



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

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**PRESIDENT**

[21-0355](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA and STANLEY MOORE, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****RESOLUTION CREATING THE FOREST PRESERVES' EQUITY, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, AND INCLUSION SITE NAME TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") and Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") recognize that names are an important part of creating a sense of place and belonging and that names may have powerful and positive meaning for people and provide opportunities to promote community harmony; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 17-0178 on September 11, 2018 to officially recognize and adopt names of Forest Preserves Lands and Amenities after a staff Naming Committee recommended correct and official names of all venues, following an exhaustive review to determine which names had been formally adopted by the Board in the past, were in common use, or had been abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, this body approved Resolution 19-0354 on September 24, 2019 to adopt a Permanent Naming Policy to help safeguard the Forest Preserves' prestige and heritage; provide guidance and

direction in the naming and renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; ensure an inclusive, consultative, and transparent naming and renaming process that will engage the public and stand the test of time; and to govern all permanent naming and renaming opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves has a mission and values committed to being accessible and welcoming to all people and is seeking to ensure that sites do not commemorate an event or an individual whose actions perpetuated inequalities or supported the marginalization of people based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation, or if the commemoration may be considered inappropriate or offensive; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby create the Forest Preserves' Equity, Cultural Sensitivity, and Inclusion Site Name Advisory Task Force (the "ECSI Site Name Task Force") that will support the review of Forest Preserves site names and will advance the Forest Preserves' "Moving Towards Racial Equity" position paper adopted in July 2020 by this body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall meet as needed for one year and, with the assistance of Loyola University Chicago's Public History Program, shall, within one year, provide a report that includes 284 Forest Preserves site names that have been reviewed with a racial equity, cultural sensitivity and inclusion lens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ECSI Site Name Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- a. The chair and vice-chair of the Board Real Estate Committee;
- b. The director and one additional faculty member from the Public History Program at Loyola University Chicago;
- c. One member of the Forest Preserves Conservation and Policy Council to be appointed by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council;
- d. The two co-chairs of the Forest Preserves Naming Committee;
- e. Two members of the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Committee to be named by the General Superintendent;
- f. One member that sits on both the Forest Preserves' Naming and REDI Committees to be appointed by the General Superintendent;
- g. One representative from the Friends of the Forest Preserves to be appointed by the executive director of Friends of the Forest Preserves;
- h. One representative from the Illinois Environmental Council to be appointed by the executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council; and
- i. One representative from the Board or staff of the Forest Preserve Foundation to be appointed by the chair of the Forest Preserve Foundation Board of Directors; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair of the Real Estate Committee and the appointee by the chair of the Conservation and Policy Council shall serve as co-chairs of the ECSI Site Name Task Force.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**[21-0357](#)**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD****Department:** Department of Resource Management**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)**Grantor:** Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois**Request:** Authorization to accept grant**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept grant and to enter an agreement with Friends of the Chicago River for ecological restoration at McClaughrey Springs Woods, utilizing grant funding received through the Bonneville Environmental Foundation via the Coors Seltzer’s Change the Course Program.**Grant Amount:** \$40,000.00**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2022**Fiscal Impact:** N/A**Accounts:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 17**Summary:** The scope of work includes the removal of approximately 10.4 acres of invasive brush within the Mill Creek watershed at McClaughrey Springs Woods, located in the Village of Palos Park in southwest Cook County. This project will increase light levels to suppressed ground layer vegetation in order to increase native cover and increase connectivity with other nearby restoration sites, thereby

enhancing the ecological health of the site and improving habitat for native plants and wildlife.

Total project costs to be covered in full by the proposed grant are \$40,000.00. The work will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

[21-0358](#)

**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 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain workspace within the Forest Preserves’ King’s Grove facility, 3302 Ashland Avenue, Steger, Illinois. Shared occupancy of this location facilitates collaboration between the Forest Preserves and the IDNR for mutual projects, particularly those focused on enforcement of conservation and species-protection laws. Forest Preserves Police regularly communicate, train, and consult with the IDNR’s Conservation Police to uphold state, county, and local laws related to the protection of our region’s natural resources. As part of this License, the IDNR’s Conservation Police will provide the Forest Preserves with targeted support for operations to reduce poaching and pollution in the Forest Preserves, and participate in two (2) special events annually.

**Term:** Date of execution through 12/31/2026, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**License Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$0.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** Work and storage space consisting of an office, washroom, locker room, lunchroom, and garage at the King’s Grove facility, 3302 Ashland Avenue, Steger, Illinois.

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 6

[21-0359](#)

**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 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain workspace within the Forest Preserves’ Sag Valley Police Headquarters facility, 12201 McCarthy Road, Palos Park, Illinois. Shared occupancy of this location facilitates collaboration between the Forest Preserves and the IDNR for mutual projects, particularly those focused on enforcement of conservation and species-protection laws. Forest Preserves Police regularly communicate, train, and consult with the IDNR’s Conservation Police to uphold state, county, and local laws related to the protection of our region’s natural resources. As part of this License, the IDNR’s Conservation Police will provide the Forest Preserves with targeted support for operations to reduce poaching and pollution in the Forest Preserves, and participate in two (2) special events annually.

**Term:** Date of execution through 12/31/2026, with one (1) five-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**License Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**License Application Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$0.00 (waived)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$0.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** Designated office space and common areas at the Sag Valley Police Headquarters facility, 12201 McCarthy Road, Palos Park, Illinois.

**Concurrence(s):**

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

**District(s):** 17

[21-0299](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Western Springs, Illinois

**Request:** Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Western Springs, Illinois (“Western Springs”).

**Goods or Services:** Western Springs is requesting an IGA to provide a connection to the Salt Creek Trail in Bemis Woods, extending from Ogden Avenue. While the trail connection will be 1,726 linear feet in length, only 570 feet will be on Forest Preserves property, as the rest falls within the County’s Transportation and Highways right-of-way. At the standard license width of 15 feet, the proposed 570 linear feet of trail will require a license area of 8,550 square feet, or 0.1963 acres

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

**Agreement Period:** Thirty (30) years, with successive automatic one (1) year renewal terms until terminated.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**License Fee:** \$27,915.29 (waived)

**License Application Fees:** \$3,500.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,750.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$44,311.97

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the Salt Creek Trail in Western Cook County. Western Springs proposes to construct a trail connection to connect users coming from Ogden Avenue to the trail. Western Springs will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project as well as payment of \$44,311.97 in tree mitigation fees. An estimated twenty-two (22) trees are proposed to be removed. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the current usual practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Western Springs to construct and maintain the trail for thirty (30) years, followed by successive one (1) year automatic renewal terms until terminated by either party. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0360](#)

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County Government, Cook County, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend intergovernmental agreement on vaccine administration with Cook County approved 1/26/2021 (Board No. 21-0114) to increase the number of permitted sites.

**Goods or Services:** Cook County, via the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, to use property of Forest Preserves as vaccination site(s)

**Agreement Number:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/26/2021 - 12/31/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**License Fee:** Waived

**License Application Fee:** Waived

**YELAR Fee:** Waived



**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** In January 2021 the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Cook County, via the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, to allow up to five (5) locations within the Forest Preserves to be used for drive-thru vaccine administration and auxiliary services related to pandemic response efforts. Now the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to increase the number of permitted sites from five (5) to twenty-five (25). The General Superintendent would continue to approve specific locations. The Forest Preserves would also like to clarify that these sites may include pop-up vaccination sites at Forest Preserves events. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

[21-0321](#)

#### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** HOH Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Contract #74000005268 issued under RFP #17-80-86 for Professional Services for Replacement of Selective HVAC Systems and Inspection and Evaluation of HVAC Systems at Various Locations throughout the Forest Preserves

**Original Contract Period:** 9/13/2018 - 9/12/2019; Administrative Extension 9/13/2019 - 9/12/2020; Board Extension 9/13/2020 - 9/12/2021

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 9/13/2021 - 9/12/2022

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$130,000.00

**Original Approval:** 9/13/2018, \$130,000.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** #74000005268 issued under RFP #17-80-86

**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 Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions for the original contract. MWBE goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

**District(s):** 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17

**Summary:** Additional time is required to complete the original scope of this professional services agreement that was initially awarded through a formal RFP process. Inspection of twenty-one (21) existing heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems has been completed and priority replacements identified. Construction bid documents for replacements at three priority locations was also completed but construction has been delayed at one location and put on hold at two other locations pending completion of energy audits by a separate energy consultant. Additional time is needed to allow HOH to continue with the project through construction completion at these three priority locations.

[21-0371](#)

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Request:** Amend a previously approved bid recommendation. The stated bid on the original proposed bid recommendation was misstated with no material effect on vendor selection.

**Item Number:** 21-0286

**Fiscal Impact:** Positive \$590.00

**Account(s):** Automotive Operation and Maintenance 29270.540250

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Original Text of Item:**

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter a contract with A B Petroleum Services, Crystal Lake, Illinois, for supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel.

**Reason:** Contract #74000009187 issued under Solicitation #21-53-006083 is for supply and delivery of unleaded and diesel fuel to twenty (20) Districtwide fueling stations.

**Bid Opening Date:** 4/22/2021

**Bid Results:**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. *	\$3,076,871.60
2. A B Petroleum	<u>\$3,125,307.60</u> <del>\$3,125,897.60</del>
3. Colonial Oil Industries, Inc.	\$3,294,153.60
4. Black Dog Corporation	\$3,370,107.60

\* Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. was not selected because it did not meet all the M/WBE participatory goals recommended for this contract.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$3,125,897.60 (FY 2021 \$390,737.20; FY 2022 \$781,484.40; FY 2023 \$781,484.40; FY 2024 \$781,484.40; FY 2025 \$390,737.20)

**Contract Period:** 7/6/2021 - 7/5/2025 with three (3) one-year optional renewal extensions to be exercised with the approval of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Account Name/Number:** Automotive Operation and Maintenance 29270.540250

**District:** Districtwide

**Concurrence(s)**

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

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

[21-0262](#)

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

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Independent Analysis of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department

**Report Period:** 10/19/2020 - 4/27/2021

**Summary:** In 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a Request for Proposals and retained Hillard Heintze to analyze the Forest Preserves Police Department and recommend best practices to: (a) maintain and strengthen police and community relations, (b) create a work culture that is inclusive and equitable to all people, and (c) support a diverse police force through recruitment, retention and promotion. The independent analysis found that the Forest Preserves Police Department has a ready, willing and able workforce and that officers understand, appreciate and take pride in their department's mission to make the Forest Preserves a safe place. The consultants also report that permit holders and other stakeholders generally have positive impressions of Forest Preserves police officers. However, a number of actions are needed to improve recruitment and retention, update policies and procedures, and to improve communication across ranks. The final report recommends best practices and includes a work plan, timetable and cost estimates for implementing the best practices, as well as tools to measure progress toward those goals. These recommendations will build upon recent efforts by the Forest Preserves to enhance police and community relations by training members of the department on implicit bias, purchasing body-worn cameras for officers, and adopting the Ten Shared Principles developed by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP to guide the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

[21-0349](#)

**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:** 5/1/2021 - 5/31/2021

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

[21-0377](#)

**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 06/22/2021.

[21-0368](#)

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 7/27/2021 - 9/14/2021

**Please bring a facemask to Forest Preserves events and activities. Facemask requirements listed below are for unvaccinated patrons. Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.**

**Tuesday, 7/27 through Monday, 9/6**

**Dinos Everywhere! Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are BIGGER and BADDER than ever before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos Everywhere features acres of earth shakers, including the largest Argentinosaurus that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Zoogoers will be able to search for this amazing life-like animatronics located throughout the park.

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

**Woodworking with Invasives: Spoon Carving, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into a wooden spoon. *All equipment provided. Intended for ages 10 and over. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Thursday, 7/29; 10am****Walk & Talk: Spears Woods, Spears Woods, Willow Springs**

Led by Illinois Extension Master Naturalist David Stang, this informative hike will take participants on a deep dive in the natural world around them. 1.5 miles. *Meet in the parking lot. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Thursday, 7/29; 11am (Virtual)****River Monsters, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Check in with us on-line as we learn about the monsters that inhabit the local waters. *All ages.*

**Friday, 7/30; 8pm - 10pm****Nocturnal Creatures and a Night Hike - Owls, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Enjoy an up-close encounter with a nocturnal animal, and then hike our Black Oak Trail to listen, and search for wildlife. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated Call 708- 839-6897.*

**Saturday, 7/31; 10 am-3:30 pm****Sand Ridge Campus Ribbon Cutting and Open House, Sand Ridge Nature Campus, South Holland**

Celebrate a new Sand Ridge Campus! Come out for tours of the re-imagined nature center, guided walks of new trail connections, animal encounters, to-go artmaking projects and more. The day starts at Sand Ridge Nature Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 am, and visitors are encouraged to see all the campus offers, including Camp Shabbona Woods, Green Lake Family Aquatic Center, as well as a fishing lake, a new Earth Art sculpture and a paved trail spur connecting to the Burnham Greenway Trail. Thanks to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for support for this nature-based education and recreation campus. *Facemasks are required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 7/31; 2pm - 5pm****Family Game Day, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Adults and families, you are invited to an afternoon full of your favorite backyard games and nature trivia. Take a walk with us on the trail in between games. *Drop in event, no registration required. For more information, call 312-533-5751. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/1; 1pm****Reptile Rendezvous, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Meet some of our reptile ambassadors and learn more about our scaly friends. Outdoor program. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/1; 1pm****The Buzz about Bugs: Pollinators, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Visit Sagawau's Pollinator Wildlife Garden to learn how insects and plants depend on each other and see what insects we can find. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Tuesday, 8/3; 6pm-7:30pm,****Camping 101, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

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! *For more information visit, [eventbrite.com/e/camping-101-workshop](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camping-101-workshop). Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/7; 10am - 3pm****Double Dutch Festival and Canoe Flatfoot Lake, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Have you heard stories of your parents, aunts and cousins reminiscing about how they played Double Dutch when they were young? Come join Faith in Place and the Forest Preserve to learn this lost art that brought generations together. Also, enjoy beginner canoe instruction from Friends of the Chicago River. Brought to you in partnership with Faith in Place, Friends of the Chicago River and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. *Call or email to register at [Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov) or 312-415-2970. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/7; 8am - 10am****Morning Paddle at the Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Rental, Northfield**

Start off the day paddling and learn about the flora and fauna residing in the Skokie Lagoons. Must have basic paddling skills. *Participants must be able to paddle duration of event. Gear provided. To register, call 708-771-1573. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/7; 10am****Nature for Little Ones: Butterflies in the air, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Little ones with their families are invited to a nature program made just for them! Butterflies are filling the air! We will learn about and search for these colorful harbingers of late summer. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Sunday, 8/8; 1pm (Zoom)****Who are the Hummingbirds? Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us on Zoom for this introduction to the mysterious hummingbird. Learn about their biology and life history. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Sunday, 8/8; 11am - 2pm****The Unburied Treasure Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Pick up a treasure map at the welcome tent then decode the clues along the trails to find the un-buried treasure.

**Sunday, 8/8; 1pm****The Giants of Giant's Hollow, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

How well can you recognize animals from their skulls? Test yourself with this fun quiz for all-ages. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Wednesday, 8/11; 10pm - 11pm****Falling Star Watch, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

We will be watching for falling stars tonight which is part of the Perseid Meteor Showers. This is the night which should provide a maximum number of sightings right after the moon sets. *Bring a comfy chair to sit in. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Wednesday, 8/11; 6:30pm - 8:30pm****Nighttime Discovery Celebration, Swallow Cliff-South, Palos Park**

Join us for an evening of discovery as we celebrate the night sky! Hikes, activities, and crafts will be offered to help us better understand the wonders of the natural light from the moon and stars. *Registration encouraged. Visit [nighttimeswallowcliff.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Thursday, 8/12; 4:30pm - 7pm****Archery, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Receive instruction from a certified staff and try your hand at archery. *Ages 10 and up. Junior archery will be available for those under 10. Call or email to register at [Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov) or 312-415-2970. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Friday, 8/13; 7:30pm****Bats! Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Join us at Trailside learn about local bats and see and hear real bats with the help of special equipment. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Friday, 8/13; 3pm - 6pm****Nature Obstacle Course, Twenty Sixth Street Woods, La Grange Park**

Families attempt an obstacle course created from natural materials. Other nature play, exploration and art activities will be available, too! This is a drop-in event. *For more information, call 312-533-5751.*

**Saturday, 8/14; 6pm - 9:30pm****Summer Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland**

Join us at Camp Shabbona Woods as we celebrate summer with a giant bonfire, nature play, artmaking, lawn games, evening hikes, and more. *No registration required.*

**Saturday, 8/14; 7:30pm****Forest Bathing by Moonlight, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Unlock the healing magic of the forest by slowing down and immersing your mind, body, and spirit to the beauty of the natural world at night. We will explore forest bathing techniques while opening our senses to



the sights, smells, and sounds around us. *Registration and facemasks required in unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/15; 11am - 2pm**

**Music, Nature, and Arts Festival, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Gather with Bach to Rock and the Forest Preserves of Cook County for an afternoon of crafts and music. Featuring student music performances, games, and activities for the entire family to enjoy while being immersed in nature. *For group registration or information, call 877-227-8558. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/15; 10am**

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

Join a Naturalist for a walk as we take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the prairie in high summer. This walk will take place in a Forest Preserve in Brookfield. *Ages 18 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Meeting location provided upon registration. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Sunday, 8/15; 1:30pm**

**Flight of the Bumblebee, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Wear a costume! Come dressed as your favorite bee, bug, or butterfly as we fly and dance our way through the nature center gardens learning about pollination as we go. *Registration required by 8/6. Ages 4 and up. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/15; 1pm - 3pm**

**Family Pond Paddle, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Families enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided. *Meet in the parking lot. Registration and facemasks required if not vaccinated. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Sunday, 8/15; 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 if unvaccinated. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Wednesday, 8/18; 7:30pm**

**Inviting all Insects: Insects at your headlights; Tailgate Party, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

We invite you to join us for a tailgater. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, simple snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages. We will provide each car with a bug box but encourage bringing your own to collect an insect that visits your headlight. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Wednesday, 8/18; 4pm**

**Kayak the Des Plaines, Maywood Grove, Maywood**

Join us as we paddle nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road

Meadow. Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. *Space is limited. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Friday, 8/20; 8pm****Going Batty over Bats Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for a unique opportunity to walk in the Forest Preserves at night while we use the latest technology to listen for the sounds of bats. Discover cool facts about these misunderstood creatures of the night. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/21; 9am - 12pm****Back-to-School Adventure Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Say goodbye to summer with a day of adventure. Try your hand at fishing and archery while partaking in a nature obstacle course, hikes and more! Instruction and gear provided. *All ages. Ages 17 and older must have a valid fishing license. For group registration or information, email [timothy.mondl@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:timothy.mondl@cookcountyl.gov).*

**Saturday, 8/21; 1:30pm****Wellness in the Woods: Introduction to Forest Bathing, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Discover this Japanese physiological and psychological exercise practice and learn how to adapt it to your own life. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Saturday, 8/21; 9am - 2pm****Hummingbird Fest, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Celebrate hummingbirds! Join us for hummingbird viewing and activities. *Hummingbird banding will stream on Facebook Live 9am - 12pm. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/22; 11am, 12:30pm or 2pm****GPS Scavenger hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn about and participate in a technology inspired scavenger hunt. *Call 847-824-8360 to reserve your spot. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Tuesday, 8/26; 6pm-7:30pm,****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. Do you have your own tent that you need practice with? Bring it and we will help! *For more information visit, [eventbrite.com/e/camping-101-workshop](https://eventbrite.com/e/camping-101-workshop). Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Friday, 8/27; 7:30pm****Sunset Watercolors, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us for a peaceful evening as we gain inspiration from the sunset and paint outdoors. Paintbrushes, watercolors, and paper will be provided. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 708-868-0606.*

**Saturday, 8/28; 11am - 2pm****All About Beavers, Evans Field, River Forest**

Families drop in for an afternoon of engaging activities to learn more about beavers that live in Cook County. We will have “Beaver Evidence” hikes, a beaver dam building activity, dress-up, related crafts, and more. *Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/28; 6pm - 11pm****Busse Woods Night Ride, Busse Lake Boating Center, Elk Grove**

Here is your chance to ride the Busse Woods trail at sunset, twilight or in the dark! Ticket purchase includes live music, bonfires, refreshments and more. *For details and to register, call 708-771-1573. Facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Saturday, 8/28; 1pm****Raising Monarch Butterflies, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Come to Trailside to see how we raise Monarch Butterflies from tiny eggs to hungry caterpillars to migrating monarchs. You will also learn why this is important and how you can help butterflies. *Facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Saturday, 8/28; 8am****Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for early migrants and resident birds. *Facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call or email to register at [Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov) or 312-415-2970.*

**Sunday, 8/29; 1pm****Cicadas! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Lurking beneath the soil for years, these insects make themselves heard during the August heat. Learn about the complex life cycle of these secretive creatures, and how to distinguish the call of one species from another. *Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated.*

**Sunday, 8/29; 1pm****Painting Hummingbirds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Sit in the hummingbird garden and observe these avian marvels. Learn techniques to capture their vibrant colors with watercolor. *Ages 12 and up. Registration and facemasks required if unvaccinated. Call 630-257-2045 for more information.*

**Sunday, 8/29; 1:30pm****The Buzz on Bees, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Visit our beehives and meet the beekeepers to learn about bees, pollination, and honey.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
7/21/2021**

**21-0315 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** Code of Ethical Conduct

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7/27/2021**

**21-0318 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, AGAE Contractors, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**21-0319 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Fabex Technologies LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0320 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, L. Marshall, Inc., Glenview, Illinois

**21-0324 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Allied Waste Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0325 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0326 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Allied Waste Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0351 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Matthew Paving, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0352 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**, Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0353 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Enlight Contracting, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**21-0356 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Meru Corporation, Niles, Illinois

**21-0350 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 1/1/2021 - 5/31/2021

**21-0362 REPORT** Workers' Compensation Report - May 2021, 5/1/2021 - 5/31/2021

**21-0270 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Outside Counsel and Legal Fees

**21-0346 PROPOSED RESOLUTION** A Resolution Relating To And Providing For The Submission of An Election Resolution Requiring The Proposition Of Increasing The Limiting Rate For The Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, To The Voters of Said Forest Preserve District At The General Election To Be Held On The 8<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2022

**21-0363 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 6/22/2021

**21-0364 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7/27/2021**

**21-0007 PROPOSED LICENSE 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

**21-0300 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Ordinance to Vacate A Portion Of West 24<sup>th</sup> Place

**21-0301 PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Ordinance to Vacate A Portion of Shermer Road

**21-0287 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Grantee

**21-0288 PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), as Licensor to grant a License to Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Grantee

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