



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: **Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 4/15/2015 - 5/19/2015**

Friday - Sunday, 4/16 - 4/19; 10 am - 5 pm

Antiques, Garden & Design Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Show, formerly known as the Antiques & Garden Fair, presents approximately 100 of the finest exhibitors from around the United States, Africa, and Europe will offer antiques, jewelry, fine art, gardening books and tools, seeds, containers, books and much more. Fee applies.

Thursday, 4/16; 3 - 5 pm

Third Thursdays: Creative Reuse 101: Printmaking, Cummings Square, River Forest

Learn basic printmaking techniques using found materials. Adults & families with children ages 5 & up. Registration encouraged.

Saturday, 4/18; 9am - 1pm

Earth Day Celebration and Preserves Clean Up, Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

Clean up the preserves in the morning, and then afterward celebrate with fun nature activities.

Saturday, 4/18; 10 am - 2 pm

Earth Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Celebrate plants at our Earth Day Celebration. Earn your green thumb by joining fun and interactive activities that focus on plants and gardening.

Saturday, 4/18; Noon to 3 pm

Earth Day, Nature Play, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Catch, craft, climb! Enjoy special Earth Day family activities in our three-acre nature play area.

Sunday, 4/19; 9 am

Garden Plant Selection, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Incorporate native plants into your garden plan. Many natives are perennial, returning year after year. Learn how to choose the right plants for your garden.

Sunday, 4/19; Noon - 2 pm

Geo-caching 101, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn about and participate in this technology-inspired scavenger hunt. Check out a GPS unit or bring your own. Supplies are limited. This is a drop-in program.

Saturday, 4/25; 10 am - 3 pm

Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, crafts and Earth Day Jeopardy!

Saturday, 4/25; Noon - 4 pm

Arbor Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Enjoy tree planting, a kids' tree climb, tree-caching and ID, scavenger hunts, art projects and more. There will also be a short ceremony celebrating Forest Preserve Foundation Memorial tree and bench donors.

Saturday, 4/25; 1 pm

Earth Day Woodland Walk, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Take a guided walk to view the many wonders of our earth in the springtime woods.
Register by 4/23.

Sunday, 5/3; 10 am - 3 pm

Spring Festival, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including guided wildflower walks, dip netting, animal encounters, kids' tree climb, puppet shows, craft corner, beekeeping demonstrations and more.

Wednesday - Friday, 5/6 - 5/8; 7:30 am

International Migratory Bird Week, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Enjoy our multi-day celebration of birds as they migrate across the Americas, and join in guided bird hikes.

Saturday, 5/9; 8 am

International Migratory Bird Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Grab your favorite optics and join us for bird walks and other activities.

Saturday, 5/9; 9 am - Noon

International Migratory Bird Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join a naturalist to bird the best spots at Sand Ridge on this day to celebrate our feathered friends. Learn about migration theories, perils and some of the particulars of bird migration.

Sunday, 5/10; 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm

Mother's Day Brunch, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Treat your mother to the best on Mother's Day. Enjoy an elegant and sumptuous brunch at the Garden and spend the rest of the day viewing all that spring has to offer. Preregistration required; fee applies.

Thursday, 5/14; 4 - 6:30 pm

Nature Obstacle Course & Archery Night, Bremen Grove, Tinley Park

Families, try our outdoor challenge! Attempt our nature obstacle course-created from natural forest materials. Join our staff for archery instruction and activities. Obstacle course for all ages; archery for ages 10 & up. Call 708-386-4042 x23 to reserve a spot!

Friday, 5/15; 7:30 pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join our night hike to learn about nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, stop inside for refreshments. Register by 5/13.

Saturday, 5/16; 10 am

Who's in the Pools?, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Investigate the forest for ephemeral ponds and discover who lives in these temporary habitats. Limit 20.

Saturday, 5/16; 10 am - 5 pm

Model Railroad Garden Exhibit, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The 7,500-square-foot Model Railroad Garden features trains running on 1,600 feet of track. Train and garden enthusiasts, young and old, return year after year for the delightful sights and sounds of the miniature trains traversing high and low through tunnels, across bridges, and around buildings. All are intricately handcrafted with natural materials, including twigs, bark, leaves, acorns, and pebbles. More than 5,000 tiny trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and flowering plants of close to 300 varieties re-create the topographical landscape of America. Fee applies.

Saturday, 5/16; Noon - 4 pm

Nature Block Party: A Celebration of Biodiversity, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Discover the flora and fauna of the urban preserves with restoration activities, bird and tree hikes, biking and more. Visit nearby William W. Powers Recreation Area for more activities.

Sunday, 5/17; 9 am - 5 pm

Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Exhibition, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The Midwest Bonsai Society's spring show features spring-blooming trees, bonsai on rocks, and Suiseki (the Japanese art of stones.). Free.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday - Sunday; 9/20-9/27

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

We're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations all over the Forest Preserves in one week. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!