



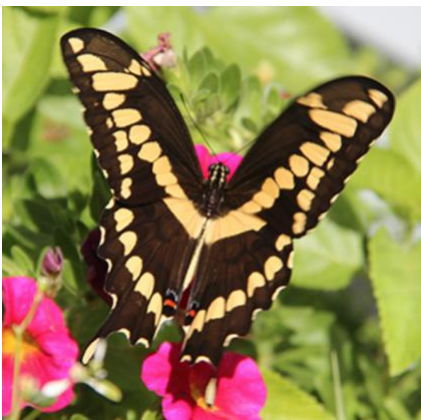
Greener Glenview Bulletin

January 2023

Greener Glenview Preparation for 2023

As 2022 came to a close, we spent some time celebrating accomplishments and planning new goals to achieve with members of Greener Glenview in 2023. In November, our tally of all that we'd done inspired us to nominate Greener Glenview for an Environmental and Natural Resources Commission Sustainability Award in the community education category. We also submitted two applications for the Judy Beck Grant to help underwrite two projects we hope to pursue in the coming year. The grant, administered by the Glenview Park District, is funded by the Beck family in memory of Glenview's lion of environmental stewardship, Judy Beck.

Here, in brief, are our program ideas:



NATURAL HABITAT GLENVIEW will encourage homeowners, businesses, and civic property holders to add native plants and non-toxic practices to their landscaping. Native plants are necessary for the survival of songbirds and pollinators whose habitat has been decimated by urban sprawl. The goal of the program is to recruit enough participants to certify Glenview as a Natural Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation.



HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: How Noise, Artificial Light and Traffic Impact the Environment and Human Health. Over the past year, there have been at least six major and minor development proposals that will alter the built environment in Glenview. Traffic, noise, and artificial light, ubiquitous elements of daily life, have been contentious issues in each proposal. The proposed project will present a series of programs on the visible and imperceptible impacts of noise, artificial light, and traffic, and will address how development plans attempt to tackle these issues.

Our February bulletin will include information on an upcoming member meeting and a Green Drinks event.

Winter Preparation: Four Steps to being "Salt Smart"

Chloride concentrations in our local waterways are steadily increasing. Residents can help reverse this trend by using best practices for snow and ice removal this winter, including removing snow prior to laying down road salt, applying just enough, and sweeping up salt.

Are you confused about which de-icing agents to use and how much to apply? Here are some resources to help you:

De-icing alternatives: Your choices include rock salt (sodium chloride), potassium chloride, magnesium chloride and calcium chloride. See the page 11 chart in the Cary Institute report [Road Salt—The Problem, The Solution, and How to Get There](#) to figure out what is best for your needs.

Application rate: How much salt is too much? Find out [here](#).

Because there isn't a salt product on the market that is completely harm-free, the

best thing you as a resident can do is to be Salt Smart with your application. Follow the steps below when clearing driveways and sidewalks:



[For more information including some helpful videos](#)

Environment & Natural Resources Commission (ENRC)

November 14, 2022 Meeting

Plan for Nature update makes new connections

The first draft of Glenview's Plan for Nature update got a hearing at the November ENRC meeting. The updated Plan for Nature evaluates the status and current management of public and private open spaces that can support nature and provide ecosystem services.

The Plan update uses the latest thinking in green infrastructure--a "core-hub-corridor" approach; e.g. possible development of a habitat corridor connecting the Longmeadow Rd. riverbank restoration with Judy Beck Park, the Kraft property, and the two native planting sites north and south of Glenview Road downtown. Wildlife corridors connect habitats available for species and help counter the fragmentation that can result from development.

The hope for the updated Plan for Nature is that it will connect priority sites with hub projects already being done by houses of worship, businesses, and residents who are planting native gardens or borders.

Following approval by the ENRC, the plan will be presented to the Village Board of Trustees for final approval.

Green Issues to be featured monthly in the Village newsletter

David Just, Glenview's community engagement manager, reported to the ENRC on plans to feature the environment in the village newsletter. Each issue will include tips on sustainability and the environment, and the April issue will be devoted to the environment. Be sure to [sign up](#) to receive the e-news to stay up to date on Village news and events. If you have ideas for tips or articles you'd like to see, contact [David Just](#).

Sustainability Awards for 2023

Since 2018, the Environment and Natural Resources Commission has given out environmental sustainability awards to recognize organizations in Glenview that are taking the lead with environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, and community outreach. The 2023 winners will be announced at the January 17 Glenview Board of Trustees meeting.



I-294 INTERCHANGE UPDATE

On November 10, 2022, the Village of Glenview held an open house staffed by village Community Development employees and the village's consultant, Benesch. Several trustees were also present.

Approximately 175 residents attended the unstructured public information session. They asked questions and provided both oral & written feedback. Residents also expressed their preferences regarding four alternatives (No Ramps, On-Ramp Only, Off-Ramp Only, Both Ramps) by placing a colored dot indicating the location of their residence, on an aerial photo of the village. Overwhelmingly, attendees opposed both ramps.

The village had intended to close public comment at the end of November but

extended it through January 6th. Greener Glenview has had conversations with a number of stakeholder organizations including community groups that share our concerns, and with relevant governmental agencies to better understand the process and their role. When we have a better sense of the timing of a village staff presentation to the board of trustees seeking authorization to move forward, Greener Glenview will send out an alert.

Part of that presentation to the trustees will be a *summary* of public input. Preferring that our unedited input be reviewed by trustees, Greener Glenview will submit its comment at the appropriate time. According to village staff, consideration by the Glenview Board of Trustees will occur in "early 2023". Stay tuned.



Do Honeybees Intrigue You?

If so, consider signing up for [River Trail Nature Center Beekeeping Course](#).

Dates: Tuesday 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7 @ 6 - 8 PM

Location: 3120 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook

Beginning Tuesday, January 10, learn the process of keeping bees from the beekeepers at Cook County Forest Preserve's River Trail Nature Center in a 5-week class. \$75 for members of Cook-DuPage Beekeepers Association who join with a promo code; \$100 for non-members. To register, call (630) 207-4255.

Tour of Abt's Environmental Operations

It was a blustery November 17th when Greener Glenview members and friends toured Abt's sprawling campus. Its newest EV station is a Level 3 Tesla charger located at the front of the building. In close proximity is a 10,000 gallon rainwater

collection tank used in Abt's irrigation system. Following a long walk through the warehouse, an elevator carried us to the roof. For employees wanting some quiet time, a picnic table sits among native plantings alongside warehouse roofs covered in solar panels.

The rooftop solar arrays generate enough energy to power 80 homes for a year. Continental Energy Solutions/Continental Electric did the design and installation. [See the specs of the 2015 and 2022 arrays.](#)

Abt recycles over 95% of its own waste. Its new 30,000-square-foot recycling center saved 2.2 million pounds of cardboard and paper from being landfilled.

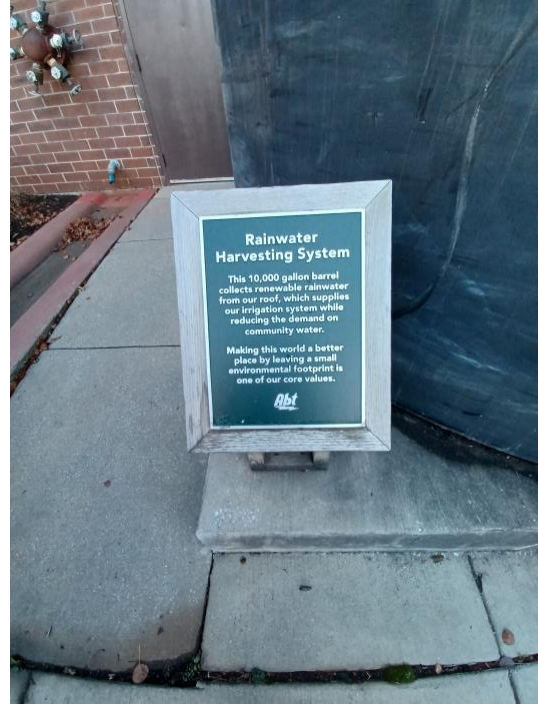
Its state-of-the-art equipment includes a GreenMax machine for recycling Styrofoam. The machine melts Styrofoam into raw materials used for picture frames, home construction materials, and more. More than 350,000 pounds are processed annually.

The center also has an Auger Compactor, a heavy-duty machine designed for compacting large volumes of waste materials like old appliances. More than 13 million pounds of appliances and 1.4 million pounds of electronics have been kept out of landfills.

(r) Native roof solar panels

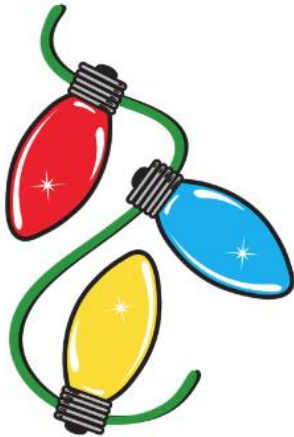


(l) Appliance crusher (r) Rainwater storage sign



(l) Styrofoam melted chunk (r) Tour guide





Recycle Your Unwanted Holiday String Lights

Dispose of unwanted holiday lights an environmentally responsible way. Residents can drop off holiday lights for recycling at the Public Works Service Center, located at the northeast corner of East Lake Avenue and Shermer Road, through Jan. 31, 2023. A marked receptacle has been placed outside the center at the curbside for collection.

All string lighting and extension cords are acceptable for recycling. Garland, live greens, wreaths, and other non-recyclables are not accepted.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and the Village of Glenview have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc., to take the lights and cords. The strands are separated, baled, and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States. Call the Public Works Department at (847) 724-1700 with questions.



Evanston Repair Café

WHEN: Tuesday, January 10 and 24 10 am to Noon

WHERE: Robert Crown Community Center(1801 Main Street), Multipurpose Room B

Advance registration for 60-minute appointment is recommended. Walk-ins are welcome but registered participants will take priority.

- They only take "General Repair" (Small appliances) and Sewing/mending items
- If you need help with other repairs such as electronics, bikes or jewelry, attend the next Saturday Repair Cafe available.
- There is no guarantee that the Repair Café volunteers can to fix items or even leave them in the same condition as brought in
- Bring spare parts if you them. They do not have an inventory of spare parts.
- Time slots are very limited. If you can't make it, please let them know so we can open your time slot for someone else. Participants who miss more than 2 sign-ups can only attend as walk-in.

If you have any questions about the event, your repair, or what spare parts to bring, please contact becheverria@cityofevanston.org Future events will be held on February 14 & 28th, March 14 & 28

REGISTER

Sustainable Schools: How To Get Started or How to Make Progress after COVID

WHEN: January 10 @ 1 to 3 PM

WHERE: Online

SPONSOR: Go Green Illinois

REGISTER

Sustainable Fashion vs. Fast Fashion

WHEN: January 18 @ 7 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Online

SPONSOR: Go Green Barrington and the Barrington Area Library

Our fashion choices affect the people who make the clothes, safe water, clean air, and what goes to the landfill. Learn from Amanda McCarty, host of the Clotheshorse podcast, how to make the best decisions about what you buy and where you buy it. Participants do not need a library card to register.

REGISTER

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, January 21 and February 4

WHERE: Winnetka Road at Avon Road

Harms Woods

WHEN: Saturday, January 14 and 28

WHERE: Glenview Woods parking lot, west side of Harms Rd., just south of Glenview Rd.)

Blue Star Memorial Woods

WHEN: Saturday, January 28

WHERE: South side of Lake Ave. between Wagner Rd. and Harms Rd.

Workdays at The Grove

The Grove

WHEN: Sunday, February 5

No advance registration is necessary — just bring work gloves if you have them and meet at the Interpretive Center.

Email groverestoration@glenviewparks.org for more information including availability. Work parties may be canceled if there is inclement weather.