



Greener Glenview Bulletin

November 2022



Greener Glenview is One Year Old!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and all of you who have attended our programs and signed up for our newsletter.

Greener Glenview was founded to put sustainability at the heart of how we live and work in Glenview. Since we launched in October 2021, we've been guided by the top goal of the 30+ people in the room at that kickoff meeting: to reduce carbon emissions. We've focused on reducing carbon emissions in three

main ways: promoting solar energy (rooftop or community solar), planting more natives (to support pollinators and reduce fertilizing, mowing and leaf blowing), and recycling right (first reduce, then recycle).

Through education, collaboration and advocacy we have succeeded in meeting our Year 1 objectives. Below is a recap of our past year's activities. We look forward to your help and your ideas as we plan for 2023!

Please join us in our initial activity of Year 2: a November 17 tour of Abt's environmental facilities.

Sheri and Mary



Greener Glenview: First-Year Accomplishments

TOURS

- A Walk in Blue Star Woods, led by Friends of the Forst Preserve: NOVEMBER 2021
- Glenbrook Solar Tour: SEPTEMBER 2022

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- Green Drinks @ Grandpa's-Village of Glenview's Winter Preparation (Glenview Public Works): DECEMBER 2021
- Green Drinks @ Grandpa's-Regional Working Group on Leaf Blowers

(Glenview Public Works): APRIL 2022

- Conservation @ Home (University of IL Extension, Conservation Foundation): MARCH 2022
- Recycling Myth and Reality (SWANCC, Groot, Village of Glenview, Glenview Park District): JUNE 2022
- Gardening that Matters (Natural Habitat Evanston): OCTOBER 2022

PRESENTATIONS by GREENER GLENVIEW

- Glenview Community Church Speakers Forum: APRIL 2022
- Glenview Sunrise Rotary Club: APRIL 2022

EVENTS

Tabling at

- Earth Day—Tyner Center: APRIL 2022
- Lake Glenview Fish Release: APRIL 2022
- Legislators' Resource Fair (Park Center): MAY 2022
- Glenview Farmers' Market: SEPTEMBER 2022

ADVOCACY

- Glenview Village Board-Sustainability Planning & Initiatives: FEBRUARY 2022
- Glenview Village Board-Allstate/Dermody Redevelopment: JULY 2022

MEETINGS

- Member Outreach-FEBRUARY 2022
- Member Outreach-JUNE 2022
- Glenview's Sustainability Coordinator: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2022

Behind the scenes

- Produce monthly Bulletin, post on Facebook and Instagram
- Attend bi-monthly meetings of Glenview's Environment & Natural Resources Commission
- Participate in monthly meetings of Go Green Illinois and Go Green Northbrook
- Attend numerous webinars and events (e.g. Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance annual meeting, Techny Prairie Activity Center net-zero building tour)



I-294 On/Off Ramps: Traffic, Quality of Life, and the Environment

WHEN: Thursday, November 10 @
6:00 to 7:30 PM

WHERE: Glenview Park Center,
Lakeside Room

SPONSORS: Village of Glenview

The Village of Glenview has been considering the feasibility of I-294 on/off ramps since 2019. These ramps would be located on Milwaukee Avenue near Abt/Renaissance Hotel and Insignia Preserve, a townhome subdivision in very close proximity to the I-294 overpass.

Glenview's 2022 budget included \$400,000 to study the ramps' feasibility and \$360,000 is proposed in the 2023 budget. What are some of the possible environmental consequences of installing these ramps?

- Increased traffic on Milwaukee Avenue leading to increased traffic on Glenview Rd. and Lake Avenue.
- Increased noise from braking vehicles on the off-ramp and accelerating vehicles at the on-ramp.
- Increased air pollution from idling vehicles at the off-ramp traffic signal and localized greenhouse gas emissions.
- Removal of carbon-sequestering trees and other vegetation at both ramps, possible wetland destruction at the off-ramp, and wildlife habitat destruction.
- Installation of impermeable paving, increasing the already-existent heat island effect.

PLEASE ATTEND THE VILLAGE'S NOVEMBER 10 OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN MORE FROM VILLAGE STAFF AND CONSULTANTS AND TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION.



Tour Abt's Environmental Operations

WHEN: Thursday, November 17 @ 4:00 to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Abt Electronics, 1200 N. Milwaukee Ave, Glenview

LIMIT: Tour limited to 12 people

This is a very unique opportunity!

Abt is a local leader in sustainability. They understand that doing the 'right thing' for the environment also makes good business sense and contributes to the bottom line. Come see and learn about Abt's environmental initiatives, including their recycling center, solar roof, and more.

This tour is limited to 12 people. Advance registration is required by sending an email to GreenerGlenview@gmail.com

You will receive written confirmation of your registration. If registration is full, we will put your name on the waitlist. A reminder will be sent to registrants two days before the tour to reconfirm your attendance.



Remember to vote YES for the Forest Preserve Referendum! Vote early or on November 8.

[For more information](#) about the referendum (located at the bottom of the ballot).



Interview with Glenview's Sustainability Coordinator, Molly Laycob

Molly Laycob joined the Village of Glenview staff on August 1. She works in the Community Development Department, reporting to Natural Resources Manager, Robyn Flakne. Greener Glenview met with Molly in September and October to talk about our history, purpose & perspectives, and to learn about her role.

Q1. You are in a newly created position. How is it going so far?

Since I arrived, I've been on a mission to identify and inventory needs. Colleagues from many departments have been very active in sharing ideas for tasks and projects to work on. Their suggestion list is quite long! Additionally, the Environment & Natural Resources Commission has laid out its list of initiatives. I've joined the area-wide network of municipal sustainability coordinators, which meets bimonthly, and am representing the village on the Building Energy Codes work group of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Q2. Since we met in September, have you sifted through your "to-do" list and determined some priorities?

In the month since we last met, my direction has become much clearer. I plan

to focus on quite a few priorities that allow me to work with various groups of people around Glenview. Education, communication, and collaboration are all key ingredients to successful sustainability initiatives, and I plan to incorporate all of those into each of my projects. The people of Glenview will very much be a part of our sustainable journey and I can't wait to get started on them.

Q3. What most inspires you about sustainability?

I love that sustainability can inspire anyone in any part of their life! Sustainability truly can and should be incorporated into all aspects of the way that we live, as it is vital for the health of our planet and community. I find it very rewarding to see people get involved in sustainability projects that benefit them in more ways than one, whether it be financially, socially, or environmentally. Even if it means just changing one small part of your daily routine, it makes a huge difference, and I love seeing the lightbulb go off in people's heads when they realize that!

Q4. How do you see the future of Glenview in terms of a sustainable community?

I would love to see Glenview be a leader community for sustainability in the Chicago region! There are so many great surrounding communities that have invested in sustainable infrastructure, resources, and projects, and I am lucky enough to learn from their experience and journeys in implementing those initiatives. Glenview has the platform to be a true team player in our region's sustainability goals and I hope to have our community contribute in as many ways as we can environmentally and socially.



**Audio of the Month:
When Studying
Ecology Means
Celebrating Its Gifts**

[Listen here](#)



Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and recent winner of a MacArthur Genius Award, speaks with Science Friday about the give-and-take relationship among all life forms—including humans—that will heal the planet.



Glenview Bike & Pedestrian Plan Open House

WHEN: Thursday, November 3 @ 5:00 to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Park Center, Lakeside Room (2400 Chestnut Avenue)

SPONSOR: Village of Glenview

This Open House will allow residents to learn more about the entire planning process, read the draft Plan and engage with the consulting team that has been working on it.

[Registration is requested](#)

Forest Therapy Walk

WHEN: Thursday, November 10 @ 10 AM

WHERE: Bunker Hill Forest Preserve, W. Harts Road, Niles

FREE. Awaken your senses and renew your bond with nature. Certified Forest Therapy guide. Ages 18 & up. Questions? Call 773-758-8899.

[Registration required](#)

I-294 On/Off Ramps Open House

WHEN: Thursday, November 10 @ 6:00 to 7:30 PM

WHERE: Glenview Park Center Lakeview Room (2400 Chestnut Avenue)

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Informational Open House meeting about potential I-294 on- and off-ramps at Milwaukee Avenue near The Grove.

Environmental & Natural Resources Commission Bi-Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Monday, November 14 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Village Hall

Go Green Illinois: CMAP Local Climate Analyses

WHEN: Tuesday, November 15 @ 1:00 to 3:00 PM

WHERE: Online

Jared Patton of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning will share information on the new municipal-level climate analyses created for the regional Climate Action Plan. This information will enable us to take action on climate in our communities more effectively.

Advanced registration is required.

[Register](#)

The Power of Sustainable Investing

WHEN: Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Online

SPONSOR: Northbrook Public Library, Go Green Northbrook, and Northbrook Chamber of Commerce

Learn why investing in companies with high environmental and social priorities makes good financial sense. Three investment professionals will discuss how to develop an investment portfolio that combines building equity with helping to secure a livable world for you, your family, and our future.

This event will be held live on Zoom. Once you have registered, please check

your email the morning of the program for a link.

[Register](#)

Restoration Workdays

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

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, November 5 and 12

[For more information and to register for Nov. 5](#)

[For more information and to register for Nov. 12](#)

Harms Woods

WHEN: Sunday, November 6 and 27

[For more information and to register for Nov. 6](#)

[For more information and to register for Nov. 27](#)

Blue Star Memorial Woods

WHEN: Sunday, November 27

[For more information and to register for Nov. 27](#)