

**AGENDA**  
**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners**  
**County Board Room, County Building**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**  
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**PRESIDENT**

**ITEM #1**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR OSLAD GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) proposes to acquire a 28.15 acre parcel north of Powderhorn Lake in the Calumet region for the purpose of establishing, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), an important greenway corridor that would connect the William Powers Conservation Area and Powderhorn Lake and Prairie.

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the Powderhorn Greenway-134<sup>th</sup> Street Marsh parcel would allow for restoration of degraded, yet promising, upland and wetland habitat, and provide increased access to healthy nature for surrounding communities. The east and south portions of the property are uplands and home to several native herbaceous plant species that survive in small patches including *Carex muhlenbergii*, *Monarda fistulosa*, *Pycnanthemum virginianum* and *Ratibida pinnata*; and

This acquisition project supports the Chicago Wilderness *Biodiversity Recovery Plan* and implements the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision, which identifies Resource Protection Areas that represent important opportunities at the landscape level to ensure that the Chicago region is ecologically and economically sustainable for the years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the District Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize District staff to apply for a 2012 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program grant for the purpose of facilitating the District’s acquisition of the 28.15 acre parcel described above;

**BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED THAT** the District certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within its application for the OSLAD Grant is true and correct.

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ITEM #2**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

GREGG GOSLIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

**HONORING CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN VOLUNTEERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Botanic Garden has forged a reputation as one of the world's premiere gardens and leads the way in research and teaching of plant science and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Botanic Garden is committed to conservation and the protection of the world's plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Botanic Garden weaves 24 diverse and unique gardens across its 385 acres of land; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-changing gardens and landscapes require many hours of labor and attention as do the countless programs and educational opportunities provided by the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Garden could not be done without the hours and dedication of volunteers who work in every garden and every department throughout the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garden's 2,300 volunteers account for over 105,000 volunteer service hours annually and the Chicago Botanic Garden honored their most ardent volunteers at a reception on June 13, 2012 to mark their 5, 10 and 15 year milestone anniversaries at the Garden; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners do hereby extend their sincerest thanks to each of the much valued volunteers attaining their milestone anniversaries as volunteers at the Chicago Botanic Garden for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of work and dedication to the Garden respectively; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to each volunteer as a symbol of this boards' appreciation for their selfless work on behalf of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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**COMMISSIONERS (continued)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM #3**

Rules & Administration..... Meeting of July 11, 2012

Finance..... Meeting of July 11, 2012

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE  
EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**ITEM #4**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise and solicit bids for transportation services for equipment and vehicles that will be acquired through Cook County's Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and will be transported to the District from various military installations throughout the country.

Contract Period: 24 Months from execution. (090200-660051/Vehicles and Trucks Account)

Districtwide

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE  
ALAMO TRACTOR PARTS AND GRASS CUTTING ATTACHMENTS**

**ITEM #5**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise and solicit for bids for Alamo tractor parts and grass cutting attachments. These parts will be used on equipment Districtwide. Alamo tractor parts are needed for the repair of tractors and tractor attachments Districtwide.

Contract Period: 24 Months with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods. (015100-620120/Equipment Maintenance Services, Supplies and Materials)

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
ARIENS COMPANY**

**ITEM #6**

Transmitting a Communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract, such agreements, addenda and other documents, as may be necessary to purchase seventeen (17) riding mowers with spare tires.

Reason: Ariens Company currently has a General Services Administration (GSA) (Contract # GS-21F-0080V), which expires on May 17, 2014. Ariens Company is in good standing with the State of Illinois. The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$168,000.00. Contract period: May 18, 2009 through May 17, 2014. (090200-660051/Vehicles and Trucks Account).

Districtwide

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.**

**ITEM #7**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract with Harris Computer Systems, Libertyville, Illinois, to upgrade its financial system software.

Reason: The District currently uses an outdated version of Harris Computer Systems' municipal finance software, paying an annual license fee, as well as the cost of an in-house computer engineer, to maintain an outdated system. The upgraded software will allow the District to streamline many of its finance functions, including procurement, payroll, general ledger and accounts payables. Harris Computer Systems will perform all consulting, installation, training and maintenance as it relates to the software upgrade. Harris Computer Systems is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00. Contract period: July 11, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (090200-660021/Computer Equipment & Software Account).

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**ITEM #8**

Transmitting a Communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a joint contract with Cook County and Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. (a subsidiary and affiliate of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.), Dublin, Ohio for Cook County Deferred Compensation (457 Plan) services.

Reason: The District wishes to enter into a three-party contract with Cook County and Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. for Nationwide to manage its employees' deferred compensation services. On October 6, 2011, a Request for Proposals for a Bundled Deferred Compensation (457 Plan) Services Program was advertised. An RFP process was followed in accordance with the Cook County and Forest Preserve District Procurement Codes. Proposals were received from six (6) responders on or about November 7, 2011 and an evaluation process was conducted based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP document. It was determined that Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. presented the best value for Cook County and the Forest Preserve District.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None (The Deferred Compensation Committee was able to establish a cost savings by reducing the current basis point fee total from 19bps total overall before the RFP procurement to 14 bps total overall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final offer. Additionally, the Committee was able to add value by adding customer service incentives to the contract). Contract period: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017.

Districtwide.

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
PRAIRIE ARCHWAY**

**ITEM #9**

Transmitting a Communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #9 cont'd**

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract, such agreements, addenda and other documents as may be necessary to purchase four (4) 2012 International 7400 Dump Trucks from Prairie Archway, Springfield, Illinois.

Reason: Prairie Archway is currently in a Joint Purchase Agreement with the State of Illinois pursuant to contract # 4016932, which expires on May 15, 2013. Prairie Archway is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$540,000.00. Contract period: May 16, 2011 through May 15, 2013. (090200-660051/Vehicles and Trucks Account).

These vehicles have been reviewed and approved for purchase by the District Vehicle Steering Committee on **May 17, 2012**.

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
SYSTEM SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**ITEM #10**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract, such agreements, addenda and other documents as may be necessary to purchase computer hardware and hardware maintenance services from Systems Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois.

Reason: As part of a cost savings endeavor, it is respectfully requested that authority be granted to participate in the Cook County contract (Contract No. 11-84-167A&C) with System Solutions, Inc. previously approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2012 for the purchase of computer hardware and hardware maintenance.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #10 (cont'd)**

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$200,000.00. Contract period: 36 months from date of execution. (090200-660021/Capital Improvement Fund Account).

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.**

**ITEM #11**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract with W. W. Grainger, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois for maintenance, janitorial, automotive, repair and operational supplies.

Reason: The National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA) has a catalog contract with W.W. Grainger, Inc. to provide maintenance, repair and operational supplies. The NIPA is a group purchasing organization serving public agencies. The procurements are led by public procurement agencies throughout the nation and point purchasing contracts are made available nationwide through the NIPA. This particular contract is of benefit to various using departments within the District. W. W. Grainger Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00. Contract period: July 11, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. (015100-620120/Equipment Maintenance Services, Supplies and Materials), 015100-630030/Plumbing/Electrical/Heating, 013100-620230/Equipment Repair and Purchase, 528000-670057/Parking Projects, 091000-670061/Building & Bridges/Miscellaneous Structures, 091000-670045/Walks, Shelter & Ramp and 090200-670061/Building & Bridges/Miscellaneous Structures Accounts)

Districtwide

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**EASEMENT REQUEST  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**ITEM #12**

Transmitting a communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent,

Requesting authorization for the District to grant a permanent easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for grading and access for mowing adjacent to proposed roadway improvements at the northwest corner of Barrington Road and Bode Road in Hoffman Estates. The improvements consist of the addition of a right turn lane, pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic signals including pedestrian signals with countdown timers. The roadway itself will remain within the IDOT right of way. No structures are proposed to be built on District land.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.14 acre. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: IDOT has agreed to pay fair market value of the easement.

District 15

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT  
OAK FOREST HERITAGE PRESERVE MASTER PLAN**

**ITEM #13**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement to jointly plan for development of new forest preserve land and adjacent property owned by Cook County.

In July 2011, the District Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cook County and the Forest Preserve District to establish a joint planning committee to prepare plans for the development of 175 acres of new forest preserve land adjacent to the Oak Forest Health Center that was formerly owned by Cook County. In October 2011, the District Board also approved the selection of a consultant team led by the Conservation Design Forum to develop a Master Plan. This Master Plan is now substantially complete. The proposed amendment to the IGA provides for phase 1 of the implementation of the Master Plan.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #13 (cont'd)**

The proposed Amendment to the IGA provides for the following actions:

1. **Access.** Permission is hereby granted by the County to the District to utilize the main entrance to the Campus for public access to the newly established District preserve (the "Oak Forest Heritage Preserve") and for the District to place signage at various locations on the Campus providing direction to the Oak Forest Heritage Preserve. Locations for signage shall be agreeable to the Cook County Real Estate Director and the Chief Operating Officer ("COO") for the Oak Forest Health Center (the "LCCHHS").
2. **Parking.** An area for parking for District patrons on the Campus will be agreed upon by the District and CCHHS, through the COO. This parking may be temporary, depending upon the location of a future visitors' center and the needs of the Health Center.
3. **Visitor Center.** In conjunction with CCHHS, the Real Estate Management Division and the District will continue to work cooperatively to identify a structure, an area in a structure or under-used land on the Campus for use as a visitor's center, and to develop a plan for appropriate funding and staffing of the same.
4. **Additional Planning.** The Real Estate Management Division will continue to work with the District and CCHHS on phase 2 of the Master Plan planning process, including joint planning for management of the unique oak savanna on portions of the Campus.

The proposed IGA Amendment is included in the back-up materials.

Fiscal Impact: None

District 6

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL  
COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**ITEM #14**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Cook for the Office of the Independent Inspector General (the "OIIG") retroactive to April 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2013.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #14 (cont'd)**

The current Intergovernmental Agreement with the County for the Office of the Independent Inspector General expired March 31, 2012. The District desires to continue to utilize the OIIG for various services.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$90,000.00 (011000-680024/Intergovernmental Affairs Account).

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**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST  
VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST**

**ITEM #15**

Transmitting a communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting authorization for the District to grant a license to the Village of River Forest to locate, operate and maintain an earthen berm on District land north of Lake Street and east of the Des Plaines River. The area for the license is 0.04 acre.

The project is an extension of an existing earthen berm constructed under License 1456 granted in 1988. The project proposes to reduce flooding from the Des Plaines River to approximately 40 homes in the Village.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: The Village of River Forest will pay a one-time upfront fee of \$6,900.00 for a continuous license.

District 9

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**MASTER PLAN  
THE NEW OAK FOREST HERITAGE PRESERVE**

**ITEM #16**

Transmitting a Communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

respectfully submitting the Master Plan for the new Oak Forest Heritage Preserve and adjacent property owned by Cook County.

In July 2011, the District Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cook County and the Forest Preserve District to establish a joint planning committee to prepare plans for the

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #16 (cont'd)**

development of 175 acres of new forest preserve land adjacent to the Oak Forest Health Center that was formerly owned by Cook County. In October 2011, the District Board also approved the selection of a consultant team led by the Conservation Design Forum to assist in this planning.

A Master Plan for the Oak Forest Heritage Preserve is now complete and is being submitted to the Board and the public at this time. A final public meeting was held on June 26, 2012 to present the plan to community residents and all in attendance were in support.

It is respectfully requested that this item be received and filed.

District: 6

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**ITEM #17**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to finalize, enter into and execute a memorandum of understanding with the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the purpose of preparing plans for the modification and/or removal of five (5) dams on the Des Plaines River and two (2) dams on the North Branch Chicago River.

The District and the IDNR acknowledge that these dams fragment the rivers by creating barriers that prevent the free movement of fish.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Districtwide

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**RECONSIDERATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM  
AND REQUEST TO APPROVE AS AMENDED**

**ITEM #18**

Transmitting a Communication dated July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners to reconsider a previously approved item and request to approve as amended item No. 12FINA0109, which was approved at the June 6, 2012 Board Meeting in the Finance Committee Report of June 6, 2012. This request consists of a change to the approved vendor and a change to the total fiscal impact authorized by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board. These changes are requested because the previously approved vendor has submitted a letter withdrawing its bid proposal.

The stricken language indicates original language to be deleted from the approved June 6, 2012 document and the underscored language indicates changes to be added.

12FINA0109

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with ~~Stelzer Construction Company, Inc., Lincolnwood, IL~~ Builders Chicago Corporation, Huntley, IL, for Overhead Garage Doors – Replacements and repairs – Northern Cook County.

Contract Number 12-80-29 consists of repairing, removing and replacing steel commercial overhead garage doors including installing electric door openers and anti-entrapment safety devices in six (6) locations in Cook County and other related incidental work necessary to complete this improvement according to Plans, Standard Specifications and Detail Specifications. ~~Stelzer Construction Company, Inc.~~ Builders Chicago Corporation was the lowest responsive and responsible of four (4) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on May 23, 2012. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff requests approval to award a contract to ~~Stelzer Construction Company, Inc.~~ Builders Chicago Corporation.

The bid results were as follows:

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| 1. Stelzer Construction Company, Inc.         | \$90,875.00* |
| 2. <b><u>Builders Chicago Corporation</u></b> | \$115,477.00 |
| 3. House of Doors , Inc.                      | \$122,612.00 |
| 4. Anagnos Door Co., Inc.                     | \$159,325.00 |

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #18 cont'd**

\*Stelzer Construction Company, Inc. has submitted a request to have their proposal withdrawn. Per the District's Purchasing Ordinance, Section 1-8-2:M6(b) Competitive Bidding Contracts "Any bidder that cancels, withdraws or modifies its bid after the bid opening will result in the bidder being deemed unqualified and will prohibit said bidder from receiving a District contract for a period of one (1) year from the date of bid opening."

~~Stelzer Construction Company, Inc.~~ Builders Chicago Corporation is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

It is the goal of the District to achieve 25% MBE and 5% WBE vendor participation in all contracts. However, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has not indicated direct MBE/WBE participation in the Bid Proposal.

Board Approval to solicit bids: January 19, 2012

Estimated Fiscal Impact: ~~\$90,875.00~~ \$115,477.00

Contract Period: ~~June 6, 2012 through November 30, 2012.~~ July 11, 2012 through December 30, 2012.

Construction and Development Account Numbers: 588000-670061, 598000-670061, 608000-670061 and 528000-670061

Districts: 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17

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**TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
TO THE SELF INSURANCE FUND**

**ITEM #19**

Transmitting a Communication dated, July 11, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to transfer funds in the amount of \$600,000.00 from the Self Insurance Fund Balance to the Self Insurance Account.

The transfer of the funds is necessary due to the anticipated Litigation costs of the on-going Shakman Litigation that are anticipated during Fiscal Year 2012.

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ITEM #20**

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday  
6:30 P.M.

**Films in the Forest--*We Bought A Zoo***

Cummings Square, 536 N. Harlem, River Forest, IL 60305  
Animal Fun, create animal homes & play animal games

Dusk (~8:30 pm) Movie begins – bring a blanket, chair, and a picnic and enjoy! *We Bought a Zoo*, stars Matt Damon as a widowed father who buys a dilapidated zoo in hopes of making a fresh start. While facing enormous odds to keep the zoo open, he must find the courage to recommit to his children and to their new life together; based on a true story.

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday  
10:00 A.M.-4:00

**Kids' Fest**

Wampum Lake, 90/94 & Thornton Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing

Enjoy fishing, hiking, canoeing and other fun activities at this free celebration for kids. Presented in partnership with Fishin' Buddies and their Youth Conservation Conference.

July 17– Tuesday  
6:00 P.M.

**Forest Jams**

Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Dr., Calumet City

Bring your instruments for a group jam from 6 to 7 p.m. Then at 7 p.m. a local music groups takes over for a concert. Kids can explore instrument making and nature's music during the first hour.

July 24– Tuesday  
6:30 P.M.

**Films in the Forest –*Where the Wild Things Are***

Whealan Pool, 6200 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago

6:30 p.m. Wild Fun! Make “wild things,” build boats and have other fun to celebrate the artistry and life of Maurice Sendak and his award-winning book. Dusk (~8:30 pm) Movie begins – bring a blanket, chair, a picnic and enjoy! *Where the Wild Things Are* is the 2009 film based on Maurice Sendak's classic children's story, in which Max, a disobedient little boy sent to bed without his supper, creates his own world—a forest inhabited by ferocious wild creatures who crown Max as their ruler.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #20 (cont'd)**

**Brookfield Zoo Events**

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| Open until September 7 <sup>th</sup>                                       | <b>Xtreme BUGS</b><br>Experience the invasion of XTREME BUGS at our summerlong temporary exhibit, featuring everything from Xtra-large to Xtra-small                                   |
| July 7th–Saturday  | <b>Animal Enrichment Day</b><br>A full day of activities designed to encourage animals to exhibit natural behaviors.   |
| July 25– Wednesday<br>Washington Park,<br>51 <sup>st</sup> & Cottage Grove | <b>Windy City Harvest and Green Youth Farm Open Houses</b><br>Discover how urban agriculture is building healthier Chicago communities. Guided tours and a farm fresh lunch await you. |
| July 29th– Sunday<br>Ongoing   | <b>American English Concert</b><br>Brookfield Zoo is going "buggy" with Beatles Tribute Band, American English!  |

**Chicago Botanic Garden Events**

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| May 12 <sup>th</sup> - to October  | <b>Model Railroad Garden</b><br>Since 1999 the Model Railroad Garden has delighted visitors of all ages as they watch 15 classic G gauge model trains crossing bridges and trestles and pass through miniature scenes of America's best-loved landmarks, all handcrafted from natural materials. |
| June 2 <sup>nd</sup> -September<br>10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.                               | <b>Butterflies &amp; Blooms</b><br>New 2012 exhibit in <b>where visitors can immerse themselves in a habitat filled with hundreds of live butterflies.</b>   |
| Through Labor Day  | <b>Evening Music</b><br>Through Labor Day the Garden Café and Shop are open daily until 9:00 PM. Four nights a week free programs feature local bands and musicians performing in a variety of genres.   |
| Mondays- 7:00 P.M.<br>Tuesdays-6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesdays-5:30 P.M.<br>Thursday's-6:00 P.M. | Carillion Concerts<br>Music on the Esplande<br>Dancin' Sprouts<br>Hot Summer Nights  |

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The next meeting of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, September 11, 2012.