



The Village of Glenview

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS PRESENTED

November 20, 2018 – The Village of Glenview has recognized organizations in Glenview that are taking the lead with environmental stewardship, innovative best practices and community outreach. The awards presented by the Village Board of Trustees November 20 represent the first year of the Village’s Natural Resources Commission’s new Environmental Sustainability Awards program. Nominations were sought from July 1 to September 1 from any organization – including businesses, schools, house of worship and volunteer groups – that serve the Glenview community.

Nominees were considered in three categories: Innovation, Leadership and Education and Outreach, with the possibility of gold, silver and bronze placement. This year’s winners are:

Education and Outreach – Gold – Oakton Community College

A wide-ranging sustainability effort that encompasses the college’s grounds, building operations and educational curriculum. Some activities include “Zero Waste” Fall Fest, restoring the grounds with native landscaping and incorporating environmental sustainability into course work.

Education and Outreach – Silver – Saints Peter and Paul

The church has been working to increase awareness of environmental sustainability issues among its members. It has started an environmental ministry, recycling program and organic garden at Wagner Farm, and implemented several energy efficiency efforts at the church as well.

Education and Outreach – Bronze – The Glen Club

The club has implemented an education program that communicates that the members will see milkweed on the edge of the course, an important plant for monarch butterflies. This is part of a move toward a long-term sustainability effort for the club.

Leadership – Gold – Abt Electronics

Abt has installed many devices and practices that support sustainability, among them a solar array, rainwater harvesting system, public recycling center for many packaging

materials and an electric car charging center. Its fleet also uses improved environmental aspects.

Innovation – Gold – North Shore Country Club

Among the many aspects included in its nomination, the club started a vericomposting (worm composting) program to reduce the landfilling of certain food wastes. This work is unique among all the award nominations.

The Village of Glenview encourages adopting practices to help prevent pollution, reduce waste, conserve energy, reduce emissions to air and water, and boost recycling. Meeting these sustainable energy challenges starts at home, in the workplace and in our schools. The Village wants to highlight the success stories of organizations within the community so that, if replicated, others can be spurred to collaborate and share strategies, policies, procedures and best practices and awareness of environmentally sustainable practices can be increased.

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