



Greener Glenview Bulletin



Clean Energy Fair/ EV Show a HUGE Success!

300+ Attendees

Over 300 visitors attended Glenview's first Clean Energy Fair/ EV Show, co-presented by Greener Glenview and the Glenview Park District. While most attendees came from Glenview, we also welcomed guests from Evanston, Wilmette, Morton Grove, and Northbrook.

More resources online

Over the next few weeks we will be compiling relevant resources for posting on

our website. If you attended either or both the fair and EV show, we'd appreciate hearing your impressions, what worked and where improvement is needed. Feel free to send us an email at greenerglenview@gmail.com.

Thank you to our exhibitors!

ENERGY CONSERVATION: Chicago Green Insulation, Green Attic Insulation, Renewal by Anderson

CLEAN ENERGY: Ailey Solar, Solstice Community Solar, Trajectory Energy Partners, Windfree Solar

ELECTRIC ALTERNATIVES: American Weathermakers, Current Electrical Contractors, Effective Air, John W. Weiss Ace Hardware

NON-PROFITS: Citizens Utility Board, Climate Reality Project, Dark Sky International, Illinois Environmental Council, Illinois Solar Education and Energy Storage Association, NET-Z, Respiratory Health Association, Greener Glenview

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION: Glenview Cycle, Bredemann Ford,,Fields Lexus, Fields Chrysler, Jeep, RAM, Jennings Chevrolet, Jennings Volkswagen

CURRENT EV OWNERS: Pat Carlson, Mike Hummel, Jen Roberts, Josie Hamilton, John Rine, Val Krejcie, Charlie Pyne, Richard Kusunoke, Jay Futterman, Ray Ostrowski

Thank you to our partner!

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT: Ken Wexler, Angel Olan + his team Ainsley, Andy, Ray; Tammy Suarez, Elizabeth Makelim, Arianne Venuso-Paskvan, Anna Ables, Tom Deschamps, Natalie Liang, and Mike McCarty

Thank you to our volunteers!

"It takes a village" is an overused expression. However, in this case, it is quite appropriate in describing how many people came together to make the Fair/EV Show happen. A huge "Thank you" to all who played a role.

GLENBROOK SOUTH KEY CLUB: Ben Sorkin & friends

GLENVIEW ART LEAGUE: Deb Anderson, Lee Colpi, Sandy Sheagren

OUR FRIENDS FROM GO GREEN ILLINOIS: Kim Stone, Beth Drucker, Jay Futterman, Karin Schroeder

GREENER GLENVIEW: Ann Yoshida, Barbara Palmer, Brad Boehm, Cathy Wilson, Chaula Desai, Christina Krueger, Janelle Kheshgi, John Kiriklakis, Mary Munday, Mike Hummel, Millie Campos, Ray Ostrowski, Sara Spitz, Sarah Berto, Sheri Latash, Shinji Kondo

Thank you to the many supporters who displayed yard signs around GV

And we appreciate PLUM GROVE PRINTERS for helping us with our yard signs.

Top row (l) Glenview Art League and attendees creating art about sustainability (r) Checking out an EV; Bottom row (l) talking with one of our exhibitors (r) Glenview Park District solar powered trailer (in partnership with Weiss Ace Hardware)



CITIES, TOWNS, AND PARKS

Lights Out Program

Providing safe passage for night-migrating birds.

Bird Migration is Underway!

Please consider participating in Lights Out/Curtains Closed till June.

[For more information](#)

International Compost Awareness Week (May 5-11)

The [Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition](#) has a week full of fun and informative in-person and virtual events and programs. The lineup aims to feature the important role compost/composting plays, the myriad of benefits it offers, including a focus of this year's theme: COMPOST...Nature's Climate Champion!

[For more information](#)



What's in Bloom?

Check out the Prairie Smoke (l) and the Woodland Phlox (r) in the Glenview Public Library's Native Garden located on the second floor!



Glenview Native Habitat

*A program of
Greener Glenview*

Neighborhood Ambassador Program Takes Off

This year, Greener Glenview was awarded a Judy Beck grant to launch the Neighborhood Ambassador Program. So far, over 20 native gardeners in Glenview have volunteered to talk with neighbors about native gardening—the benefits, their favorite plants, how to get started and, most important, the delights of adding a “prairie garden” to their landscape.

Glenview Native Habitat is Looking for More Neighborhood Ambassadors

GNH is looking for gardeners who will join our Neighborhood Ambassador team. As an ambassador, we're asking you to speak with friends and neighbors about planting natives and certifying their gardens. We'll provide everything you need. Interested? Contact us. greenerglenview@gmail.com



Neighbor-to-Neighbor Garden Stories

In the first of a continuing series, here is the story of how one volunteer, Matt Coatar, began planting natives, and why he expands the garden each year:



"My wife inspired us, a couple years ago, to plant a prairie plot (roughly 5x10). We enjoy nature and the amazing biodiversity of our section of Glenview (near Avoca West). Our first prairie section held about 45 plants. We were in a hurry, so we went online to find plants, ordering from Pocket Prairie in Minnesota.



Our second section had almost 60 plants. This year, we are planting another 60 plants, this time from a more local plant sale in Barrington Hills. We have especially enjoyed discovering monarchs on our milkweed, as well as seeing many types of pollinators and birds that feed on the plants across the seasons. My advice to neighbors who are considering planting prairie plants and flowers is this: JUST TRY! It is a wonderful experience!"

Native Plant Sales

Looking for native plants for your yard? Greener Glenview has a list of local native plant sales here.

WHO: Go Green Park Ridge/Maine East Environmental Club Maine East High School

WHEN: Friday, May 10, 4:00-6:00pm and Saturday, May 11, 9:00-Noon

WHERE: Dee and Dempster Parking Lot

[For more information](#)

WHO: Go Green Wilmette

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 9:00-11:00 am

WHERE: Gillson Beach Parking Lot, Lake Ave. and Michigan Ave.

Click [HERE](#) for a PDF list of plants expected to be available at the sale. The list is sorted 3 ways: common name, Latin name, and light needs. Look for our volunteers wearing a green bandana!

WHO: Northbrook Garden Club Plant Sale

WHEN: May 17 and 18, 9:00am-5:00pm

WHERE: District's Village Green Community Center, 1810 Walters Ave. (across the street from St. Norbert's)

Native plants, perennials, ornamentals, vegetables and expert advice

Indoor event at Northbrook Park

WHO: Grove Heritage Association Annual Plant Sale at The Grove

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 10:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, May 19, 10:00am-2:00pm,

WHERE: 1421 Milwaukee Avenue

This year's plant sale features a great selection of hardy native plants from Midwest Groundcovers, including forbs, grasses and sedges, suitable for a variety of soil, moisture, and light conditions. These perennials are both beautiful and beneficial for pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Co-sponsored by the Glenview Park District. Proceeds benefit The Grove. For more information, call 847-299-6096.

WHO: Glenview Gardeners

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 9 am to Noon

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church east parking lot (corner of Shermer and Central)

All plants donated by Glenview Gardeners (in clean soil and pots), plus gently used garden tools and equipment. Proceeds from this sale are used to fund the Glenbrook South annual scholarship award, additions and supplies for the Kennicott Garden at The Grove, and the garden club's free monthly programming.

New Resources for Hard-To-Recycle Materials

Staples has broadened its existing [Recycling Services](#) program to now include rechargeable and single-use alkaline batteries. Consumers can recycle batteries and other items for free at any of Staples' approximately 1000 locations nationwide. Staples accepts the following battery chemistries free of charge for recycling:
lithium ion (Li-Ion), **nickel metal hydride** (Ni-MH), **nickel zinc** (Ni-ZN), **non-rechargeable lithium** (NEW), **rechargeable nickel cadmium** (Ni-Cd), **single-use alkaline** (NEW), and **small sealed lead acid** (SSLA/Pb). Call the store first to confirm their participation.



Beauty packaging is often too small, too flexible, or made of too many materials to be recycled through traditional curbside recycling systems. Ulta Beauty and Pact have created "The Beauty Drop Off" and are helping close the loop on your hard-to-recycle beauty empties so less waste ends up in landfill. Many beauty items that are not eligible to recycle curbside can be dropped off (empty and clean) at a local Ulta for recycling! Be sure to check their site for location, a list of eligible items, and information on the process. Call the store first to confirm their participation.



The Mulch Center Discount!

Thank you to the Mulch Center for continuing to offer a discount to Greener Glenview members. Mention Greener Glenview when you order and you'll get a discount on the mulch and delivery costs.

[Order here](#)



Landscapers for Native Gardens

Several of our members sent us in names of landscaping companies or individuals who work with native plants. These aren't endorsements, but names to contact if you are interested in more information about native landscaping.

[Red Stem Landscaping](#) (Chicago)

Julia Bunn, [Spirited Gardener](#) (Evanston)

Karen Glennemeier, [Habitat Help](#) (Wilmette)

[Woods to Wetlands](#) (W2W) (Streamwood)

Whose Responsibility Is It?

This is the second in the series about the roles of our local institutions and individuals to care for the environment. This month's focus is on the Glenview Park District (GPD).



For decades, the GPD has taken its responsibility as an environmental steward seriously. The evidence of its obligation begins with their website, which clearly states their environmental principles and policies and strategic planning focus. The GPD is a model for how units of local government should approach their operations and stewardship obligations. The GPD sees the value of partnering with like-minded organizations. Greener Glenview is grateful for GPD's co-sponsorship of our 2022 recycling program featuring waste hauler Groot and SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County), our 2023 SportSwap fundraiser for the Glenview Parks Foundation, the 2024 Clean Energy Fair/EV Show, and our August 25, 2024 SportSwap event.

GPD's initiatives are comprehensive in scope, encompassing both the natural and built environments. The launch of their new solar panel-topped trailer that can recharge their battery-powered lawn care and digging equipment (co-created with Weiss Ace Hardware) is the latest development. It was featured at the April 28 Clean Energy Fair/EV Show.

To demonstrate the breadth of sustainability options that could be adopted by ALL of Glenview's units of local government, Greener Glenview will be organizing a tour of GPD facilities and equipment in mid-late July. Details will appear in the July bulletin.

North Shore Mosquito Abatement District — STATUS OF SENATE BILL 2938

Residents of west Glenview are one step closer to having the same comprehensive vector control services as the rest of Glenview. Senate Bill 2938 passed out of the Illinois Senate and was heard in the House committee on Thursday, May 2 and unanimously passed. A vote by the full Illinois House will occur within the next 10 days. State Senator Laura Fine is the Senate sponsor and Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz is the House sponsor.

On May 1 Greener Glenview filed a witness slip supporting SB 2938. The bill would allow the NSMAD to annex the contiguous areas west of Pfingsten into their service territory. Those areas are currently served by Cook County. In addition to annexation, SB2938 expands the surveillance to include ticks and rats. One of the most obvious effects of climate change is the territorial expansion of disease vectors.

In the case of mosquitoes, reducing populations is achieved by preventative measures -- treating low lying areas that are often wet, as well as sewer manholes, with larvicide dunkers. Mosquitoes are becoming resistant to spray treatments. The proliferation of landscaping businesses doing routine spraying of yards is contributing to the problem. If you are considering hiring such a service, please consult with NSMAD first. They provide [free home visits](#) to identify areas that might be a problem. You can also [sign up to receive their weekly alerts](#).



Issues That Impact Lake Michigan and Why They Matter

WHEN: Thursday, May 9 @ 7:15 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library Community Room

SPONSOR: League of Women Voters of Glenview-Glencoe

PRESENTERS: President of the League of Women Voters/Lake Michigan Region, Elizabeth "Joy" Guscott-Mueller and Attorney David Mueller, both from LWV/Lake Bluff.

What affects Lake Michigan impacts all of us. But do you know the state of the lake? This important presentation will catch you up on issues that concern all of us.

- Learn about important concerns, legal issues, and actions being taken about matters affecting Lake Michigan.
- Understand the work being undertaken by the Lake Michigan Region of the LWV to address these important topics.

Chicago River Day -- Friends of the Chicago River

WHEN: Saturday, May 11 @ 9 AM to Noon

WHERE: Two Glenview locations

- Techny Basin (by Kohl's) and downtown Glenview
- Downtown Glenview (sold out)

SPONSOR: Friends of the Chicago River

[Register for the Techny Basin](#)

Registration is requested to ensure that all volunteers receive the 2024 tee-shirt.

Compost-Palooza Party and Tour

WHEN: Saturday, May 11 @ 2:00 to 4:00 PM

WHERE: 2 PM party kick-off at 5631 Church followed by 3 PM tour

SPONSOR: Go Green Morton Grove

In recognition of International Compost Awareness Week, Go Green Morton Grove is hosting a party to help community members learn about several options for keeping food waste out of landfills to reduce harmful methane emissions. The party kicks off at 2 PM at 5631 Church. At 3 PM, attendees will take off to tour the yards of three Morton Grove neighbors as well as the Niles Township office to see how people around town manage their compost operations.

Butterfly and Dragonfly Populations: What Research Shows

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:30 to 7:30 PM

WHERE: Zoom or In Person (One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., 3rd Fl. Auditorium, Evanston)

SPONSOR: Climate Action Evanston

PRESENTER: Doug Taron, Curator of Biology and Vice President of Research and Conservation, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

"I don't see as many butterflies as I used to." Is this statement really true? Doug Taron tracks long-term trends in butterfly population through the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network and dragonflies and damselflies through the Illinois Odonate Survey. He will discuss longterm trends in their populations and how we can help. Free (donation appreciated).

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

The Value of Trees

WHEN: Thursday, May 16 @ 2:00 to 3:00 PM

WHERE: Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove

SPONSOR: Go Green Morton Grove

Colette Copic from the Chicago Region Trees Initiative and The Morton Arboretum discusses how trees enhance our environment and well-being.

[REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)

Restoration Work Days

Spring Restoration Work Day at The Grove

WHEN: Sunday, May 5 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

WHERE: The Grove

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

Glenview Park District: Spring Restoration Day

WHEN: Saturday, May 18 @ 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

WHERE: Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

Assist in the restoration efforts at Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie by helping with a variety of restoration activities such as removing non-native invasive plants or collecting seed. Bring work gloves if you have them. For families and individuals Ages 8+. Volunteers under 15 must participate with an adult. Volunteers under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. To receive an application/waiver in advance please contact grove.volunteers@glenviewparks.org. Work days may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

North Branch Restoration Workdays

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

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

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, May 18 and June 1

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. In the event that lot is flooded, please meet at the Harms Woods Central

parking lot (Groves 3 & 4) on the west side of Harms Road.

Harms Woods

WHEN: Saturday, May 19

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