



OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

October 8, 2015

Activities from September 1 to 30, 2015

Grounds Maintenance

- Performed general cleanup and perimeter trash pickup district-wide.
- Mowed developed areas and trail sides district-wide.
- Completed regularly scheduled maintenance activities at the four dog exercise areas.
- Performed routine animal care at Ryerson.
- Pruned trees, cleaned flower beds and conducted herbicide application at various locations along the Des Plaines River Trail, Fort Hill Trail, and Millennium Trail and at Cuba Marsh, Greenbelt, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Nippersink, Prairie Wolf, Raven Glen, Sun Lake, Van Patten Woods and Wadsworth Savanna.
- Contractors mowed turf areas at Fort Sheridan, General Offices, Hastings Lake, Heron Creek, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna and Van Patten.
- Prepared and performed cleanup for Fiestas Patrias at Greenbelt and Farm Heritage Festival at Lakewood.

Natural Resources

- Conducted herbicide application at Dutch Gap, Ethel's Woods, Fourth Lake, Grant Woods, Independence Grove, Lake Carina, Marl Flat, Middlefork Savanna, Rollins Savanna and Singing Hills.
- Performed reforestation activities at Fourth Lake and Singing Hills, including site preparation, hauling wood chips and installing trees and shrubs.
- Mowed fire breaks at Lakewood and Middlefork Savanna.
- Collected seed at Independence Grove and Fourth Lake.
- Conducted hazardous tree removals along portions of the Des Plaines River Trail and Fort Hill Trail and at Fort Sheridan, Rollins Savanna and Ryerson Woods.
- Removed brush at Countryside Golf Course and willow trees at Van Patten Woods.
- Cleared trees and removed beaver dams from waterways at Fourth Lake and Spring Bluff.

Infrastructure

- Resurfaced trails at Van Patten and the Des Plaines River Trail from Half Day to Cahokia Flatwood.
- Installed storm sewer improvements to address drainage issue at Bluebird Meadow.
- Installed and replaced signs at Fourth Lake, Grassy Lake, Half Day, Old School, Ray Lake, Rollins Savanna and Sedge Meadow.
- Installed memorial benches at Fox River, Independence Grove, Lakewood and Ryerson Woods.
- Installed cable gates and fencing at Duck Farm, Dutch Gap, Ryerson Woods and Pine Dunes.
- Conducted concrete repairs at Bonner Heritage Farm, Hastings Lake and ThunderHawk.
- Repaired loose guard rail fence on the Des Plaines River Trail bridge over Lake-Cook Road.
- Sent surplus equipment and items to the live auction on September 26th.

Capital Projects

- Repaving project began at Independence Grove in September. Completion expected by end of October.
- Replacement toilets were installed at Old School shelters A, B & C in late September. Removal of the old toilets and site restoration will occur in October.