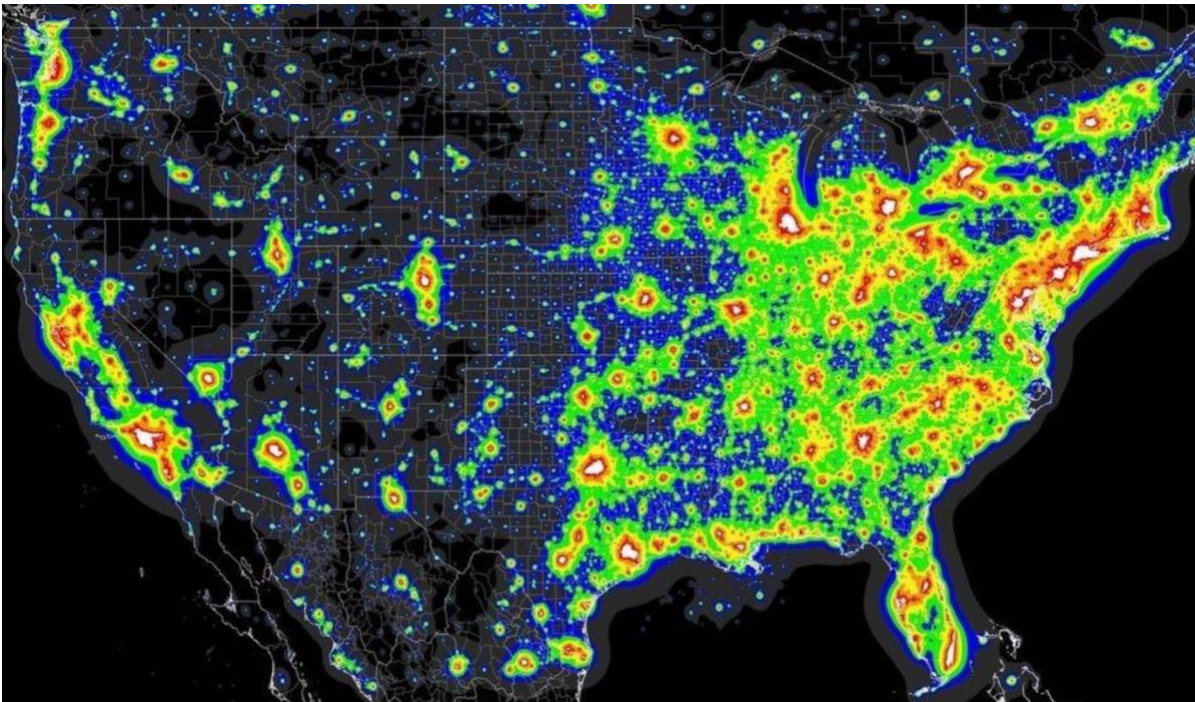




Greener Glenview Bulletin

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Light Pollution's Negative Impact

WHAT: Hidden in Plain Sight: How Artificial Light at Night Impacts the Environment and Human Health

WHEN: Monday, April 10 @7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

We are living in an environment with excessive use of artificial outdoor light. You may not notice its ever-increasing levels because you have grown accustomed to it. Unless you're a stargazer, you may not even be aware of it. But scientists are increasingly raising awareness of the harmful impacts of this non-traditional "pollutant."

Greener Glenview is sponsoring the April 10 program to inform residents about those impacts and identify actions they can take to reduce the environmental and health impacts of outdoor & indoor artificial light at night (ALAN). This program also has applicability to local government decision-making.

Village commissions evaluate lighting during their review of new and expanded business developments, in accordance with design guidelines and ordinances. Currently, there is no requirement to consider the wide-ranging effects of ALAN on the environment and human health as part of that evaluation. We hope that the information presented in this program will factor into their future decision-making related to night-time lighting.

As an example, on Monday evening April 3rd, the Development Adjustment Commission will consider one of these developments: the Valley Lo Club proposal to construct pickle ball courts, a parking lot, and new lighting along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. It is expected that several speakers will address the implications of artificial light at night at that location. [Read more about this proposal.](#)



The Seed Is Planted for Glenview Native Habitat

Glenview Native Habitat is launched

Thank you to the 40 people who came to our March 6 members meeting

where [Glenview Native Habitat](#) was launched. The project goal is to make Glenview greener and healthier by encouraging all property owners—residents with lawns or outdoor patios or balconies, HOAs, houses of worship, municipal properties, and businesses—to add native plantings to their landscape.

Six more certified gardens in Glenview!

Congratulations and thank you to the six additional homeowners in Glenview who [certified their gardens](#) with the National Wildlife Federation in February and March this year. Our goal is to have 100 properties certified this year. When we reach 250, we will apply to have Glenview certified as a [Community Wildlife Habitat™](#) by the National Wildlife Federation.

The Mulch Center is supporting GNH!

We welcome the support of [The Mulch Center](#). When ordering your mulch this spring, they will provide a 20% discount when you mention Glenview Native Habitat. The Mulch Center has a type of mulch for every gardening need, and experts to help you pick the type that's best for your situation.

GNH needs volunteers

Want to help the Glenview Native Habitat project? [We need volunteers](#) for our many activities this spring and summer. [Volunteer here](#).

GNH wants your photos

[Send us your pictures](#) of wildlife and native gardens around Glenview. Please include the date, location, and any details we should know.



Celebrate Earth Month with these Glenview Public Library Programs!

Online [registration](#) or call 847-729-7500.

Is an Electric Vehicle Right For You? Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Learn of the benefits and about the myths of electric vehicles. Presented by Kate Carney, Community Outreach Coordinator, Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability.

Rachel Carson: Silent Spring Wednesday, April 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Actress & historian Leslie Goddard becomes environmentalist Rachel Carson in this living history program. Learn about Carson's love for the natural world, passion for writing and her work to awaken us to beauty and fragility of nature.

Glenview's 2023 Plan for Nature Wednesday, April 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

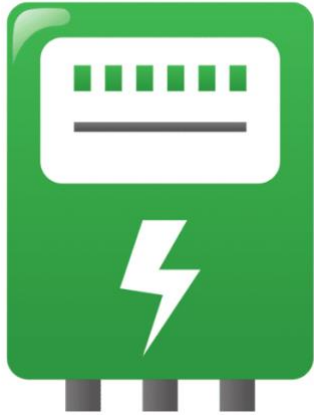
Robyn Flakne, Glenview's Natural Resources Manager will give an overview of Glenview's updated plan. The Plan for Nature identifies the natural areas and open spaces in Glenview, and recommends actions to protect and enhance them. Learn how things have changed since the first edition



New Reading Terrace with Native Plant Border April 1-October 31

Enjoy the warmth of spring on the Library's reading terrace, open daily on the second floor north side overlooking Jackman Park.

The Cheapest -- and Cleanest -- Kilowatt Hour is the One You Don't Use



To celebrate Earth Month this year, get the whole family involved in lowering your electric bill.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus provides [Energy Efficiency Activities for families and classrooms](#) that will help spot electricity “vampires” lurking in your house. These games can add up to big savings for you and cleaner air for the community when new habits take hold in your household.

Visit Greener Glenview at These Events

Visit our table at these upcoming Glenview Park District events. Bring your children & grandchildren!

- **April 15:** Tyner Center at Air Station Prairie, 10:00 to noon
- **April 22:** Fish Release at Lake Glenview Boat Launch, Noon-1:00

We'll also be at the Resident Open House at the Glenview Park Center.

- **April 22:** 10:00 to noon

Drop by and say 'hello'!

Video of the Month: Pesky Plants -- Lesser celandine

Watch for this invasive coming up right now

Be on the lookout for this pretty but very invasive plant coming up right now. It's

called Lesser celandine. Native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa, Lesser celandine was likely introduced to the U.S. as an ornamental plant in the 19th century. It has become a very invasive plant—partly because it is still sold as fig buttercup. Do not add it to your landscape. [Watch this video](#) to learn about lesser celandine and how to get rid of it. Hint, you'll have to be persistent.



Climate Change and Lake Michigan: 2023 & Beyond

WHEN: Saturday, April 17 @ 2:00 to 3:30 PM

WHERE: Michigan Shores Club, 911 Michigan Avenue, Wilmette

SPONSOR: Go Green Wilmette

Join the New Trier Democrats for an Earth Day panel event, featuring MWRD Commissioner Cam Davis, Mark Wagstaff, senior waterfront engineer at SmithGroup, and Sergio Vargas of the Illinois Environmental Council.

[Register](#)

Bumble Bee Banquet by Heather Holm

WHEN: Wednesday, April 19 @ 7:00 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Zoom

SPONSOR: Northbrook Garden Club

Award-winning author and expert on bees and wasps, Heather Holm will illustrate the bumble bee lifecycle, habitat, impacts from climate change, and what we can do to help native bees thrive. This event will be online using Zoom. Once you have registered, please check your email the morning of the program for a link.

[Register](#)

Garden Design with Natives for Beauty and Sustainability

WHEN: Tuesday, April 25 @ 7:00 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Northbrook Public Library, Pollack Room

Learn practical techniques for designing an eco-friendly garden with a focus on good design practices and native plant selection. Staff from the Conservation Foundation will present small steps to start transforming your landscaping with plants that suit your conditions for sun and shade, attract pollinators, and create a sustainable environment.

[Register](#)

Gardening with Natives

WHEN: Saturday, April 29 @ 2:00 to 3:30 PM

WHERE: The Grove

Meredith Suangka, Grove Natural Resource Manager, discusses the benefits of native vegetation and explains how to select the right plants for different environmental conditions and turn landscaping into a haven for pollinators and other wildlife.

[Register](#)

The Grove Restoration Workday

WHEN: Sunday, April 16 @ 9:00 to noon

WHERE: 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview

Collect seeds or remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for native wildflowers, grasses, and trees. No advance registration is necessary—just bring your work gloves if you have them and meet at the Interpretive Center. Work parties may be canceled if there is inclement weather.

[For more information](#)

North Branch Restoration Workdays

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

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

Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

WHEN: Saturday, April 8

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

Blue Star Memorial Woods

WHEN: Sunday, April 16

WHERE: South side of Lake Ave. between Wagner Rd. and Harms Rd.

Harms Woods

WHEN: Saturday, April 22

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

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, April 22 and 29

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.