Lake County Forest Preserves

## OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE February 1, 2016 to February 29, 2016

## **Grounds Maintenance**

- Conducted snow and ice removal and salting throughout the District.
- Prepped and maintained winter sports areas at Independence Grove, Lakewood and Old School including solar-lit trails.
- Performed general cleanup and perimeter trash pickup district-wide.
- Pruned trees, cleared brush and buckthorn and conducted brush pile burning at Buffalo Creek, Fox River, Grant Woods, Greenbelt, Half Day, Hastings Lake, Heron Creek, Millennium Trail, Nippersink, Old School, Rollins Savanna, and Van Patten Woods.
- Continued to provide support for the deer program.
- Provided event support at Greenbelt, setup maple syrup program at Ryerson Woods and moved boxes at the General Offices.
- Cleaned maintenance shops District-wide.
- Chipped donated Christmas trees to be used for District projects.
- Staff completed pesticide application training and testing.

## Natural Resources

- Conducted woodland restoration at Grant Woods, Lakewood, Spring Bluff, Sun Lake and Van Patten.
- Dispersed native seed at Grassy Lake and Middlefork Savanna.
- Conducted snow and ice removal and salting throughout the District.
- Performed controlled burn at Spring Bluff.
- Pruned trees surrounding public areas at Fox River and Independence Grove.
- Removed hazardous ash trees at Fox River, Grassy Lake and Lake Carina.
- Inventoried trees along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Brae Loch, Countryside, Fox River, Independence Grove, Lake Marie and Sun Lake.
- Staff completed pesticide application training and testing.

## **Infrastructure**

- Continued removal of large barn at Dutch Gap.
- Hauled topsoil to and restored demolition sites at Ray Lake.
- Repaired gates at Gander Mountain, Pine Dunes, Rollins Savanna and Wright Woods and installed a gate at Lakewood.
- Repaired and replaced fencing at Countryside Golf Course, Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area, Gander Mountain, Independence Grove and Lyons Woods.
- Removed deteriorated fencing at Greenbelt.
- Conducted snow and ice removal throughout the District and delivered salt to outlying areas.
- Installed signs at Duck Farm Dog Exercise Area and along the Millennium Trail.
- Staff participated in District-wide communication training.