



Glen Ellyn

April 2008 Environment news



Saturday, April 26

Recycling Extravaganza

Bring reusable clothing, household items, books, eyeglasses, American flags and more to the parking lot west of the public library parking lot for the Environmental Commission's recycling event from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (See page 2 for more information.)

Prairie Path/Great Western Trail Cleanup



Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for the annual Prairie Path Cleanup or the Great Western Trail Cleanup. To participate in either event, meet at the parking lot west of the public library parking lot. For more information about the Prairie Path Cleanup and the Great Western Trail Cleanup, go to www.glenellyn.org. These are rain or shine events and volunteers should bring garden gloves.

Important Reminders

* It is illegal for people from outside the Village limits to bring in items for Clean Sweep Day, April 28. This drives up collection costs and threatens the continuation of the program. If you see this happening, immediately call 9-1-1 and report it to the police.

* ALL Clean Sweep refuse must be bundled or in a container and cannot exceed 50 lbs. in weight or 4 feet in length.



* Place perishable refuse (regular garbage) on parkway separate from Clean Sweep refuse. Perishable refuse will be picked up first.

Monday, April 28

Unlimited Refuse Pick-up *Clean Sweep*



The Village of Glen Ellyn's waste hauler, Allied Waste, will be providing a one-time, unlimited refuse day the week of Monday, April 28. This special service only applies to residents who live in incorporated Glen Ellyn. The program also excludes multi-family and commercial buildings. Its purpose is to enable residents to get rid of odds and ends — not dispose of construction debris from major projects.

The overall cost for this one-day, unlimited pick-up exceeds \$80,000, and is funded by a charge of 45¢ per month per household. In order to keep the cost of this program down, it is critical that no additional refuse is brought in from outside the Village limits. If you see this happening, call 9-1-1 immediately and report it to the police. Please follow the guidelines below for Clean Sweep Day. If these procedures are not followed, refuse will not be picked up.

- The unlimited refuse pickup will take several days, but to ensure that you are not missed, items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 28. If you miss the waste hauler, they will not return to your street.
- Please separate your usual household garbage (foodstuffs and perishables), recycling and yard waste from Clean Sweep refuse by grouping them on separate parts of the parkway. Allied Waste will be collecting the normal weekly refuse from all residences on Monday.
- All materials must be in containers or bundled (maximum 50 lbs.), with the exception of bulk items, such as couches, chairs, lamps, bicycles, appliances, tires (off the rim), etc. Containers include trash bags and cans, cardboard boxes, etc. Items such as swing sets or old carpet must be broken into sections and bundled or containerized. (All bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length.)
- No loose construction material will be accepted on Clean Sweep Day. All construction material must be placed in containers or bundled — maximum weight is 50 lbs. Each bundle should be tied with rope. For the safety of refuse workers, all nails must be removed or bent over and all glass window panes must be taped with duct or masking tape. (All bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length.)
- Construction material is limited to two cubic yards (measuring about eight 33-gallon-sized cans).

Items NOT accepted:

- Concrete, bricks, broken glass and stone not in containers.
- Fences not in containers.
- Utility sinks or tubs.
- Household hazardous waste.

Absolutely NO LIQUIDS will be accepted. Yard waste is not included in the unlimited refuse day and each bundle or bag must be tagged with a yard waste sticker.



Volunteer to Help Maintain Flower Beds

Throughout the growing season, many flower beds in Glen Ellyn's downtown are maintained by volunteers. Can you pitch in to help keep our downtown blooming? Volunteers with all experience levels are invited to help out. To volunteer, please call the Public Works Department at 630-469-6756.



DuPage River Sweep

The Conservation Foundation is looking for volunteers to assist with its annual DuPage River Sweep on Saturday, June 7. This effort includes trash pick-up and storm drain stenciling (to remind people that storm drains flow to the river). For more information and/or to volunteer, call 630-428-4500.

Bike to Work Week

Do something good for yourself and the environment! Participate in Bike to Work Week, May 12-16.



Recycling Extravaganza

April 26, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Duane & Lorraine Parking Lot (just west of the public library parking lot)

Clean out your garage, attic and cupboards and bring those recyclable items to the Recycling Extravaganza, organized by the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission. Various local volunteer organizations will be on hand for these collections. No hazardous waste materials accepted (batteries, oil, paint, etc.) and no computers, printers or monitors.

You may bring:

- Eyeglasses
- Books for book exchange
- Laser and ink jet cartridges
- American flags
- Hearing aids
- Fire extinguishers
- Type 1 plastics (pop bottles)
- Type 2 plastics (milk jugs)
- Clean PVC pipe
- Bottle caps
- Juice pouches
- Loose and broken jewelry
- Cell phones
- Bikes
- Tools
- Mowers
- Neckties
- Buttons
- Toys
- Small appliances
- Clothing
- Coats
- Gym shoes
- Record albums
- Certain types of scrap metal, including: swing sets, siding, pots and pans, metal hangers, tin, washing machines and dryers, stoves, hot water heaters and wagons.

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Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage, The Kiwanis Club of Glen Ellyn, SCARCE, The Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters, Glen Ellyn Lions Club, Cub Scout Pack 150, Aurora Tri-State Fire Protection, It's Our Earth, Inc., Computer & Laser Services, Inc., The Resource Center of Chicago, Salvation Army, Eco Club of Glenbard West, VIM Recycling and Rotary Club.

Earth Machine composters, designed for making your own compost, will be available for sale at the Recycling Extravaganza.

Residents Receive Joe Wark Environmental Award



Congratulations to Karen and Thomas Pulver for receiving the Joe Wark Environmental Award for the renovation of their 1926 Dutch Colonial style home. The Joe Wark Award recognizes environmentally sensitive structures and landscaping that encourage preservation of the environment beyond existing regulatory requirements. The award was named for Joe E. Wark, who served in a variety of volunteer posts, including Village Commissioner in the 1980s, Village Trustee from 1990-1995 and Village President from 1997-2001.

The Pulvers were recognized for their environmentally sensitive home renovation. Throughout the project, the owners reused as many resources as possible, including the kitchen sink and faucets, patio bricks and paint left over from previous projects. They also purchased recycled siding. Natural materials were used throughout and construction debris — including cardboard and Styrofoam packing materials — was recycled.

The Village commends the Pulvers for their environmental efforts and

encourages other individuals to conserve resources during remodelings and renovations and to consider entering these projects for the Joe Wark Award. General contractors and/or owners are eligible for this award which is presented each spring for projects completed in the previous year. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2008. For more information or to obtain an application, go to www.glenellyn.org, or call 630-469-5000.

	Time of Year	Guidelines	Stickers Needed
Regular Refuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One wheeled refuse cart each week; any additional bags and/or containers up to 33 gallons and 50 lbs. require one refuse sticker each. Bulk items and appliances require one refuse sticker each. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink “Refuse” stickers 
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round Every Monday (except holidays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round or rectangular blue bins for glass and metal containers, aerosol cans, plastics #1 through #5 (including plastic rings, juice boxes, milk and juice cartons), newspaper and mixed paper, recyclable paperboard items (food boxes, etc.) and corrugated cardboard (no larger than 3 square feet). Paper and other recyclables can be co-mingled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stickers needed 
Yard Waste & Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every Monday Begins in April and ends in November End date may be extended if weather permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cans/bags (not plastic) of yard waste require 1 sticker each. Yard waste can be contained in brown paper bags (not plastic) and/or unlined 33-gallon trash containers with stickers, placed separately from regular refuse, facing the street. Sod is not yard waste; dispose of as refuse. Branch and brush can also be put out for this pick-up. Branch and brush should be in bags, cans or bundled with twine; each bundle requires 1 yard waste sticker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green “Yard Waste” stickers *Note: includes leaves 
Branch & Brush Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-May through mid-October Residents on and north of Hill Ave. pick-up is 2nd Monday of the month Residents south of Hill Ave. pick-up is 3rd Monday of the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material should not be bundled or otherwise containered. Branches may not exceed 10 inches in diameter. Also, no root balls, dimensional lumber or any material exceeding the 10-inch dimensions. There is no length limit on branches (the longer the better). There is no limit to amount. Professionally cut trimmings are not included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stickers needed 

Please call Allied Waste with questions about your refuse/recycling collection at 630-469-1036



Household Hazardous Waste

NOTE: Glen Ellyn's Household Hazardous Waste Collection, traditionally hosted at COD by DuPage County in conjunction with the Illinois EPA, will not take place this year due to funding shortages, but you may take household hazardous waste to an Elmhurst HHW Collection on May 3, 2008, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Elmhurst Public Works garage, 985 S. Riverside Dr., Elmhurst. For information, go to www.elmhurst.org and click on "What's Hot."

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste Year Round

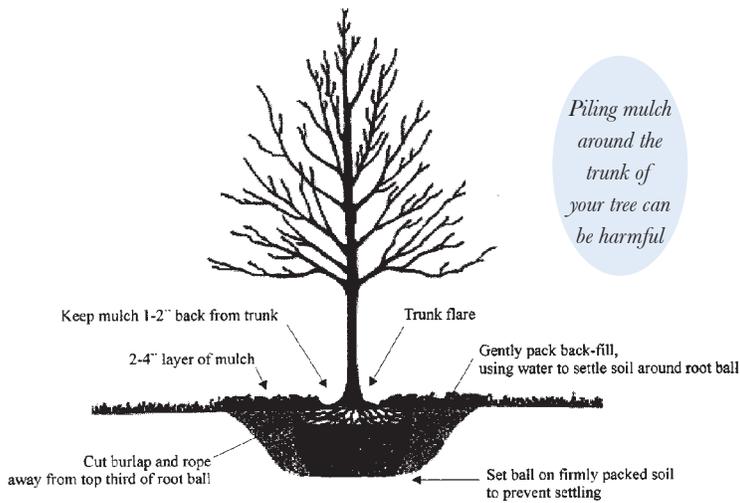
Household hazardous waste can be disposed of year-round at the permanent facility at Naperville Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Rd., Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (except holidays). This site does not accept lead acid batteries, propane tanks or latex paint. (Latex paint can be dried out and disposed of with your regular refuse.) For more information, call the Naperville collection site at 630-420-4190, the DuPage Solid Waste Dept. at 630-407-6700 or the Household Hazardous Waste Information Hotline at 630-407-6760 or go to: www.dupageco.org and select “Solid Waste” under “Services.”

Allied Waste will pick up paint in your regular refuse pickup if it has dried or has been solidified with sand, sawdust or kitty litter. Used motor oil can be disposed of in a labeled milk jug and placed next to the trash container at the curb. For more information about refuse/recycling collection, or household hazardous waste, call Allied Waste at 630-469-1036.

Where to Buy Stickers

Refuse and yard waste stickers can be purchased from the Cashier's Office or the Police Department (open 24 hrs.) in the Civic Center. Stickers are also sold at:

- Dominick's
- Jewel/Osco
- Len's Ace Hardware
- McChesney & Miller
- Schmid Pharmacy



Piling mulch around the trunk of your tree can be harmful

Proper Mulching of Trees

If performed properly, mulch adds nutrients to the soil, retains moisture, keeps soil temperatures moderate and reduces competition from grass and weeds. Improper mulching of trees, however, can cause damage and even death of the tree.

Mulch should be made up of organic material such as wood chips or shredded bark. Decorative rock does not provide any benefit to the tree. Place mulch around the entire root ball area, 3/4" deep, but NEVER up against the tree trunk. Leaving mulch on the trunk can cause bark decay, harbor insects and eventually kill the tree.

For more information about trees, the Village's booklet, "Gems of Glen Ellyn: A Guide to our Beautiful Trees," can be purchased at the Cashier's Office for \$2. This booklet provides tips on tree care, as well as diseases and infestations and recommended trees for our climate. Tree care questions can also be directed to the Village Forester at 630-469-6756.

Be on the Lookout for the Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle that has killed nearly six million ash trees in Michigan and has now been discovered in Illinois. Ash trees make up nearly 12 percent of Glen Ellyn's tree population, second only to maples. This beetle is extremely difficult to eradicate and once it bores into a tree, it is always fatal to the tree.

Adults emerge mid-May until late July and leave a D-shaped exit hole in bark. Residents are asked not to plant any type of ash tree because of their vulnerability to this pest. For more information, please call Public Works at 630-469-6756.

In addition, do not bring Michigan firewood into Illinois. If you already have Michigan firewood on your property, notify the Glen Ellyn Public Works Department at 630-469-6756 to conduct an inspection. One piece of firewood can contain many ash borer larvae.

Tree Care Awareness Program, May 10

Come to the Environmental Commission's Tree Care Awareness Program to learn about:

- The best trees for your garden
- Dealing with bugs, disease and nutritional concerns
- Saving utility dollars with shade trees

These and other important issues will be covered on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. For more information, go to www.glenellyn.org.

Did You Know?

Environmental Commission meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month, are open to the public? Go to www.glenellyn.org for more information.

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