



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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**January 2025**



Happy New Year to you all! We hope your holidays were joyous. May the coming year be filled with good health, both personally and for the environment.

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# THANK YOU!

## **2024 Round-Up**

Thank you for your support in 2024—your attendance at our events, your compliments on our bulletin, your written and in-person responses to our calls to action, and your financial contributions. Together we have had an impact, as this list of our 2024 activities and accomplishments demonstrates.

## **GREENER GLENVIEW – 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **TOURS**

- James Woodworth Prairie (Director Alan Molumby): MAY

- Glenview Garden Walk (Native Gardens): JULY

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

- Native Gardening Step by Step: APRIL
- Clean Energy Fair and EV Show (in collaboration with Glenview Park District): APRIL
- Community-Wide Mosquito Control: Climate Change, Resistance, and Sustainability (North Shore Mosquito Abatement District): JULY
- Second annual SportSwap (in collaboration with Glenview Park District): AUGUST
- Innovations for a Healthy, Energy-Efficient Home (Panel: Tom Bassett Dilley Architects, Citizens Utility Board, Insight Property Services): NOVEMBER

### **EVENTS**

- Tabling at Glenview Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Fair: MARCH
- Earth Day Tabling – Tyner Center: APRIL
- Native Garden planting at Attea Middle School (Glenview Native Habitat Neighborhood Ambassador Program): MAY
- Firefly Watch (Neighborhood Ambassador Program): AUGUST

### **ADVOCACY**

- Illinois General Assembly—Senate Bill 2938 proponent, expanding the authority of the Mosquito Abatement Act: FEBRUARY, MAY
- North Shore Mosquito Abatement District—Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act: JUNE 2023-JUNE 2024
- Glenview Village Board—Budget Workshops: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
- Glenview New Development Commission—Dermody Landscaping: MARCH

### **MEETINGS**

- Glenview Native Habitat Neighborhood Ambassador Program – JANUARY and JUNE

### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

- Two Judy Beck Family Grants (Clean Energy Fair and EV Show and Glenview Native Habitat Neighborhood Ambassador Program)
  - Greener Glenview bulletin—10 issues
  - Go Green Illinois monthly meetings
  - Environment and Natural Resources Commission monthly meetings
  - Networking meetings with Skokie, Morton Grove and Lincolnwood Go Green groups
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## 2025 Appeal

Once a year we make an appeal for financial support. The core group of volunteers who are the engine of Greener Glenview have given generously of their time. We know there are supporters who do not have the time or inclination to volunteer. But you can still help us further the mission of Greener Glenview with your financial support.

Please note that although we are a non-profit, we are NOT a 501(c)(3) organization. Therefore, your donation to Greener Glenview is NOT tax deductible.

[Click here to donate.](#)

Alternatively, you can send a check to Greener Glenview, 1319 Pfingsten Rd., Glenview 60025.

Thank you in advance for whatever financial contribution you are able to make!



The Village of  
**Glenview**

## Glenview Sustainability Plan Update

Our October 2024 bulletin mentioned that we identified issues with the scope and clarity of the Village's October 2 Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services to create and implement an environmental sustainability plan. Thus, it was no surprise that only three bids were received. Village staff recommended the contract be awarded to the most comprehensive proposal, even though it was the highest bidder (a departure from customary practice). Blue Strike

Environmental, headquartered in Monterey, CA will develop the Sustainability Plan. Blue Strike will subcontract implementation to local consulting engineering firm Baxter & Woodman. Baxter & Woodman has an established relationship with the village, currently providing third-party civil engineering review.

The Glenview Board of Trustees approved the \$124, 200 (with an \$8,000 contingency) contract at its December 3 meeting. A plan is expected to be finalized by the end of the summer.

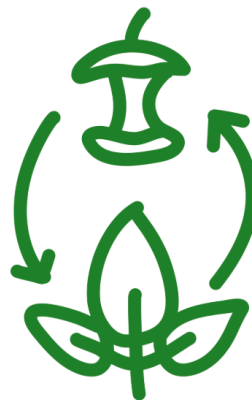
Here's where you come in! In a notable change from the RFP, input from the public will be expanded. Rather than holding a single open house at the beginning of the process to gather input on what the public would like to see, the village has added three focus groups to the preliminary information gathering process. It is worth noting that after reading about the RFP in our October bulletin, several Greener Glenview subscribers with particular expertise in environmental sustainability submitted comments to the Village regarding specific defects in the RFP.

It is Greener Glenview's opinion that their feedback to the Village encouraged this expanded call for public input in the Sustainability Plan process. Your attendance at the open house and/or focus groups and making your voice heard on the issues you care about will be critical in creating a comprehensive and effective plan. Greener Glenview will keep you informed on times and dates and other details as they become available.

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### **Winter Food Scrap and Yard Waste Composting Through Groot Now Available**

If you subscribe to the Village of Glenview e-news, you may already be aware that the Village has arranged for Groot to provide Winter Composting service, for food scraps and landscape waste. The additional charge is \$21/month. Read the details [here](#). If you don't receive the Village's weekly e-news, [sign up today](#).





### **Plans for 2025**

This year will be a particularly important year for the environment and sustainability in Glenview. We have big plans and hope you will find something in which to be involved.

1. Participate to the maximum extent possible in the creation of Glenview's sustainability plan
2. Closely track developments of the proposed Interstate 294 interchange
3. Advocate for
  - regulating gas-powered leaf blowers
  - community food scrap composting locations to those residents who don't have yard waste cart subscriptions or live in apartment or condo buildings
  - reducing artificial light at night.
4. Present programs on the environmental status of the Great Lakes (Alliance for the Great Lakes); new environmental laws (Illinois Environmental Council); recycling update (SWANCC); among others
5. Apply for Judy Beck grants
6. Host several informal and formal meetings

*Your suggestions for programs are always welcome! Feel free to send us your ideas at [grenerglenview@gmail.com](mailto:grenerglenview@gmail.com).*

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## Member Profile: Sara Caswell Spitz

As a new resident of Glenview in 2021, Sara was looking for a way to become involved in the community, particularly in the environmental arena. She attended Greener Glenview's first meeting in October 2021 and has been a regular volunteer ever since.



Given her demonstrated interest, she was appointed to the Greener Glenview Board of Directors in 2023. Among other things, Sara does social media for Greener Glenview.

A former Chicago Public School teacher, Sara has worked as a literacy educator for several years. Her long term interest is in making schools more 'green', both in their operations and by incorporating environmental education into various aspects of the curriculum.

In addition to her fulltime job that involves lots of travel, and her Greener Glenview activities, Sara is also tree ambassador with [TreeKeepers](#) (a program of Openlands) and a Glenview Public Library trustee. When does she sleep?

When we asked Sara about why she became involved with Greener Glenview, she replied: "I believe that we all have a right and a duty to protect our planet, its resources, and its future. We cannot go on taking from and destroying our environment and I believe that working at a local level will create the biggest impact."

We inquired about her favorite part of being a part of Greener Glenview. "I have met people that care as much as I do and are willing to come together to improve our community. They push me to do my part and expand my world when it comes to environmental causes."

Sara offered her thoughts on resources from which she learns and draws inspiration: Andrew the Arborist on Instagram and Backyard Ecology podcast.

Thank you, Sara, for your energy and commitment!

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## **Recycle Your Christmas Tree and Holiday Lights (through January 31)**

### **TREES**

Can be dropped off until January 31 at these designated collection points:

- Glenview Public Works, 2498 East Lake Avenue
- Johns Park, 2101 Central Road
- Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Road
- Cunliff Park, 540 & Echo Lane
- Cole Park, 1031 Kenilworth Avenue
- Willow Park, 2600 Greenwood Avenue
- Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Boulevard

Alternatively, residents in single family homes, duplexes and multifamily properties that have opted into the Village's refuse and recycling program can put trees, wreaths and garlands out with the regular garbage during the month of January. Groot will collect them at no additional charge. All ornaments, lights and tinsel should be removed from trees. Do NOT cover the tree with a plastic disposal bag.

Multifamily dwellings that are not part of the Village's waste contract should refer to their management companies for the appropriate method of disposal.

[For more information](#)

### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Can also be recycled. Drop them off in the marked receptacle outside the Public Works Department, 2498 East Lake Ave. (Lake and Shermer Ave.)

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## Check Out These Promising Startups Focusing on the Environment

Though Greener Glenview has a hyperlocal focus, it's energizing and encouraging to look at the big picture. So, we thought you would enjoy some cheery stories about new developments and opportunities to address our current and future needs. As Albert Einstein famously said, "'We cannot solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them.'

Thanks to Go Green Wilmette for this information.

### 100 Start Ups To Celebrate

The Norrsken Foundation in Sweden has published its list of 100 most promising startups that are solving some of the world's biggest challenges, many of them environmental.

*The Foundation's mission statement: We are a non-profit foundation built on the believe that entrepreneurship and technology can be forces for good.*

[You can view their Impact 100 list here](#) to learn company names, goals, and countries. Sectors include: Construction, Water, Climate Change, Education, HealthTech, FinTech, FoodTech, Transportation, CleanTech, Recycling, Agriculture, Security, Fashion, and Energy. You can help by investing in eco-start ups.

Share this list with young people exploring career opportunities in the ever growing field of sustainability.

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### More Good News to Celebrate!

It is easy to focus on the negative stories in the climate space, and there are many to choose from. But the Carbon Almanac reminds us that there are also good news stories from this year that we can celebrate and keep as reminders of the positive work that is happening.



These include:

- Growth of green energy around the world



- UK closing their last coal-fired power plant
- Ocean protection in the North Atlantic by the Azores
- A slowing of Amazon deforestation
- Conservation efforts shown to support biodiversity preservation

You can read more about "[seven quiet breakthroughs](#)" [here](#) and sign up for news like this from the [Carbon Almanac](#).

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### **The Dark Side of Outlight Light: Light Pollution and its Effects on the Environment and Human Health**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 8 @ 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Zoom

**HOSTS:** Natural Habitat Evanston/Climate Action Evanston

Robert Sullivan, Retired, Argonne National Laboratory will present on the harmful effects of light pollution on wildlife and human health, and what you and your local government can do to reduce the impacts. Life on Earth evolved in conditions subject to only natural sources of light and is adapted to these natural lighting sources and cycles. Many plants and animals depend on natural cycles of light and darkness for optimal health and even survival. Evidence is mounting that artificial light at night (ALAN) affects the behavior, health, and abundance of various living creatures, thereby disrupting natural ecological processes. This presentation discusses how unwanted ALAN—light pollution—harms wildlife and affects human health and well-being. Best management practices for reducing negative impacts of ALAN are also presented.

## [REGISTER](#)

If you can't make this presentation, you can watch the videos from Robert Sullivan's presentation last year at the Glenview Public Library. [All the videos can be accessed from our Home Page.](#)

### **Native Gardening for Birds**

**WHEN:** Monday, February 24 @ 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** Glenview Public Library

Chicago Bird Alliance president Judy Pollock will speak about attracting birds to your yard with native plants, shrubs, and other bird-friendly features.

## [REGISTER](#)

### **Restoration Work Days**

#### **Glenview Park District: Winter Restoration Work Days**

##### **Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 18, 9 AM to Noon

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

Bring work gloves if you have them. For families and individuals ages 8+, volunteers under the age of 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, contact [grove.volunteers@glenviewparks.org](mailto:grove.volunteers@glenviewparks.org).

##### **North Branch Restoration Workdays**

All workdays are 9:00 AM to Noon

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

##### **Watersmeet Woods**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, February 2 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

**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 East (Glenview Woods)**

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 19 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

**WHERE:** The meeting place for workdays at Harms Woods East is the Harms Woods South parking lot (Groves 1 & 2) on the west side of Harms Road. In the event that lot is flooded, please meet at the Harms Woods Central parking lot (Groves & 4) on the west side of Harms Road.

**Harms Flatwoods**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 24 & February 1 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

**WHERE:** These woods are on the East side of Harms Road. Directions: Meet at the Harms Woods South parking lot (Groves 1 & 2), the first lot north of Golf Road.

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