



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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## October 2026

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### Greener Glenview Gatherings

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**WHERE:** Zoom

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# Volunteer

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## Volunteer with GG!

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 17 @  
9:00 to noon

**WHERE:** Glenview Farmers  
Market, Wagner Farm



Volunteers are needed for tabling at Glenview Farmers Market at the last day of the Glenview Farmers Market 2026, Saturday October 17. Cub Scout Troop Pack 59 will join us at our table to promote their textile recycling event November 15 in the parking lot of Hoffman School on Harrison in Glenview.

Volunteer to work the table or be sure to stop by to help promote Greener Glenview projects and meet the scouts.

Are you available to help with a two hour shift? RSVP  
at [GreenerGlenview@gmail.com](mailto:GreenerGlenview@gmail.com)

## Another Volunteer Opportunity!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 7 @  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Kent Fuller Tyner Center



Greener Glenview will exhibit along with SWANCC and others to celebrate America Recycles Day at the Kent Fuller Prairie Tyner Center.

Are you available to help with a two hour shift? RSVP  
at [GreenerGlenview@gmail.com](mailto:GreenerGlenview@gmail.com)

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## Info & Updates

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## Help Reduce High Levels of Plastic Particles

Please help Illinois take a giant step to reduce plastic pollution. Worried about what the nano-plastic in our environment and our bodies will do to the health of our children and grandchildren?

Researchers are studying the correlation between high levels of plastic particles and reproductive, cardiovascular, and age-related diseases. You can help get rid of foam foodware in Illinois by **speaking up now**.

Legislators have worked for four years to get a polystyrene foam foodware ban enacted in Illinois. It has already passed the House. It will come up for a final vote in this November's veto session in the state Senate. **If it doesn't pass this November, it's back to square one.**

Contact your state senator to help push SB 1531 over the finish line. [How to contact your senator and what to say here.](#)

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## Village Board Budget Sustainability Highlights

Free food scrap drop off continuing at two locations, Glenview Public Library and Public Works on Shermer. Plus, bike and pedestrian plan action, and an RFP coming for solar panels and battery storage at Glenview's municipal campus. Read about it here.

[CHECK IT OUT HERE](#) (see pages 31-33)



## Glenview Native Habitat Updates

Lazy yard clean-up now, fireflies next summer! Remember catching fireflies in a

bottle when you were a kid? You can bring lightning bugs back to your yard next summer, and have more time to relax this fall by leaving the leaves.

Leaves are habitat for next year's fireflies. Instead of blowing and shredding your leaves, just move them to under your foundation plantings and around your trees. They provide shelter for the pollinators and fireflies that will delight you next summer.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Native Plants are Better Than Feeders to Attract Birds**

"Bird feeders are not the only way—nor are they the best way--to attract birds to your garden. The best thing you can do to support local birds is to build back the habitat birds have lost."

Read more:

"Plant native plants. Leave your leaves, if you can. Construct a brush pile. Downsize your lawn. Stop using pesticides. Let it be a little messy; let it be a little wild. If you build it, I promise the birds will still come."

—Olivia V. Sanderfoot, Project Feeder-Watch at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Letter to the editor, New York Times, October 10, 2026

## **Want to Certify Your Native Habitat Garden? Scholarships Available!**

Have you shrunk your lawn a little and added a bed of native plants? And are you enjoying the swallowtail butterflies and other pollinators that have flocked to your garden? Now you can take the next step—free! Greener Glenview will pay the fee to get your garden certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Wildlife Habitat. It's easy, and with a scholarship, it's free. Plus it helps Greener Glenview earn Community Wildlife Habitat certification for Glenview. Want the scholarship? Contact us at [greenerglenview@gmail.com](mailto:greenerglenview@gmail.com).

[Read more here.](#)



## Free Food Scraps Drop-off Update

Public works reports that residents have dropped off 35,095 pounds (16 ½ tons!) of food scraps for composting between February 6 and the latest report. Public Works is in conversation with WasteNot commercial composter for a non-exclusive agreement to give Glenview residents lower rates on private curbside compost service. Stay tuned for more details to be announced.

Don't forget that all Glenview residents are invited to drop off food scraps through the year. Bins are located at:

- Prairie Street kiss and ride between the Glenview Public Library and Jackman Park
- Glenview Public Works on Shermer across the street from Village Hall

### What can be composted

Visit the [food composting page on our website](#) to learn about what can or cannot be posted.

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## Recycling

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# Compost Your Pumpkins!

## **Pumpkins are for smashing and composting--NOT trashing!**

Do the environment a favor and compost your pumpkins. Composting your pumpkin helps the environment: diverts waste from landfills and reduces methane emissions.

### **Glenview pumpkin drop-off locations:**

WHEN: October 28 through Tuesday, November 4 in the morning. (Bins are picked up on Wednesday afternoons.)

WHERE: New this year! Public Works Food Scraps Drop-off site **only**

Special bins for pumpkins will be in place at the **Public Works site only**. Do not drop off pumpkins at the library site. They'll overcrowd those bins.

### **Glenview Park District Pumpkin Smash and Bash**

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Flick Park Sledding Hill

Have fun rolling carved pumpkins down the sledding hill where they'll be turned into compost.

Note: pumpkins must be carved and free of decorations. Event may be cancelled due to weather. Sponsored by the Glenview Park District.

### **Wilmette pumpkin drop-off locations:**

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Wilmette Village Hall [1200 Wilmette Avenue](#) and Centennial Park [2300 Old Glenview Road](#) parking lot

WHEN: Saturday, November 28, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Centennial Park [2300 Old Glenview Road](#) parking lot

### **Northbrook pumpkin drop-off locations:**

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, noon to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Northbrook Court (NE Parking Lot near Neiman Marcus) [1515 Lake Cook Rd](#)

### **[Northfield](#) pumpkin drop-off locations:**

WHEN: October 30 to November 15

WHERE: Northfield Community Center parking [lot, 401 Wagner Rd, Northfield](#)

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## Recycling Reminders

### Village Hall

Here are the items you can recycle at Village Hall, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Light bulbs: CFLs and Fluorescent tubes only. Halogen bulbs and incandescent bulbs are NOT accepted. Incandescent bulbs can be thrown in the garbage.
- Old shoes
- Ink cartridges
- U.S. Flags
- Toiletries for USO

### SWANCC's Glenview Transfer Station

This location accepts [Electronic Waste](#) year-round from Glenview residents on **Saturdays from 9-11:30 a.m.** Located north of Central Rd. on the eastside of DesPlaines River Rd ([3 Providence Way, Des Plaines](#)).

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## Video of the Month: Plogging!

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Plogging comes from Sweden and is a popular movement where the activity itself is about picking up rubbish while jogging. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)

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## North Branch Restoration Work Days

Check out the calendar to see all the opportunities to restore these habitat areas.

[Workdays Calendar](#)

NOTE: All youth (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

## West Fork River Clean-up

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 18, 9:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Techny Basin (meet at Kohl's parking lot, 2201 Willow Road)

The Village of Glenview is once again hosting its annual Fall River Cleanup to beautify the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. The event is sponsored by the Environment and Natural Resources Commission and includes trash pick-up, brush cutting and weed removal. Work gloves and trash bags will be provided. Participants should meet at the Kohl's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Village of Glenview

## Patriot Acres Compost Facility Tour

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

The Illinois Food Scraps and Composting Coalition (IFSCC) is coordinating another compost facility tour.

For more information, [visit Go Green Winnetka's event sign-up.](#)

**Save the dates...coming in November**

**Recycle Smarter: What happens after pick-up?**

**WHEN:** Monday, November 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library community room

Discover what happens to batteries, paint, food waste, and curbside recycling after they leave your home. Speakers from SWANCC, Urban Canopy Compost, and Glenview Public Works share practical tips to help you reduce waste, recycle smarter, and compost safely. Co-sponsored by Greener Glenview.

[Register here](#)

## Recycle Your Textiles

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. rain or shine

**WHERE:** Hoffman School, [2000 Harrison Street, Glenview](#)

Glenview Cub Scout Troop 59 is sponsoring this clothing & textile recycling event to help the Glenview community clean out their closets and send textiles to be reused rather than clogging the landfill. Plan to drop off your used clothing & textiles November 15 and help the scouts succeed in their service project!

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