



Greener Glenview Bulletin

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Information, ideas, and events about environmental sustainability

ILLINOIS SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION TOUR

The ISEA sponsors an annual tour of homes and businesses that have installed solar panels. This September Greener Glenview will be collaborating with Go Green Northbrook to create a 'Glenbrook' tour.

Since 2016, the Village has issued 115 permits to install rooftop solar panels. If you are a homeowner or business with solar panels on your rooftop or elsewhere on your property, and you would enjoy sharing your experience and knowledge with others, please send an email to greenerglenview@gmail.com.

GREENER GLENVIEW NEEDS YOUR EMPTY TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWEL ROLLS

On April 23, Greener Glenview will have a table at the Lake Glenview Fish Release. While families are waiting their turn to participate, they will be able to make "pollinator palaces" from the materials we will provide. If you are so motivated, please save those empty rolls and we will pick them up from you on April 22. Just let us know!

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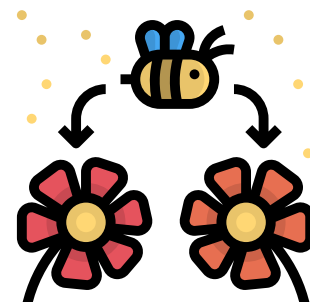
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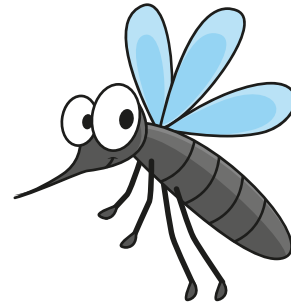
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LANDSCAPING SERVICES

For many reasons, Greener Glenview supports decreased use of pesticides. However, if you, your neighbors, friends or relatives are considering hiring a contractor for mosquito abatement services, please [read and share this information](#) from the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District.



NO MOW 'TIL MOTHERS DAY



Have you received your "No Mow 'til Mother's Day" sign yet? An initiative of Glenview's Environment and Natural Resources Commission, the signs alert your neighbors that you'll be letting some or all of your property go unmowed to allow pollinators to hatch.

[Learn more about the program and request a sign](#)

NATIVE PLANT SALES

This is a list of events showing where to buy natives. Several area garden clubs and Go Green groups will also be sponsoring native plant sales in May, as will The Grove. We'll list those in the May Greener Glenview Bulletin.

[View list](#)



JUDY BECK GRANTS

Unfortunately, Greener Glenview wasn't awarded a grant for either our Sustainability Fair or Private Property Tree Inventory Pilot Project. There's always next year! And, we are already identifying other sources of funding for these deserving projects.

UPDATE: ROAD SALT

Did it seem to you that there was a lot of excess dried salt that remained on the streets and sidewalks after winter weather events? Some Greener Glenview members mentioned this at our February 28 organizational meeting and wondered whether and how it could be removed to prevent it from flowing to the sewers and the rivers.

Concerns about the effects of road salt on trees, waterways, aquatic life, and pavement was the reason Greener Glenview's December Green Drinks program focused on this issue.

A February 25 [Chicago Tribune article on road salt](#) was briefly discussed at Glenview's Energy and Natural Resources Commission. Road salt use was also discussed at the Northfield Township Board March meeting. The Northfield Township Road District is responsible for salting streets in unincorporated Glenview.

Chloride Standard

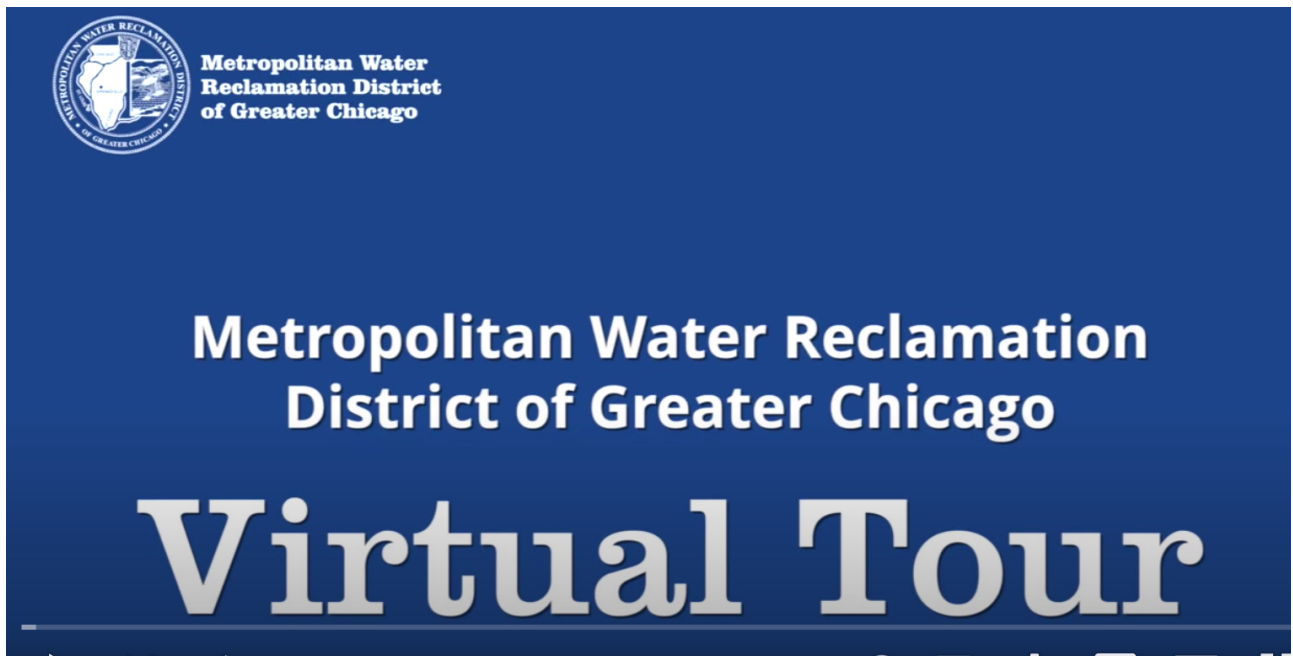
In 2015 the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) set a much-reduced chloride standard for Chicago area waterways, lowering it from 1,500 mg/liter to 500 mg/l. How to comply and when Glenview will comply are the issues facing the community. We will monitor progress on this topic. [Click here](#) to read more about MWRD's Chicago Area Waterways Chloride Initiative Work Group.



FEATURED VIDEO OF THE MONTH

MWRD Virtual Tour: Deep Tunnel, Wastewater Treatment, Green Infrastructure, Chicago Water History
March 26, 2021

Even if you know the basics of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's history and operations, we guarantee you will learn a lot in this 1-hour [virtual tour](#). Click the image to start the video.



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (ENRC) REPORT

At its March 14, 2022 meeting, Chair Henrietta Saunders announced that she and Commissioner Chris Newman will be functionally Co-Chairs for the next few months. They will share the workload on several important initiatives.

Meeting highlights include:

Private Tree Planting Program

The Village is developing the application form and guidance for homeowners and businesses who want to take advantage of this new Village subsidized program. The goal is to increase the tree canopy on private property and \$50,000 has been appropriated for the purchase of trees. You can read details about the program, which received final approval at the April 5 Village Board meeting, [here](#).

Establishment of a TreeKeepers Chapter

TreeKeepers is a program of [Openlands](#). Founded in 1963, Openlands protects the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich our lives.

TreeKeepers' purpose is to help support and maintain public trees, like the 30,702 owned by the municipality of Glenview (on parkways mostly). The Glenview TreeKeepers Chapter is getting started in concert with the Urban Tree Canopy Plan which was discussed at the meeting and later approved by the Village Trustees on Tuesday, April 5. [Read the details here](#).

Glenview residents interested in becoming TreeKeepers are encouraged to visit [here](#) for more information and contact Glenview's Natural Resources Manager, Robyn Flakne.



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (ENRC) REPORT (CONTINUED)

Plan for Nature

The Village Board appropriated funds for a 2022 update of the Plan. The original Plan for Nature was adopted in 2008. It provided an extensive study of living resources and the habitats that sustain them in Glenview. Both the detailed Technical Report and the Summary Report can be found [here](#).

Much development has occurred since 2008. Areas that were previously open spaces are no longer available to support nature and provide ecosystem services. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued for consultant services to update the Plan. It is hoped that the update will be completed by the end of the year.

Sustainability Plan

Funds have also been appropriated to create a sustainability plan. This plan will evaluate how Glenview can implement the sustainability goals and strategies identified in the Greenest Region Compact framework. In the summer of 2021, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, creator of the Greenest Region Compact, issued its Climate Action Plan. It is anticipated that the sustainability plan will address the recommendations of the Climate Action Plan.

Streambank Stabilization

The Village has secured a grant to stabilize the streambank by Longvalley Road. This area was included in the buyout of oft-flooded properties that occurred several years ago.

Next Meeting

The ENRC meets the third Monday of every other month at 7 p.m. Observers are welcome. The next meeting will be May 16, 2022.



HOW TO CONNECT WITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ACTION

Each month we search for programs and events from neighboring environmental group websites and other non-profits, for inclusion in the monthly bulletin.

However, there are always more events than we can list! We encourage you to subscribe to the newsletters from these groups. [Click here](#) for a list of those groups, or visit the [Go Green Illinois website](#) for neighboring groups' contact information.

If you are particularly interested in the built environment, we recommend signing up for the E-newsletter of the [Illinois Green Alliance](#). The Alliance maintains a very informative On-Demand webinar series, most of which are free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Tallgrass Prairie: Grocery Store, Apothecary, and Love Charm Shop

Date: Tuesday, April 12 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: Glenview Public Library Community Room

Throughout Illinois' history, people have used the prairie as a grocery store, pharmacy, art supply shop, and even a source for love potions! Discover the intriguing stories behind these rugged tallgrass plants and some of their beauty and utility in the garden today. Presented in partnership with the Glenview Gardeners.

Registration required

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Earth Day Celebration

Date: Saturday, April 16 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Tyner Center, Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie

Greener Glenview and other environmental groups will have a table. Free saplings will be available from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

Going Green Webinar Series: Beneficial bugs -- Getting the Balance Right In Your Yard

Date: Wednesday, April 20 @ 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Online

Creating a yard that's healthy for both people and wildlife means supporting a variety of insects, which play a key role in ecosystems. What kinds of insects can we see in a healthy yard on the North Shore? And how do we attract them? Importantly, how do we support beneficial insects without making a home for mosquitoes as well?

In this webinar, Doug Taron of the Peggy Notebaert Museum will talk about the many kinds of bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects that inhabit our area. Along the way, he will suggest ways that you can attract them to your yard.

Our second speaker, Mark Clifton of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District, will then address the best methods to prevent mosquitoes in your yard, and tell you how the NSMAD can help. Spoiler Alert! The best defense against mosquitoes isn't chemical.

[Register for this Virtual Event](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Lake Glenview Fish Release Day

Date: Saturday, April 23 @ 12:30 PM

Help make a splash by restocking Lake Glenview with fish this spring! Live fish and buckets will be provided and all ages are welcome. Dress for the weather and wet conditions. Meet at the boat launch area (off Mint Ln.). Greener Glenview will have a table at this event.

Call 847 299 6096 for more information.
Partnership of Glenview Sunrise Rotary and the Village of Glenview.

Green Drinks: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Date: April 25 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Grandpa's Place, 1868 Prairie St. Glenview

Gas-powered leaf blowers are a health and environmental problem. Learn what the municipal Leaf Blower Regional Working Group is doing to address the issues, from Public Works Deputy Director Joe Kenney, Glenview's delegate to the working group. Free

Plastic Pollution is Everywhere

Date: April 26 @ 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Online [Register here](#)

The University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign is networked with national and international universities and organizations to gather data about plastic in the environment. Visible plastic, like straws, bags, and wrappers, is only part of the problem. Microplastics scientist John Scott shares research from the U of I's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center on how plastic finds its way into the ground, air, water, and more. Q & A to follow. In collaboration with Go Green Barrington.

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, April 16, April 24--Harms Woods, Glenview

Glenview Woods parking lot, west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Rd.

Saturday, April 16--Watersmeet Woods, Northfield

Meeting Location: Park on the west side of Avon Ave, north of Winnetka Rd, and meet near 100 Avon Ave, Northfield, IL, 60093. Contact: Eileen Sutter, (773) 706-4533.

Sunday, April 17, Blue Star Memorial Woods, Glenview

Entrance on Lake, between Wagner and Harms Rds.

Contact: Rett Donnelly, (847) 345-4647, Derek Ziomber, North Branch Field Organizer, at derek@fotfp.org with questions.