



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

**Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st Street, Brookfield, Illinois**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**People attending the meeting should enter from the South Gate at 3300 Golf Rd,  
Brookfield, IL 60513**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**PRESIDENT****23-0447**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES**

**WHEREAS,** the FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY (the "Forest Preserves") has authorized various banks as depositories of its accounts; and

**WHEREAS,** from time to time, the Forest Preserves may also seek to open lines of credit or purchase appeal bonds from various insurers, bond companies or other institutions to cover the costs of judgments against the Forest Preserves in the event the Forest Preserves, upon Board approval, decides to appeal such judgments; and

**WHEREAS,** the various banks that serve as depositories of the Forest Preserves' accounts require the manual or facsimile signature of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves for the warrants, checks drafts or other orders on these accounts; and

**WHEREAS,** the various insurers, bond companies and other institutions with whom the Forest Preserves

may seek to open a line of credit, or from whom the Forest Preserves may seek to purchase an appeal bond, may require the manual or facsimile signatures of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves in order to allow the Forest Preserves to establish lines of credit or purchase appeals bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, based on changes in Forest Preserves personnel, it is necessary to advise banks, insurers, bond companies and other institutions of changes to the list of elected or appointed Officers of the Forest Preserves who are authorized to sign on behalf of the Forest Preserves in order to allow the Forest Preserves to issue checks, warrants or other orders with respect to Forest Preserves bank accounts; establish lines of credit; or purchase appeals bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, upon approval, this Resolution shall supersede the prior Resolution, Item No. 23-0298, which was approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on April 25, 2023 regarding authorized signatures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes, effective immediately, that the manual or facsimile signatures of any three of the following officers shall appear on all lines of credit opened; appeal bonds purchased; or warrants, checks, drafts or other orders drawn on the bank accounts or other accounts of the Forest Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE  
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL  
 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DAMON HOWELL  
 TREASURER, DAMON HOWELL

provided, however, that one signature must be that of either the Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the banks, insurers, bond companies, sureties or other institutions authorized as lenders, depositories, or sureties of the Forest Preserves shall be entitled to honor and to charge the Forest Preserves, for such lines of credit, appeal bonds, warrants, checks, drafts or other orders whenever such documents shall be signed manually or by facsimile by any three of the following officers of the Forest Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE  
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL  
 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DAMON HOWELL  
 TREASURER, DAMON HOWELL

provided, however, that one signature is that of the Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**23-0421**

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

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Hoffman Estates, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Maintenance of a surplus parcel at the northwestern edge of the Paul Douglas Preserves in the Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois

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

**Agreement Period:** Date of execution through 7/31/2026, with one (1) three-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. All license fees, license application fees, and YELAR fees will be waived.

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A (No trees will be impacted by the proposed agreement)

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement would grant the Village of Hoffman Estates (“Hoffman Estates”) limited access to Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”) property for the purpose of maintaining a 0.44-acre parcel on Algonquin Road, just west of Versailles Road. Said property has been identified as a surplus parcel, as it is not contiguous with or connected to any other Forest Preserves property (see Forest Preserves Code Section 2-5-3). Hoffman Estates will be responsible for all mowing and vegetation management on the parcel, subject to the Forest Preserves’ approval of a vegetation maintenance plan. The site will be maintained at no cost to the Forest Preserves, and such efforts will mitigate growth of invasive species on the property and provide a cost savings benefit

to the Forest Preserves. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**23-0423**

**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 easement and a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the Northwest corner of Ogden Avenue and Wolf Road for intersection improvements. The permanent easement is 0.005 acres or 233 sq. ft., and the temporary easement is 0.006 acres or 242 sq. ft.

**Reason:** To improve accessibility and pedestrian safety at a busy intersection, IDOT plans the following improvements:

1. Sidewalk ramp area to be rebuilt to current ADA standards with a landing square for pedestrian safety; and
2. Relocation of a traffic signal.

A new trail connection to the Salt Creek Trail system was recently completed at this same intersection by constructing corner improvements (See Board Item No. 21-0299). IDOT wishes to expand the accessible landing area.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.005 acres, and the area for the temporary easement is 0.006 acres. IDOT indicates that zero (0) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$300.00 for the permanent easement and \$300.00 for the temporary easement

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

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

**District(s):** 17

**23-0418**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Various contractors establishing a Habitat Enhancement Contracting vendor pool, listed below:

| <u>Contract No.</u> | <u>Vendor Name</u>   |
|---------------------|--|
| 74000012593         | Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois   |
| 74000012594         | Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois   |
| 74000012595         | Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Lombard, Illinois   |
| 74000012596         | Living Habitats, L.P., Chicago, Illinois   |
| 74000012597         | Davey Resource Group, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois   |
| 74000012598         | Encap, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois  |
| 74000012599         | V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois   |
| 74000012600         | HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC,<br>Bellaire, Texas (regional office located in Chicago, Illinois) |

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services agreements for comprehensive habitat enhancement services

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed a combined total of \$10,000,000.00 per twelve-month period (or \$60,000,000.00 over the six (6) year term) across all contract numbers listed above. The General Superintendent, or their designee, may adjust via contract amendment funding amounts allocated to each vendor at their discretion within the total \$60,000,000.00 not-to-exceed amount.

**Contract Period:** 12/1/2023 - 11/30/2029

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2024 \$9,000,000.00, FY 2025 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2026 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2027 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2028 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2029 \$10,000,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520830 and 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020 and 51009.560019; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521313; Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000012593, #74000012594, #74000012595, #74000012596, #74000012597, #74000012598, #74000012599, and #74000012600

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreements are subject to legal review and approval.

The vendors have met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #23-31-101) for comprehensive habitat enhancement services including, but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burning, hydrologic design, nursery services, and general ecological consultation. These contracts are critical to achieving large-scale ecological restoration within the Forest Preserves and advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to ecological health. Work will be implemented to improve natural areas across the Forest Preserves, including at quality or State-protected ecological sites which require a high degree of specialization. Task orders will be issued to vendors on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

The Forest Preserves is recommending awarding a contract to eight (8) out of nine (9) vendors that submitted proposals following a competitive process wherein each vendor was evaluated based on experience and expertise with similar land management projects, proposed approach, cost, and capacity to perform the work. This extensive vendor pool is necessary in order to maintain sufficient seasonal work capacity and accommodate the expansion of ecological restoration activities made possible through increased land management funding, as well as future potential grant and mitigation opportunities.

#### 23-0426

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

#### PROPOSED CONTRACT

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

**Vendor:** Earle Kinlaw and Associates (EKA), Grayson, Georgia

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Three (3) Jacobsen HR800 rotary mowers with cabin

**Contract Value:** \$463,140.33

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$463,140.33

**Accounts:** Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000012640 issued under Project #23-FL-201 (piggyback contract based on the GSA Schedule Contract No. GS-07F-085CA)

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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:** The Forest Preserves' purchase of the three (3) mowers will enable the Department of Landscape Maintenance to replace units that are over thirty (30) years old. The new units will allow staff to mow regardless of temperatures and maintain large areas in less time with an increased cutting width of 16 feet. Green technologies for this product are not yet available in the U.S. market.

**23-0445**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Bristol Transport, Inc. DBA Bristol Equipment and Rentals, Melrose Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Two (2) Argo Aurora 850 SE amphibious vehicles

**Contract Value:** \$61,689.70

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$61,689.70

**Accounts:** Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000012660

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract 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:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase two (2) Argo Aurora 850 SE amphibious vehicles with bed liner, hood rack, and front winch kits. Argo vehicles are specialized all-terrain vehicles used by the Department of Resource Management to facilitate land management and wildlife research operations. As certified amphibious vehicles, Argos are capable of traversing both land and water, enabling access to difficult to reach areas such as wetlands for more efficient application of prescribed fire or herbicide to control invasive species. Bristol Equipment and Rentals is the sole authorized dealer of Argo vehicles in northeast Illinois. This is a sole source procurement.

**23-0396**

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Great Lakes Landscape Co., Bartlett, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction of Transportation Improvements at Possum Hollow Woods and Villa Santa Maria

**Original Contract Period:** 8/31/2022 - 3/28/2023; Administrative Extension 3/29/2023 - 7/28/2023

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 7/29/2023 - 9/28/2023

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,383,488.00

**Original Approval:** 7/26/2022, \$1,383,488.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** \$240,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$240,000.00

**Accounts:** Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51030.560019, 51031.560019 and 51029.560019

**Contract Number(s):** #74000010826 issued under Project #19-80-67G-22C5

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

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions for the increased contract amount via direct participation.

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

**Summary:** A time extension and contract increase are needed for this construction contract involving new asphalt access drives and adjacent parking areas for a recently acquired site known as Villa Santa Maria. After the contract was awarded, additional stormwater detention work was needed after learning from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) permit officials that newly restored areas from building demolition would not be counted as reducing the overall proposed development area or the associated stormwater detention requirements. The size of the bioretention and rain garden areas had to be significantly increased. The project was originally approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/26/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0308).

**23-0429**

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

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** AltusWorks, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services to provide architectural and engineering design and construction administration services for building renovations and site improvements, including a new heating and air conditioning system and related site improvements, for the Forest Preserves' Caldwell Woods Wellness Studio located in Chicago.

**Original Contract Period:** 10/5/2021 - 12/31/2023

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

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$176,762.50

**Original Approval:** 10/5/2021, \$167,490.00

**Previous Increase(s):** Administrative Increase, \$9,272.50

**This Increase Requested:** \$24,225.50

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$24,225.50

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51051.520830, 51030.520830, 51031.520830 and 51033.520830

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009733 issued under Project #21-80-28

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions for the increased contract amount via direct participation.

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** An increase in the original contract amount is needed to cover additional complexity in certain aspects of the original scope of work. This contract is for architectural and engineering services for the renovation and conversion of the existing Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter to a “Welcome & Wellness Center” and to improve access, landscaping, and information signage. As the design process proceeded, the Forest Preserves requested additional design schemes and revisions to several components to address long-term maintenance concerns relating to a new outdoor seating area and enhanced energy efficiency of the mechanical systems to advance the Forest Preserves’ sustainability goals. When renovation is complete in the fall of 2023, the building will be all electric. The additional services provided are resulting in more durable and energy-efficient improvements.

The original RFP for this project was solicited publicly and ten (10) firms submitted proposals. A contract was awarded by the Board of Commissioners on October 5, 2021 (Board Item No. 21-0421).

**23-0403**

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** On and Off-boarding

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2021

**Summary:** This audit was designed to assess the effectiveness of the related internal controls currently in place over the Employee On and Off-boarding process

**23-0451**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2021

**Summary:** The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a local government. The award is given by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) upon its review of the Forest Preserves' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY 2021.

The GFOA has awarded the Forest Preserves of Cook County the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fifteen (15) consecutive years. In order to be awarded the certificate, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR. The report must

satisfy both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and applicable legal requirements.

**23-0402**

**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:** 5/1/2023 - 5/31/2023

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

**23-0456**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Report - May 2023

**Report Period:** 5/1/2023 - 5/31/2023

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of May 2023. Payments total \$208,311.18 for May 2023.

**23-0460**

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

**Summary:** Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

**23-0444**

**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 7/18/2023 - 9/18/2023

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

**Tuesday, 7/18 through Thursday, 7/20; 9:30am - 2:30pm**

**Field Botany - Teacher Workshop, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

In partnership with Illinois Science Teaching Association, attend a 3-day workshop on local field botany. Learn field identification techniques and vegetation survey methods with data that can be brought back to the classroom. *Registration required. 17 ISBE approved PD hours.*

**Wednesday, 7/19; 10am - 2pm**

**Produce in the Preserves, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join us for a farmers' market with limited free produce and workshops about farming. *Call 206-718-3735 for more information.*

**Thursday, 7/20; 12pm - 2pm**

**Reptile Rendezvous, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Meet our ambassador reptiles. Learn about their unique adaptations and features.

**Thursday, 7/20; 1pm - 3pm**

**Knitting in Nature: An Introduction, Swallow Cliff-North, Palos Park**

With nature as our backdrop, learn the basics of knitting and simple techniques. *Supplies provided. Drop in.*

**Friday, 7/21; 9:30pm - 11pm**

**Teen Exploration Night: Bat Monitoring Night Hike, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Search for resident bat activity and learn how cellphone technology is used for research. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

**Saturday, 7/22; 10am - 12pm**

**Dog Days of Summer, Beck Lake, Des Plaines**

Enjoy a doggy canoe paddle, nature walk, paw print painting and more! *Dogs must be pet/person friendly and remain on leash. Dog Personal Flotation Devices not provided. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

**Saturday, 7/22; 10:30am**

**High Summer Nature Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us for a guided hike to experience summer in the gardens and woods. *Registration required. Family program. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

**Saturday, 7/22; 10am - 2pm**

**Latino Conservation Weekend: Canoe and Cleanup, Powderhorn Lake, Burnham**

Learn canoeing basics, try new skills, and help keep Powderhorn Lake clean. *Equipment provided.*

**Sunday, 7/23; 12pm**

**Latino Conservation Weekend: Ecology Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Learn about current restorative conservation efforts and join a community of individuals involved at Eggers Grove.

**Sunday, 7/23; 1pm**

**Cicadas, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Learn about their secretive beginnings which later become a part of the summer throng.

**Tuesday, 7/25; 6am**

**Mingle in the Morning: Senior Walking Club, Sauk Trail Woods-Central, South Chicago Heights**

Mingle with others interested in health, wellness, and the outdoors.

**Friday, 7/28; 7pm - 9pm****Starry Night Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a guided walk and night sky observations as we admire the stars and learn about astronomy. *Registration required. Call 708-868-0606 for more information.*

**Saturday, 7/29 and Sunday, 7/30; 10am - 3pm****Junior Naturalist, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Pick up a Junior Naturalist booklet at the nature center and complete the activities to earn a prize.

**Saturday, 7/29; 10:30am****Pond Dip Discovery, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Who lives on and below the water? Let's dip our nets and scoop up our discoveries! *Registration required. Ages 5 to 12 with adult. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

**Saturday, 7/29; 2pm - 5pm****Family Game Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Adults and families, enjoy an afternoon full of your favorite backyard games, nature trivia and walks.

**Sunday, 7/30; 10am - 12pm****Pedal the Preserves, Carl Hansen Woods, Elgin**

In partnership with Ride Illinois, a family-friendly bike ride starts with a safety discussion and practical skills demo. *Registration required. Refreshments and free helmets available. Meet at Grove 1 and ride along the Poplar Creek Trail System. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

**Sunday, 7/30; 12pm - 2pm****River Monsters, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Explore the Des Plaines River and learn about the creatures that live under its' surface. *All ages.*

**Tuesday, 8/1; 8:15pm****Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike in the largest Urban Night Sky Place in the world. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/5; 1pm**



**Songs of Summer, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy the songs of cicadas echoing through the trees. Join a guided walk to find these diurnal singing insects. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045 for more information.*

**Thursday, 8/3; 6pm - 7:30pm,**

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

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

**Friday, 8/4; 10:30am**

**Teen Exploration Day: River Kayaking 101, Schuth's Grove, Riverside**

Learn how to kayak on moving water during this 3-mile paddle. *Registration required. Instruction, equipment, and shuttle provided. Ages 13 and up. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/5; 10am - 1pm**

**Back-to-School Community Adventure Day, Bunker Hill, Niles**

Pick up a school supplies bag (limited) and enjoy archery, an obstacle course, hikes and more! In partnership with ICNA Relief Center of Chicago and Niles-Main Public Library. *All ages. Meet at Grove 6.*

**Saturday, 8/5; 10am - 2pm**

**Summer Paddling at Wampum Lake, Wampum Lake, Thornton**

Summer Paddling at Wampum Lake. *Registration required. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

**Sunday, 8/6; 1pm**

**Bugapalooza, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Explore insects with activities and crafts. Who will you catch, and release on your insect safari?

**Monday, 8/7 through Friday, 8/11; 8:30am - 12:30pm**

**Great Outdoors Camp, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover nature and experience the lessons the land teaches through exploration and recreation. The camp is separated into two groups. The first group is for children entering 1st through 3rd grades. The second group is for children entering 4th through 6th grades. *Registration opens April 1st and must be done in person. The cost of the summer camp is \$25 per child. Cash or check are the accepted forms of payment. Forms, waivers, and payment are required to complete registration.*

**Thursday, 8/10; 3pm - 5pm**

**Pond Paddle, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Enjoy an afternoon out paddling. Instruction and equipment provided. Thatcher Glen Pond. *Registration*

*required. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/12; 10:30am**

**Nature Sketching Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Grow your skills in art and observation. *Registration required. All skill levels. Ages 13 and up. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/12 through Sunday, 8/13; 5:30pm**

**Camping 101 - Overnight, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Part workshop, part campout! Learn camping skills then spend the night. *Registration required. All Ages. Cost \$50 for a family of six.*

**Sunday, 8/13; 11am - 1:30pm**

**Yoga and Meditation in the Preserves, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Explore your chakras through yoga & meditation. Certified instructor. Yin Yoga: 11am - 12pm. Meditation: 12:30am-1:30pm. *Registration required. Call 773-758-8899 for more information. Bring a yoga mat, towel, and water.*

**Sundays, 8/13 through 9/3; 1:30pm - 3pm**

**Introduction to Capoeira Angola, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Participants will learn the rich history of Capoeira in Brazil, be introduced to basic movements, which includes dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Attendees will also learn how to play several percussive instruments and sing songs in Portuguese. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

**Wednesday, 8/16; 8:15pm**

**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. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

**Thursday, 8/17; 10am - 12pm**

**Picnic and Paddle, Beck Lake, Des Plaines**

Experience the Des Plaines River watershed by land and water. After paddling, enjoy yard games and lunch cooked over a fire. Equipment and food provided. *Registration required. Call 773-758-8899 for more information.*

**Thursday, 8/17; 12pm - 2pm**

**Nature Discovery Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Drop in for a fun afternoon of nature discovery including nature games, art making, kite flying and more.

**Thursday, 8/17; 3:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Teen Exploration Day: Fire Building 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Learn different methods for fire building outdoors. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, 8/19; 9am - 2pm**

**Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for activities, viewing, and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research.

**Saturday, 8/19; 10:30am**

**Parent/Child Woodland Ramble, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Explore the secrets of the woods as we look for cool plants and creatures great and small! *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

**Wednesday, 8/23; 7:30pm - 9pm**

**Telescope Party, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park**

Calling all amateur astronomers and night sky enthusiasts! *Bring your own telescope or use ours for an evening of stargazing. Meet at Grove 2.*

**Friday, 8/25; 5pm - 7pm**

**Teen Exploration Day: Biodiversity Meetup, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn about local species, ecosystems and conservation issues through field investigations, animal encounters, conversations and more. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Call 708-839-6897 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 9:30am - 12pm**

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

Learn how to capture nature through hands-on learning about cameras and photography. *Registration required. All photography levels welcome. Ages 8 to 15. The deadline for registration is 8/23. Call 847-824-8360 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 10am - 12pm**

**Pedal the Preserves: Salt Creek Greenway, Twenty-Sixth Street Woods, LaGrange Park**

In partnership with Ride Illinois, join us for a family-friendly biking event! Safety demonstration, techniques, tips, and guided ride. *Registration required. Helmets and loaner bikes available. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 10am - 3pm****Summer Camp for Adults, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Enjoy a day of fun outdoor activities including survival skills, campfire cooking, hiking, and s'mores! *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592 for more information. Fee \$20.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 10:30am****Colors of the Forest - Natural Dyes, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Hands-on class teaching the traditional uses of plants and trees as dyes. In partnership with Trickster Gallery as part of a botanical photography exhibit at Trailside. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 6pm - 11pm****Busse Night Ride, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove**

Don't miss this unique opportunity to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Tickets include live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *Registration required. Please visit Forest Preserves website for details on registration and possible fees.*

**Saturday, 8/26; 6:30pm - 10pm****Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate summer with a bonfire, nature play, artmaking, lawn games, evening walks and more.

**Sunday, 8/27: 10 am - 1 pm****Crabtree Nature Center Grand Re-Opening, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate the newly renovated Crabtree Nature Center! Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, visitors can enjoy tours of the updated nature center, guided walks, and nature play activities.

**Tuesday, 8/29; 6am****Mingle in the Morning: Senior Walking Club, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Mingle with others interested in health, wellness, and the outdoors.

**Wednesday, 8/30; 6pm****Twilight Canoe at Crabtree, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Explore natural wonders surrounding a local lake in a canoe at twilight. *Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Call 847-381-6592 for more information.*

**Friday, 9/1; 9am**

**History & Photography Walk, Chicago Portage National Historic Hike, Lyons**

Grab your camera and take a guided walk, stopping along the way to discuss the history of the site and to snap some pictures. *Cameras not required.*

**Saturday, 9/2; 10am****International Vulture Awareness Day, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the important members of nature's clean-up crew! Meet our turkey vulture and make a cute vulture craft.

**Saturday, 9/2; 10am - 11:30am****Fire for the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Learn about the benefits of prescribed burns on a 1-mile walk.

**Thursday, 9/7; 4:30pm - 7pm****Archery: Teen Exploration Day, Breman Grove, Tinley Park**

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery. *Designed for teens ages 13 to 19. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.*

**Friday, 9/8; 4pm - 7pm****Faire at the Square, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Enjoy this "creative-reuse carnival" with themed games made from repurposed materials! Win prizes, learn about nature, and more. *Drop in event.*

**Saturday, 9/9; 10am****Dolomite Prairie Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a hike through Sagawau's Dolomite Prairie. *Rough terrain. Ages 14 and up.*

**Saturday, 9/9; 10am - 2pm****Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Pay homage to the Calumet Region's Native American cultural history while investigating the artifacts that help tell their stories. Activities include archaeology displays, a mock archaeology dig, and more.

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

Celebrates the history of when explorers and voyageurs paddled waterways, and trappers and hunters lived near the river systems. *Visit Forest Preserves website for additional information.*

**Saturday, 9/9; 12pm - 3pm**

**Migrating Monarchs Celebration, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Learn about and view live monarch butterflies as we raise, tag, and release them so they can journey to Mexico.

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

Celebrates the history of when explorers and voyageurs paddled waterways, and trappers and hunters lived near the river systems. *Visit Forest Preserves website for additional information.*

**Sunday, 9/10; 11am - 2pm****Herbal Tea Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Walk our gardens to learn about native plants then sample different infused teas made from them.

**Sunday, 9/10; 11am - 3pm****Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Celebrate creativity, music and color as all ages are invited to try different media and techniques to create art. Sculpt, paint, and draw to bring out your inner artist.

**Thursday, 9/14; 4:30pm - 7pm****Archery, Dan Ryan Woods-Central, Chicago**

Receive instruction from certified staff and try your hand at archery. *Meet at Grove 5. Ages 10 and up. Junior archery for kids under 10 is available.*

**Thursdays, 9/14 through 11/2; 6pm - 8:30pm****Chess Night at Sand Ridge: Teen Exploration Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Come learn the game of chess, help construct a board and play a match. *Ages 13 to 18.*

**Saturday, 9/16; 9am - 3pm****National Clean Up Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Help care for our natural world by joining us and making River Trail and the surrounding preserves cleaner. *Pick up supplies onsite.*

**Saturday, 9/16; 10am - 12pm****Prairie Picking, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Help collect native plant seeds for replanting. *Wear a hat, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants, and long sleeves.*

**Saturday, 9/16; 1pm**

**Sweeping the Prairie, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

What kind of invertebrates can we find in the prairie and why is it important to know? Sweep net through the prairie and along the side from an accessible path to find out. *Family program.*

**Saturday, 9/16; 5:30pm - 7pm**

**Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn the different aspects of Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial arts) on a basic level and in a safe environment. We will incorporate movement, music, rituals, and history into this art form.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**

**23-0422 APPOINTMENT** Jacqueline Samuel, PhD, Member, Conservation and Policy Council

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**RULES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**

**23-0462 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Regular meeting held on 06/27/2023

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**

**23-0425 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Construction Contract with Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc., Primary Place of Business Chicago, Illinois, for Unpaved Trail Repairs at Various Locations

**23-0455 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 7/18/2023

**23-0438 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 7/18/2023

**23-0413 REPORT** Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures, Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 5/31/2023

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**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023**

**23-0015 EASEMENT REQUEST** Permanent and Temporary Easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") at Des Plaines River Road South of Foster Avenue in Schiller Park

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