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Greener Glenview Bulletin

February 2026



GREENER GLENVIEW PROGRAMS AT THE GLENVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY @ 7:00 PM

February 23: Data Centers: The Electrical Grid, the Environment, and You **(Cancelled)**

March 30: State of the Environment in Glenview (See Events)

Greener Glenview is at a Crossroads

Greener Glenview has come a long way since our founding in October 2021. We've been awarded multiple **Judy Beck Family grants** to fund our work:

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and managed by the Village of Glenview, presentations on the environmental and health hazards of **artificial light at night** and **noise pollution**. And, there's the annual fun community event, our late summer **SportSwap** in collaboration with the Glenview Park District.

Now we are approaching a crossroads: Greener Glenview's co-founder and president, Sheri Latash, is relocating outside Glenview in 2026. If you know or have worked with Sheri in her varied roles in the community, you know she is not easily replaceable. While this change is a loss, it is also an opportunity. Our leadership team is looking for people who want to make a difference by showing the way toward a more sustainable Glenview.

Maybe your passion is composting, getting rid of buckthorn and other invasives, improving recycling rates, reducing single use plastics, or making a quieter community by reducing gas powered leaf blower use. Maybe you want to bring back fireflies by encouraging native planting and leaving the leaves. Sustainability is a huge tent, and we're looking for people who want to make a difference alongside others working toward the same goals.

This crossroads is occurring at the same time that the Village of Glenview is nearing completing of its first **Sustainability Plan**. We do not know what opportunities this plan will offer, but we look forward to finding out.

We look forward to talking with you about what you can do to help direct Greener Glenview's future. Working together has brought us inspiration, camaraderie, and the satisfaction and hope that comes from joining others who are working toward a common goal. Let us know of your interest, and we'll meet for coffee.



Final Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot Program Report (July 2025 through January 2026)

Greener Glenview's Free Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot program, funded by the Judy Beck Family Foundation grant, had three goals, all of which were accomplished:

- 1) Diverted 23,490 pounds of food waste from the landfill
- 2 Educated Glenview residents that food scraps are a resource for nourishing soils and biodiversity, not garbage to send to the landfill
- 3) Demonstrated the community's support for more robust composting services

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Many thanks to those of you who generously donated funds that enabled the pilot program to continue for four additional months. And, to the volunteers who regularly checked the bins to make sure everything was in good order; your efforts were greatly appreciated.

The complete success of our collective effort was confirmed when the Village decided to continue the program through 2026. The Village of Glenview assumed funding and management of the program beginning February 1.

The Numbers Tell the Story

We sent a follow-up survey to the 226 households who registered for the pilot. Undoubtedly, many people participated without registering. The survey questions were composed in collaboration with staff from Glenview Public Works. Here are highlights and comments from the survey responses:

The response rate was 31.4%. Of the 226 registered households, 71 responded.

- All wanted the program to continue
- 68 now know more about composting (including 14 who “don’t think it’s icky anymore”)
- 42 reported this was their first time composting

Why was the program so popular?

- 65 thought it was simple and easy to use
- 50 reported no other way to compost (HOA rules, Groot bin not an option, or free service made it possible)
- 62 noticed cleaner and/or less garbage going to the landfill
- 68 noticed how much we throw away/are buying just what we need/ are eating more leftovers so we throw away less

Thank you to all who participated, and thank you to the Village of Glenview for continuing this beneficial service.

What’s our next step in composting?

Some of us have been so impressed by the volume of food waste collected in this pilot, that we want to extend outreach to other parts of the Glenview community. One big idea is to launch a lunchroom composting program at a Glenview school. Or, we could stage a finished compost giftback to show how beneficial and easy-to-use finished compost is for homeowners with lawns and gardens to care for. There are many possibilities. If you’re interested in helping take the next step, please plan to attend Greener Glenview’s “State of the

Village Management of the Program

All Glenview residents are invited to drop off food scraps through the year. Bins will continue to be at the same two locations where they were during the pilot program:

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

Questions and comments about the program?

The Village welcomes your questions, comments, and reports of issues at the bins. They also will be happy to hear your appreciation for funding the program through 2026! Please phone or email: Ben Wiberg bwiberg@glenview.il.us, 847 904-4144.

What can be composted

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

**Janelle Kheshgi: A Greener Glenview Leader**

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Janelle Kheshgi was surrounded by nature on her family's farm. Her dad grew corn, peas, lima beans, tomatoes, and other vegetables, selling his surplus to the local grocery store. Her mother had a love of flowers, tending beautiful garden beds and always keeping ferns on her porch.

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when she lived in Evanston, joined [Wild Ones](#) (an organization which promotes native landscapes), and heard Doug Tallamy talk for the first time about the possibilities of native garden corridors. She was inspired! She brought that idea to Greener Glenview at its inception, and her impetus created our grant-funded [Glenview Native Habitat](#) program. She has nurtured the involvement of individuals in this movement ever since, working with them to get their native gardens designated by the [National Wildlife Federation](#) as certified wildlife habitats.

Janelle and Omar have enjoyed meeting like-minded people through Greener Glenview, and are heartened by the good attendance that they see at our meetings. Here are some of the practices that they try to incorporate into their daily lives:

- walking and biking when they can—to the grocery store and the library in particular.
- reducing the number of air miles they fly
- avoiding over-consumption of goods
- eating more vegetables and less red meat
- reducing use of things like Kleenex, paper towels and plastic wrap. Janelle uses a cloth

handkerchief, has sewn paper towel replacement squares out of Omar's old t-shirts and uses reusable food storage alternatives.

- composting
- hanging up clothes to dry!

For an inspiring read or a great gift, Janelle recommends [Nature's Action Guide: How to Support Biodiversity and Your Local Ecosystem](#) by Sarah F. Jayne. She says it is a realistic, helpful, non-judgmental guide for helping to create a healthier and more biodiverse world. It has ideas for anyone—talented gardeners or those with no garden at all. She also recommends any book by [Doug Tallamy](#) and also says to check out his dozens of YouTube videos.

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

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- Toiletries for USO

Northfield Township Road District

This recycling program will resume on **Monday, April 6, 2026**, and run through **Friday, October 30, 2026**. A program flyer will be sent to Northfield Township residents via snail mail in March.

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).



Electrification and Energy Efficiency Panel

WHEN: Saturday, February 28 @ 2 to 3 PM

WHERE: Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Avenue

SPONSOR: Wilmette Environmental and Energy Commission

Join the Village's Environmental and Energy Commission for a panel discussion on residential electrification and home energy efficiency. Local experts and owners of fully electrified homes will explain what electrification is, share lessons learned, and answer audience questions. Whether you're just starting out or already planning upgrades, this discussion will offer useful takeaways for homeowners.

Have questions you would like to submit ahead of time? [Submit them here.](#)

Evanston Environmental Association Wild & Scenic Film Festival

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The lineup of films will be different for each date.

[Purchase tickets for March 13, 2026](#)

[Purchase tickets for March 20, 2026](#)

State of the Environment in Glenview

WHEN: Monday, March 30 @ 7 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

Greener Glenview's assessment of the road ahead for the environment and sustainability including but not limited to the status of the petition to regulate gas-powered leaf blowers, efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhancement of the West Fork, and implementation of the sustainability plan.

Glenview Park District Work Days

Restoration Work Day at the Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie/Tyner Center

WHEN: Saturday, February 21 @ 9:00 to 11:00 AM

WHERE: Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

SPONSOR: Glenview Park District

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.

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 7 and February 21 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

WHERE: This site is located in the village of Northfield on Winnetka Road, east of Wagner Rd. Park on Avon Avenue. Meet near the Forest Preserve sign, across the road from Avon.

Harms Woods

WHEN: Saturday, February 21 @ 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.

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