



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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# THANK YOU!

## September 26, 2024 Village of Glenview Budget Workshop II Recap

### Turnout

A Big THANK YOU to all of you who responded to Greener Glenview's Call to Action on the 2025 village budget!

- The 20 of you from every geographic area of Glenview, who patiently sat through the lengthy budget workshop,
- The 11 of you who spoke at that workshop: GBS AP Environmental Sciences teacher Lisa Pavik, GBS senior Manuela Robles-Berthier, Attea eighth grader Arushi Bedekar, former trustee and ENRC member Kent Fuller, longtime ENRC chair Henrietta Saunders, Avoca (District 37) School Board Member Dorothy Elfring, Pat Walter, Roxanne Junge, Brad Boehm, Cathy Wilson and Sheri Latash. Listen to the statements of the Greener Glenview supporters [here](#). Presentations begin at the 2 hr. 45 minute mark.
- The many of you who copied us on the emails you sent to the trustees, village president and village manager.

Our collective voice was heard loudly and clearly on several of our action items. (See below for proposed funding for continued work on the I-294 interchange.)

### **Communications Update**

Greener Glenview began communicating about the budget with the trustees in August and they received the Call to Action list in early September. Prior to the September 26<sup>th</sup> workshop, we had productive conversations and emails with the trustees about the action items on the list. Thus, we were pleased to see the village budget includes funds for a consultant-created sustainability plan and hiring a coordinator to implement the plan.

The request for proposal (RFP) for consulting services on both those items was posted on the village website on October 2. Proposals must be submitted by October 22. November 7 is the tentative date for signing a contract for services. **The 2025 draft budget proposes \$75,000 for a sustainability plan and \$50,000 for a contractor to implement that plan.**

Greener Glenview has circulated the RFP and the addenda to several supporters. Collectively, our review finds that there are serious problems with the scope and clarity of the RFP as well as how the proposal was developed, i.e. without input from the ENRC commissioners. We will be contacting village officials about our concerns. We invite you to [read the RFP](#) and [the recent addendum](#).

### **For Your Further Consideration**

Several of the Greener Glenview attendees remarked how much they learned about village operations by hearing the budget presentations from the police and fire departments, IT and communications department, public works, and community development department. To learn more, check out the [PowerPoint presentation](#) and the [budget detail](#) here.

A budget is a statement of values. Here are some of the proposed expenditures we found particularly *interesting* in their own right, but most especially in comparison to the funds being budgeted expressly for sustainability.

**\$150,000 for a “rebranding” also called “brand identity refresh” initiative**—think new logo, new street banners. This is how it is described in the budget detail: *“Over the past several years, many neighboring communities have engaged in a brand refresh to help stimulate economic development and tourism as well as enhance the overall story and appeal of the community. The Village has been using the same brand identity since at least the 1960s. This project would include the creation of related but unique identities for Downtown Glenview and The Glen Town Center to further the Village’s marketing and*

*economic development efforts.” See pages 14-17 of the PowerPoint for a description and some examples of recent municipal rebrandings. [This Patch article](#) describes Northbrook’s recent rebranding with its two new taglines “True North” and “Thrive Here”.*

**\$200,000 for valet service at the restaurants in downtown Glenview and at the Glen Town Center.**

**\$520,000 for the Feasibility Study and Phase 1 Design of I-294 Interchange.** *The 2024 budget included \$10,000 for land acquisition closing costs and \$420,000 for the I-294 Access Phase I Preliminary Design. The 2025 budget includes \$100,000 for continued I-294 access feasibility study costs and \$420,000 for the preliminary design as it is not anticipated to be paid in 2024. (Page 248 of the budget detail.)*

**\$1.25 million for business façade enhancements and tenant improvement programs,** including Village-funded architectural services to assist tenant/owners in translating their interior/exterior vision. In addition, \$90,000 is budgeted for a contract Development Advisor and \$70,000 for a contract Economic Development Coordinator. See page 121 of the [budget detail](#) for a description of their tasks.

As we learned at the October 16 Budget Workshop III, the village has a budget surplus of more than \$500,000 this year. Trustees discussed using some of those funds for additional one-time appropriations requested by social service agencies. Given the breadth of potential sustainability projects and actions suitable for funding, Greener Glenview would like to see some of that surplus applied to funding implementation of the Plan for Nature and the sustainability plan.

Finally, the budget is still in draft form. If you would like to submit comments on it, send them to the [trustees](#), [village president](#) and [village manager](#).

If you have questions about the budget or anything else, bring them to the **Friday, November 1 State of the Village presentation** by Village President Mike Jenny. Time will be allotted at the end for questions. The program begins at **10:00 a.m. at the Glenview Public Library.**

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### **Sheri's Opening Remarks at September 26 Budget Meeting**

*"Greener Glenview represents a broad coalition of people interested in advancing sustainability in their own lives and in the village. By sustainability we mean ensuring that our world remains livable now and into the future, for humans and other forms of life. It means taking steps that decrease pollution, that resources are used wisely and decisions about what we build, how we build and where we build are based on holistic,*

*comprehensive thinking and the best technology. That we move to a clean energy future. That factors such as the quality of life are valued in addition to return on investment. Sustainability is both a philosophy and a set of actions we can take to make that philosophy a reality.*

*Tonight is not intended to be a public policy discussion but it sets the stage for having one. A budget is a statement of values. Greener Glenview members would like to see the action items contained in our September 5 email to you included in the budget. Inclusion in the budget shows intention, an important first step in identifying those values. The next step is actually conducting the budgeted work. This indicates more of a commitment.*

*You all know that Greener Glenview is not reluctant to reach out to you when we feel the need. So, tonight, you'll hear from some of Glenview's other residents about sustainability issues that are important to them."*

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### **Attea Middle School Native Garden Receives NWF Certification**

As the gardening season enters its last planting days and the start of preparation for winter, it's time to look back at the successes of Glenview Native Habitat's Neighborhood Ambassador program. In spring and summer, the program accomplished training for 24 neighborhood ambassadors, and accumulated 28 more points to the total of native gardens certified by the National Wildlife Federation.



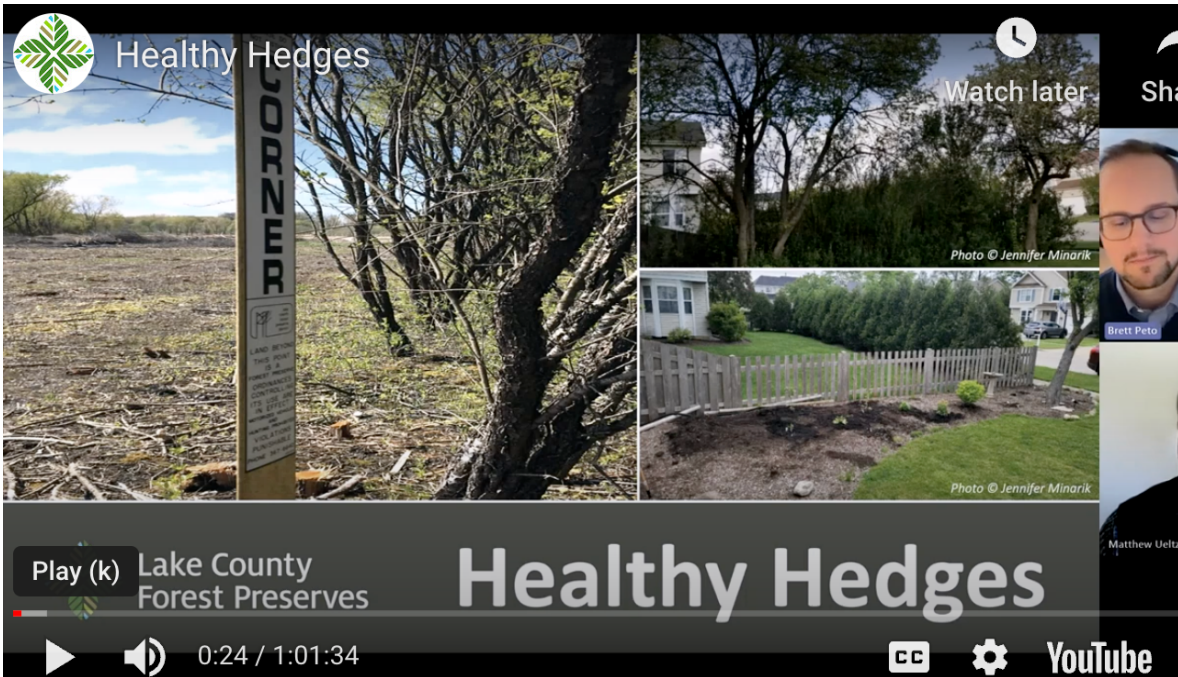
We reported on one outstanding neighborhood ambassador back in May. Attea Middle School student Arushi Bedekar. Arushi spearheaded the project to create a native garden near the entrance to Attea Middle School. The “neighbors” she motivated to help make her native garden project a success included Principal O’Donnell who helped find funding for the plants, and fellow students in the Hope Club and Environmental club who stayed after school to plant the garden.

The planting took place at Attea Middle School on Tuesday, May 21. Students from the Hope Club and the Environmental Club planted the 50 plants that make up the pollinator garden. The plants included Butterfly Weed (5), Purple Prairie Clover (5), Purple Coneflower (5), Prairie Smoke (5), Dense Blazing Star (5), Prairie Dropseed (3), Bradbury's Monarda (5), Hairy Beardtongue (5), Slender Mountain Mint (2), Orange Coneflower (3), Aromatic Aster (5), and Little Bluestem (2).

Over the summer, Arushi took charge of keeping the garden watered. And on October 1, gardeners and Principal O’Donnell gathered with Greener Glenview volunteers Omar and Janelle Kheshgi to install the official sign from the National Wildlife Federation naming the garden certified as a Native Wildlife Habitat.

If you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Ambassador Program, please email us at [GreenerGlenview @gmail com](mailto:GreenerGlenview@gmail.com). And watch Greener Glenview for programs planned for spring to help plan and design your native garden for next year.

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**Video: All About Buckthorns**

This video, from the Lake County Forest Preserves Healthy Hedges series, focuses in the invasive Common Buckthorn, its effects on the landscape, and what can be done to help. [WATCH NOW](#)



**Tree Preservation Ordinance Update**

At its **February 7, 2023** village board meeting, the board of trustees voted to update the Tree Preservation Ordinance. On October 15, 2024 following six+ months of discussion, the Environment & Natural Resources Commission completed its review of the draft amended ordinance and recommended it be forwarded to the board of trustees for consideration. At each subsequent meeting, staff presented different aspects of the update to the ENRC for discussion.

The updated ordinance revises 1) the sizes of trees for which village permits will be required before they can be removed; 2) the number of replacement trees that will be required when a tree is removed; 3) the amount of escrow that will be required until the trees are replanted.

Currently, removal of Class A (e.g. oaks) and Class B (e.g. spruce) trees require a permit when their diameter is  $\geq 16$  inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). A removal permit for Class C trees (e.g willow) is required when the diameter is  $\geq 20$  inches DBH. **The amended ordinance will require removal permits when Class A & B trees are  $\geq 8$ " DBH and Class C trees are  $\geq 10$ " DBH.**

Greener Glenview is saddened at the thought of how many trees in the 8-19" range have been removed in the 20+ months it has taken to craft an updated ordinance. It is confusing to us that large projects like annexation and permitting of the Allstate corporate property can be accomplished in a short time frame but that action on this village board directed ordinance was unconscionably delayed

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# Leave Leaves Alone





## Leave Leaves Alone

As the weather begins to change, please remember to leave the leaves. Leaf litter is an important part of the ecosystem in your very own yard. Leaf piles under trees, bushes and in undisturbed corners offer safe and insulated overwintering habitat for many insects, including native bees and [lightning bugs](#). It also acts as a natural fertilizer in the spring as it breaks down. And here's information from Go Green Highland Park about [putting your native garden "to bed" this fall](#).

Thanks to [Go Green Wilmette](#) for this content.

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**LINCOLN PLANTINGS (Planting & Care Guide)**

The Lincoln Plantings is a project of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. The Lincoln Center is a major cultural institution in New York City, and the Lincoln Center Plantings is a project of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. The Lincoln Center Plantings is a project of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. The Lincoln Center Plantings is a project of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

## Lovely Season for Learning About Trees at Gallery Park

Autumn is a season of splendor at Gallery Park, and this year there's something new to see. At the north end of the park, you'll find young trees planted around Earth Day this year. Thanks to an educational project coordinated between the Glenview Park District and the Glenview chapter of [Treekeepers](#), you'll find signs identifying and describing eight of the trees in the area, including Red Oak, Hawthorn, Swamp White Oak, Northern Catalpa, London Planetree, Linden, and Gingko.

Go now while the leaves are changing, so you can appreciate the both the beauty of these trees, and learn the best way to mulch them. Hint: no volcano-shaped pile of mulch around the base of the tree.

After you've seen these trees, check the trees in your own yard. What to do if you see mulch piled up against the bark of your trees? The Morton Arboretum answers: Do not pile or let the mulch touch the trunk of the tree a.k.a. "Volcano Mulching." Mulch on the trunk causes moisture build-up, allowing for insect pests, diseases, and decay. Pull mulch away from trunks, creating a donut-hole.



## Electronics Recycling at the SWANCC Glenview Transfer Station

**WHEN:** Every Saturday @ 9:00 to 11:30 AM

**WHERE:** 3 Providence Way, Des Plaines

The transfer station is located on Des Plaines River Rd., a quarter-mile north of Central Rd. Glenview is a member of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). If you have questions about accepted materials, call [\(847\) 724-9205](tel:8477249205).



Accepted Materials:

- Cable Receivers
- Cell Phones
- Computer monitors
- Computers (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Converter Boxes
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Mice
- MP3 Players
- Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Printers (Multi-function Printers)
- Satellite Receivers
- Scanners
- Televisions (All Types)
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Recorders/Players
- Zip Drives

**Innovations for a Health Energy-Efficient Home**

**WHEN:** November 18 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Plan now for a healthier, gas-free home before your old equipment fails. Join an expert panel on energy audits and learn about new clean energy alternatives like heat pumps, as well as current incentives and rebates available. Co-sponsored by Greener Glenview.

[Register](#)

**Restoration Work Days**

**Glenview Park District: Restoration Work Days**

**Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 19

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

**Glenview ENRC Fall Workday**

**Techny Basin Clean Up**

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 20 @ 9:00 am to Noon

**WHERE:** Gather at Kohl's parking lot (2201 Willow Rd.)

Cleanup efforts include trash pick-up, brush cutting, and weed removal. Village officials will provide work gloves, trash bags and snacks. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather.

### **North Branch Restoration Workdays**

All workdays are 9:00 AM to Noon

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

### **Watersmeet Woods**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 19 and November 2

**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 (Glenview Woods)**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 26

**WHERE:** Meet at the forest preserve Glenview Woods parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Road.