



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

MAY 2022

Information, ideas, and events about environmental sustainability

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## SPRING IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER...♪ HERE COME THE LANDSCAPERS...

Now that Spring actually seems like it's arrived, this month's bulletin focuses on a variety of landscape-related topics.

### April Green Drinks

One sure sign of spring is the penetrating whine of gas-powered leaf blowers. These outmoded machines are not a mere annoyance. They are harmful to our health and the environment with their lung-damaging emissions and particulate. The noise they produce can cause permanent hearing loss and the hurricane-force winds blow away topsoil and beneficial pollinators.

Perhaps because of rising attention by stay-at-home workers during the pandemic, the Village of Glenview has taken notice. The village appointed a delegate to the recently convened Regional Working Group on Leaf Blower Regulation. The Village also launched No Mow Til Mothers Day this spring to enhance homeowners' support of pollinators, an action that delayed the onset of some mowing and blowing, and reduced weeks' worth of some emissions, too.

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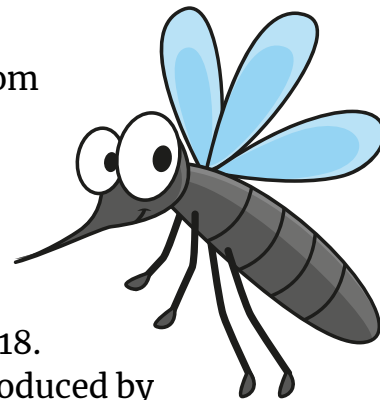
Greener Glenview opened a community-wide education campaign on the issue of leaf blower regulation by inviting Deputy Director of Public Works Joe Kenney to speak at our April Green Drinks event. He said that the patchwork of ordinances on the North Shore—ranging from no regulations to noise ordinances or seasonal bans—has put pressure on both landscaping companies and village administrations. The working group will try to create more consistency by sharing information in three areas: the health and environmental effects of gas-powered leaf blowers; best practices regarding ordinances and enforcement; and the latest advances in alternative equipment technology, including electric. The group will issue a joint summary of facts by Halloween of this year, and it will be up to each village's Board to decide on actions in their community.



Stay in touch with Greener Glenview to be informed about gas-powered leaf blowers, and alternative equipment and landscaping practices for a healthier, quieter community. [Read about the health and environmental effects of leaf blowers here.](#)

## Update on Mosquito Barrier Spraying-- HB3118

Our April bulletin included a link to a fact sheet from the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District regarding the mosquito spraying services offered by private contractors like Mosquito Joe, Mosquito Shield, and now, general landscape contractors. After that bulletin went to press, the Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 3118. Affectionately known as the "Bee Bill", it was introduced by Representative Robyn Gabel at the urging of Winnetka middle schooler Scarlett Harper, who had concerns about these barrier spraying services.



## Update on Mosquito Barrier Spraying (continued)

The bill better regulates pyrethroid-based pesticides and is an important step forward in protecting the health of our plants, our winged friends, and ourselves. Among other things, it requires that a sign, similar to the one used when lawns are treated with pesticides, be placed on residential properties following mosquito treatment.

The new law, which takes effect on January 1, 2023, prohibits barrier spraying between October 16 and April 14, and the installation and use of mosquito misters. Similar to existing law regarding pesticide application, spraying should not occur when wind speeds are greater than or equal to 10 mph.

[More about Mosquito Barrier Treatments](#)

## May Video of the Month: Beneficial Bugs

May's Video of the Month, Beneficial Bugs: Getting the Right Balance in Your Backyard, features Doug Taron from the Peggy Notabaert Nature Museum and Mark Clifton from North Shore Mosquito Abatement District. Clifton's presentation begins at minute 32. [CLICK FOR VIDEO](#)



The image shows a video player interface. At the top left is a circular logo for 'GO GREEN MATTERS WEBINAR SERIES'. The main title is 'Beneficial Bugs: Getting the Balance Right in Your Backyard.' Below the title is a play button icon. To the right of the play button is a 'Share' icon. The text 'Going Green Matters Webinar Series: Beneficial Bugs Getting the Balance Right in Your Yard' is displayed in green. Below this, it says 'Presented by Go Green Wilmette Featuring Douglas Taron, Peggy Notabaert Nature Museum and Mark Clifton, NSMAD'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Watch on YouTube' button. The bottom right corner of the video player area has the text 'Going Green Matters Webinar Series'.

## GREENER GLENVIEW APRIL ACTIVITIES

We've had a busy month getting our name out and signing folks up for our emails! We gave presentations to the Glenview Community Church and Sunrise Rotary. We tabled at the Tyner Center's Earth Day program, and at the Lake Glenview Fish Release, where we made "pollinator palaces" with kids of all ages.

Please help spread the word about Greener Glenview to your Glenview friends and neighbors. For those of you who volunteered to help, you'll be hearing from us very soon. Our next meeting will be in early June when we expect to report on several initiatives. Stay tuned!



Volunteer Sara Spitz assisting with the making of "pollinator palaces" at the Lake Glenview Fish Release.



Mary and Sheri at the Tyner Center's Earth Day program

*Spring*







## May Native Plant Sales

### **Go Green Wilmette 8th Annual Native Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 7 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Join us for our annual plant sale fundraiser at the Gillson Park Swim Beach parking lot. Held at the Gillson Park barn, behind Wallace Bowl. Parking: Drive to the south end of the beach parking lot. We will also be collecting used bikes, in collaboration with [workingbikes.org](http://workingbikes.org). Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

### **Lake County Forest Preserves Native Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 7 (9am-3pm) and Sunday, May 8 (10am-2pm)**

At Independence Grove Forest Preserve at the North Bay Pavilion in Libertyville.

[For more info](#)

### **Northbrook Garden Club**

**Friday, May 13 (9:00am - 4:00 pm) and Saturday, May 14 (10:00am-2:00pm)**

Village Green Center, 1810 Walters Ave, Northbrook, IL

[For more details](#)

### **Maine East High School and Go Green Park Ridge Native Plant Sale**

**Friday, May 13th (4-6pm) and Saturday, May 14th (-noon)**

Maine East High School (Dee & Dempster parking lot)

[For more info](#)

### **The Grove, Barn & Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 9:00am- 4:00pm**

No additional information available yet on [TheGroveGlenview.org](http://TheGroveGlenview.org)

# INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK

## International Compost Awareness Week and Compost Awareness Week in Illinois

Sunday, May 1 through Saturday, May 7

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is an educational and public awareness initiative designed to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use around the world. The week also specifically has been declared as Compost Awareness Week in Illinois!

The Illinois Food Scrap Coalition has created a week of online and in-person events to celebrate ICAW's 2022 theme, Recipe for Regeneration: COMPOST! The program line-up kicks off Sunday, May 1 with a doubleheader and something for everyone!

Register and find out more about the entire ICAW program.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GLENEnergy: Going Green in Glenview

**Date:** May 6 @ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Glenview Public Library

Learn about the Glenview Park District’s sustainability and environmental initiatives and how they benefit the home gardener. Presented by Jonathan Kuester, Director of, Wagner Farm, Lorin Ottlinger, Director of The Grove, and Ken Wexler, Park Planner for the Glenview Park District.

To register:

Online

Call 847-729-7500

Visit any library service desk

### Making Your Community A Better Place to Walk and Bike

**Date:** May 10 @ 1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual

Presented by Go Green Illinois. Hear from experts about how we can upend our car-dominated culture and promote the value of walking, biking, and using transit. Speakers include Audrey Wennink, Director of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Council; Maggie Czerwinski, Advocacy Manager, Active Transportation Alliance; and Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives at the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. State Representative Robyn Gabel will also provide an update on her work on electric vehicle legislation in Springfield.

Registration is required



## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### Going to Zero Waste at School



**Date:** May 10 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual

Ready to do something about the waste at your K-12 school? Join the Zero Waste Schools team at Seven Generations Ahead to find out how to get your K-12 school on a path to zero waste and engage students in the process. Learn how to

- 1) reduce lunchroom waste through prevention, recycling, composting, and food recovery
- 2) start recycling throughout the school
- 3) plan an end-of-year Green Locker Clean-Out
- 4) find the resources you need
- 5) join the Zero Waste Schools program

This webinar is geared towards teachers, administrators, facilities and food service staff, and parents. The presentation will be followed by Q&A. Moderated by Seven Generations Ahead.

[REGISTER](#)

### All Season Gardening with Native Plants

**Date:** Thursday, May 12 @ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Wilmette Library

Join author, native plant lobbyist, and Wilmette resident Charlotte Adelman and Monica Buckley of Red Stem Native Landscaping for a presentation on all-season gardening with native plants.

[For more information](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### Friends of the Chicago River Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, May 14 @ 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Techny Basin: Meet at the river across from the Kohls and Aldi on Ravine Way.  
[Register](#)

Downtown Glenview: Meet at the parking lot west of Oil Lamp Theatre on the south side of Glenview Road and across from Jimmy John's. In collaboration with Village of Glenview & Friends of Downtown  
[Register](#)



### The Grove Workday

**Date:** May 29 @ 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Meet at the Interpretive Center. No registration required.

### Go Green Wilmette Bird Walk

**Date:** EVERY Sunday in May @ 8:00 to 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Gillson Park, Wilmette

[For more information](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### Friends of the Forest Preserve Volunteer Work Days

Workday hours 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Advance registration required

#### **Saturday, May 7, 14, 21 -- Watersmeet Work Day**

The Skokie River and Middle Fork of the Chicago River come together to give Watersmeet Woods its name. But Watersmeet is also a wet place with numerous special types of wetlands that support rare plants and wildlife, including the only “calcareous seep” on the North Branch preserves. This seep environment is fed by cool groundwater emerging at the surface and it supports plants that require high levels of minerals in the water.

#### **Saturday, May 14 -- Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie, Glenview**

2400 Compass Road, Glenview

#### **Saturday, May 14 -- Blue Star Memorial Woods, Glenview**

Lake Avenue, between Wagner and Harms Roads

#### **Saturday, May 15, 28 -- Harms Woods/Glenview Woods, Glenview**

West side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Rd. 721 Harms Road, Glenview

