

Great Horned Owls Welcomed To Grove

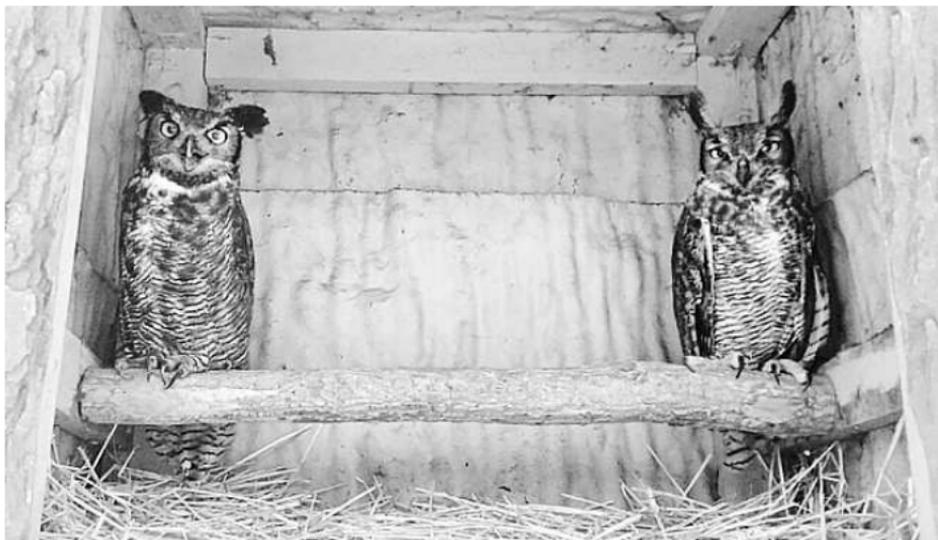
The Grove National Historic Landmark in Glenview recently received two great horned owls from Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation in Barrington. Alice, who is estimated to be about 1-1/2 years old, and Flint, who is about 9 months old, both suffered permanent wing injuries in the wild.

The owls were brought to Flint Creek for rehabilitation. However, due to the nature of their injuries, they cannot be released back into the wild. Flint Creek contacted The Grove, which is a licensed educational center where animals that cannot be reintroduced to the wild can have a permanent home.

The owls arrived at The Grove in December and spent the last six weeks getting acclimated to their new space. The Grove staff plans to engage them in educational programming in the future.

Flint is named in honor of Flint Kennicott, John Kennicott's son. Alice is named in honor of John Kennicott's daughter. In 1836, Kennicott settled his family on the land where The Grove now stands along Milwaukee Avenue. He was a visionary horticulturist and educator.

The owls live in an outdoor enclosure that mimics their natural habitat, with a roosting box for shelter from the elements. Every morning, The Grove staff visits with the owls to talk to them and clean their enclosure. Nightly, they are fed a meal of rats. They can be viewed best from the northeast corner of the porch at the Interpretive Center.



The Grove's newest residents – two great horned owls – find shelter at the Glenview facility.