



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

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will 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 not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> 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. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

PRESIDENT

[21-0202](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BIKE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 4 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 3 - Bicycles of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 3 - BICYCLES AND EBIKES4-3-1: - OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND EBIKES.A. Definitions:

1. “Bicycle” or “bicycle” means a device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels except scooters and similar devices. The definition of “Bicycle” or “bicycle” shall also encompass recumbent road bicycles and mobile elliptical trainers propelled by human power.
2. “Bicycle Trail” means a trail on which the General Superintendent allows bicycle riding as an exclusive or non-exclusive use of such trail, as indicated by sign or notice.

3. “Ebike” means, for purposes of this ordinance, a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, which is classified as either “Ebike-Class 1” or “Ebike-Class 2.” An Ebike is not a “moped” or a “motor driven cycle” as such terms are defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-148.2 and 625 ILCS 5/1-145.001 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. For purposes of this ordinance, the term “Ebike” does not include a “Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle” which is a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.
4. “Ebike-Class 1” means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
5. “Ebike-Class 2” means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

B. General:

1. Persons may operate a bicycle or Ebike only on Bicycle Trails and must not operate a bicycle or Ebike on any other District property, unless authorized by the General Superintendent.
2. No person may operate an Ebike on single track trails unless authorized by the General Superintendent.
3. Persons operating bicycles and Ebikes must ride within the designated lane on the Bicycle Trail as indicated by signs or notice, or if no specific lane is designated, on the right-hand side of such Bicycle Trail.
4. No person may operate a bicycle or Ebike more than two (2) abreast or side by side on any area designated for bicycle use.
5. Persons operating a bicycle or Ebike shall walk or ride such bicycle or Ebike in single file when approaching or overtaking another bicyclist, pedestrian or equestrian.
6. No person may operate a bicycle or Ebike while carrying another person on the handlebars, frame or fender, or so ride on a bicycle or Ebike, except in a suitable seat attached to such bicycle or Ebike for such purpose.
7. No person may operate any bicycle or Ebike in any manner that endangers the safety of other persons or property, including, without limitation, other bicyclists and trail users, and taking into consideration, without limitation, weather; Bicycle Trail conditions, surfaces, hills, curves, intersections; and other bicycle, Ebike, pedestrian, and/or equestrian traffic.
8. No person may operate any bicycle or Ebike in excess of a posted speed limit, or in the absence of a posted speed limit, at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) m.p.h.
9. No person shall ride their bicycle or Ebike while it is attached to a moving vehicle.
10. The operator of a bicycle or Ebike shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and equestrians on Bicycle Trails and follow all traffic rules, and shall walk their bicycle or Ebike in all areas where bicycle or Ebike riding is not specifically allowed by the General Superintendent, as indicated by sign or notice.
11. The operator of a bicycle or Ebike shall give an audible warning, by horn, bell, voice or

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- otherwise, when approaching any pedestrian from behind.
12. No person may operate any Ebike-Class 3 or Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle.
 13. No person may operate any electrically powered scooter, unicycle, hoverboard or similar electrically powered recreational device.
 14. No person may operate any gas powered bicycle.
 15. This section does not prohibit any person with mobility impairment(s) from using an electronic personal assistive mobility device in accordance with District policy.
 16. Any person in violation of this Section 4-3-1(B) shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- C. Helmets: The District does not require but strongly recommends that no person shall operate a bicycle or Ebike on District property, particularly minor children age fourteen (14) and under, unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission. This recommendation also applies to a person in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or Ebike, or in a trailer towed by the bicycle or Ebike.
- A. General: Persons may operate a bicycle only on paths, trails, roadways or other areas designated for bicycle use. Persons operating bicycles must ride on the right-hand side of such path, trail, roadway or other area designated for bicycle use by the General Superintendent. Not more than two (2) bicycles shall be operated abreast or side by side. No person may operate a bicycle while carrying another person on the handlebars, frame or fender, or so ride on a bicycle, except in a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose. No person may operate a bicycle in a reckless manner so as to endanger pedestrians. No person shall cling or attach himself/herself or his/her bicycle to any other moving vehicle. The operator of a bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians on walkways and to all vehicles on roadways, and shall walk his/her bicycle in all areas where riding is prohibited by the General Superintendent, as indicated by sign or notice. The operator of a bicycle shall give an audible warning, by horn, bell, voice or otherwise, when approaching any pedestrian from behind. Any violation of this Section 4-3-1.A. shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
- D. B. Motorized Bicycles: Persons may not use or ride within the District any electric or electric assisted bicycle capable of exceeding a speed of fifteen (15) miles per hour. Any violation of this Section 4-3-1.B. shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. This section is not intended to prohibit any person with mobility impairment(s) from using an electronic personal assistive mobility device.
- E. C. Helmets:-
- F. 1. No person age fourteen (14) or under shall operate a bicycle nor ride upon a bicycle on Cook County Forest Preserve property, bikeway, or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by either: The American National Standards Institute, the American Society for Testing, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, or the Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc., or standards subsequently established by those entities. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.
- G. 2. A violation of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256, is an infraction punishable by
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~~the following: first violation will be a warning; second violation will be a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00); and each additional violation will be a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The parent or legal guardian having control or custody of an unemancipated minor age fourteen (14) or under whose conduct violates this Ordinance No. 15-0256 shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor age fourteen (14) or under for the amount of the fine imposed.~~

- ~~H. 3. Fines collected for a violation of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256 shall be deposited in a special account of the Cook County Forest Preserve District to be used for bicycle safety education and for assisting low-income families in obtaining approved bicycle helmets for children under the age of fourteen (14) years.~~
- ~~I. 4. The Cook County Forest Preserve District shall create and implement a bicycle education safety program that at a minimum includes: Outreach to schools; development and distribution of an informational brochure; placement of safety information on the District's website; appropriate signage in Forest Preserves; and four (4) educational programs per year.~~
- ~~J. 5. The Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners has a desire to assure that all children have access to bicycle helmets regardless of their economic situations. To address this concern, the Forest Preserve District will develop a bicycle helmet rebate program in partnership with appropriate non-profit groups for qualified, low-income applicants. Proof of income, residency, and purchase must be provided. Eligibility for this program is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines.~~
- ~~K. 6. To support this rebate program, the District will establish a designated account that can accept charitable donations and look for private, corporate, and organizational partners that would be willing to make financial contributions to the program. Additionally, fines collected for violations of Section 4-3-1.C. of this Ordinance No. 15-0256 can be used for the rebate program.~~

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect May 1, 2021.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[21-0007](#)

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 Crestwood ("Crestwood"), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a trunk storm sewer and drainage basin in Rubio Woods near the southwest corner of 135th Street and Central Avenue as part of a larger flood control project with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The proposed stormwater infrastructure will replace an existing earthen berm of unknown origins that was placed on Forest Preserves land decades ago south of 135th Street behind the residential homes along South End Lane.

The trunk storm sewer and adjacent basin would occupy a license area of approximately 11,202 square

feet (0.26 acres).

Term: Ten (10) Years

License Fee: \$23,144.63

License Application Fee: \$500.00

License Review Fee: \$3,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$33,394.63 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Additional Benefits: As conditions of this license, Crestwood has also agreed to:

- (1) improve approximately 100,721 square feet (2.31 acres) of adjacent Forest Preserves land by removing an existing berm and restoring this land within 12 months after the trunk sewer is completed;
- (2) pay associated construction access permit fees in 2022 for berm removal and associated tree removal, estimated at \$31,887.08 for a 60-day construction period, and estimated at \$96,029.74 for removal of 21 trees;
- (3) pay construction access permit fees in 2021, estimated at \$7,224.31 for a 60-day period for staging of construction equipment and some berm removal on an estimated 21,273 square feet (0.49 acres) adjacent to the trunk sewer;
- (4) mow previously-mowed portions of Forest Preserves land on a specified parcel south of the proposed trunk sewer on an annual basis until it is under active restoration management by the Forest Preserves;
- (5) survey the boundary and install markers at the property line with adjacent residential properties;
and
- (6) provide advance notice and information to adjacent homeowners prior to future removal of the berm.

The area of the License is: estimated at 0.257 Acre

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee will be required to meet 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 Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 6

[21-0191](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Request: Authorization to amend previously approved Board Item No. 20-0144 to change the agreement term. Negotiations to find acceptable lessor(s) have taken longer than anticipated. Further, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply-chain interruptions, golf carts manufacturer(s) have been subject to substantial delays on orders.

Item Number: 20-0144

Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$0.00; FY 2022 \$0.00; FY 2023 \$275,000.00; FY 2024 \$275,000.00; FY 2025 \$275,000.00; FY 2026 \$132,500.00

Account(s): Professional Services 51001.520850

District(s): 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Antares Golf Management, Inc. (formerly Billy Casper Golf), Reston, Virginia

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Antares Golf Management, Inc. (formerly Billy Casper Golf) (“Operator”) manages the Forest Preserves’ ten (10) golf courses and one (1) stand-alone driving range through a Golf Course Facilities Management Agreement (the “Golf Agreement”) which expires on 12/31/2022. As part of the Golf Agreement, the Operator is required to provide a fleet of motorized golf carts (“Golf Carts”) for rental and use by consumers. The Operator leases these Golf Carts pursuant to lease agreements, all of which will expire in 2020 (the “Existing Leases”). The optimal operating lease term from a reputable, national manufacturer is five (5) years; however, this term extends beyond the expiration of the Golf Agreement. The Golf Agreement provides an option for the Forest Preserves to assume any lease or financing held by the Operator for equipment at the end of the contract term.

The Forest Preserves proposes to authorize the Operator to lease up to four hundred and thirty-two (432) golf carts for five (5) years from reputable, national manufacturers to commence upon the expiration of the Existing Leases. Operator will leverage current pricing advantages and deliver quotes to the Forest Preserves which represent the best pricing and financing terms available to the Operator. Upon review and approval of the quotes by the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves and Operator will jointly enter into and execute five (5) year operating leases of Golf Carts to commence upon the expiration of the Existing Leases (“New Leases”) and any short-term extensions thereto. The Forest Preserves would sign the New Leases as a co-lessee, with the understanding that the responsibility for such leases would be transferred to the next competitively selected golf course operator. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a similar arrangement for seventy-four (74) golf carts at George Dunne (Agenda No 20-0251). The New Leases would be subject to legal review and approval.

Contract period: ~~1/1/2021—12/31/2025~~ 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2026 (or a five-year term that begins no later than 7/1/2022)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$0.00; FY 2022 \$0.00; FY 2023 \$275,000.00; FY 2024 \$275,000.00; FY 2025 \$275,000.00; FY 2026 \$132,500.00 (The Forest Preserves anticipates that the financial obligations under the New Leases will be assigned to the next competitively-selected golf course operator, lowering the fiscal impact in FY 2023, FY 2024, ~~and~~ FY 2025 and FY 2026 to zero)

Account(s): Professional Services 51001.520850

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17

[21-0192](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Request: Authorization to amend previously approved Board Item No. 20-0251 to change the agreement term. Negotiations to find acceptable lessor(s) have taken longer than anticipated. Further, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply-chain interruptions, golf carts manufacturer(s) have been subject to substantial delays on orders.

Item Number: 20-0251

Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$0.00, FY 2022 \$0.00, FY 2023 \$63,000.00, FY 2024 \$63,000.00, FY 2025 \$63,000.00, FY 2026 \$31,500.00

Account(s): Professional Services 51001.520850

District(s): 6

Original Text of Item:

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golf carts is limited. As a result, the Operator seeks to lease seventy-four (74) additional electric golf carts to supplement its existing fleet and provide more capacity. The optimal operating lease term from a reputable, national manufacturer is five (5) years; however, this term extends beyond the expiration of the Golf Agreement. The current Golf Agreement provides an option for the Forest Preserves to assume any lease or financing held by the Operator for equipment at the end of the contract term.

The Forest Preserves proposes to authorize ~~proposed agreement authorizes~~ the Operator to lease up to seventy-four (74) Lithium Ion electric golf carts for five (5) years from a reputable, national manufacturer. Operator will leverage current pricing advantages and deliver a quote to the Forest Preserves which represent the best pricing and financing terms available to the Operator. Upon review and approval of the quote by the Forest Preserves, the Forest Preserves and Operator will jointly enter into and execute the five (5) year operating lease. The Forest Preserves would sign the lease as a co-lessee, with the understanding that the responsibility for such lease would be transferred to the next competitively selected golf course operator. The lease agreement would be subject to legal review and approval.

Contract period: ~~7/1/2020—6/30/2024~~ 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2026 (or a five-year term that begins no later than 7/1/2022)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: ~~FY 2020 \$0.00, FY 2021 \$0.00, FY 2022 \$0.00, FY 2023 \$63,000.00, FY 2024 \$63,000.00, FY 2025 \$63,000.00, FY 2026 \$31,500.00~~

Account(s): Professional Services 51001.520850

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 6

[21-0195](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION

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

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/19/2021 - 5/18/2022, with one-year optional extension to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$120,000.00

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

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$70,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$40,000.00, FY 2022 \$30,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830

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

Concurrences:

The 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' issued a Request for Proposals for these services and received three (3) responses. A selection committee determined that Stanard was the most qualified vendor to provide these services.

[21-0199](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - January 2021

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 1/31/2021

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of January 2021.

[21-0205](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 1/31/2021

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for January 2021.

[21-0206](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 1/31/2021

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of January 2021. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[21-0207](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Business Diversity Report FY 2020

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: In July 2012, state legislation authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to establish provisions to address the underuse of minority and women-owned businesses with respect to procurement contracts. An ordinance establishing the program's parameters and guidelines was passed by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners in September 2012. This initiative is significantly benefitting the residents of Cook County by increasing the pool of qualified minority and women-owned businesses that have the opportunity to be selected for contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves each year.

To remedy historic inequity and to facilitate greater inclusion, the Forest Preserves established aspirational contract goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses as set forth under the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances.

The Minority and Women-Owned Businesses program accomplishments in FY 2020 include awarded

contracts achieved 48% minority and women-owned businesses participation; and 47% of contract payments were made to minority and women-owned businesses either as prime contractors or sub-contractors.

The Forest Preserves participated in seven (7) outreach and workshop conferences, many in collaboration with various government entities.

[21-0208](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Resident Watchman Annual Report

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Summary: This report is required per Section 1-9-3 (Fees and Occupancy of District Lands) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances. The report provides names, job titles, and salaries of employees who occupied property within the Resident Watchman Program for fiscal year 2020 and includes other program related information.

[21-0200](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 2/24/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$1,780,394.52

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$15,170.37

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$122,127.92

Legal Fees for 2/24/2021 to Be Approved: \$65,488.25

[21-0203](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 3/16/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$150,000.00

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$17,175.30

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$0.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$14,500.00

[21-0214](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 02/24/2021.

[21-0193](#)

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 3/17/2021 - 4/13/2021

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Friday, 3/19; 8am

Bird Walk, Oak Forest Heritage Preserve, Oak Forest (Enter through the hospital entrance)

Join a naturalist for a walk while looking for local birds. *Binoculars are available upon request. Call or email to register at Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov or 312-415-2970. Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/20; 10am**Walk and Talk: Elizabeth Conkey Woods, Crestwood**

Celebrate Women's History month with a hike inspired by prominent women scientists and conservationists throughout history. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *Register at [conkeywoodswalkandtalk.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/20; 1:30pm**Wellness in the Woods: Reflecting on the work of Female Environmentalists, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we take a walk around our Dogwood Trail and discuss the role of women in the environmental movement. We will read short excerpts from famous women environmentalists including Rachel Carson, Winona LaDuke, Wangari Maathai, Vandana Shiva, and more. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in person, (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Saturday, 3/20; 11am - 2pm**Celebrate Spring at Wolf Road Woods, Wolf Road Woods, Willow Springs**

Families, join us at our celebration of the beginning of the spring season. We will have activities based around identifying signs of spring, craft-making, and guided hikes. *For more information, call 312-533-5751. Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/20; 6:30pm**Spring Equinox Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Spring Equinox marks the beginning of a new season. Celebrate by taking a sunset stroll and learning about the plants and animals that indicate spring is near. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in person, (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Saturday, 3/20; 2pm (Facebook Live)**What is Geoheritage? Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Since 1993, Geoheritage has served to conserve geology and landscapes. Learn all about this global movement to save geologically dynamic locations, how it has been implemented in the United States, and what the future may hold.

Saturday and Sunday, 3/20 and 3/21; 10:30am or 1:30pm**Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making. *Registration and facemask required. Call 847-824-8360. All ages.*

Sunday, 3/21; 1pm

Silent Spring Songs, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Our first migrants are back, and the year-round residents have changed their tunes. Take a walk to listen and learn some of the common bird songs and about the remarkable woman who alerted the U.S. to the perils of the overuse of pesticides. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Tuesday, 3/23; 12pm - 3pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Celebrate the start of Spring with a day in the preserves! Join us for a staff-led or self-guided hike, take-home activities, a tree cookie garden marker craft, and creative reuse seed starting kits. *Registration and facemasks required. Please email Timothy.mondl@cookcountyil.gov.*

Wednesday, 3/24; 12pm - 3pm**Spring Breakout Adventure, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Kids, school is out for spring break! Join us for an afternoon of nature exploration, art making, scavenger hunts, and more. *For more information, call 312-533-5751. Facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 3/24; 12pm (Facebook Live)**Facebook Live at Lunchtime: Virtual Owl Pellet Dissection, Trailside Museum Facebook Page**

Owl pellets, the regurgitated indigestible parts of an owl's diet, are important because they give us a lot of information about the owl's diet and habitat. Join us on as we dissect an owl pellet and discover what is inside.

Friday, 3/26; 7pm**Woodcock Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Meet in the parking lot for a short intro inside, then a walk to observe the male woodcock dance. *Ages 7 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Saturday, 3/27; 10am (Facebook Live)**Take a Lichen to Some Moss! Sand Ridge Nature Center Facebook Page**

Join a naturalist on a virtual nature walk as we look for lichens, moss, and other fungal finds.

Saturday, 3/27; 1:30pm (Facebook Live)**Zoology Club: March of the Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse Facebook Page**

Participants will learn about the ecology of native frogs and why vernal pools are so important for their life cycles.

Saturday, 3/27; 7:45pm - 10pm**Calling Frog Survey, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Use your sense of hearing to identify which frogs are calling tonight. The data will be used as part of the Calling Frog Survey for the Chicago Wilderness Region. *Adults and children 10 and older. Registration and facemasks required. Call (708)839-6897.*

Saturday, 3/27; 11am - 2pm**Explore: Schiller Woods-East, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago**

Adults and families, come explore with us at Schiller Woods! You can do so by grabbing a self-guided exploration activity or join our staff on one of our guided hikes. We will have a litter pickup if you would like to help in cleaning up the preserve, a fire to warm up by, and a take-home nature activity for you to continue your adventure at home. *For more information, call 312-533-5751. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 3/28; 7pm**Full Moon Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike the one-mile White Oak trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. *All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. Registration and facemasks required. Call (708)839-6897.*

Sunday, 3/28; 1pm - 2pm (Zoom)**Conservation@Home: Native Plants for a Bird Friendly Backyard**

Join us for a Zoom presentation where we will give tips on choosing native plants to beautify your real estate and provide food for birds. *For more information, call 312-533-5751. Registrants must include a valid email address. A Zoom login will be emailed 1 hour before the program begins. Please register at [nativeplantsforbirds.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/nativeplantsforbirds).*

Sunday, 3/28; 1:30pm**Signs of Spring Nature Hike for Adults, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join a naturalist as we take a short-guided hike to discover the subtle sights and sounds of early spring. *Adults only. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Sunday, 3/28; 10:30am or 1:30pm**River Trail History Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

A guided walk on our trails to learn about River Trail's history and natural heritage. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-824-8360. All ages.*

Tuesday, 3/30; 5:30pm - 7pm**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Free demonstration-based workshop series teaching basic camping skills. *All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a folding chair/blanket for seating. Bring your own tent and we can help you practice setting it up. Facemasks required. Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov.*

Thursday, 4/1 through Tuesday, 4/13 (Virtual)**Brookfield Zoo Spring Run, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Brookfield Zoo's first-ever Virtual 5K Spring Run/Walk takes you outdoors to enjoy the warm weather and glorious colors of spring. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a

waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood. Or if you enjoy competition, run the full 5K (3.1-miles) and compare your time with other runners. Each runner will receive a numbered bib and commemorative swag included with registration. *To register, visit CZS.org.*

Thursday, 4/1; 2pm (Facebook Live)

Born to be Wild, River Trail Nature Center Facebook Live

Spring is around the corner and with that comes baby animals! We will answer your questions and give you some tips on what to do if you come across wildlife. *All ages.*

Friday, 4/2; 11am - 3pm

Spring Breakout Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Get outside this spring break and try something new. Join us for an afternoon of nature exploration, art, scavenger hunts, and more. *Register at sbadanryan.eventbrite.com. Facemasks required.*

Friday, 4/2; 7pm

Woodcock Sky Dance, Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester

The Woodcock, a drab and comical looking bird, makes a beautiful spiral flight in spring as part of its courtship. It happens just before dark when the males give an unmusical “peent” call, spiral up into the dark sky, land, then do it again. We will meet at Wolf Road Prairie in Westchester to try to see this amazing rite of spring. The walk will be on uneven ground in dark conditions. *Registration and facemasks required. Directions to meeting place given upon registration. Call 708-366-6530.*

Friday, 4/2; 7pm

Woodcock Walk, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Start with a brief informational program, then walk to watch the male woodcocks perform their amazing aerial courtship displays. Meet in the parking lot. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Saturday, 4/3; 10am - 1pm

Spring Breakout Adventure, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Get outside this spring break and try something new. Join us for an afternoon of nature exploration, art, scavenger hunts, and more. *Register at sbabeaubienwoods.eventbrite.com. Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/3 and Sunday, 4/4; 9:30am - 2:30pm

Spring Selfie Scavenger Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and see how many of the items you can find (photograph along the trail), then, share your favorite scavenger selfie on our FB page! *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 4/3 through Sunday, 4/11; 9am - 4pm

Children’s Story Trail and Craft, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Walk a short trail near the museum while you enjoy reading a posted nature story. Afterwards, stop by the Museum to pick up a related craft and activities bag to continue the adventures! *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 4/4; 11am - 2pm**Family Fun Drop In, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Nature themed activities and crafts can be picked up for take home. *All ages. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 4/4; 9am**Fitness Hike: Brezina Woods, Proviso Township**

Fitness Hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster paced with little to no stopping or interpretation. Fast walk and slower paced options will be available. 6 miles, non-looped trail. *Meet in the parking lot, and space is limited. Registration and facemasks required. Visit brezinawoods.eventbrite.com.*

Wednesday, 4/7; 11am - 1pm**Walk and Talk, Deer Grove East, Palatine**

Walk and Talk Hikes are for curious minds who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *Under 3 miles. Paved trail. Registration and facemasks required. Visit eventbrite.com/e/walk-and-talk-deer-grove-east-tickets.*

Wednesday, 4/7; 8:30am**Wake up with Nature (Waterfowl), Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Let us wake up with nature's beauty and wonder together on this one-mile morning walk. Look for more Wake up with Nature programs to explore a different topic each week. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Wednesday, 4/7; 5:30pm - 7pm**Camping 101, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Free demonstration-based workshop series teaching basic camping skills. *All ages - children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a folding chair/blanket for seating. Do you have your own tent that you need practice with? Bring it and we will help! Masks are required to be worn by all program participants. Registration and facemasks required. Visit fpdcc.eventbrite.com.*

Wednesday, 4/7; 10am**Mother Nature and Me - Dinosaurs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Children ages 3-5 years old and their favorite adult will learn about dinosaurs through outdoor adventures and activities. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708- 839-6897.*

Saturday, 4/10; 10am**Going with the Flow: Water Cycle Fun, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Earth's water is always in movement, and the water cycle describes the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth. Discover this natural phenomenon through hands-on activities. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, or emailsandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Saturday, 4/10; 1pm**Spring Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join a naturalist for a refreshing hike along Sagawau trails. *Registration and facemasks required. Call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 4/10; 11am - 2pm**Animal Supplies Drive 'n Drop, Miller Meadow-South (Off Leash Dog Area), Forest Park**

In partnership with Animal Care League of Oak Park, join in helping animals in need by donating supplies. *This is a drop-off event with minimal contact. Call 312-533-5751 for more information. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 4/11; 1:30pm**Meet our Birds, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Come take a closer look at Sand Ridge Nature Center's birds. Learn more about our animal ambassadors on display and discover some of their unique adaptations. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606, visit in person, (7 days a week 8am-4pm), or email sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.*

Sunday, 4/11; 1pm (Facebook Live)**This Old Farmhouse: Spring Garden Preparation, Sagawau Facebook Live**

Prepare your garden and landscaping for the growing season while creating habitat for songbirds, pollinators, and beneficial wildlife. We will look at examples from the farmhouse gardens to discuss how to approach last year's dead vegetation, the role of bare spots and logs, water sources, and other considerations.

Sunday, 4/11; 11am**Loteria at the Escuelita, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come to the Little Red School House to take a self-led Loteria Hike! See if you can spot all the items on our version of the popular Mexican bingo game and take the game with you (beans included)! *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708- 839-6897. English and Spanish Versions available. One packet/family.*

Sunday, 4/11; 1pm**Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see tree swallows compete. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 847-381-6592.*

Tuesday, 4/13; 6pm (Zoom)**Be a Better Birder: Getting Started**

It is spring and many birds are migrating through our area. Join a naturalist to learn about how to get started birding. Learn about the history of birding, what equipment you might need, and birds to expect. *Register at [beabetterbirder1.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).*

Tuesday, 4/13; 2pm (Facebook Live)

Creative Reuse to Reduce: Earth Day, River Trail Nature Center Facebook Live

A tutorial demonstration of an at-home project to reduce waste and repurpose home goods. *Teens and adults.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/15/2021

20-0419 PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST To amend a License to the Village of Oak Lawn and other Municipal Customers of the Oak Lawn Regional Water System (“the Grantees”)

21-0005 PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE Glenwood Academy (Owner of Record)

21-0004 PROPOSED ORDINANCE An Ordinance To Create A Forest Preserve Near Glenwood Woods

21-0156 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Department of Planning and Development, Other Part(ies): Village of Niles, Illinois

21-0155 EASEMENT REQUEST Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant permanent easements to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”)

AUDIT COMMITTEE OF 3/15/2021

21-0006 REPORT Office of the County Auditor, FY’20 4th Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report
Report Period: November 2020

21-0152 REPORT Office of the County Auditor FY’21 1st Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report
Report Period: February 2021
