

## Public Affairs Department Report April 6, 2015

- Blog Stats: Readers from nine "new" countries tuned into the Lake County Nature blog this quarter:

Bahrain  
Bolivia  
Cape Verde

Dominican Republic  
Georgia  
Mayotte

Nicaragua  
Puerto Rico  
Suriname

- The District's Instagram account is steadily gaining followers. The increase is identified by visitors tagging their photos with #lcfpd, which means they are sharing the Forest Preserves with their followers. To find us, search "Lake County Forest Preserves" on Instagram.
- Fort Sheridan Open House set for April 8 from 5-7 pm, at the Young Midwest Artists Center in Highwood (within the Town of Fort Sheridan).
- Spring Burn Season: March and April are busy months for District burn crews. Fire is the most efficient and economical tool for managing Lake County's natural communities, improving habitat by decreasing invasive plants, removing dead leaves and exposing the seedbed to the sun. For daily updates, visit [LCFPD.or/burninfo](http://LCFPD.or/burninfo).
- Whole Foods "One Dime at a Time" program in Deerfield gives a 10 cent per bag refund to customers who bring in their own shopping bags. Customers can receive cash back or donate their savings directly to a featured nonprofit. The Preservation Foundation is the Whole Foods Deerfield charity through mid-April.
- Arbor Day April 18 at Fort Sheridan.
- Independence Grove Beach Passes on sale now for 2015. Purchase by May 1 and receive 10 percent off.
- Volunteer Open House at Bonner Farm on April 12 from 1-2:30 pm.
- "Soil Sustains Life" programs during Earth Week -- April 19 through April 24 -- in celebration of Earth Day on April 22
- Native Plant Sale May 9, from 9 am to 3 pm, and May 10 from 10 am to 2 pm.