



## **OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016**

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

- Conducted snow and ice removal and salting throughout the District as needed.
- Performed general spring cleanup of all preserves including pickup of roadside trash District-wide.
- Began removal of winter sports areas signage at Independence Grove, Lakewood and Old School including solar-lit trails.
- Pruned trees, cleared brush and buckthorn and conducted brush pile burning at Buffalo Creek, Greenbelt, Greenbelt (Dugdale lot), Fort Sheridan, Half Day, Hastings Lake, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Millennium Trail, Old School, Nippersink, Ryerson Woods and Van Patten Woods.
- Conducted trail repair as needed.
- Repaired paving bricks at the Discovery Museum.
- Provided event support at Greenbelt, maple syrup program at Ryerson Woods and moved boxes at the General Offices.
- Began moving boats from storage at the Fox River Marina.
- Various staff completed pesticide application training and testing, CPR training and participated in a District sponsored wellness program.

#### **Natural Resources**

- Conducted snow and ice removal and salting throughout the District as needed.
- Conducted woodland restoration along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Grant Woods, Independence Grove, and Van Patten Woods.
- Dispersed native seed at Grant Woods and Independence Grove,
- Investigated beaver dam concern at Sequoit Creek (East Loon Lake).
- Performed controlled burns at Cuba Marsh, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, Marl Flat, Independence Grove and Rollins Savanna and brush pile burning at Grant Woods and Van Patten Woods.
- Pruned trees and cleared brush and buckthorn at Fox River.
- Removed hazardous tree limbs at Fort Sheridan, ash trees at Fourth Lake and Rollins Savanna and logs at Ryerson Woods.
- Managed contractual removal of approximately 140 dead ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail.
- Inventoried trees along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Brae Loch Golf Course, Countryside Golf Course and ThunderHawk Golf Course.
- Various staff completed pesticide application training and testing and CPR training

#### **Infrastructure**

- Conducted snow and ice removal and salting throughout the District as needed.
- Completed removal of ~70,000sf barn at Dutch Gap (Crawford Rd.)
- Begin removal of large metal Quonset-style building at Dutch Gap (Edwards Rd.).
- Repaired water hydrant at Prairie Stream Dog Exercise Area.
- Installed signs at Lyons Woods.
- Removed fly-dumped items at McDonald Woods.
- Replaced fencing at Countryside Golf Course, Fort Sheridan, Lakewood and McDonald Woods.
- Installed gate access for a future restoration project at Lakewood.