



Greener Glenview Bulletin

September 2022

Additions: new Community Solar links

Changes: Allstate Redevelopment Update

SOLAR TOUR



WHEN: Saturday, September 24 10 AM to 3 PM

WHERE: Glenview and Northbrook

SPONSORS: [Greener Glenview](#) and [Go Green Northbrook](#)

Want to learn more about solar energy? The Glenbrook Solar Tour 2022 on Saturday, September 24 will provide answers!

Glenbrook Solar Tour 2022

The owners of 25+ solar-powered homes and businesses in the two villages will share their knowledge and experience of owning and living with rooftop solar with tour participants. [Greener Glenview](#) is equally supportive of community solar and private (usually rooftop) solar and this upcoming tour will focus on helping participants learn whether private solar might be appropriate for their home or business.

The tour offers the public a chance to talk with owners of affordable and practical solar technology in their own neighborhoods. With subsidies from the State of Illinois and the federal government (enhanced by the recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act), the costs of rooftop solar installation have never been more favorable.

[Learn more and see the list of participating homes and businesses and hours each is open](#)

The Glenbrook Solar Tour 2022 is a part of the statewide Solar Tour sponsored annually by the [Illinois Solar Energy Association](#) (ISEA). This free annual self-guided tour is designed to educate people about the sustainable energy choices they can make to reduce their utility bills and reduce carbon emissions at the same time.



Community Solar

For many, rooftop solar is not an option. Going solar is still possible, by signing up as a subscriber to a community solar farm. Community solar provides tangible support for renewable energy and lowers your electric bill.

[Read about community solar](#)

[Comparing Community Solar Offers](#)

[Village of Northfield Community Solar Program](#)

[Village of Northfield Community Solar Billing Example](#)

Allstate Redevelopment Update

On July 19, the Glenview Village Board approved the *Annexation and Development Agreement* with Dermody Properties. Dermody expects to construct 10 warehouse buildings in two or three phases over the next 3-5 years on the former Allstate property. The final designs related to architecture, landscaping, lighting, and signage still need to be approved by the New Development Commission (NDC). It's anticipated that the final designs will be submitted for consideration within the next 60-75 days.

Within the past week, Dermody submitted their engineering plans for the first five buildings comprising Phase 1. These plans are not subject to approval by the NDC. They will be reviewed by three Inspectional Services Division staff to ensure compliance with building codes, ordinances, and terms of the Annexation and Development Agreement. The Inspectional Services Division is also responsible for ensuring that construction is consistent with the approved plans. The plans are available for public inspection in the Community Development office at Village Hall.

Greener Glenview identified several environmental & sustainability concerns to the trustees, village staff, and the developer, as the *Agreement* was being considered by the board of trustees. As a result, Dermody agreed to construct the warehouse shells to the most current version of LEED (currently version 4.1), rather than the older version 4 standard they had proposed. LEED 4.1 addresses a number of actions to address climate change concerns, which is especially important in light of our other major concern.

Our other major concern relates to an objectionable provision in the *Agreement*. This provision allows Dermody, for the next eight years, to construct all their buildings to today's codes & standards. Pursuant to the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, Illinois will be developing new renewable energy & energy efficiency codes and building performance standards over the next several years. Additionally, such codes and standards may be

recommended by the village's new sustainability coordinator and the Environment and Natural Resources Commission. Why should future phases of this development be exempt from these important sustainability standards, and what kind of precedent does such an exemption establish?

When a trustee questioned Dermody about this *Agreement* provision at the July 19 village board meeting, Dermody said, "If there is a way to have a discussion and then implement additional features that have a practical application as well as a cost-benefit, Dermody would be happy to commit to doing that." Greener Glenview is cautiously optimistic that Dermody will meet their stated sustainability commitment.

Greener Glenview will continue to monitor progress on this development which will affect the quality of life and the environment for both Northbrook and Glenview.



VOTE YES for Clean Air, Clean Water, and Wildlife in Cook County on November 8!

On the November 8, 2022 ballot, there will be a referendum question affecting the future of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. The Forest Preserve District is a special unit of government and cannot raise its own taxes, except by referendum. For the first time since 1930, the District will be seeking approval for a tax increase, in the amount of one-quarter of one percent.

For more than 100 years, the Forest Preserves of Cook County have been preserving and restoring public land in efforts to protect our environment and connect people to nature. More than 100 threatened and endangered species

rely on the Forest Preserves. In addition to conserving natural landscapes and offering recreational opportunities, this “emerald necklace” around Cook County performs important air quality and stormwater detention functions.

For more than a decade, the Forest Preserves have been well-managed by highly-trained professionals. With 70,000 acres, the Forest Preserves are larger than nearly 20 national parks. Year-round, mostly free programming makes nature accessible to everyone. Given its size, its expanded opportunities for engagement (e.g. boat rentals, campgrounds), and its significantly higher public use, additional funding is needed.



By voting yes, the voters will support the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s ability to fund projects focused on air and water quality improvements, and the protection of wildlife. Additionally, the Forest Preserves will be able to acquire new land, perform maintenance on current lands, and provide job training in conservation.

As the [*Vote Yes Forest Preserves*](#) website states, “The property tax impact will vary based on home value. Based on estimates of home prices in Cook County, the average Cook County homeowner will see an impact of about \$20 per year – or just \$1.66 per month. However, the true cost will likely be even lower than this for most homeowners, thanks to property tax exemptions which lower their assessed home value.”

This referendum will appear at the end of a very long ballot. Early voting at Glenview Village Hall begins on October 24. [Applications for mail-in ballots](#) are now being accepted.

[For more information and ways to support this ballot measure](#)





Introducing Molly Laycob, Glenview's New Sustainability Coordinator

On August 1, Molly Laycob joined the Village of Glenview staff in this newly created position. Molly will report to Natural Resources Manager, Robyn Flakne. She will work closely with the Environment and Natural Resources Commission to support green initiatives, including the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Climate Action Plan, the Greenest Region Compact, and green design guidelines. Molly will be collaborating with Village departments, the Village Board & commissions, and the community on a plan that outlines the Village's sustainability goals and priorities.

With a Bachelor's degree in environmental studies (Florida State University) and a Master's degree in sustainability (St. Louis University), Molly's passion is sustainability education. Prior to joining the Village, she led sustainability planning and implementation efforts at an educational travel company, where she created a sustainability certificate program for participants. Molly is a certified LEED Green Associate and a proud member of the U.S. Green Building Council's annual Green Schools Quest.

Greener Glenview looks forward to working with Molly on a number of initiatives. If you would like to meet Molly, she will be attending the Monday, September 19th meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Commission. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. She can be reached mLAYCOB@glenview.il.us.



Morton Grove Sustainability Expo

WHEN: Saturday, September 10 10:00am – 1:00pm

WHERE: Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St.

Electric car show, green & zero-waste product vendors, energy efficiency, renewable energy, composting, waste reduction, recycling, native plantings, organic lawn care, urban tree canopy, stormwater management, and conservation.

Fall Native Plant Sale

WHEN: September 10 9:00-11:00 am

WHERE: Indian Hill Park, 131 Linden St., Winnetka

Zelle, PayPal, and Credit Cards accepted. No pre-orders. Sponsored by [Go Green Winnetka](#).

Note: Native prairie and woodland plants grown in Evanston can also be purchased for Fall installation from [Shady Grove Wildflower Farm](#).

Going Green Matters Webinar Series: Electrifying Your Home

WHEN: September 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

WHERE: Virtual

Save the date for this event and check back with [Go Green Wilmette](#).

Climate Change, PFAS, Invasive Species, Coal Ash as they relate to Lake Michigan

WHEN: September 22nd @ 7:30 pm

WHERE: Zoom

SPONSOR: League of Women Voters, Lake Michigan Region

[For more information or to register](#)

Glenbrook Solar Tour 2022

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m

WHERE: Glenview and Northbrook

Thinking about installing rooftop solar panels or just curious about it? Go to GreenerGlenview.org for a list of participating homes and businesses in Glenview and Northbrook whose hosts will answer all your questions.

Cook County Forest Preserve Volunteer Workdays

[For information and registration](#)

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday 9/3 and 9/17 from 9:00 AM to noon

WHERE: Meet at Avon & Winnetka Rd., east of Wagner Rd.

Harms Woods

WHEN: Sunday 9/4 from 9:00 AM to noon

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

Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

WHEN: Saturday 9/10 from 9:00 AM to noon

Blue Star Memorial Woods

WHEN: Sunday 9/18 from 9:00 AM to noon

WHERE: Meet at the forest preserve parking lot on Lake Ave., between Wagner and Harms

Harms Flat Woods

WHEN: Sunday 9/18 from 9:00 AM to noon

WHERE: Meet at the forest preserve parking lot at Old Orchard & Harms Rds.

River Trail Nature Center

WHEN: Saturday 9/10 10 AM to noon

WHERE: Milwaukee Ave. north of the Sanders Rd. split

[For more information or to register](#)