



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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## November 2023

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### **Come Celebrate our Two-Year Anniversary and Plan for 2024!**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Please join us as we look our past two years and then get your feedback as we look ahead to 2024. Here's some of what we'll be talking about:

- Glenview Native Habitat
- Solar energy
- Buckthorn
- Light pollution
- Village sustainability update
- Volunteering
- And more!



See you on the 8th! And bring a friend or two.

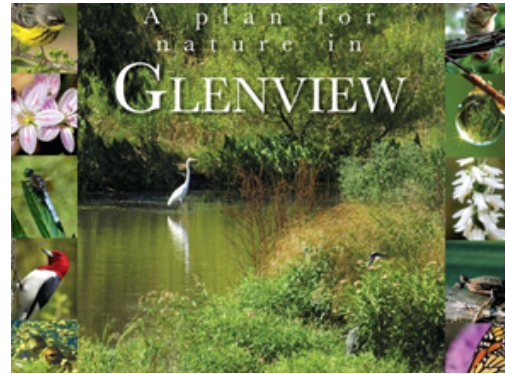
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## Plan for Nature Workshop

**WHEN:** Monday November 6 @ 6:00  
to 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Village Board Room

You can help preserve and protect Glenview's open space, and its trees, rivers, and wildlife. Show your support and bring your ideas to the Plan for Nature Workshop.



The workshop begins at 6 pm with a presentation about the 2023 update of Glenview's Plan for Nature, its goals and strategies for success. Environment & Natural Resources Commission members will be on hand to answer questions and collect comments and ideas. After the public comment workshop, the completed Plan will be presented to the New Development Commission and then to the Village Board for approval.

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## Happy Anniversary and thank you to our readers and volunteers!

Greener Glenview is two years old! We launched Greener Glenview in 2021 to protect and enhance our shared environment, both natural and built, for ourselves and our future generations.

*Happy Anniversary*

Two years later, we have been awarded two Judy Beck Family grants for Glenview Native Habitat and the *Hidden in Plain Sight* lecture series. Our mailing list continues to grow and reach more households throughout Glenview. We've also won a Sustainability Award for Education from the ENRC.

We have focused on education, collaboration and advocacy in our first two years. In 2023 we sponsored programs on such important matters as, 1) the dangers to the environment and to human health from of Artificial Light at Night (ALAN); 2) the hidden harm of background Noise to humans and the environment; 3) the crucial importance of pollinator-friendly native plants and pesticide-free landscape maintenance.

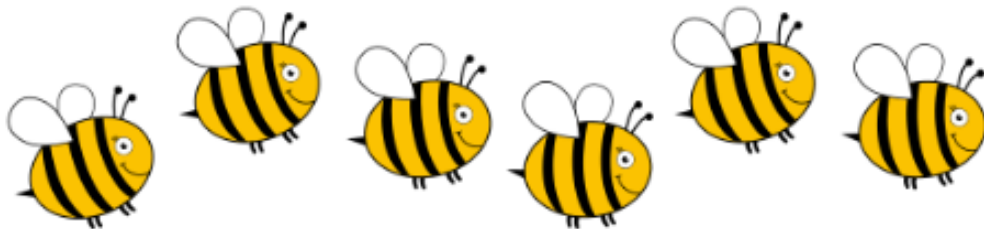
Through the Glenview Native Habitat grant we've distributed many pollinator-friendly seed packets, met with homeowners' associations, and

tabled at events to promote National Wildlife Federation certification of residents' gardens.

We collaborated with Glenview Gardeners on this year's Garden Walk featuring native gardens and marched in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade; and we sponsored two Solar Tours in collaboration with the Illinois Solar Energy Association and Go Green Northbrook.

We've addressed the Village Board of Trustees and commission meetings (Environment & Natural Resources Commission, New Development Commission, and Development Adjustments Commission) regarding: an update to the 20 year old Tree Preservation Ordinance; creating noise and light barriers to protect wildlife along the West Fork from the new pickleball courts development at Valley Lo Sport Club. We worked to assure that the most current LEED standards and Village ordinances would be used followed as Dermody redevelops the Allstate property over the next 5-10 years. We submitted comments on the updated Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. We continue to monitor the status of the feasibility study for the I-294 on and off ramps being considered on Milwaukee Avenue in Glenview near Abt.

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## **Save the bees! Do your fall cleanup...in the spring**

A tidy landscape blown completely free of leaf litter may look nice to humans, but it's a dead zone for overwintering butterflies and nesting pollinators. If you like songbirds and butterflies, be lazy in at least part of your yard this fall. Leave some leaves to mulch your perennial beds. Leave the flower seed heads for birds to feed on, and leave the flower stems for shelter for native bees and other pollinators. The caterpillars that emerge in spring will feed the songbirds you love to see nesting in your yard.

*"Native bees and caterpillars are crucial to the survival of local food webs. Native bees are generally the most effective pollinators of native plants,*

*and adequate pollination is essential for ensuring the plant will set fruit and/or seed.”*

—Douglas Tallamy, author of *Nature’s Best Hope* and founder of [Homegrown National Park](#).

[Learn how to create habitat for stem-nesting bees in this two-page flyer from the University of Minnesota Extension.](#)

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## **Greener Glenview Tees**

“I love your tee-shirt!” We keep hearing this from people who see our Greener Glenview tee-shirts. Let’s set a date to gather at the Innovation Center at the Glenview Public Library. Bring your tee shirt (all-cotton is best) and we’ll apply the GG logo on front and/or back. How much does it cost? Less than a dollar per logo application.

Interested? Email us at [greenerglenview@gmail.com](mailto:greenerglenview@gmail.com)

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*A program of Greener Glenview*

## **Certify Your Garden as a Native Habitat**

We're almost at [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.

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



## Pumpkin Pitch

Lots of opportunities to "pitch your pumpkin"!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 4 • 1:00 to 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** Flick Park

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 4 • 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Wilmette Village Hall parking lot; Centennial Park parking lot

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 4 and 11 • 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Wilmette Village Hall parking lot

**WHEN:** November 1 through 15

**WHERE:** Northfield Community Center parking Lot (SE corner)

Dumpsters are provided for you to "pitch your pumpkins" so they can be turned into compost. Painted gourds and pumpkins are OK, but remove all candles and decoration. Note: Pumpkins can also be easily composted in your back yard.

## A Plan for Nature in Glenview Public Workshop

**WHEN:** Monday, November 6 • 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Village Hall

The village will host an informal workshop to review the 2023 update of Glenview's Plan for Nature. Short presentation followed by discussion and Q&A. Environment and Natural Resources commissioners will be on hand to answer questions. Drafts of the plan will also be available for viewing.

Read the Plan for Nature Summary [here](#).

## **Greener Glenview Anniversary and Member Meeting**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8 • 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Greener Glenview will present plans for programming and action in 2024. Be there to give us your feedback, ideas and willingness to volunteer.

## **Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don't Know You Have by Tatiana Schlossberg**

**WHEN:** Nov. 13 • 7 - 8pm

**WHERE:** Online

Virtual discussion of Inconspicuous Consumption, an eye-opening and unexpectedly entertaining look at the way our everyday lives--food, fashion, fuel, and the internet and technology--impact environmental pollution and climate change. You don't have to read the book to participate.

[REGISTER](#)

## **Home Energy Answers**

**WHEN:** Nov. 15 • 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Beth Emet Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster, Evanston --  
Virtual or In Person

A panel of speakers from Citizens Utility Board and U.S. Department of Energy National Lab will offer ideas to make your home energy-smart and sustainable, and guide you to cost-saving programs through tax credits or subsidies being made available through the Inflation Reduction Act. [Learn more.](#)

[Registration Required](#)

*Sponsored by the Beth Emet Dayenu Circle with co-sponsors: Citizens' Climate Lobby Evanston North Shore Chapter, Climate Action Evanston, Go Green Wilmette, and Interfaith Action Evanston Climate Change and Justice Subcommittee*

## **Friends of the Chicago River**

### **Chicago's Rivers: A Vital Part of our Past, Present & Future**

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 16 • 6-7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Evanston Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.

Learn the history of the rivers that crisscross our area and what is being done to enhance water and environmental quality. Join [Friends of the Chicago River](#) at the Evanston Library to hear Annette Anderson, Friends of the Chicago River's Program Manager for volunteers, events and the canoe program, share the vital ecological significance of the Chicago-Calumet River system to both Evanston and the City of Chicago. Annette will offer ways you can help improve and protect the city's iconic waterways for future generations. The presentation will run about 45 minutes followed by Q&A. Registration is NOT required but helps with planning.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## **North Branch Restoration Workdays**

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

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

### **Watersmeet Prairie Grove**

**WHEN:** Saturdays, November 4 and 11

**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.

### **Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie**

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 11

**WHERE:** Compass and Lehigh Roads, Glenview. Meet at the Interpretive Center

### **Harms Woods**

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 18

**WHERE:** Meet at the forest preserve Glenview Woods parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Road.

### **Blue Star Memorial Woods**

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 26

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