

# Glenview Report

### April 2024

### Village gets to work on Chicago River stabilization project

Village construction crews are providing a face lift this summer to an eroded bank along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. The Longvalley Road Streambank Stabilization Project aims to improve water quality, stabilize the river bank and stimulate its ecological health.

Work will be performed along approximately 1,000 feet starting from the Longvalley pedestrian bridge over the river and moving north.

Consistent with the Environment and Natural Resources Commission recommendations in the Plan for Nature in Glenview, the scope of the project includes streambank stabilization, instream habitat/aeration structures, and river bank restoration using trees and native vegetation.

Twenty new trees will be planted as part of the project, and native vegetation will be planted along the bank and on a vacant halfacre parcel at 1206 Longvalley Road. The project will use rounded river stone as part of the stabilization to be consistent with other improvements along the river.

### Chicago River Day is May 11

Every year since 1992, thousands of volunteers come together on Chicago River Day to build community while removing litter from our local waterways. The Chicago-Calumet River system is healthier now than it has been in 150 years, providing critical habitat for all sorts of animals from migratory birds to beavers, turtles and over 75 species of fish. But there's more work to be done. You can make a difference by volunteering at this fun, free, family-friendly annual cleanup. Register at chicagoriver.org/get-involved/ volunteer/chicago-river-day.

The Village will have two clean-up sites this year – one at the Techny Basin and another in Downtown Glenview. Work at both will go from 9 a.m. - noon. For the Techny Basin site, meet at the Aldi parking lot off Willow Road at 9 a.m. For the Downtown cleanup site, meet at Shopper's Row at 9 a.m. "These improvements will enhance the immediate area by encouraging native flora," said Robyn Flakne, the Village's Natural Resources Manager. "The reduced pollutant runoff to the river will further improve the water quality of this scenic waterway without impacting the east river bank."



Existing conditions along the Longvalley streambank.

The stabilized streambank at Pine Street where similar work was performed in 2021.

The Village applied and was approved for funding in the amount of \$224,000 through Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act and entered into an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for project construction. The IGA was approved by the Board in June of 2022. The grant will cover roughly a third of the project costs, with the remainder coming from the Capital Project Fund.

ENCAP, which previously performed similar work in the Village at the 1300 block of Pine Street, will perform the construction.

The Village hosted a meeting with neighbors in November 2022 followed by a pre-construction meeting in February. The Board of Trustees approved the project bid at its Jan. 9 meeting.

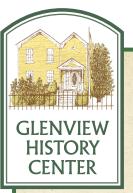
Work is expected to be completed in June.

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#### **RESIDENT OPEN HOUSE**

You're invited! Learn about All Things Glenview all in one place on April 27! More information on Page 6.



# Village Flashback

#### - Presented by the Glenview History Center

Baseball was one of the country's most popular pastimes at the end of the 1800s and beginning of the 20th century. Every town seemed to have a semiprofessional team, and local Glenview

players included sons of pioneers like William and Harry Hoffman, Ed Rugen and Fred Homan.

From 1904 to 1913, a local team played on a field located on the northwest side of Waukegan Road and Lake Street (now Glenview Road), under the management of Phil LeClaire and Jerry Ginaine.

The next year, the Glenview Amusement Co. formed - and under the management of H.H. Hoffman – produced Glenview's strongest semipro team in suburban Cook County.

In 1913 and 1914, when the Glenview Baseball Club played Highland Park "every game played was witnessed by a large following of loyal fans," according to a 1916 newspaper article, "who were keyed up to the highest pitch because of the closeness of the scores and the intense rivalry." The team's record was 56-6 in those two years. But the corporation dissolved after poor seasons in 1915 and 1916.

Another corporate team was organized and a ballpark established on a triangular-shaped piece of land between River Road and Dewes Street west of Waukegan Road. Surrounded by a high board fence, the field included bleachers for spectators and a large wooden scoreboard.

Throughout the 1920s, Glenview's semipro team played against competitors that included Evanston's Tigers and Mason Park, Chicago's Romeos, Triangles and Red Sox and, of course, the archrival Highland Park Elks.

A July 31, 1925, game against the House of David was attended by 1,400 people, "the largest crowds ever assembled at a baseball game in Glenview," according to the Daily Herald, which also anointed Glenview's team as "the champions of the north suburban territory." Glenview won the game 9-0.

After the 1920s, baseball fans increasingly turned their attention to the Cubs, White Sox and the American Giants of the National Negro Leagues. The number of semiprofessional teams declined substantially. On Feb. 27, 1929, the Glenview baseball club held a meeting at Herbert Rugen's hall for the purpose of voting to abandon the corporation.

After that — and a few short-lived attempts to revive the semipros in the suburbs — the only amateur baseball played was by the Glenview Naval Air Station Nine and the Glenview Community Playground Baseball League, composed of in-town competitors.

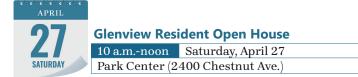


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## **#AllThingsGlenview**



Now in its 11th season, Bites & Brews sets the table for hundreds of friends and neighbors for a delectable evening of conversation, craft beers & fine wine - and a feast of flavors for every taste bud! Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.



Explore all Glenview has to offer, including volunteer opportunities, the local business community and representatives from the Village, Library, Park District and District 34. Plus meet and greet with local elected officials. This is a free event - no registration required.



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. Call 847-299-6096 for more information.



For grades 1-3, discover how pollinators are essential for our crops and flowers in this hands-on program presented by Cook County Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom.

### **Highlights from the Board's** March meetings

#### Approved the Public Works Campus Improvement Project

The Board approved improvements to the Village's Public Works campus at 2498 East Lake Avenue, including maintenance to the site's drainage and paving, expanded covered storage and other efficiency improvements to match the Village's current operations.

The Public Works campus was originally developed over three phases during the mid-1980s. The location of Public Works after-hour operations will not change as a result of this project. They will continue to be adjacent to the existing salt dome along East Lake Avenue.

The Village hosted an open house in November to gather resident feedback on the project, and construction is anticipated to begin this spring.

#### Approved decorative lighting enhancements at The Glen Town Center

The Village Board approved full implementation of decorative lighting along Tower Drive in The Glen Town Center.

New decorative lighting was installed last year as a pilot project at the intersection of Tower Drive and Aviator Lane. Those enhancements proved successful in improving the outdoor dining experience at The Glen, and the addition of more lighting fixtures will provide additional illumination to further improve the pedestrian experience and increase visibility.

#### Approved the Milwaukee/Zenith Pedestrian Improvement Project

The Board approved the replacement of the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue at Zenith Drive/Castilian Court to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

The new traffic signal will include the addition of pedestrian signals, which will consist of push-buttons and countdown timers on the pedestrian signal heads. The improvements will also include minor pavement widening on the west side to accommodate truck turning movements.

This project, which was pushed back a year by the State of Illinois, is anticipated to start in May 2024 and conclude in mid-summer. Following the completion of the Village's work, the Illinois Department of Transportation will resurface the road between Glenview Road and Lilac Avenue.

### Village Board of Trustees



### From the Village President

The Village has always taken great pride in taking the lead on issues surrounding sustainability, natural resources and environmental stewardship.

In just these past two years, the Village has adopted an Urban Forest Management Plan for the growth and maintenance of our tree canopy; a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan to chart a future for getting around Glenview without an automobile; and an update to A Plan for Nature in Glenview, which the Village Board adopted at our March 19 meeting.

The new Plan for Nature updates the 2008 report that inventoried and detailed the ecological condition and potential of 99 open space areas in the Village of Glenview.

The goal of Glenview's Plan for Nature is straightforward: To enhance, improve and protect the natural areas and open spaces of Glenview, including prairie, wetlands, rivers and streams, shorelines and detention basins.

Numerous successful habitat and water quality improvement projects have resulted from the implementation of the recommendations included in the original planning document. Examples include re-meandering and naturalizing the streambanks of West Fork Chicago River for 3,000 feet along the Techny Basin; retrofitting several Village-owned stormwater detention basins to support native vegetation rather than turf grass; installing rain gardens; and creating a downtown river walk with naturalized streambanks.

The updated Plan for Nature provides descriptions and ecological evaluations of 128 sites and detailed recommendations for 39 "high priority" sites, which received high scores on the evaluation criteria presented in the plan.

In the center of Glenview, the West Fork of the North Branch Chicago River is a major focus of the Plan, and the Village has conducted several projects to improve habitat connectivity and re-establish this corridor (including the stabilization project outlined on the cover of this newsletter.)

Other opportunities in the updated Plan for Nature include considering The Grove and the natural open spaces in The Glen - such as Gallery Park and the Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie – as parts of corridors connecting individual parcels into an overall network of natural green space. Business and residences can become part of this overall network and create linkages with natural areas, as well, by adding elements of native landscaping to their properties.

I want to thank members of the Board, the Environment & Natural Resources Commission, Village staff - notably Natural Resources Manager Robyn Flakne and all the members of the public who provided feedback to help shape the plan.

Glenview belongs to all of us, and its ecological health is a shared responsibility. I'm excited to see the recommendations outlined in the updated Plan for Nature become a reality.

Want to keep up with the Village Board? Full meeting agendas and minutes are available online at glenview.il.us/meetings

### Want to plant a tree? The Village can help!

The Village manages an ongoing parkway tree planting program in order to help keep Glenview green.

Each year, new trees are planted along public parkways, and unhealthy or dead trees are removed. In 2024, the Village is going above and beyond with 200 additional tree plantings through a grant managed by the Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Trees Initiative.

When requesting a tree, residents may provide input on a specific species to be planted on the parkway in front of their property.

Residents can email or call the Public Works Department regarding tree planting at treeplanting@glenview.il.us and at 847-724-1700. Upon receipt of a request for a new tree, Village staff inspects the parkway area to confirm there is sufficient room for a new planting.

Communications will be posted on the Village's Facebook page and eGlenview newsletter to remind residents about fall planting opportunities. When non-emergency pruning is scheduled, the Village will notify residents with door hangers two weeks before work is scheduled to begin. This will provide residents with more time to contact Village staff with any questions or concerns and to opt out of the program if they prefer to prune/treat their own parkway trees.

Additionally, residents wishing to plant trees on private property can receive up to a \$300 reimbursement from the Village. Learn more on the Village website or email us at treeincentive@glenview.il.us.



### How to mulch your tree

Proper mulching technique is key to ensuring new trees enjoy a long, healthy life.

The International Society of Arboriculture notes that proper mulching reduces soil moisture loss through evaporation, controls weed germination, improves soil biology and protects roots from extreme summer and winter weather.

#### The ISA provides the following tips to ensure your tree is mulched properly and effectively:

- For well-drained sites, apply a 2-4 inch layer of mulch. Fine mulches, such as composted materials, should be applied in a 2-3 inch layer, and coarse mulches, such as wood chips, should be applied in a 3-4 inch layer.
- Avoid over-mulching with a "mulch volcano" - excessive piles around the base.
- Apply mulch near, but not touching, the trunk and extend to the drip line (an

imaginary line that mirrors the edges of the tree's canopy), if practical. If it is not practical to apply mulch to the drip line, apply as far out as you can. Generally, a 3-foot radius ring is the minimum for most trees.

- If mulch is already present, check the depth. If sufficient mulch is present, break up any matted layers and refresh the appearance with a rake. Some landscape maintenance
- companies spray mulch with a water-soluble, vegetable-based dye to add color to faded material.
- If mulch is piled against the stems or tree trunks, pull it back several inches so that the base of the trunk is exposed (see figure top left).
- Fresh wood chips, especially those that contain bark and leaves, are an excellent material to apply around trees and large shrub.



The Village's role in promoting the benefits of trees has earned it status as a Tree City USA for a 39th consecutive year. The Village has also achieved 15 years of growth awards, which recognize communities that promote trees and natural habitats above and beyond the Tree City USA standards. The honors were bestowed by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources because Glenview has a forestry team and Environment and Natural Resources Commission; Tree Care Ordinance; community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita; and annually issues a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day, which this year is Friday, April 26. Glenview residents are encouraged to plant trees to preserve the environment.

### Q&A: What to know about Glenview's Tree **Preservation Ordinance**

Q. Which trees are protected and need a permit to remove? A permit is required to remove any tree designated as a "landmark tree." Landmark trees are all non-nuisance species and varieties that are 16 inches or more in diameter at breast height, which is measured 4.5 feet above the ground. If you're not sure whether a tree is protected or not, please call the Village's Inspectional Services department at 847-904-4300 for more information.

#### Q. How do I get a permit?

Residents can submit a tree removal application online or pick up a tree removal application at Village Hall. To download or submit an application, visit the Village website and select Tree Removal Permit under the "licenses & permits" tab. The permit should be downloaded and sent via email to permits@glenview.il.us or dropped off at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Q. What if I need a parkway tree removed or repaired? Village-maintained trees along the parkway can be serviced or removed by the Public Works Department by calling the Village's Resolution Center at 847-724-1700 or submitting a service request through the Village website.

Q. How many trees do I have to plant to replace a tree I remove? This varies depending on the size and species of the tree being removed. A resident may also pay a fee in lieu of planting the required trees. The Village's tree preservation officer can make options known to applicants who wish to remove landmark trees.

### **Glenview TreeKeepers help** keep Glenview green

The Glenview chapter of TreeKeepers, a community of Chicagoarea tree advocates, completed its first full year in operation in 2023, partnering with the Village to support the community's urban canopy.

The volunteers last spring checked on 155 newly planted Village trees to ensure proper mulching. They helped plant two Kentucky Coffeetrees in the Village Hall parking lot, mulched trees on Village property along Ravine Way and the east side parking lot of the North Glenview Metra station. The TreeKeepers also participated in a neighborhood tree walk and mulch event in Manor Park in June.

This year, Glenview TreeKeepers will continue assisting with tree planting, mulching and advocacy in the community. If interested in participating, email gvtreekeepers@gmail.com to learn about upcoming opportunities.

There are nearly 2,000 certified TreeKeepers who support the work of forestry officials throughout Chicagoland. TreeKeepers have completed training to care for, protect and plant trees through Openlands, a nonprofit conservation organization in northeastern Illinois.

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The Village Board of Trustees established a tree preservation ordinance in 2000 to recognize the numerous benefits that Glenview's mature tree canopy provides. The Environment and Natural Resources Commission is currently reviewing the ordinance and considering updates to the code.

The ordinance requires that a property owner obtain a permit before removing certain protected trees. In many cases, removal of a living tree will result in a requirement that new trees be planted to replace it.

#### Here's what you need to know:

#### Q. What if a tree is dead or obviously needs to be removed?

A permit is still required for landmark trees that are dead or damaged. In an emergency, contact the Village, document the removal with photographs and description from the tree removal company and apply for the permit after the removal is completed.





### **Composting 101**

Composting is nature's way of recycling. It is one of the most powerful actions we can take to reduce our trash, reduce our carbon footprint, and build healthy soil. By turning our food scraps and yard trim into compost, we can transform our waste streams into a beneficial, value-added soil amendment and use it to protect the environment and create resilient communities.

What exactly is composting? Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as leaves and food scraps, into a valuable fertilizer that can enrich soil and plants.

What are the benefits of composting? In addition to the benefits above, composting improves the structure and health of soil by adding organic matter. It helps the soil retain moisture and nutrients, and it attracts beneficial organisms to the soil while reducing the need for pesticides and fertilizers.

How do I get started? The easiest way is to enroll in Groot's seasonal subscription service for landscape waste and composting. You'll receive a 95-gallon cart that you can throw all your landscape and compost into for collection on your regular garbage collection day. Groot will then compost the material at one of its partner facilities. To enroll in the seasonal subscription program, visit groot.com or call Groot at 800-244-1977. You can also look into other composting companies for private, year-round collection.

If you'd like to try your hand at composting, a get-started guide and helpful information can be found online at epa. gov/recycle/composting-home.

Whether you compost at home or through Groot's subscription service, the following items can be composted: fruits, vegetables, breads/grains, pasta, cereal, dairy (such as cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt and butter; no liquids), eggshells, coffee grounds/tea leaves, grass clippings, garden vegetables, leaves and brush.

Do not compost things like teabags/coffee filters, meat, poultry, seafood, shells/bones, paper products (paper towels, plates, napkins, egg cartons, pizza boxes), glass, plastic, Styrofoam, diapers, pet litter, liquids, grease or oil.

You know what one of the best things about composting is? It requires minimal effort, equipment, expense or expertise. It can also be quite fun, so give it a try this spring!

Tips or ideas for The Sustainability Scene? Email David Just at djust@glenview.il.us

### Glenview Resident Open House offers something for everyone!

Where can you learn about everything Glenview has to offer all in one place? The Glenview Resident Open House! 24



10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 27 Park Center lobby, 2400 Chestnut Avenue There's something for everyone at the annual Glenview Resident Open House. Visitors can enjoy refreshments, get a library card, make crafts and visit with police officers, firefighters, telecommunicators and representatives from the Village of Glenview, Glenview Park District, Glenview Public Library, Glenview Chamber of Commerce, Northfield Township, NorthShore University HealthSystem Medical Group-Glenbrook Medical West, local businesses and more. There will even be a balloon artist making free animal balloons for kids!

This is a free event – no registration required.



1. Coming Soon: Pickleball4All (2105 Johns Drive) – Anticipated to open later this month, this new indoor pickleball facility will have seven shock absorbing courts to play on.

2. Under Construction: Crash Champions (1650 Waukegan Road) – Building construction is nearing completion at this high-quality collision repair service facility with locations across the country and is anticipating opening this branch later this summer.

**3.** Under Construction: Ema (1320 Patriot Boulevard) – Construction on the exterior facade continues as two building walls are completed on this Mediterranean and California-inspired restaurant from Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants expected to open in late summer.



• Schedule regular cleaning of the sanitary sewer line. Tree and shrub roots can enter loose joints and cracks and grow into pipes to access water, nutrients and oxygen. The common method of removing roots from lines is to have a plumber or sewer company rod the line. A broken line may need repair or replacement. The contractor can insert a camera into the line to determine its condition and if any repairs are needed.

• Don't flush paper towels, diapers, wipes and feminine products, as they may become lodged in the line and cause a backup. Dispose of these products in the regular garbage.



#### **Keep sewer lines clear of blockages**

Home maintenance isn't always as apparent as it should be. In Glenview, the property owner is responsible for the water and sanitary sewer lines from the home or business up to and including the connection at the Village-owned mains. Even if a portion of the line passes under Village-owned parkways, the maintenance and repair responsibility remains with the property owner.

Because the pipes are buried, property owners don't usually learn of potential problems until there's a blockage. Preventative maintenance can help keep lines from becoming blocked:

• Don't put grease or cooking oil down the drain, even with hot water. When the flow of water stops, the grease solidifies in the home's plumbing system or the line to the main, and over time restricts and eventually clogs the line.

• Put grease and cooking oil in a heat resistant container and when cooled dispose of in the garbage. Homes with a gravity sanitary sewer system that is susceptible to sewer backups can convert to an overhead system to reduce the risk. The Village will pay half the cost, up to \$7,500, for the conversion. Call 847-904-4330 for more information or go online to glenview.il.us/Pages/ StormwaterTask-Force.aspx.



**Resolution Center** 847-724-1700 General information, work order, water bill payments, map requests, trash/recycling carts, voter registration

Village Manager	847-904-4370		
Matt Formica			
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Freedom of Information Act requests,			
block party/special event permits,			
GVTV, human resources			
Senior Services	847-904-4366		
<b>Emergency</b> Police, fire, ambulance	911		
Police non-emergency	847-729-5000		
Commuter parking/permits			
Child car seats/fingerprints	847-901-6188		
Social services	847-901-6105		
Fire non-emergency	847-724-2141		

Fire non-emergency

#### **Community Development Department** 847-904-4340 **Engineering Division** Engineering, road construction and drainage issues

**Inspectional Services Division** 847-904-4330 Building permits, permits@glenview.il.us property maintenance complaints, private tree inspections

Inspection requests	847-904-4320
Planning Division	847-904-4330
Planning, new development,	zoning, appearance

**Public Works Department** 847-724-1700 Snow plowing, water/sewer, street signs and maintenance, public tree concerns, natural resources

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# What to watch on G



Spring is here, which means a new construction season is underway. As a result, residents and visitors can expect to see a variety of different capital improvement projects taking place throughout the Village. These projects include a variety of infrastructure improvements and special projects, which consist of water main, sanitary sewer and storm

sewer improvements, bridge replacements, intersection reconstructions, sidewalk and bike path improvements and more! To stay informed on all of the major upcoming capital improvement projects this year, check out GVTV's '2024 CIP Preview' for a close-up look at some of the Village's major projects getting underway.

GVTV program schedule for April:

- ◆ April 12, "Real People Real Matters: Mark Palmeri", GVTV Original Production, 2 p.m.
- ◆ April 19, "Off The Shelf: John Hedrick", GVTV Original Production, 2 p.m.
- ◆ April 26, "Off The Shelf: Julie Hanahan", GVTV Original Production, 2p.m.

Any residents experiencing an unresolved cable TV issue may contact Digital Media Coordinator Emily Lopez at elopez@glenview.il.us.

### **April Public Meetings**

- Village Board of Trustees **New Development Commission Development Adjustments Commission Environment and Natural Resources Commission**
- 7:30 p.m. April 2, 16 7 p.m. April 10, 24 7 p.m. April 3, 17 7 p.m. April 15

All meetings are held at Village Hall, 2500 East Lake Avenue, unless otherwise noted. You may check meeting status by calling 847-904-4370.

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