



Greener Glenview Bulletin

March 2023

Upcoming events!

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Birds in the Garden: Creating & Enjoying a Bird Oasis

WHEN: Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

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[Register for event](#)

Glenview Board of Trustees meeting -- Updated Plan for Nature

WHEN: Tuesday, March 19 @ 7:30

WHERE: Glenview Village Hall

Clean Energy Fair & EV Car Show

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 1:00 to 4:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Park Center

Greener Glenview Receives Two Judy Beck Family Foundation Grants

We were pleased to receive both grants for which we applied. One grant will help fund the April 28 Clean Energy Fair/EV Car Show. The other grant will support the Neighborhood Ambassador initiative, a neighbor-to-neighbor expansion of the Glenview Native Habitat program, which was funded by a Beck grant in 2023. Many thanks to the Beck and Hurvis families, who fund the Judy Beck Family Foundation grants.

Greener Glenview to Attend the Glenview Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Fair



WHEN: Saturday March 16 @ 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

Drop by our booth and say 'hello!' Come learn about volunteer opportunities with the Clean Energy Fair, the Neighborhood Ambassador program, and other GG initiatives. Can't make it? Email greenerglenview@gmail.com to get involved.



NOW is the Time to Speak Up about Protecting Trees in Glenview

Changes to Glenview's Tree Ordinance (adopted in 2000 and amended in 2015) are being discussed at the Environment and Natural Resources Commission (ENRC) meetings this spring. If you're passionate about protecting trees, now is the time to make your voice heard.

The commission's goal is to present a revised Tree Ordinance to the Village Board this summer. The ENRC meets on the third Monday of each month. Check the agenda [here](#).

Revision discussions will be guided by comments and questions raised at past Board of Trustees meetings. To voice your concerns, attend the ENRC meetings or email Natural Resources Manager Robyn Flakne or the [Board of Trustees](#).

At February's ENRC meeting, Village Natural Resources Manager Robyn Flakne and Tony Repp, Planning Development Manager in Glenview's Community Development Department, led the tree ordinance discussion. Robyn explained that three documents provide Glenview's regulatory protections for trees:

- [Tree Standards Manual](#) defines and clarifies ordinance requirements.
- Village of Glenview Tree Ordinance Numbers 4235, 5882, 6451 (Glenview Municipal Code Chapter 86, Article II-Trees, Sec. 86-31 et seq.)
- [Urban Forest Management Plan](#) (updated in March 2022) outlines goals, budgets, and best management practices for the tree canopy on public property in Glenview.

These questions were raised by ENRC commissioners and members of the public at the February ENRC meeting.

Q: How are trees protected on new commercial developments? Before a permit is issued, the village conducts a plan review, including a tree preservation plan with tree inventory and size status, and plan for each tree. The Village Forester makes a site visit, and determines the deposit required for removed trees. A landscaping plan is seen by various commissions. Once the permit is issued, the landscaping plan remains in force in perpetuity. Question: Should trees smaller than 16" in diameter be protected?

Q: Should trees smaller than 16" in diameter on private property be protected? Current language requires protective measures for all parkway (i.e. public) trees. On private property, only certain species of trees 16" or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH) are protected. Other species of trees must be at least 21" DBH to be protected.

Q: What does "protection" mean? Protected trees may not be removed without a permit. Requirements for replacement of the removed tree are specified in the Manual.

Q: Are existing trees well enough protected during construction, and how

could they be better protected?

Q: Did you know that a development's landscaping plan, once approved, lasts in perpetuity? Should our standards call for more native trees and other native plantings which provide stormwater management, water filtration, carbon sequestration, and soil nourishment?

Q: What about tree removal permits? Currently, before a tree removal permit is issued the Village requires a deposit of \$365 for each replacement tree required by ordinance. This deposit is then refunded as each replacement tree is planted. One suggestion is to raise this deposit to \$500.

Q: Is buckthorn listed as a weed in Glenview's weed ordinance? It is not included in the weed ordinance, but it is listed as a "nuisance tree" in Glenview's Tree Preservation Ordinance/Tree Standards Manual, and is considered invasive in Illinois. Robyn Flakne stated that a buckthorn-removal incentive program would be announced soon.

Q: Should the tree ordinance include recommendations about shrubs? Tony Repp reported that residents have called to complain about clear-cutting of trees on neighboring properties, only to discover that it was just buckthorn that was removed. The resulting view is sparse at eye level, though the removal of buckthorn is healthier for the woodland that remains. Planting native shrubs would help solve this problem.

Dermody Landscaping Plan to Include More Native Plantings

The final landscaping design for the 230-acre Allstate redevelopment by Dermody Properties was presented at the February 28 New Development Commission meeting. **The design was not approved.** Commissioner Glen Tracy, a landscape architect, criticized the latest plan for **failing to achieve the natural and native design the commission had requested.**

Greener Glenview applauds the New Development Commission's demand for native plantings in the site design. The Allstate redevelopment site is one of the largest redevelopment sites in the state, and it borders the Cook County Forest Preserve. In this era of insect decline caused in large part by habitat loss, we support the commission's effort to restore natural habitat by insisting that native plants be included in the half of the 230-acre campus that will be open space.

Greener Glenview sent feedback in advance of the meeting to register our alarm at finding Bradford Pear trees included in the design. The commission also singled out this tree for removal from the design. Bradford pear is deemed unacceptable in Glenview's Urban Forest Management Plan. The tree is not recommended by the Morton Grove Arboretum, and may soon be added to Illinois's invasive species list.

The commission agreed to review Dermody's next design in advance of the March commission meeting to make sure that Dermody is on the right track. **The commission plans to reconsider the final landscape design at its next meeting on March 27th.**

Listen to the February 28 NDC meeting here. Email your comments to ndccomment@glenview.il.us. Plan to attend the next NDC meeting on March 27. [Check the agenda here](#) to confirm.



Illinois Environmental Council 2024 Legislative Agenda

The [Illinois Environmental Council](#) is the lead environmental advocacy group addressing the full range of environmental issues in the state. [View the 2024 agenda](#).

On select issues, Greener Glenview will file 'witness slips' either in support of or opposition to proposed legislation. This week, Greener Glenview filed a witness slip in support of wetland protection (SB 3669/HB5386).

Additionally, in a hyperlocal matter, Greener Glenview submitted testimony in

support of SB 2839, a bill that would make it easier for mosquito abatement districts to annex adjacent and contiguous areas of a community they already serve. With respect to Glenview, the bill would simplify annexation to allow the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District (NSMAD) to service those incorporated and unincorporated areas of Glenview that are west of Pfingsten Rd. Areas west of Pfingsten Rd. are currently monitored and serviced by a Cook County mosquito abatement contractor. Annexation ensures that all of Glenview will be equally protected and benefit from the breadth and depth of NSMAD's vector monitoring and abatement activities.

Whose Responsibility Is It?

In this three-part series, we will examine the roles of our local institutions and individuals to care for the environment. This month's focus is on Faith Communities' Care for Creation. While individual action is necessary to create a sustainable future, individual action on its own is not enough. We need local government, the business community and faith communities to get on board. Sooner rather than later. What are we waiting for?

Greener Glenview member George Nassos is a member of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church. He spearheaded a four-year effort with the church's Care for Creation committee to install rooftop solar panels on their community center. Using a creative financing model he's happy to describe, the 200+ panels were installed in 2023. That effort merited a Village of Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award in 2024. He also serves on the Environmental Committees of the Chicago Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

George writes monthly essays about the obligation to care for creation. We have all seen the slow pace of government (including our own local government) and businesses to take meaningful actions to reduce global warming and address other environmental issues. In his February essay, excerpted here, he addresses the potential role of faith communities in creating change now.

Perhaps the best approach may be to depend on our respective religious leaders whether they represent Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, or Buddhism. One example is to listen to a Christian leader like Pope Francis, the spiritual leader of about 1.4 billion Roman Catholics. In 2015, Pope Francis presented his encyclical,

Laudato Si - on care of our common home, which has resulted in most of their churches forming Encyclical Working Groups to implement this environmental encyclical. They have even developed the Laudato Si Action Platform with eight goals.

The second largest Christian denomination, with over 300 million, is the Eastern Orthodox faith. Its spiritual leader is Patriarch Bartholomew who has put protection of our environment very high on his agenda for over 30 years. Their goal is to make the church's operations more environmentally friendly and at the same time pass this commitment on to the parishioners for their respective lives. The church, or any other house of worship, should implement environmental stewardship activities like switching to renewable energy like solar (rooftop or community), recycling, water conservation, and waste minimization. It should be [seen as] a very positive move for our younger generations. They will feel that this church cares for their future and this may lead them to join the parish. The addition of more stewards and their respective donations to the church could very well offset any decline in donations from parishioners who are climate change deniers or those working in industries that are deleterious to the environment. If every house of worship takes environmental stewardship action, it will help the environment, and at the same time provide for the future of its parishioners, and increase the number of parishioners. It's a win, win, win. We have to take this action if we want a more livable planet.

Locally, OLPH and SS. Peter and Paul have established Care for Creation committees. If you are interested in helping your faith community take steps toward sustainability, send Greener Glenview an email and we will connect you. Additionally, the non-profit organization Faith in Place, will assist houses of worship in becoming more environmentally sustainable, including financing for solar installations. Contact Dan Huntsha at dan@faithinplace.org.



2024 Wild & Scenic Film Festival

WHEN: Friday, March 8 @ 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

WHERE: One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston

The Evanston Environmental Association Wild & Scenic Film Festival is presented by Hagerty Consulting and the City of Evanston. Doors open at 6:30 PM

[More about the films](#)

[To purchase tickets](#)

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Bringing Native Plants & Life Into Your Garden

WHEN: Monday, April 1 @ 7:00 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Northbrook Public Library Pollak Room AB

Environmental restoration specialist Dave Eubanks will discuss the benefits of native plants and give practical advice for choosing, sourcing and maintaining the best native plants and trees for your area. Co-sponsored by the Northbrook

Garden Club.
[Register](#)

Native Gardening Step-by-Step

WHEN: Monday, April 8 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library Community Room East

Learn why and how to create a native garden, including creating a pollinator garden and adding native plants. Be part of , designating Glenview as a Community Wildlife Habitat. Co-sponsored by Greener Glenview.

[Register](#)

Restoration Work Days

Glenview Park District: Spring Restoration Day

WHEN: Saturday, March 23 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

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](#)

Harms Woods

WHEN: Sunday, March 10

WHERE: This fine oak woodland lies on the west side of the North Branch of the Chicago River in the village of Glenview. Several different species of oak are represented here; red oaks are more prevalent closer to the river while white and bur oaks are more plentiful as you move west up the moraine. In the wetter upland areas, on top of the moraine, swamp white oaks thrive. Meet at the

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

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Sunday, March 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

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.

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