



## **OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

**June 4, 2015**

### **Activities from April 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015**

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

- In preparation for the summer season, crews performed general cleanup and seasonal tasks in all preserves.
- Perimeter trash cleanup around preserves.
- Conducted trail and storm damage repair in all preserves.
- Prepared the Fox River marina and Independence Grove beach and marina for opening.
- Cleaned headstones at Fort Sheridan Cemetery.
- Conducted maintenance days at the dog exercise areas.
- Temporary seasonal employees began weekend coverage on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Prepared for special events, including the Plant Sale at IG, Smith Symposium at Ryerson, Touch-a-Tractor at Bonner Heritage Farm.
- Contractual mowing activities began for the season.

#### **Natural Resources**

- Conducted controlled burns at Middlefork Savanna, Gander Mountain, Wilmot Woods, Grant Woods, Independence Grove, Fox River, Wright Woods, Cuba Marsh, Rollins Savanna, Wadsworth Savanna, Grainger Woods, Grant Woods, Ray Lake, Spring Bluff, ThunderHawk, Raven Glen, Greenbelt, Tanager Kames, Singing Hills, Grassy Lake and Berkeley Prairie.
- Planted native seed at Bluebird Meadows, Rollins Savanna and Independence Grove and turf at Singing Hills.
- Began herbicide application at Raven Glen, Ethel's Woods, Waukegan Savanna, Independence Grove, Waukegan Savanna, Singing Hills, Grant Woods and Grainger Woods.
- Conducted storm cleanup along the Des Plaines River Trail and removed damaged trees at Independence Grove and Ryerson.
- Continued removal of Emerald Ash Borer infested trees along the Des Plaines River Trail at Wadsworth Savanna and Ryerson Woods.
- Hosted Arbor Day activities at Fort Sheridan.
- Conducted semi-annual clean-up of log jams and hazards along the Des Plaines River water trail.

#### **Building Trades**

- Started spring startup of HVAC and water systems (including RPZ valves) at Hastings Lake, Nippersink, Ryerson, Seed Nursery, Operations and Public Safety, Brae Loch, Countryside, ThunderHawk, Discovery Museum, Independence Grove, Ray Lake and Fox River.
- Serviced fire suppression system compressor and humidifier at the Discovery Museum.
- Repaired heating systems at Independence Grove, Nippersink and Ryerson.
- Repaired water heater system at Bonner House.
- Salvaged Duck Farm maintenance building heater prior to demolition of building.
- Serviced automatic gates and installed counters at Pine Dunes, Ray Lake, Sedge Meadow and Old School.
- Serviced outdoor lighting at Countryside, Hastings Lake, Ryerson, Greenbelt, Independence Grove, Greenbelt and ThunderHawk.
- Changed out lighting ballasts at the General Offices, Hastings Lake and Greenbelt.
- Installed new air compressor at Greenbelt.

**Building Trades (cont.)**

- Painted Old School maintenance shop, Independence Grove Visitor Center lobby, Brae Loch Clubhouse, Countryside basement and doors, comfort stations at Half Day and Pine, Discovery Museum exhibit, Rollins Seed Nursery and the Voyager canoes.
- Prepared and painted outdoor furniture and playground figurines at Independence Grove.
- Installed ten new playground slides at Lakewood (3), Half Day (2), Old School (1), Independence Grove (1), Van Patten Woods (1), Greenbelt (1) and Wright Woods (1) and repaired playground equipment at Hastings Lake.
- Repaired rollers on mobile walls at Greenbelt Cultural Center.
- Repaired Ryerson Maintenance Shop door and vandalized kiosks along the Des Plaines River Trail.
- Replaced boards on ThunderHawk cart path bridges.
- Rekeyed locks at Countryside, Brae Loch and ThunderHawk.
- Replaced front door at Stevenson House and repaired door at Prairie Stream.

**Infrastructure**

- Recycled, salvaged and removed buildings and structures at Grant Woods and Duck Farm.
- Conducted culvert and trail repairs at Van Patten, Grant Woods, McDonald Woods, Lake Marie, Van Patten Woods and Duck Farm.
- Installed replacement/updated signs at Old School, Independence Grove and on the Millennium Trail.
- Installed memorial benches at Wright Woods, Middlefork Savanna and the Des Plaines River Trail.
- Installed and/or repaired fencing at Duck Farm, Ethel's Woods, MacArthur Woods, Wadsworth Savanna, Grant Woods, ThunderHawk, Countryside, Lakewood and Lyons Woods.
- Installed and/or repaired gates at Bluebird Meadow, Rollins Savanna and Greenbelt.
- Installed banner pole at Lakewood.
- Replaced horse hitch at Van Patten.
- Formed and poured concrete pad for the small shelter grill at Fox River.
- Graded site and installed fence and brick patio base for Green Youth Farm area at Greenbelt.
- Installed replacement bike rack and delivered additional sand to the beach at Independence Grove.
- Continued to implement new Central Supply inventory management program.