Lake County Forest Preserves

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OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

September 2016

Grounds Maintenance

- Mowed lawn areas and turf trails district-wide.
- Pruned along the Des Plaines River Trail and trails at Lakewood and Van Patten Woods.
- Weeded and maintained flower and shrub beds district-wide.
- Repaired turf at Fort Sheridan Cemetery.
- Performed maintenance day activities at all Dog Exercise Areas.
- Conducted routine trail and bathroom checks and maintenance district-wide.
- Power washed picnic shelters district-wide and repaired picnic tables as needed.
- Cleaned and maintained animal pens at Ryerson.
- Repaired fencing at Fort Sheridan and Heron Creek.
- Conducted trail repairs at Buffalo Creek, Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area, Fort Sheridan, Grant Woods, Independence Grove and Raven Glen.
- Worked on season-end closure of beach area at Independence Grove.
- Removed dead ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Old School.
- Conducted setup and cleanup for Fiesta Patrias at Greenbelt and Farm Heritage Festival at Lakewood.
- Delivered and picked up tables loaned to support the Waukegan Air Show.

Natural Resources

- Applied herbicide and mechanically removed invasive species at Cuba Marsh, Grant Woods, Half Day, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna, Rollins Savanna and Sedge Meadow.
- Moved wood chips from Grant Woods and Rollins Savanna to Cuba Marsh, Independence Grove and Prairie Wolf to be used for reforestation efforts.
- Watered recently-installed plant plugs and trees at Fourth Lake, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna and Pine Dunes.
- Removed dead and infested ash trees along the Des Plaines River Trail, and at Fort Sheridan, Fox River, Half Day, Independence Grove and Pine Dunes.
- Conducted controlled burns at Almond Marsh, Independence Grove and Grant Woods.
- Removed log jams in waterways at Third Lake and Spring Bluff.
- Installed beaver-resistant water level control structures at Lakewood.

Infrastructure

- Completed drainage system improvements and removal of failed drain tiles in support of wetland restoration project at Middlefork Savanna.
- Installed signs along the Des Plaines River Trail, at Fort Sheridan, Heron Creek, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna and Sun Lake.
- Repaired a sanitary sewer line at Countryside Golf Course.
- Conducted trail resurfacing at Rollins Savanna.
- Installed a memorial bench at Independence Grove.
- Contracted cracksealing of asphalt parking lots at Cuba Marsh, Duck Farm, OPS Facility, Heron Creek, Lakewood, Marl Flat, McDonald Woods, Nippersink, Old School, Prairie Wolf, Ray Lake, Ryerson and Wright Woods.