ages.*

Thursday, 6/29; 9:30am - 11:30am

International Mud Day Celebration, Bunker Hill, Chicago

Join others around the globe for a morning of splashing, squishing, making mud pies and more! *Dress to get messy. All ages. Grove 2.*

Thursday, 6/29; 1pm - 3pm

Archery, Cherry Hill Woods, Willow Springs

Attend this session to learn the basics of archery. *Ages 10 and up. Equipment provided.*

Friday, 6/30; 9am - 12pm

Paddle Day, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove

Paddlers of all skill levels can experience nature by exploring these waterways. *Group reservations required. Ages 5 and up. Equipment provided. Timed paddles. Meet at South Boat Launch.*

Saturday, 7/1; 1pm

Teen Exploration Day: Red, White and Blue, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Walk along on Bur Edge Trail and try to spot flowers, fruits or animals wearing our national colors! *Teens and their families are welcome.*

Saturday, 7/1; 8:30pm**Bat Monitoring Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Using monitoring technology, participate in a search for resident bat activity on our trails. *Ages: 12 and up.*

Sunday, 7/2; 1pm**Dragonflies: Nature's Airshow, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Watch the dragonflies acrobatic display at the CCC Quarry. Includes a moderate 1-mile hike to the CCC Quarry. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045. Ages 12 and up.*

Sunday, 7/2; 1:30pm**Animal Encounter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for an up-close look at one of our ambassador animals.

Friday, 7/7; 1pm - 3pm**Art in Nature, National Grove, North Riverside**

Explore the symbolism between art in nature. Create land art, write a poem, and make tie dye using fruits and spices. *Drop-in. Grove 1.*

Friday, 7/7; 8pm**Sunset Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for an evening walk in the woods as the sun sets and the fireflies flash. *Family program.*

Saturday, 7/8; 10am - 3pm**Kids' Fest, Wampum Lake, Thornton Township**

Fishing, canoeing, archery and more! *Registration encouraged. Canoe slots limited.*

Saturday, 7/8; 11am - 3pm**Book Exchange, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Bring gently used books and exchange them for new titles. Enjoy crafts, light refreshments and story time. *Five books maximum for donation.*

Thursday, 7/13; 11am - 2pm**Insect Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Go on a bug hunt, follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies, explore bugs through dance and music, and create your own insect!

Saturday, 7/15; 10am - 2pm**Nature Detectives: Animal Homes Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Look high and low for signs of animal homes during this fun scavenger hunt on our trails. *Drop-in.*

Saturday, 7/15; 12pm - 4pm**Outdoor Block Party: Self-Love Series, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Enjoy music, nature play, games, walks, artmaking projects and more. Light of Loving Kindness will host yoga from 11:30am - 1pm.

Sunday, 7/16; 9am

Hooray for Herons, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us for a short talk and walk to see herons and other birds. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up.*
Call 708-366-6530.

Sunday, 7/16; 1:30pm

Bug-a-Palooza, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about the amazing diversity of insects as we catch and release them.

Monday, 7/17; 8:45pm

Dark Sky Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place during the darkest night of the month and view the stars and planets.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

23-0288 REPORT Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2022, Report Period: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

23-0434 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS Regular meeting held on 05/23/2023

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

23-0331 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Dumping Garbage; Littering

23-0332 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Polluting and Littering

23-0362 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Restitution

23-0385 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 6/27/2023

23-0382 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 6/27/2023

23-0390 REPORT Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2023-4/30/2023

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023**

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