



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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**October 2025**



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The landscape for recyclables is ever-changing. You will learn the most current information on what is and is not recyclable, the latest recycling technology, current demand for recyclables in our region, extended producer responsibility legislative efforts, initiatives to increase the rate of recycling, and more.

Bring your questions for these seasoned experts!

Finally, the October edition of SWANCC's informative monthly e-newsletter contains an article titled "[People Power at the MRF](#)". It describes the critical role of workers on the line in the operation of the MRF and the hazards they face from improper recycling. While robotics and machinery in modern recycling facilities handle a large portion of sorting, it's the human workers (manual sorters) and other personnel who keep the system accurate, safe, and effective.

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## **FREE Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot Extended through January 2026**

### **Thank you to our generous donors**

The pilot has been extended thanks to Greener Glenview supporters who have donated to keep it going. We thank Jennifer Jennings, Dara Rosenblatt, Laura Brancky, Maria Mooshil, Mary Alvarado, Susan Hoffman, Jennifer Thiermann, Sue Swaringen, and others who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations to help Glenview keep composting.

### **Good management of Judy Beck Family Grant**

Our Judy Beck Family grant is lasting longer because we had planned for Collective Resource Compost Cooperative to pick up 10 bins each week, but our average weekly pick-up is 6 bins.

### **Results to date**

Between July 9 and September 30, Glenview has diverted nearly 4 tons of food scraps.

As the cold weather sets in, the backyard composters among you are welcome to add your scraps to our bins instead.

### **Register if using the bins**

We'd appreciate you registering with us so we can build our case for a village subsidy—and so you can get a 5-gallon bucket of compost in the Spring, as a thank you gift.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Volunteer to Monitor Compost Bins**

Since we have extended to January, we need volunteers to visit each location (Library and Public Works) to monitor how full the bins are, whether the bin lids are closed/open, spillage around the bins, contamination inside the bins (non-food scraps items), and presence of any odor three feet from a closed bin. The locations are five minutes apart by car. Sign up for a few days or longer—whatever fits your schedule.

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our dedicated bin monitors and hope you are willing to continue.

We'll put dates on Sign Up Genius 30 days in advance.

[SIGN UP TO MONITOR](#)

We are asking monitors to fill out a short online form after their review of each site.

[MONITORING REPORT](#)

If you notice anything out of the ordinary, take a picture and send it to [greenerglenview@gmail.com](mailto:greenerglenview@gmail.com).

### **Northfield Township Staff and Food Pantry Compost**

In our September bulletin, we highlighted two restaurants in Glenview that compost. We recently learned that both the Northfield Township staff and its Food Pantry have been composting for two years, also with Collective Resource. They began composting as a way to reduce waste and manage expired and unusable donations. The pantry is the final stop for most food donations, and the Food Pantry distributes as much as possible to their clients, but occasionally they receive food that is unsuitable for distribution. Rather than throw these items away, the Township turned to composting as a sustainable solution. While the Pantry is the primary user of the composting service, Township staff also contribute by bringing compostable items from the office lunchroom helping to further reduce waste and support a greener community.

### **Where the food scraps go**

Collective Resource Compost Collective tips their loads of food waste at three composting facilities in the Chicago area. Our loads are what are called "post-consumer" loads, and they go to either of two facilities in Chicago: Green Era (anaerobic digester) or Harbor View (owned by Whole Earth). After the food scraps are processed into finished compost, they are then sold to landscapers and urban farms that use the finished compost to replenish and nourish soil throughout the Chicago region. Food scraps are not garbage; they are the essential resource needed to make compost that gardeners call "black gold." Collective Resource also transports to Patriot Acres on Central Rd. across from Oakton College. However, at this location, only "pre-consumer" food scraps are accepted--picked up mostly from food preparation in banquet hall kitchens and commercial kitchens. The food scraps are a small component of this facility which primarily processes yard waste. Consumers can buy compost here in bulk, but they must transport it themselves. Minimum purchase is one yard.

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### **Doctors Taking Action Locally**

**October is National Healthy Lung Month, so it's particularly appropriate to be featuring the CHEST organization.**

The American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST), an organization dedicated to

global respiratory health located on Patriot Boulevard, recently installed a solar panel system at its Glenview, Illinois headquarters.

This investment reflects CHEST's mission to improve lung health worldwide while underscoring the connection between air quality, sustainability, and community well-being. By reducing its carbon footprint, CHEST is helping to lower harmful emissions that contribute to poor air quality and exacerbate conditions like asthma, COPD, and other chronic lung diseases. The pulmonologists that are members of the CHEST organizations see firsthand how the environment impacts respiratory health. Pollutants, climate-driven wildfires, and poor air quality all burden the lungs, especially for those already struggling with chronic conditions. Clean energy means fewer fossil fuels burned, cleaner air, and healthier lungs.

The solar panel installation at CHEST benefits not just the climate, but the daily lives of people in the Glenview community, and CHEST is proud of this initiative. Constructed with sustainability in mind, when first built in 2014, the CHEST headquarters earned LEED® Silver certification for sustainable design, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality. The new solar initiative builds on that foundation, reinforcing CHEST's alignment with environmental stewardship and health advocacy. More than just a workplace, the solar panels will help power CHEST's state-of-the-art medical simulation facility, which is a full wing of the 48,000-square-foot building. Accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, the simulation center welcomes thousands of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine clinicians from around the world each year, training them on the latest advances in bronchoscopy, mechanical ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) interventions, and more. At CHEST, they hone life-saving skills, practice complex procedures, and prepare for critical moments to vastly improve their patient care. All of which will now be supported by clean, renewable energy.

By investing in solar energy, CHEST continues to live out its values: advancing lung health, reducing its environmental footprint, and contributing to healthier communities for generations to come.

Learn more: [CHEST organization](#) and [their solar installation](#)

"Climate change is one of the most important issues of our time and has major health and healthcare implications. The way to slow or stop these harms is to decrease the use of fossil fuels and increase energy efficiency and the use of clean energy sources. These changes in energy choices will improve the quality of our air and water and bring immediate health benefits."

--[Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health](#)



# The Village of Glenview

## 2026 Village Budget Workshops

### Summary of October 9 Budget Workshop II

A frustrating snafu on the part of the Village directly impacted our ability to address specifics of the proposed 2026 budget. Nevertheless, Greener Glenview provided comments at this “workshop” where the trustees listened to presentations by the village departments, including police, fire, public works and community development and had the opportunity to ask questions.

The snafu? The budget was not made public—neither in a timely manner before the workshop nor was any budget detail provided at the workshop itself. Despite our two efforts early in the week to obtain a copy of the budget to be discussed, it wasn’t made available until the morning of the workshop. The trustees received their budget binder before the first workshop on September 9. The budget should have been posted online then, and a copy should have been placed in the library. In response to our comment about this at the workshop, a copy was placed at the library on Friday, October 10.

Our primary interest was in the Community Development budget. The director presented a short summary chart of proposed 2026 expenditures in major categories (like personnel, contractual services). Unlike last year, there was no detailed explanation or line item descriptions of what was planned from a sustainability perspective. Without budget detail, we were flying blind with our comments, not knowing if any of our suggestions were already reflected in the budget.

Our statements:

1) supported the Village’s enhanced effort to replace turf grass with natives, which will contribute to the Glenview Native Habitat effort to obtain National Wildlife

Federation recognition for the entire village

- 2) recommended additional funding for the very popular buckthorn removal program
- 3) requested that the village subsidize continuation of the popular free food scrap drop-off composting program
- 4) asked about the status of the proposed I-294 interchange and what level of funding is proposed for 2026
- 5) asked whether the sustainability plan budget included funds for actual plan implementation, not simply hiring a part-time contractor to serve as a sustainability coordinator.

During the course of the “workshop”, Trustee Mary Cooper addressed the proposed budget for the buckthorn removal program, a program she has championed. She noted that the proposed budget has decreased, and asked for its restoration. During our comment, we observed that in light of the sustainability plan that’s under development, the Village is sending the wrong message if it decreases the budget for items recommended in that plan. Similarly, if the Village intends to implement the recommendation (currently in draft) that already identifies increased composting as a goal, it should fund continuation of the successful food scrap program that Greener Glenview started. Again, to do otherwise sends the wrong message.

We plan to attend the final budget workshop on October 30 by which time we’ll have had time to view the details of the budget under discussion.

### **Budget Workshop III: Thursday, October 30 @ 6:30 PM**

- Preliminary library budget and tax levy, internal service funds, non-profit core service funding, property tax levy

[For more information](#)

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## **Power Talk: Electric Energy Basics and A Vocabulary for Understanding Electric Power and Climate Change**

Our readers probably know that electrification is a necessary step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and in improving air quality. But, do you feel that you have a grasp of the basics of electric power, the grid, your electric bill, and the relationship to the environment? If not, you are not alone.

Here is a document that will help you -- Power Talk.. ([Download PDF](#))

Power Talk, prepared by the Climate Action Plan Team of the League of Women Voters of the U.S., is a guide to electrical energy basics. It explains the vocabulary for understanding electric power and climate change. Lots of graphics aid in explaining technologies for generating electricity, transmission of energy, distribution and delivery of energy, energy storage, regulation & management, and planning for the energy transition.

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## Save the Date: "Data Centers, the Environment, and the Electric Grid"

**WHEN:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Stay tuned for the February 23, 2026 program Greener Glenview is co-sponsoring with the Glenview Public Library: "Data Centers, the Environment and the Electric Grid". The data center market is doubling every four years, and Chicago is a growing data center hub because of access to land, fiber optic cable, water, and electricity. What does this mean for you, the environment, the electric grid and your utility bills?

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## Halloween Pumpkin Recycling Events

How can you divert organic waste and reduce methane from landfills? Compost your Halloween pumpkins at the dumpsters listed below.

NOTE: Please do NOT compost your pumpkin at Greener Glenview's Food Scraps Drop-off sites.



Pumpkins are too bulky for our small bins.

### **Northfield**

**WHEN:** October 31 to November 17

**WHERE:** Northfield Community Center (Willow and Wagner)

**SPONSOR:** Go Green Northfield

Drop your pumpkin in the dumpster located at the southeast corner of the Community Center parking lot from Oct 31-Nov 17. No non-organic decorations or plastic bags please!

### **Wilmette**

**WHEN:** Nov. 1 & 8 @ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Wilmette Village Hall and Centennial Park

**SPONSOR:** Go Green Wilmette



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## Environmental Documentary Film Screen: Every Little Thing (2024, Not rated)

**WHEN:** November 1 @ 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** Northbrook Public Library

**SPONSOR:** Go Green Wilmette

Author and wildlife rehabber Terry Masear has an ambitious goal: to save every injured hummingbird in Los Angeles. But the path to survival is fraught with danger. This heart-expanding Sundance hit introduces audiences to Terry's diminutive patients through breathtaking slow-motion photography and emotional storytelling. Over the course of director Sally Aitken's moving documentary, we become deeply invested in baby hummingbirds like Cactus and Wasabi, celebrating their tiny victories and lamenting their tragedies. Through Terry's eyes, each bird becomes memorable, mighty and heroic. Her compassion and empathy serves as a reminder that grace can be found in the smallest of acts and the tiniest of creatures.

[Register](#)

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

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 18 @ 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](mailto: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 October 18 and Saturday, November 1, 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:** Sunday, October 26, 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.

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.

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