



Greener Glenview Bulletin

April 2026



Special Earth Month Edition

Caring for the earth starts locally, right here, right now. Here are Greener Glenview's three Essential Earth Day Events we hope you can attend.

1. Glenview's First Sustainability Plan up for Adoption

WHEN: Tuesday, April 21 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: Glenview Village Hall

Plan to be at this important meeting.

On April 21, the Board of Trustees will consider formal approval of the Glenview Sustainability Plan. Trustees will be presented with information regarding the

planning process that included initial data analysis, public engagement, ENRC review of goals, objectives, recommendations and priorities, and key actions related to plan implementation.

The draft Sustainability Plan can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Greener Glenview has 20 Greener Glenview buttons for the crowd. Let's fill the seats to mark this important first step toward a more sustainable village. Your presence alone will send a message. Or, you can to speak during Matters Presented by the Public. If you can't attend, send an email to President Jenny and the trustees, thanking them for the plan, but stating that implementation without delay is what's required. Your support is essential.

A plan is a notable first step, but the essential action is to implement the plan. This is where you come in. **Without support from the residents of Glenview, the plan may well languish.** It's important to let the village president and board of trustees know that Glenview expects action on this plan.

The plan states that village actions will be limited to areas it controls directly—its fleet, its buildings, and its land. But the plan also points to the village's role in the community as a model of sustainable practices and a voice that fosters awareness through outreach and policy tools.

In your comments, emphasize the need for the village to broadcast news of the actions it takes. If we do not know what the village is doing, we may be lulled into assuming the plan is being implemented. Let's trust, but also let's insist on verification.

You'll find email addresses for President Jenny and the board [here](#):

Ideas for your comments

Compost:

- Thank you for continuing the 2025 pilot drop off compost program. It is a quick and habit changing way to immediately lower my household carbon footprint. Food scraps in the landfill cause methane, which is 80 times more powerful than CO2 at trapping heat in the atmosphere.
- I hope you'll expand this drop off food scraps program. It's a great model to set for the community. Fire stations would be perfect sites for additional drop off bins. The firemen could use them, too.
- Close the loop on the commercial compost business by using commercial compost instead of fossil fuel-based fertilizers in village landscaping. As more people send food scraps to commercial composters, it's important that municipalities purchase compost for landscaping their large acreage.

GHG emissions:

- The state has set a goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Glenview's first Sustainability Plan describes how Glenview's total emissions will go down over time simply by using electricity increasingly fueled by clean, renewable sources of energy such as solar and wind. I want the village to prioritize taking action locally to electrify our fleet and install solar panels on municipal buildings.

Transparency on action taken:

- Thank you for investing in Glenview's first Sustainability Plan. I hope you will support the plan and community's appreciation of it by keeping the community informed of how the plan is implemented. Devote space in every month's village newsletter to describe what the village is doing to enact the Sustainability Plan. For example, one goal is to convert to LED lights.
- At the April 7 Village Board meeting, trustees approved a Resolution waiving competitive bidding and approving an Agreement with Quantix Energy Solutions, LLC for Energy-Efficient LED Lighting Improvements at the Glenview Municipal Center and Public Works Facilities for a total of \$115,028 with a 5% contingency for a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,780. Please report how this work is progressing and how much energy it will save. It's surprising how much of an investment this is. Homeowners just switch bulbs, and presto change-o they're done. Please explain this process to help residents get a better understanding. Answer whether the lighting installed will be Dark Skies friendly.

GHG and Leaf Blowers:

- A quick way to model reducing GHG emissions in Glenview is to model spring- and fall- only use of gas powered leaf blowers on municipal property.
- Or convert entirely to electric lawncare equipment on municipal property. Avoiding gas-powered lawncare equipment is one action included in the Greenest Region Compact which the village adopted in 2020. Also, the village learned about the harms to human and environmental health when it sent a representative to the multi-community leaf blower working group in 2022. Leaf blowers are harmful to human health, destructive of pollinator habitat, and a noisy disruptor of concentration by work-from-home residents and students, to say nothing of a neighborhood's tranquility. A Greener Glenview petition asking for a public discussion of limitations on the use of these harmful tools is gaining signatures daily. Now up to 242 responses. Protect the lungs of our most vulnerable citizens—the young and the elderly, and anyone with asthma or other lung condition. Protect the tranquility of our village for the people who live here and want to enjoy the summer months.

Habitat restoration:

- Prioritize landscape as habitat for pollinators: cut down on turf, increase native plantings; reduce pesticides and herbicides. Expand the matching funds for eliminating buckthorn in the village.
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2. Restoring Nature. Restoring Ourselves

WHEN: Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: Northbrook Public Library, Civic Room (1st Floor)

SPONSORS: League of Women Voters and the Northbrook Public Library

Learn what Forest Preserve Restoration is all about. We'll showcase different participant groups (Cook County Forest Preserve Staff, Friends of the Forest Preserves work crews and Friends of Somme Preserve Community) and discuss the benefits of being in nature. Come join in person or via Zoom.

[REGISTER](#)

3. Environment and Equity

WHEN: Wednesday, April 29 @ Noon to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie & Tyner Center, 2400 Compass Rd., Glenview

Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton will moderate a conversation about environmental justice, conservation, sustainability, and more with Cook County Department of Environment & Sustainability Director Suzanne Malec-McKenna and Forest Preserve of Cook County Superintendent Adam Bianchi.

[REGISTER](#)

Scary Plant of the Month: Lesser Celandine

If you have a rather pretty yellow flower spreading in your yard, and it's NOT a dandelion, you might have been invaded by the dreaded Lesser Celandine.



[Watch this video to learn more about Lesser Celandine.](#)

The Future of Greener Glenview

Over 40 members attended the Greener Glenview discussion of accomplishments, priorities, and new leadership.

For those of you interested in helping Greener Glenview pursue various projects, look for a meeting to be held within the next few weeks. Bring your ideas!



Food Scraps Drop-off Pilot Program Continues Under Village Management

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

What can be composted

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

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
- Ink cartridges
- U.S. Flags
- Toiletries for USO

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).