



Greener Glenview Bulletin

March 2023

MARCH 6 MEETING—Glenview Library Community Room East, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Curious about what Greener Glenview is up to in and around our village? Got a sustainability question or concern? Hear updates on issues that we're tracking and learn about new initiatives, including details about Glenview Native Habitat and Hidden in Plain Sight grant projects. Join us for a discussion, find a way to volunteer, or just listen!



Save The Date: April 10!

The first *Hidden in Plain Sight* presentation will be The Impact of Artificial Light at Night (ALAN) on the Environment and Human Health. Glenview Public Library Community Room East, April 10 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m. More details to follow in the April Greener Glenview bulletin.

Revisions to the Tree Preservation Ordinance?

For more than 35 years, Glenview has received the Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. To gain this recognition, there are many requirements, including enforcement of a tree preservation ordinance.

In [August 2022](#) and [February 2023](#), the Glenview Village Board and staff discussed the tree preservation and maintenance programs. The staff report compared elements of Glenview's tree preservation ordinance with neighboring communities. Greener Glenview offered oral comments on that report and made a number of recommendations.

The consensus of the trustees was to refer the ordinance to the Environment & Natural Resources Commission to recommend technical changes. The next ENRC meeting will be Monday, March 20. Stay tuned.

Updated Bike and Pedestrian Plan and Americans with Disability Act Transition Plan



Following 10 months of study, surveys, open houses, and tours, the village has released its comprehensive draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

The public comment period closes on March 10.

The report will then be considered by the village trustees. The plan inventories existing bicycle lanes and pedestrian paths and proposes expanding the bike/walking network and infrastructure in three phases over the next 20 years. Phase I is proposed for completion in 2027.

Based on public input, one of the consultants' recommendations relates to amending the Sidewalk Petition Process to lower the approval threshold based on three variables: proximity to schools, existing stress levels for bicyclists, and/or existing connections. Installing sidewalks is an important component of creating safe routes to school. It would, hopefully, lead to a reduction in the number of parents driving their kids to/from school, thereby reducing traffic

that clogs some streets and the attendant idling.

Please let the village know that you support this recommendation.

The [ADA Transition Plan](#) identifies programs, services, facilities, policies, and procedures in the public right-of-way that require changes, and outlines the steps necessary to become a more accessible community, as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Legislative Update on Efforts to Reduce Single-Use Plastics

Northbrook Trustees Adopt Single-Use Bag Tax (February 7, 2023)

Beginning January 1, 2024, patrons at retail stores larger than 3,000 square feet will be charged 10 cents for a plastic or paper bag at point of purchase. Five cents of the tax will go to a village sustainability fund being created for local waste reduction and other sustainability efforts. The other five cents will be retained by the collecting businesses for program administration expenses. Exemptions include but are not limited to restaurants, pharmacies, farmers markets, dry cleaners, or for perishable items. [Read the staff report and ordinance on pages 266-286](#)

Statewide Single-Use Container Styrofoam Ban—Illinois SB100 (Fine) and HB2376 (Gong-Gershowitz)

The Senate bill is waiting to be assigned to a committee. The House bill has been assigned to the Energy & Environment Committee and a hearing is scheduled for February 28. Greener Glenview filed a witness slip in support of this proposed bill. [Read HB2376 text here](#)

Restrictions on Single-Use Plastic Foodware--Public Act 102-1081

In 2022, three state legislators representing different parts of Glenview (Sen. Fine, Sen. Morrison, Rep. Carroll) successfully sponsored legislation that prohibits state parks and natural areas from purchasing single-use plastic foodware. Public Act 102-1081 took effect January 1, 2023. [Read the complete law here.](#)

No Mow Notice and Registration Info



If you're making plans for landscaping services this summer, don't forget the Village will once again be organizing a No Mow 'til Mother's Day initiative to help support the local ecology, the habitats of pollinators, and area wildlife.

Residents are invited to skip mowing their lawn or a portion of their lawn and be exempt from lawn mowing code enforcement through Mother's Day on May 14.

All residents wishing to participate must register in the program -- even if you participated in 2022. The application is available on the [Village website](#) on March 1, and residents can either use their lawn sign from last year or stop by Village Hall to pick up a new one.

All residents participating in the program must have the lawn sign displayed in front of their house to be exempt from code enforcement. The Village will publish reminders to sign up in eGlenview and on social media when applications are available.

For more information, visit glenview.il.us/nomow or contact Natural Resources Manager Robyn Flakne at rflakne@glenview.il.us.



Guided Bird Walk

WHEN: Sunday, March 5 @ 9:00 to 11:30 AM

WHERE: The Grove

SPONSOR: Glenview Park District

FEE: \$5 resident/\$7 non-resident

Join Grove educators on a leisurely guided walk to learn about native and migrating birds, including species you can only see here in the colder earlier months of spring. Learn how to use binoculars and colorful identification guides. Ages 6+

[Advanced registration required](#)

Wildlife Monitor Training

WHEN: Thursday, March 30 @ 4:30 to 7:00 PM or Sunday, April 2 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE: Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 N. McCormick Blvd., Evanston

SPONSOR: Friends of the Chicago River

Friends of the Chicago River has restored habitat for three river-dependent species -- osprey, bats, and turtles -- and they need help to monitor them. This training will provide all of the necessary information and expectations for interested volunteers to monitor these animals and their habitats. No experience is necessary. Groups and families are encouraged; children under 18 must monitor by an adult.

Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one habitat location and be able

to monitor at least twice per month during the breeding season (May to August). Habitats are located to the north (Glencoe, Winnetka, Northfield, and Morton Grove).

To register, email Mark Hauser at mhauser@chicagoriver.org

The Grove Restoration Workday

The Grove

WHEN: Sunday, March 5 @ 9-11 AM

WHERE: 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview

Email groverestoration@glenviewparks.org for more information.

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, March 4 and March 18

WHERE: Winnetka Road at Avon Road

Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

WHEN: Saturday, March 11

WHERE: Compass and Lehigh Roads, Glenview. Meet at the Interpretive Center

Harms Woods East

WHEN: Sunday, March 12

WHERE: Harms Woods South parking lot (Groves 1 & 2) on the west side of Harms Rd. In event that lot is flooded, meet at Harms Woods Central parking lot (Groves 3 & 4) on the west side of Harms Road.

Blue Star Memorial Woods

WHEN: Sunday, March 26

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