



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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September 2023

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## SportSwap 2023 Wrapup

Thank you to the equipment donors and hundreds of shoppers who made Greener Glenview's August 27<sup>th</sup> SportSwap successful! Here are some details:

- Approximately 25% of donors chose to donate items (no voucher)
- Thousands of dollars in voucher credits were issued as many donors wanting to return and shop
- EVERY donor expressed gratitude for a reason to both clean out their homes of unused equipment AND provide someone else with the opportunity to re-use their stuff
- Many shoppers who did not use all their credit left their vouchers for the cashiers to apply to other shoppers -- a great way to pay it forward.

Here are some fun statistics about the swap and the donations:

- \$723 in cash was collected for the Glenview Park Foundation (after shoppers cashed their vouchers)
- 21 tables of merchandise, plus the gym walls
- 91 golf clubs, 52 baseball bats, 38 baseball mitts, 20 lacrosse sticks, 35 tennis/badminton racquets, 20 fishing poles
- 67 pairs of shoes (mostly soccer), 19 pairs of in-line skates
- 11 skateboards, 7 scooters (2-wheel), 1 unicycle
- 12 lawn chairs, a number of camping tents, sleeping bags & pads, an inflatable raft
- 4 portable soccer goals, 1 pitch-back
- 8 pairs of cross-country skis and ski poles; snowshoes; downhill skis, ski boots, 11 sleds
- Miscellaneous: martial arts chest & kick pads, bowling ball, dart board, cricket score board, bocce set, frisbee golf, foldable ladder game, boxing gloves, tabletop boxing set, bike carrier, shin & elbow guards for multiple sports, pogo sticks, and more!
- Hundreds of balls (basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, softball, baseball, golf, tennis)

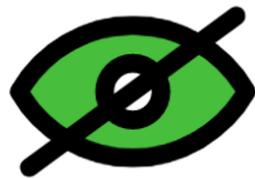
Many thanks to SportSwap coordinator Ann Yoshida and hard-working Greener Glenview volunteers: Jane Bradbury, Laura Brancky, Melissa Dahlquist, Debbie DePalma and son Yaseen, Judy Dorr, Annalee Fjellberg, Mike Hummel, Tom Johnson, Kimberly Kraft, Sheri Latash, Terri Morgan, Sara Spitz, Cathy Wilson, and Marie Zlotnikov.

More thanks to the Glenview Park District's Joe Pollina, Brian O'Malley, Arianne Venuso-Paskvan, and the wonderful custodial staff at the Park Center.

Golf items were hot!



Chairs and tennis equipment...



# Hidden in Plain Sight

A program of Greener Glenview

**"How Much Noise Is Too Much" Videos Now Available!**

## HOW MUCH NOISE...



## IS TOO MUCH?

IT'S NOT JUST YOUR  
HEARING BEING HARMED

Hidden in Plain Sight Part 2 • [GreenerGlenview.org](http://GreenerGlenview.org)

This highly-praised presentation focuses on how our brains process sound and will have you thinking about sound and noise differently. Noise is an under-recognized contributor to a range of health issues and can have dramatic environmental effects.

[Link to the videos and resources](#)

The first program in "Hidden In Plain Sight" focused on Artificial Light at Night (ALAN). The videos are available here.

[Section 1: Introduction and Overview \(18:00\)](#)

[Section 2: ALAN and Melatonin \(7:27\)](#)

[Section 3: How Does Light Pollution Affect Animals and Plants? \(21:19\)](#)

[Section 4: What YOU Can Do About ALAN \(8:50\)](#)

[Section 5: Questions and Answers \(25:00\)](#)

The third "Hidden in Plain Sight" program will deal with traffic. Details to come.

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## Greener Glenview Meets with Our Local State Legislators

In August, Greener Glenview joined other environmental groups in two environmental briefing and roundtable discussions with local legislators: Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz and Sen. Laura Fine's Chief of Staff Ben Isabel, and Sen. Julie Morrison & Rep. Jonathan Carroll (who represent Glenview residents west of Milwaukee Ave).

Among the topics discussed were this past session's successes, including SB0058 (Public Act 103-0470), sponsored by Rep. Gong-Gershowitz in the House and Sen.

Laura Fine in the Senate. Effective January 1, 2025, State agencies and departments may no longer procure or use of single-use Styrofoam food containers. Effective January 1, 2026, the ban extends to new & renewed vendor contracts at any site owned or leased by the State, including universities.

The wide-ranging discussion included new laws related to funding for lead service lines' replacement, refillable water stations, data collection on microplastics and the nuclear plant moratorium.

Attendees raised concerns about the proliferation of artificial turf and the under-recognized health & safety issues, the slow pace/inaction to add invasive plant species to the IL Department of Natural Resources list of plants threatening our natural areas, extended producer responsibility for plastics recycling, and taking action to encourage school districts to be more intentional about making their operations environmentally sustainable.

For a summary of the Illinois General Assembly actions on the environment, go to the [Illinois Environmental Council's 2023 Legislative Report](#).

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**DATE:** September 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM

**LOCATION:** Various (Map posted September 22 on the [Greener Glenview website](#))

Announcing the second annual [Glenbrook Solar Tour 2023](#). Find out why homeowners are so happy they installed rooftop solar. Also joining the tour this year is Glenview's Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church which recently installed an array of 300 solar panels on their community center roof. Hosts will be available to answer your questions about why they went solar, the costs, the process, and what they learned from their experience.

Going solar adds up to big savings. It makes financial sense to go solar now because of three cost-saving incentives:

- a 30% federal income tax credit on the total cost of installation (batteries included, if you choose)

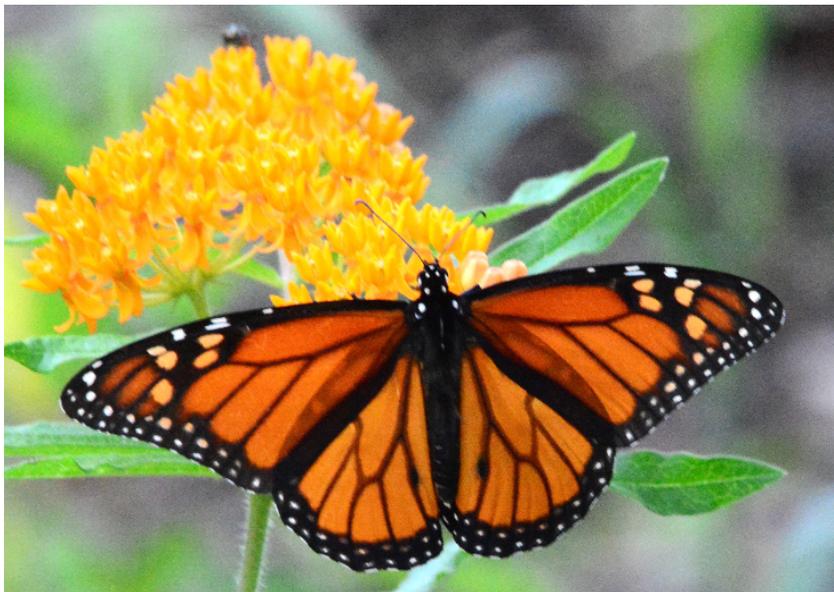
- 15 years' worth of Solar Renewable Energy Credits paid to you during the year following installation
- net-metering (which means Illinois utilities credit customers one-to-one for every kilowatt hour of energy their solar array generates). This means, you start saving the day your installation goes live and you continue to save after the upfront costs are paid off (typically about eight years).

A map to the host sites will be posted on the [Greener Glenview website](#) one week before the tour.

Check out the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) comprehensive easy-to-read [Guide to Solar](#).

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## Upcoming Presentation: Butterfly-Friendly Fall Planting and Clean up



**DATE:** Wednesday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Glenview Public Library

Get a head start this fall on a beautiful, pollinator-friendly garden next spring. Learn from a native gardening veteran about the benefits of fall planting and how to prepare your yard for winter to preserve habitat for beneficial wildlife. The speaker will include a short list of her favorite native plants, too.

A mulch pro from [The Mulch Center](#) will show you what kinds of mulch to use for which purpose. (Note: Mention Greener Glenview when you order from The Mulch Center, and you'll get a discount on the mulch and delivery costs.)

[Register](#) for this presentation (optional)

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## **More Progress on Glenview Native Habitat**

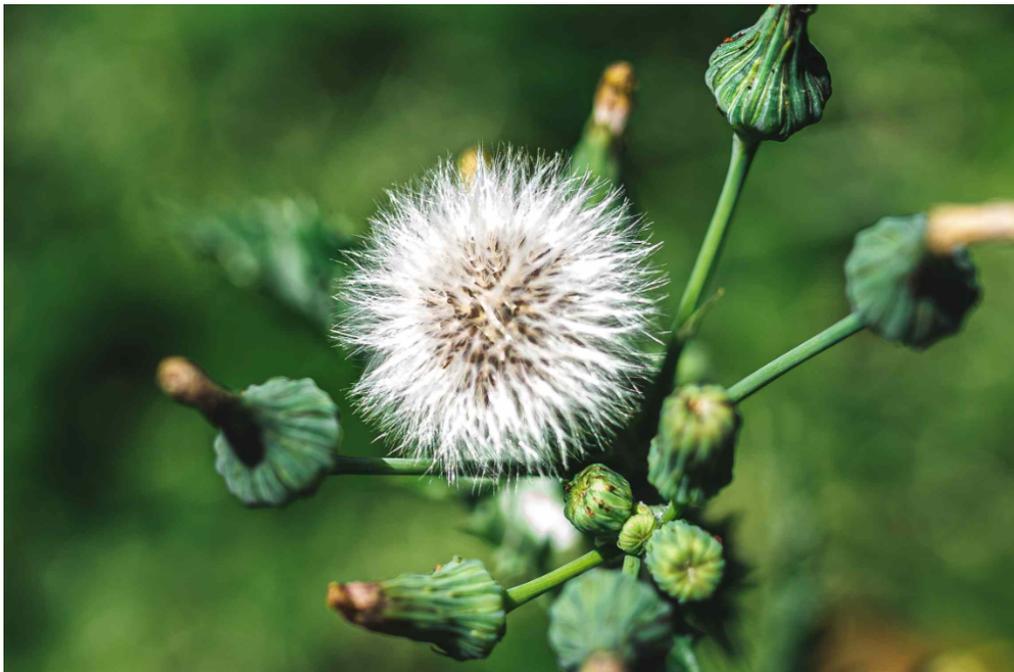
Each month, we get closer to [Glenview Native Habitat's](#) 2023 goal of certifying 100 wildlife-friendly gardens in Glenview and, ultimately, achieving the vision of the Village of Glenview's Plan for Nature. Note: We need 250 certified habitat gardens to become a Certified Wildlife Community, as recognized by the [National Wildlife Federation](#). Seven more gardeners registered their sites in July and August.

Interested in [certifying your garden](#)? Learn more here.

Planting natives "is the single most important thing we can do to stop the steady drain of species from our local ecosystems" according to Douglas Tallamy, the entomologist who wrote *Nature's Best Hope*. Native plants help restore native habitat on land disturbed by development and damaged by fertilizers and pesticides. Additionally, deep-rooted native plants help cool the environment., [Learn more](#).

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## Glenview's Environmental Ordinances: Weeds



**Chapters 38 (Health and Sanitation)** and **Chapter 18 (Buildings and Building Regulations)** address weeds. Both Chapters specify that weeds and “plant growth” cannot exceed eight inches. Most of the regulation governing weeds, including the definition of a weed, is found in Chapter 38, adopted in 2012.

In light of what we know now about the importance of native plants and creating a winter habitat and food supply for native insects and other animals, it may be time to revisit the issue of weeds. Examples of possible changes include: 1) delete milkweed from the definition of weed; 2) modify ‘thistles of all kinds’ to be limited to non-native thistle; 3) delete section 38-62(c) requiring that natural landscaping on private lots shall be mowed or cut to 18 inches or less at least once prior to June 1 of each calendar year.

Below are the applicable sections of the municipal code.

### **CHAPTER 38 : HEALTH AND SANITATION**

#### **ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL**

##### **Sec. 38-1. - Definitions.**

**Weed** means any annual or perennial herbaceous plant of volunteer growth, not cultivated or useful for human food or enjoyment, and shall include, but not be limited to, jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistles of all kinds, cocklebur, barberry (tall, common or European, further known as *Barberia Vulgaria*, or its other horticultural varieties), poison ivy, yellow dock, Indian mallow, sweet clove, wild mustard (including black mustard and yellow mustard), may *weed*, lambs' quarters, pig *weed*, beggar ticks, wild lettuce, shepherds purse, smart *weed*, sow-thistle, tumbleweed, milk *weed*, dandelions, etc., any plant that, when in blossom, gives off an unpleasant or obnoxious odor or pollen, irritating to human tissue, and any plant growth that may conceal rubbish, debris or filthy deposits, or constitute a fire hazard when dry, and grass that is more than eight inches in height, rank growth or volunteer growth of bushes or brush that may conceal rubbish, debris or filthy deposits, or constitute a fire hazard when dry, or any plant that causes or adds its influence in bringing on hay fever, or other similar or noxious plant, and all plants fitting within the term "*weeds*" as used in the Illinois Municipal Code. Herbaceous plants, other than those listed below, and those defined as noxious or invasive by the State department of agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, or the nature conservancy, shall not be considered *weeds* when they are determined by the Village manager or his designee to be located within areas of private, naturally landscaped lots as defined in section 38-313(a). *Weeds* not exempt within these areas include ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.), teasel (*Dipsacuss* spp.), wild parsnip (*Pastinaca umbelliferae*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), common reed (*Phragmities australis*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), Canadian thistle (*Circium arvense*), bull thistle (*Circiom vulgare*) or other nonindigenous thistles.

#### **ARTICLE IV-NUISANCES**

##### **Sec. 38-62. - Duty to maintain landscaping.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupant and any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant, having control of any real estate and improvement thereon, if any, to allow or maintain on such real estate any rubbish, garbage, construction debris, or landscape waste including but not limited to trimmings, leaves and grass clippings, to stand and accumulate thereon.

(b) It shall be **unlawful to have any growth of grass, weeds or plant growth to the height of over eight inches**. The violator under this section may be punished as provided in section 1-16. Grass or *weeds* allowed to grow contrary to this section and any rubbish on such real estate, including but not limited to vacant lots, commercial properties, parkways, ditches, and cul-de-sacs, are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

(c) Natural landscaping on private lots shall be mowed or cut to 18 inches or less at least once prior to June 1 of each calendar year.

(d) Natural landscaping on private lots shall not be located within three feet of the front property line or at corner side property lines of lots having a public sidewalk, or within four feet of any other property line; provided, however, no rear or side yard setback shall be required where the natural landscaping material abuts permitted natural landscaping material on an adjacent lot. No natural landscaping shall infringe upon any public right-of-way or obstruct vision at any street, alley or driveway.

(e) Properly maintained composting is exempt from the requirements of section 38-62.

(Ord. No. 5547, § 2, 4-3-2012)

**Sec. 38-63. - Failure of owner, etc., to cut.**

(a) In all cases where the owner and the person who controls the real estate on which there are such growths of *weeds* or rubbish as set forth in this chapter shall fail to cut or remove such *weeds* or rubbish, or cause such *weeds* or rubbish to be cut or removed, owner shall be subject to the penalties and punishment set forth in section 1-16 of the municipal code.

(b) *Weeds*, when cut down, and rubbish, when collected, must be removed from the lot or disposed of in such a manner as not to create a nuisance or hazard.

(c) Properly maintained composting is exempt from the requirements of section 38-63.

(Ord. No. 5547, § 2, 4-3-2012)

•**Sec. 38-65. - Power of abatement.**

Except as otherwise provided, it shall be the duty of the Village manager to serve notice upon the owner, occupant, agent or person in possession or control of any lot, building or premises in or upon which any nuisance may be found or who may be the owner or cause of any such nuisance requiring him to abate the nuisance in such manner as the Village manager shall prescribe, within a reasonable time.  
(Ord. No. 5547, § 2, 4-3-2012)

**Sec. 38-66. - Responsibility of expense of nuisance abatement.**

The expense of abatement of the nuisances as set forth in this Code shall be collected from the person who may have created, continued and suffered such nuisance to exist.  
(Ord. No. 5547, § 2, 4-3-2012)

**CHAPTER 18 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE VII—PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

**Sec. 18-491. - International Code Council (ICC) International Property Maintenance Code adopted; amendments.**

The 2018 edition of the ICC International Property Maintenance Code is hereby adopted with the following amendments:

(12) Section 302.4 *Weeds*. The first sentence is amended to read as follows: "**All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches.**"



## Heat Pump Program

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 14 • 7 to 8 PM

**WHERE:** Wilmette Public Library

**SPONSORS:** Go Green Wilmette and the Village of Wilmette

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will explain how your home can benefit from a heat pump. This information session will go over the environmental benefits, comfort, and potential savings that you can enjoy when utilizing a heat pump in your home.

## Friends of the Chicago River Community Paddle

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 23 • Noon to 3 PM

**WHERE:** Dammrich Rowing Center, 3220 Oakton St., Skokie

[FREE – Register HERE](#)

Enjoy the beauty and wildlife of the North Shore Channel. See how Friends has been improving habitat, water quality and the overall resiliency of the river by planting native plants along the river banks. These plants provide food and habitat for river animals and help stabilize riverbanks by mitigating the detrimental impacts of soil erosion. There are two sessions, one from 12 - 1:30 p.m. and a second from 1:30 - 3 p.m. All are welcome. Space is limited, so registration is required. No paddling experience necessary. Friends' trusty canoe guides will help everyone safely load in and out of the canoes, answer questions about the river along the way and act as safety monitors on the water. We provide all equipment, paddling instruction, and a safety talk. We recommend paddlers are at least 10 years old and minors paddle with a guardian. Younger river lovers from 5-10 years old are invited to enjoy the event with their family by sitting in the center of the

canoe.

## **Butterfly-Friendly Fall Planting and Clean Up**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 27 • 7 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library Community Room East

**SPONSORS:** Greener Glenview and the Glenview Public Library

Add native plants to your landscape this fall, learn mulching techniques, prepare beds for butterfly gardens in spring, and discover how to put your yard to sleep for winter the pollinator-friendly way. Join a local gardener with native gardening experience and a professional from The Mulch Center.

## **Glenbrook Solar Tour 2023**

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**WHERE:** Various

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## **Oaktober Tree Trot**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 7 • 9:30 AM to 11 AM

**WHERE:** The Grove Interpretive Center

A special guided trail walk led by Village of Glenview's Arborist and Natural Resource Manager, Robyn Flakne, as she focuses on the native trees of Illinois growing at The Grove, especially our mighty oaks.

## **The Grove Restoration Workday**

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 24 • 9:00-11:00 AM

**WHERE:** 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview

Please [RSVP here](#) to reserve your spot. Work parties may be canceled due to inclement weather. Volunteers under age 15 must participate with an adult.

## **North Branch Restoration Workdays**

All workdays are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

[To register for any of these workdays](#)

### **Blue Star Memorial Woods**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 16

**WHERE:** Parking is on parking on Wilmette Ave just east of Harms Rd; walk over to the woods at the marked pedestrian crossing.

### **Watersmeet Prairie Grove**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 23

**WHERE:** This site is located in the village of Northfield near the Glenview border. On Winnetka Road, east of Wagner Rd. Park on Avon Ave, a side street to the north of Winnetka Road. Meet near the Forest Preserve sign, across the road from Avon.