



## **OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

**October 2016**

### **Grounds Maintenance**

- Mowed lawn areas and turf trails district-wide.
- Pruned along the Des Plaines River Trail and trails at Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, Greenbelt, Independence Grove, Lakewood and Van Patten Woods.
- Weeded and maintained flower and shrub beds district-wide.
- Performed maintenance day activities at all Dog Exercise Areas.
- Conducted routine trail and bathroom checks and maintenance district-wide.
- Power washed and cleaned the bathroom at Independence Grove North Bay shelter.
- Cleaned and conducted maintenance on the playground at Independence Grove.
- Conducted trail repair of washouts along the Des Plaines River Trail and Independence Grove.
- Installed banners at Van Patten Woods.
- Repaired a fence at Fort Sheridan Cemetery.
- Prepared ground and installed sod to expand the Summer Concert area at Independence Grove.
- Moved boats to storage from Independence Grove and Fox River Marinas due to season-end closure of each facility.
- Removed illegal deer stand at Pine Dunes.
- Wood chipped trees at Middlefork Savanna.
- Prepared the wagons for use by the Lindenhurst Park District at its annual Halloween Festival.
- Conducted cleanup for the Farm Heritage Festival at Lakewood and prepared site for Hawkfest at Fort Sheridan.

### **Natural Resources**

- Applied herbicide to and mechanically removed invasive species at Dutch Gap, Fourth Lake, Grant Woods and Independence Grove.
- Watered recently installed plant plugs and trees at Lakewood and Pine Dunes and removed tree watering bags at various district sites.
- Conducted reforestation at Cuba Marsh, Independence Grove and Prairie Wolf.
- Planted trees at Fourth Lake, Lakewood and Heron Creek.
- Removed dead and infested ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Almond Marsh, Cahokia Woods, Grant Woods, Grassy Lake, Half Day, Independence Grove, Lakewood and Van Patten Woods.
- Conducted a controlled burn at Nippersink.
- Removed log jams in the Des Plaines River.
- Collected seeds of native species and dispersed wild orchid seeds at high quality sites.

### **Infrastructure**

- Installed signs along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Heron Creek, McDonald Woods and Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area.
- Conducted trail resurfacing at Rollins Savanna and trail repair along the Des Plaines River Trail north of Independence Grove and near Gurnee.
- Installed a swing set at Greenbelt.
- Repaired a water leak at Lakewood.
- Installed a cable gate at the Discovery Museum site at Lakewood.
- Removed concrete well casing at Independence Grove from an abandoned well.
- Sent three vehicles and other approved items to auction.