



Greener Glenview Bulletin

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

International Dark Sky Week -- April 2 to 8 -- is a worldwide celebration of the dark and natural night. For many, the dark night is often misunderstood, unfamiliar, and frightening. But the natural night is filled with wonder and awe, and is critical to the health and wellbeing of our planet.

[Learn more.](#) You'll also find resources for the upcoming eclipse including a live stream.



Join us for the Glenview Clean Energy Fair & EV Show, Volunteer, and Spread the Word!

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

WHERE: Glenview Park Center West Gym

Celebrate sustainability and learn about clean energy solutions. Explore a wide range of products and services that support clean energy including rooftop or community solar, battery storage and generators; home energy audits/assessments and weatherizing; electric products such as EVs, heat pumps (HVAC and/or water heater), energy conservation measures such as triple-pane windows. Talk with vendors of those products and residents who use them. Learn from non-profits with expertise in the transition to clean energy and energy conservation. Check out electric vehicles in the parking lot directly adjacent to the gym and talk with auto retailers and EV owners.

We need your help!

Here's what we're looking for. If you are able to support our efforts, email us at greenerglenview@gmail.com

1. Talk about a clean energy product or service you use: Do you use any of the products listed below? We'd like you to be part of the "talk with a user" section

at the Fair where attendees can ask questions about different products. Share your experiences with:

- Electric vehicles (any model) including electric bikes
- Induction stoves
- Heat Pumps (HVAC, water heaters)
- Electric dryers
- Electric fireplaces
- Electric patio heaters
- Home energy audit/assessments

2. Yard signs: Are you willing to put a yard sign in your yard promoting the Clean Energy Fair? Let us know! greenerglenview@gmail.com.

3. Volunteer for the Fair: We are looking for six volunteers to help us greet guests, count attendance, and help with set-up both inside the gym and in the adjacent side parking lot. Two shifts: noon to 2:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 PM Let us know! greenerglenview@gmail.com.

4. Spread the word: [Download the Fair/EV Show flyer](#) and post it or share it with friends and family.



Native Gardening Step by Step

WHEN: Monday, April 8 @ 7 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library

Join Glenview Native Habitat (GNH) to learn about why plant native plants and get some tips for getting started. [For more information](#)

Glenview Native Habitats is Looking for Neighborhood Ambassadors

GNH is looking for gardeners who will join our Neighborhood Ambassador team. As an ambassador, we're asking you to speak with friends and neighbors about planting natives and certifying their gardens. We'll provide everything you need. Interested? Contact us. greenerglenview@gmail.com



The Buckthorn Stops Here!

Former Lake County Forest Preserves Public Affairs Manager Allison Frederick describes how to join forces and stop buckthorn in your yard.

Plus the website offers videos to help identify and remove buckthorn. This is a great resource!

[Watch HERE](#) Scroll down the page to see the video.

No Mow 'til Mother's Day

This village program invites residents to avoid mowing their lawn – or a portion of their lawn – through Mother's Day to help support the local ecology, the habitats of pollinators and area wildlife.

[Learn more](#)



The Mulch Center Discount!

Thank you to the Mulch Center for continuing to offer a discount to Greener Glenview members. Mention Greener Glenview when you order and you'll get a discount on the mulch and delivery costs.

[Order here](#)



Landscapers for Native Gardens

Several of our members sent us in names of landscaping companies or individuals who work with native plants. These aren't endorsements, but names to contact if you are interested in more information about native landscaping.

[Red Stem Landscaping](#) (Chicago)

Julia Bunn, [Spirited Gardener](#) (Evanston)

Karen Glennemeier, [Habitat Help](#) (Wilmette)

[Woods to Wetlands \(W2W\)](#) (Streamwood)

Native Plant Sales!

It's that time of year. Native plant sales! Below are a couple of websites that feature lists of plant sales. Note that some have pre-order deadlines. Happy shopping!

[Illinois Plants.org](#)

[Possibility Place.com](#)

Northbrook Garden Club Native and Ornamental Plant Sale

WHEN: Friday, May 17 (9 AM to 4 PM & Saturday, May 18 (9 AM to 2 PM)

WHERE: Village Green Center (1810 Walter's Avenue) in downtown Northbrook (opposite St. Norbert's)

This fun and popular annual event features thousands of perennials - both native and ornamental. There will be dozens of varieties from sun to shade, dry and moist soils, and everything in between! They will also have vegetable starts and herbs, and a small number of shrubs/small trees. As well as being beautiful - Illinois native plants support wildlife, are robust and can cope with the challenges of climate change.

Experienced and Master Gardeners will help you choose natives and ornamentals to incorporate into new or existing ornamental garden beds for beautiful results.

More details at **Northbrook Garden Club** or from info@northbrookgardenclub.org

Don't Be Fooled By "Flushable" Wipes

A MESSAGE FROM NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

From Township Supervisor Shiva Mohsenzadeh & Wally Kehr, Northfield Township Sanitary District Foreman

Northfield Township owns, operates and maintains a sanitary sewer system that services 1,900 properties including properties in incorporated and unincorporated Glenview. This message is coming to you due to a recent incident at the Huber Lane lift station. (A lift station lifts wastewater from low areas of land or where pipes are deeply buried to a higher point so it can flow by gravity or can be pumped under pressure directly to the treatment plant.) Though you've heard the message an untold number of times, it bears repeating: Beside your bodily liquids and solids, only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet!

NO WOVEN (so-called "flushable") WIPES or other woven materials, ever.

March 8, 2024 Incident

Lift stations are routinely checked at least weekly. The Huber Lane lift station had been inspected a few days earlier but the March 8 meter readings showed the pumps weren't operating properly. The 8" diameter pipe coming into the lift station was blocked. Fortunately, this lift station has an overflow pipe as a bypass allowing sewage to move to the pumping station. Not all lift stations are equipped with an overflow pipe. Without the overflow bypass, sewage would have backed up into the manholes, first. Had there been an extreme weather event like the rains we've been having, the waste could have backed up into homes. A contractor was called in to vactor out the pipe and then televise the pipe in order to discover the source and location of the blockage. They discovered what appeared to be a roll of soaked paper towels with all kinds of other debris clinging to it, blocking the mouth of the pipe. When the blockage was cut open, a ball of tangled flushable wipes was at the center.

How did those so-called "flushable" wipes get there? Wipe users sent them down the toilet, perhaps unaware that they are not flushable. Wipes act like snowballs. If one gets stuck in a line, it grabs the next one that comes by or snags other debris, slowly growing in size until it becomes a blockage. It took one day and \$3,500 to address the blockage. The township budget includes funding for these emergency events, but it would be better to prevent them from happening. Though this incident occurred in Northfield Township's sewer system, all sewer

districts can be impacted in this manner by 'flushable' wipes. This illustrated press release from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) addresses this issue. The MWRDGC is the government agency responsible for treating wastewater and managing stormwater in Cook County,

[Read more:](#) Flush with Care

Update on Dermody Redevelopment Landscaping of the former Allstate Property

New Development Commission Listens—And Acts On--Feedback from the Public

Does it matter whether the public attends commission meetings and speaks up? Yes, it does. Greener Glenview was one of the speakers at the last two New Development Commission (NDC) meetings where the decision was made to allow—or not to allow—invasive Callery Pear trees to be planted in the 230-acre campus of the Dermody redevelopment of the Allstate property. The Callery Pears are now gone from the landscape design.

Here's the story. In February, the New Development Commission postponed approval of the final landscape design for the Dermody redevelopment at Willow and Sanders. Commissioner and landscape architect Glen Tracy asked for a more naturalized and less ornamental design including more native trees and plants. Specifically, Tracy called out the inclusion of Callery Pear trees on the design, a tree from China that has recently been added to invasive and nuisance tree lists by the Morton Arboretum and the State of Illinois. Greener Glenview wrote a letter to the NDC and was one of the speakers at the meeting asking for the removal of invasive Callery Pears from the design. The NDC met again March 27. Were the Callery Pear trees gone from the design? Not entirely. The developer had initially been directed by the Village to transplant mature trees from the Allstate property. The transplants included some of the pear trees from the Allstate property. The commissioners regretted these transplants, but were ready to allow them until the public (including Greener Glenview) once again spoke against the trees. Why allow trees now known to be invasive to be planted in natural areas near the Cook County Forest Preserve? The commissioners—hearing support from the public--voted to remove the trees from the design, and to direct Village staff to negotiate fees and costs with the developer that will result from removing the invasive trees.

ENRC and Tree Ordinance Changes

As the invasive trees were being discussed at the New Development Commission meeting . . . Glenview's Planning Division Manager Tony Repp stated that updates to Glenview's Tree Preservation ordinance and Tree Standards Manual are being worked out right now in monthly meetings of the Environment & Natural Resources Commission. The nuisance tree list will likely be among the updates discussed.

At the March ENRC meeting, commissioners approved a recommendation changing the size of trees eligible for protection from the current 16" DBH (diameter at breast height) to 8" DBH. The commission is also recommending raising fees for permits and payment in lieu of replacement.

In addition, a plan is being finalized for adding buckthorn removal to the Residents Tree Planting Incentive Program. The drafted plan calls for a 50% subsidy for costs to remove buckthorn up to a maximum of \$600 (for \$1200 in costs). The costs could be for vendor charges, or for supplies and equipment purchased by a resident doing the removal project. In either case, the subsidy would be paid only when all buckthorn is removed from the property (no matter how long it takes), and would require inspections before and after the work is done.

To learn more and to speak up about how the Tree Preservation Ordinance is being updated, attend the ENRC meetings on the third Monday of the month. Agendas are posted at the Village website.

Note: the ENRC is charged with recommending updates to Glenview's Tree Protection Ordinance, but the updates will take effect only after adoption by the Village Board.

***Rooted* at The Oil Lamp Theater**

Several Greener Glenview subscribers have recommended Oil Lamp Theater's current production, *Rooted*. It's about a woman who lives in a treehouse, talks to

trees, loves the Earth and tries to raise environmental consciousness. Here's the theater's description: When a treehouse dwelling plant enthusiast becomes an overnight viral internet sensation, she's challenged to expand her world beyond her leafy-green friends. A quirky, offbeat comedy, *Rooted*, delves into the power of nature and the idiosyncrasies of human beings. The play runs through May 5.





Earth Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, April 6 @ 10 AM to 2 PM

WHERE: Fuller Air Station Prairie / Tyner Center

Join us for a free day of family-friendly fun and environmental education! Explore ways to make a positive impact on our planet.

- Make recyclable newspaper seed pots and other crafts.
- Tour the Tyner Center and explore Fuller Air Station Prairie on a guided trail walk.
- Play in our augmented reality sandbox to see how topography shapes the environment.
- Bring your old fluorescent light bulbs and watch as they are quickly and safely recycled by our Bulb Eater lamp crushing system (10 am-1 pm).

Call 847-299-6096 for more information

Native Gardening Step by Step

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

WHERE: Glenview Public Library Community Room East

Join Greener Glenview and Glenview Native Habitat (GNH) to learn reasons to create a native garden and tips for getting started. Be part of designating

Glenview as a Community Wildlife Habitat. Co-sponsored by Greener Glenview and the Glenview Public Library.

[Register](#)

Bird Collisions: Hazardous Features and Easy Solutions

WHEN: Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 to 7:30 PM

WHERE: One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston

SPONSOR: Climate Action Evanston

Nearly a billion birds perish each year as a result of window strikes. They see the sky or tree in a window reflection and fly towards it, dying at the solid pane. For decades, Annette Prince of the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors has collected about 11,000 birds a year, helping the Field Museum build an extraordinary profile of bird collisions in our area, and saving thousands of injured songbirds. She will discuss the perils facing our migratory birds, the buildings where they collide in Chicago and Evanston and why. She shares easy steps we can each take to help them find safe passage through Chicagoland. It's a concern only heightened in recent years as our population of birds declines while our reliance on glass grows as a foundation element in architectural design.

[REGISTER FOR ZOOM OR IN PERSON](#)

Biomimicry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today's Problems

WHEN: Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Glenview Public Library Community Room

How did a Kingfisher improve a high speed train? How has a gecko helped astronauts? Hedgehogs are helping reduce the chances of concussions. Discover how humans are learning from animals.

[Register](#)

Film Screening and Talk Back: Canary

WHEN: Saturday, April 13 @ 2:00pm

WHERE: Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette

SPONSOR: Go Green Wilmette

Witness the extraordinary life of Dr. Lonnie Thompson, an explorer who went where no scientist had gone before and transformed our idea of what is possible. Daring to seek Earth's history contained in glaciers atop the tallest mountains in

the world, Lonnie found himself on the frontlines of climate change—his life’s work evolving into a salvage mission to recover these priceless historical records before they disappear forever.

See the [TRAILER](#)

[Register](#)

Skokie Spring Greening: A Community Recycling Event

WHEN: Saturday, April 14 @ 10 AM to 1:45 PM

WHERE: West Parking Lot of Westfield Shopping Center

Electronics recycling and document shredding, plus additional reuse/recycling drop-off stations. Access: Enter onto Lavergne Avenue from Old Orchard Road ONLY. [For more information](#)

Gardening with Native Plants

WHEN: Saturday, April 20 @ 10:30am to 11:30 AM

WHERE: The Grove

For ages 16+

Join The Grove for a special presentation Gardening with Native Plants by Meredith Suangka, Grove Natural Resource Manager, as she discusses the benefits of native vegetation and explains how to select the right plants for different environmental conditions and turn landscaping into a haven for pollinators and other wildlife. This program is free, but reservations are required. Please e-mail Meredith.Suangka@glenviewparks.org to RSVP.

Guided Bird Walk

WHEN: Sunday, April 28 @ 8:00-10:00 AM

WHERE: Wilmette Harbor Coast Guard Station

Join in for a bird walk starting in late April and each Sunday morning in May. Learn how to identify both backyard birds and those stopping to rest and refuel as they migrate north. Get tips for how to attract more birds to your yard. Beginners and children welcome!

Meet at the martin house by the Coast Guard Station at the south end of Gillson Park. Bring binoculars if you have them but we’ll have some extras available. Dress warmly!

[More about Go Green Wilmette Bird Walks](#)

[Information on Self-Guided Bird Walks](#)

Restoration Work Days

Spring Restoration Work Day at The Grove

WHEN: Sunday, April 14 9:00-Noon

WHERE: The Grove

Collect seeds or remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for native wildflowers, grasses and trees. No advance registration necessary—just bring your 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 cancelled if there is inclement weather.

Glenview Park District: Spring Restoration Day

WHEN: Saturday, April 20 @ 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 PM

[To register for any of these workdays](#)

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, April 6, April 20, and May 4

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 of Winnetka Road. Meet near the Forest Preserve sign, across the road from Avon.

Harms Woods

WHEN: Saturday, April 20

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.

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