



Greener Glenview Bulletin

Upcoming events!

SAVE THE DATE:

Clean Energy Technology & Conservation Fair

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 1:00 to 4:00 PM (new date)

WHERE: Glenview Park Center

Restoring Prairie, Woods and Pond

WHEN: Monday, February 12 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

Laurie Lawlor tells the inspiring true story of how volunteers in a small town near Chicago restored a forgotten wilderness by removing invasive plants, cutting buckthorn, and planting natives, creating a natural habitat that's an outdoor classroom for children and a beloved nature walk for the whole community. Maybe there's such an area in Glenview that needs the loving attention of a group of volunteers! Register here for this in-person event.

It's a Night Thing: How Dispelling the Dark Alters our World

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Online

Learn how artificial lighting has chased away the dark with devastating effect on insects, birds, humans, and other species. Led by Ken Walczak of Adler Planetarium and DarkSky Chicago, you'll learn about the dark skies movement, ways to bring back the dark, and if brighter is really safer.

If attending online, [register here](#).

Note: to attend in person at One Rotary Center, check out the information on the registration page.

Congrats to the 2023 Environmental Sustainability Award Winners!



The Environment and Natural Resources Commission (ENRC) presented sustainability awards to five organizations at the January 23, 2024 Village Board meeting.

Greener Glenview won the Innovation category for the [Glenview Native Habitat](#) initiative to encourage property owners to add pollinator-supporting native plants in landscapes across town. This is GG's second consecutive award.

Saints Peter and Paul Church which installed 283 solar panels on their community center rooftop to harvest emission-free energy for the next 25-30 years.

Valley Lo Towers residents who used humor, games, and a 20-page brochure to improve recycling.

The **Village Treasure House** whose volunteers have sold used furnishings since 1997, and have now donated \$4 million in proceeds to local social service agencies.

Princeton Village Homeowners Association whose landscaping committee followed the village's model and performed a tree census to care for trees on their property.

Congratulations to all the winners who took action to improve our local environment and promote sustainability.

[Watch the award section of the meeting](#) starting at 38:43
[Read more](#) by visiting the village website
[Check out](#) these pictures

Under Consideration by Glenview's Board and Commissions

Actions You Can Take Regarding Glenview's Natural Resources

Glenview Tree Ordinance Update

Since the Glenview Board of Trustees **authorized an update at its February 7, 2023** meeting, the Environment & Natural Resources Commission (ENRC) has now been tasked with updating Glenview's Tree Preservation Ordinance. The current tree ordinance set a standard when it was adopted more than 20 years ago, focusing on preserving large "landmark" trees having diameters of at least 16". With the Morton Arboretum leading the way locally, forestry knowledge and practices have changed a great deal in the past two decades. The Arb has developed model ordinances that include protection of smaller diameter trees; they are the future tree canopy. For example, an 8" diameter tree can be 10-15 years old. Just as our children need protection, so do younger trees. This is one of several issues that will be reviewed in the update.

The [ENRC](#) will be meeting on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall to begin discussions on the update. Attend the meeting to learn and to offer your perspective.

Support action to eradicate buckthorn in Glenview

Email the Village President Mike Jenny

mjenny@glenview.il.us and Village Manager Matt

Formica mformica@glenview.il.us to let them know you support inclusion of buckthorn eradication in the [Residents Tree Planting Incentive Program](#).

Preservation of nature in Glenview

The Village Board will soon vote on a motion to adopt the 2023 updated [Plan for Nature](#) as soon as the February 20 board meeting--[check the agenda here](#). Email trustees and the village manager expressing support for implementing the Plan's priorities as part of annual budgeting process . Don't let this be a plan without action, that sits on the shelf.

How is the Village of Glenview Creating a Sustainable Built Environment?

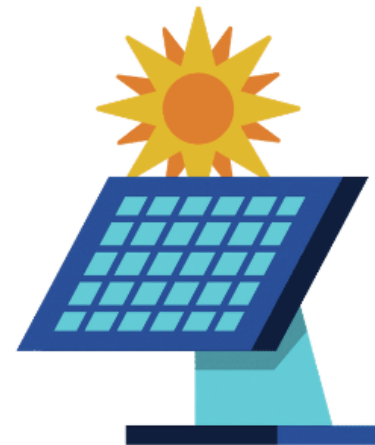
While it is important to recognize residents' and community organizations actions

to protect the environment, even more impact can be made when municipal government takes action. The [Greenest Region Compact](#), which the Village of Glenview signed on to in 2020, clearly lays out steps villages can take. However, the village has yet to develop a sustainability plan.

Without a plan establishing priorities, and staff dedicated to their implementation, opportunities are being missed. Right now there is grant money available to those who apply. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus is encouraging villages who signed on to the GRC to apply. The U.S. EPA is offering Climate pollution reduction grants (CPRG) between \$2 million and \$500 million for state and local governments to implement priority emissions reduction measures. Ideas mentioned at the January ENRC meeting include buyback programs on gas powered landscaping equipment, or goals laid out in the updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan adopted in November. The deadline for applying for these grants is April 1, 2024. Inaction in this area could be leaving money on the table.

Read This If You're Considering Installing Rooftop Solar!

Important change coming in rules for Rooftop Solar payback. Subsidies are now in place that reduce your cost for going solar by two-thirds (Federal tax credit of 30% on installation cost + 15 years' worth of SRECs paid up front). Plus, under current rules, your system starts paying you back as soon as it's connected to the grid, because of a rule covering "net metering."



The **current rule** is set up this way: 1 kilowatt hour sent to grid = 1 kilowatt hour OFF your bill. **New net metering rules** are expected starting January 1, 2025. The new rules are being written now, so we don't know what they'll be. But other states have already changed net metering rules. A report on the subject at Cnet reported about California net metering changes: At the end of the day, the new net billing was expected to cut compensation by 75% for electricity sent to the grid but increase the adoption of batteries, which were projected to recoup their installation costs faster than solar alone. Rooftop solar installations in place before

January 1, 2025 will continue under current net metering rules for the life of the system.

Read more at [Cnet](#)

We asked. You answered. Thank you!

Thanks to our members who donated to Greener Glenview this year. 2024 is a busy year and any amount you can give goes a long way. We are grateful for any donation from our subscribers to help all our efforts. [You can DONATE here](#). Thank you in advance for your financial support.

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Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie Restoration

WHEN: Saturday, February 24 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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 p.m.

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

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, February 17

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.

Harms Woods East

WHEN: Sunday, March 3

WHERE: Harms Woods South parking lot (Groves 1 & 2) on the west side of Harms Road. 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.