

2014 winners

Three local businesses taking steps to “go green” by incorporating environmentally responsible practices into their daily business operations were recognized by the Village Board on April 1, 2014.

Go Green Gold Business Award:

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Carecenter, Marshak Family Hospice Pavilion – 2050 Claire Court

In 2013, Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter opened the Marshak Family Hospice Pavilion which is LEED Certified at the Gold Level, making it the only hospice residence in the country with that designation. Special construction features include geothermal heating/cooling, use of environmentally-friendly building materials and energy efficient lighting and plumbing. In addition, the organization's newly opened Waud Family Healing Garden was created with two public entrances from the walking trail in Techny Basin to facilitate greater use of this natural resource. The garden, a collaboration with the Chicago Botanic Garden, has now become a national demonstration site for students studying therapeutic horticulture.

Go Green Business Awards:

Dry Cleaning Factory – 1815 Waukegan Road

The Dry Cleaning Factory, owned and operated by Howard Spiro, has made a number of commitments to reduce its impact on the environment. DCF uses an organic detergent compound, instead of the industry standard which contains perchlorethylene (or “Perc”) in order to avoid any potential adverse human health effects or environmental contamination. New dry cleaning equipment uses 66 percent less solvent, and all water-based cleaning processes now include the use of biodegradable detergents and high-efficiency equipment which minimizes water usage. Since its opening in 1999, DCF has provided free hanger boxes to encourage customers to return hangers for recycling, and in 2011 the switch was made to biodegradable plastic covers for all garments.

Morning Glory Flower Shop – 1822 Glenview Road

Morning Glory Flower Shop, operated by Bob Hausheer, has implemented electricity conservation measures by placing all retail display lighting on timers to minimize overnight usage, powering down appliances and computers at the power strip and using ceiling fans to circulate air. Cleaning procedures are in place to minimize water consumption; paper products are purchased with 100 percent recycled content; recyclable materials are hauled to local recycling outlets; and organic waste, which cannot be recycled due to the pesticides used by international growers, is disposed of properly as a special waste rather than as normal refuse which is buried in local landfills.



Pictured with certificates are (from left) Jim Martin, President-elect of the Glenview Chamber of Commerce; Heidi Schelling, Vice President of Business Development for Midwest Palliative & Hospice Carecenter; Jamie O'Malley, President and CEO of Midwest Palliative & Hospice Carecenter; Bob Hasheer, owner of Morning Glory Flower Shop; Howard Spiro, owner of the Dry Cleaning Factory; and Ellen Dean, Economic Development Manager for the Village of Glenview.