



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: May 15, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026

City Manager's Office

Weekly Federal Activity Update

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

Weekly Field Inspection Report

Monthly Construction Valuation and Permit Fee Report - April

Health Department

Weekly Health Department Report

Law Department

Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Clerk's Office

No Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Report

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL &
MAYORAL APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Monday, May 18, 2026

No meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:00 PM: [Ryan Field Community Advisory Council](#)

6:30 PM: [Housing & Community Development](#)

6:30 PM: [Evanston Arts Council Meeting](#)

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 AM: [Healthy Buildings Technical Committee](#)

Thursday, May 21, 2026

6:00 PM: [Parks and Recreation Board Meeting](#)

6:00 PM: [Equity and Empowerment Commission Meeting](#)

6:00 PM: [Five-Fifths TIF Advisory Committee](#)

Friday, May 22, 2026

No meeting

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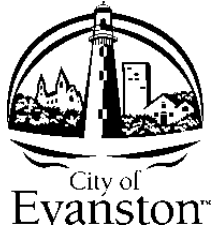
To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti on behalf of Executive Officer, Commander Chelsea Brown

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: May 15, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 05/15/2026

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received, pending or in review. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (224) 296-4489 or ewilliams@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received , Pending, or in Process of Review between: May 7, 2026 to May 13, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	838 Grey Avenue	R2	Building Permit	ADU	03/13/26	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application
2	1115 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New Garage	03/16/16	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1146 Fowler Avenue	R2	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	04/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1600 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	04/15/26	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending staff review
3	827-831 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Tenant improvement and conversion of an existing building at 831 Chicago Ave. to a child daycare facility with an outdoor playground in the rear of the property. The application <u>no longer includes</u> the building and parking lot at 827-829 Chicago Ave.	01/12/26	pending staff review
3	1018 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	04/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1009 Wesley Avenue #4	R3	Building Permit	New Carport	01/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	717 Main Street	BB2, oDM	Zoning Analysis	Conversion of one 2nd floor office space to one residential unit	05/12/26	pending staff review
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	New Garage	02/10/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	pending staff review
6	2701 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	2nd Story Addition	03/25/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
6	2440 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Attached Garage	04/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2311 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	04/28/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2331 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	New Garage and ADU	05/13/26	pending staff review
7	1900 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Demolition of the existing Chase Bank and construction of a new Chase Bank	09/22/25	pending staff review
7	2722 Green Bay Road	C2, oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Conversion of the existing building (former Office Depot) and construction of a new 2-story addition for a commercial indoor recreation facility for baseball, flag football and soccer. The development would function as a youth sports practice, skills-training, and young player game facility. Use of the facility would be limited to organized youth practices of both private and Evanston sports organizations, training sessions, clinics, camps, and private group events. The facility will operate year-round to host planned events.	03/04/26	pending staff review
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	04/13/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
7	2143 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	04/15/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1810 Monroe Street	R3	Building Permit	New ADU	04/21/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	807 South Boulevard	R1	Building Permit	1-story addition	05/01/26	pending additional information from the applicant

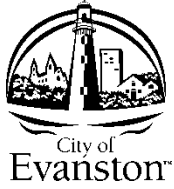
Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases (Entitlements)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1632 Sheridan Road	R1	Minor Variation	New Garage and ADU Addition	04/27/26	pending staff review

1	1607 Chicago Avenue	D4	Administrative Review Use	Type 2 Restaurant (Lizzano)	05/11/26	pending staff review
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 27-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 383 dwelling units	01/28/25	pending revisions from applicant
2	2308 Main Street	C1	Special Use	Special Use to allow a wholesale goods establishment interior only tenant improvement of an existing ~9K square foot space in existing single-level multi-tenant building to be used as a mini-fulfillment center that will for short-term store products for intended for delivery within a five mile radius to customer who have placed online orders using the Amazon app.	04/09/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission hearing on 05/27/26
2	1723 Greenleaf Street	R3	Minor Variation	Deck proposed to be located in a side yard when it is required to be located in a rear yard	04/10/26	APPROVED
5	1103 Emerson Street	R6	Major Variations	Demolition of existing structures (2-flat & 4-flat) and construction of a 5-story building with 6 rooming units (including 18 bedrooms), 24 dwelling units, and 5 on-site parking stalls.	12/03/25	LUC Recommended for Approval, Planning & Development Committee Recommended Approval, and City Council Action on 05/26/26
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Minor Variation	New Garage	04/23/26	pending staff review
6	2320 Pioneer Road	R4	Planned Development	An amendment the existing Planned Development and Special Use at the Three Crowns retirement community, which would allow site modifications (new parking areas, curb cut and landscaping) as well as building modifications (addition of elevator tower, minor building addition, interior renovation from assisted living to independent living within the Pioneer Building).	02/04/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission hearing on 05/27/26
6	2701 Harrison Street	R1	Minor Variation	Rear setback and 2nd story addition	04/10/26	pending staff review
6	3233 - 3249 Central Street	R4, oCSC	Major Variation	Proposal to construct 10 townhomes including 1 Inclusionary Housing Unit . Major variations for (1) building height, (2) rear yard coverage, and (3) building lot coverage.	05/04/26	pending staff review
6	2508 Isabella Street	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage and impervious surface for a new single-family home and detached garage	04/20/26	pending staff review
6	2409 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	1-story addition exceeding building lot coverage	05/01/26	pending staff review
7	831 Ingleside Place	R1	Major Variation	Major variation to allow a reduced rear yard setback for an addition	12/03/25	pending revisions from applicant
7	1921 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Administrative Review Use	New Bar (Tallgrass) - Type 2 Restaurant	05/07/26	pending staff review
7	2308 Grey Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Setbacks for new heat pumps	05/07/26	pending staff review
7	1117 Grant Street	R1	Minor Variation	2nd Story Garage Addition	05/11/26	pending staff review
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Special Use and Text Amendment	Text Amendment to 6-15-9-3 to allow 'Urban Farm' and "Neighborhood Garden" as a special use in the OS district. Amendment to 6-18-3 to change 'Urban Farm' definition. Special Use to allow Evanston Grows to operate an urban farm at Elks Park	05/01/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission hearing on 06/10/26
8	707 W Howard Street	B3	Text Amendment & Special Use	Zoning text amendment to allow performance entertainment venues as a special use within the B3 zone district	07/02/25	pending revisions from applicant
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to refine the definition of Temporary Use in 6-18-3 adn adding a definition for Temporary	Received from Referrals Committee	pending staff review

End of Worksheet



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, Combination Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: May, 15 2026

Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections for construction projects under special monitoring. The report includes the ward, property address, type of construction, inspector notes, and date received.

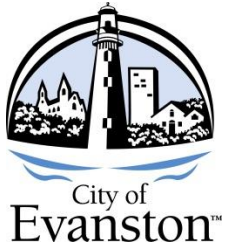
Please contact me at davidwilson@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

May 15, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Job Description	Construction Type	Inspector Notes
Ward 1	2169 Campus Drive 24BLDC_0005	New construction	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Construction of a new two-story theatre	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Temporary bike lane is in place. The alleyway has been closed with offsite parking provided for residents.
Ward 1	1621 Chicago Avenue 25BLDC-0005	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 11 STORY (110 dwelling unit) RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING	New Construction	Construction permit issued. Construction fence installed. Temporary pedestrian and bike lane in place.
N/A	Truck Route	N/A	N/A	No changes. Street sweeping continues. Truck route continues to be monitored for speed and debris.
Ward 7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan field	New Construction	Framing and MEP inspections continue at stadium. Street sweepers continue to address roadway dust and debris. All trucks continue to pass through truck washing station with manual washing of trucks and street. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.
Ward 3	504 South Boulevard 23BLDC-0002	New 5-story apartment building providing 60 units	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Vibration monitoring continues.
Ward 2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	Conversion of existing industrial structure to 8 residential units plus one ADU	Remodeling and New Construction	MEP inspections continue.
Ward 7	2305 Sheridan Road 25INTC-0209	Interior renovation of existing 4 stories with basement r-2 dormitory	Renovation	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place with proper signage.

Ward 3	819 Judson Avenue 24BLDC-0001	New construction of a four-unit building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place.
Ward 4	910 Custer Ave 25BLDC-0002	Construction of a new five-story 230-unit residential multifamily building	New Construction	Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.

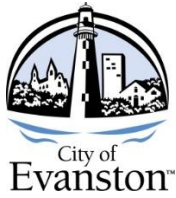


To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report
Date: May 15, 2026

Enclosed is the monthly construction valuation and permit fee report. The report compares current month and year-to-date totals with those from 2025.

Please contact me at abutler@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Angela Butler
Permit Services Supervisor



Date: May 15, 2026
To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: April 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Building Permit Fees

Total Permit Fees Collected - April 2026	\$318,204.72
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026	\$1,598,520.69
Total Permit Fees Collected - April 2025	\$3,893,070.76
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025	\$8,362,624.39

Construction Values

Total Construction Value April 2026	\$64,134,518.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026	\$144,454,799.00
Total Construction Value – April 2025	\$200,825,679.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025	\$430,689,485.00



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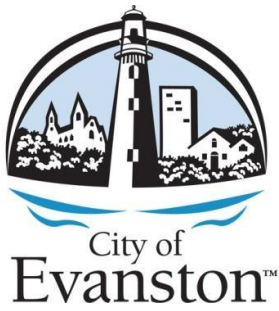
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: May 15, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
8	751 Howard St	Sabrosura Coffee Bar	1/09/2025	Pending Reviews and Inspections
8	1717 Howard St	Showkey African Cuisine	8/26/2024	Pending Building Permit Application
8	565 Howard St	T.E & Company	8/22/2024	Pending Building Permit Issuance
4	1310 ½ Chicago Ave	Peeled Juice Bar	5/9/2024	Pending Building Permit Issuance, Inspections, FCO
8	743 Howard	Zion African Market	6/12/25	Pending FCO
5	1600 Simpson	Foster School	5/12/25	Pending Health Review and Inspections
7	1030 Central St	Canal Shores Outdoor Patio	9/11/25	Pending new BP, Inspections, and FCO
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
1	1716 Sherman Ave	Night Owl Productions	12/9/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
2	2312 Main St.	Amazon-ZCG7-Main St	1/13/26	Pending Zoning Approval, Building Permit, Insps
2	2430 Main St.	U Taco	2/11/26	Pending Building Permit, Inspections and FCO
8	337 Howard St	501 Belizean Cuisine	3/17/26	Pending Inspection and FCO
4	1010 Church St	The Addled Bunny	4/8/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	1921 Central	Tallgrass	4/23/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1607 Chicago	Lizzano	5/7/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO



Liquor Licensing
liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: May 15, 2026

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report includes the ward, business addresses, license types, descriptions, and current application statuses.

More details can be found on the [Liquor license](#) webpage.

Weekly Liquor Licensing Report

Liquor applications received and pending for the week of May 15, 2026

Annual License

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS FOR LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Land & Lake Café	1710 Orrington Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application pending
3	Goods Parlor & Sounds	915 Chicago Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	O	Tavern	11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Mon- Wed); 11 a.m. — 3 a.m. (Thurs- Sun)	Application pending

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
1	Firehouse Grill	1700 Sheridan Rd. Evanston, IL 60201	Z-5	Alcoholic Beverages	June 19, 2026	Application canceled
7	Jonathan Applebaum	2235 Campus Drive., Evanston, IL 60208	Z-1	Beer & Wine	June 27, 2026	License issued
7	Levy Premium Food Service	2235 Campus Drive., Evanston, IL 60208	Z-2	Alcoholic Beverages	May 31, 2026	License issued

5	Hope Ignites Chicago	Philbrick Park	Z-5	Alcoholic Beverages	May 29, 2026	Application pending
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DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2026

Editor's Note:

Due to Oakton College's closure on Fridays from May 22 through July 31, NWMC staff will work remotely on those days. Therefore, please contact staff via email (see table p. 4) should you need assistance on those days. Thank you.

Membership Approves FY2026-2027 NWMC Officers

Thank you to the thirty-five members represented at Wednesday night's NWMC Board meeting. The membership unanimously elected the following slate of NWMC officers for FY 2026-2027:

- President: *Eric Smith*
President, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Vice-President: *Paul Hoefert*
Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect
- Secretary: *Senta Plunkett*
President, Village of Wilmette
- Treasurer: *Scott Anderson*
Manager, Village of Barrington

The officers will be sworn in at 68th Annual NWMC Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 at Independence Grove in *Libertyville* (see next article). After the summer hiatus, the NWMC Board will next meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

One Week Left to RSVP for the 2026 NWMC Gala!

It's time to RSVP for the NWMC Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at Independence Grove in *Libertyville*. The Gala will celebrate the NWMC's 68th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY 2026-2027 officers. A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Friday, May 22 to Marina Durso, mdurso@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

Mark Your Calendars for the August 5 SPC Supplier Showcase

The 2026 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Supplier Showcase will be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College, 1600 E. Golf Road in *Des Plaines*. The Showcase will be held in the Footlik Theater and PAC Lobby with parking available in Lot A.

The SPC Supplier Showcase presents a unique opportunity for local government officials from the SPC's participating councils of government and others to meet one-on-one with SPC suppliers at one time. NWMC, DMMC, SSMMA and WCGL members and staff will be onsite to learn about the products, services and solutions offered by the SPC to help you better serve your communities.

Invitations and additional information will be sent to NWMC Managers/Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors, Public Works Directors, Purchasing Directors, Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs. For additional information, please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, 847-296-9203 or edayan@nwmc-cog.org. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

NWMC Members Receive Safe Routes to Schools Awards

The Illinois Department of Transportation recently announced \$11.9 million in Safe Routes to Schools grants to boost

the health and safety of children by making walking and biking to school safe and more accessible. 166 applications from local governments and schools were narrowed down to sixty-eight projects, including four NWMC members. *Buffalo Grove* received \$89,960 for development of community travel plans around nine elementary and middle schools. *Evanston* received \$100,000 for creation of a bike safety curriculum and access program at two elementary schools. *Fox Lake* received \$250,000 to replace a deteriorated sidewalk with a 10-foot-wide multimodal path extending 2,500 feet along Hawthorne Lane. *Schaumburg* received \$100,000 to develop community travel plans around six elementary and junior high schools. See the [full list of recipients here](#). To read more about the Safe Routes to Schools program, visit the [IDOT website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Issues Truck Access Route Program NOFO

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has announced the FY 2026–2028 Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding opportunity, with \$21 million available statewide over the next three fiscal years. The program will continue at a funding level of \$7 million annually and is intended to support roadway improvements necessary to establish or enhance designated truck routes serving industrial areas, freight corridors and major truck generators. Eligible projects must involve roadway sections that can be upgraded to designated truck routes and connect to an existing truck route, truck generator, or jurisdictional boundary.

Roadway sections improved with TARP funding prior to 2016 remain eligible, however, projects funded between 2016 and 2025 are not eligible. IDOT noted the program is not intended for pavement preservation or routine maintenance activities. Funding is available at up to \$100,000 per lane mile and \$50,000 per eligible intersection, with awards limited to 50 percent of total project costs and capped at \$2 million per project. Projects must be ready for advertisement within two years of award. Applications are due June 29, 2026, with award announcements anticipated in Fall 2026. Staff will review potential candidate corridors and evaluate whether any eligible truck access improvements align with current transportation, freight mobility, or economic development priorities. A link to IDOT Circular Letter 2026-05 containing the full program details and application requirements can be found [here](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT to Host Special Programs Assistance Conference

If your community is interested in accessing Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Funding, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Special Programs Unit is ready to help. IDOT staff will help stakeholders identify projects that qualify and learn how to craft successful applications. Each session will take place over two days, with group presentations the morning of the first day followed by one-on-one appointments and networking opportunities throughout the remainder of the workshop.

The conference will be held on May 18 and 19 at the IDOT District 1 Office in *Schaumburg* and on May 27 and 28 at the McHenry County Government Center. Learn more by visiting the [ITEP](#) website and register for the morning session and/or individual appointments [here](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

US DOT Opens Grants for Railroad Crossing Safety Projects

As previously reported, the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) is accepting applications for its [Crossing Safety Program and Railroad Crossing Elimination \(RCE\) Grant Program](#). RCE will award over \$1.1 billion in funds to projects that provide 1) grade separation, 2) track relocation, 3) installation of protective devices, signals, and signs, 4) other measures to improve safety, or planning, review, or 5) design of the above improvements. Minimum awards, except for planning projects, are \$1,000,000, with no predetermined maximum award. Applications are due by Monday June 8 at 10:59 p.m. To learn more, including how to apply, [read the Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Be a Bicycle-Friendly Community!

As previously reported, the League of American Bicyclists is accepting Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) applications through Wednesday, June 17 for the 2027-2030 cohort. The League of American Bicyclists provides a roadmap, hands-on assistance and recognition for communities seeking to build places more welcoming to people who bike. Past and present NWMC member communities with BFC status include Silver-ranked *Evanston* and Bronze-ranked *Glenview*, *Highland Park*, *Niles*, *Schaumburg*, and *Wilmette*. To learn more about the BFC program, please visit the [League of American Bicyclists website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MMC Releases Home Grown Housing Strategies

From the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus:

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus recently unveiled *Home Grown: Local Housing Strategies in Action*, an online resource that documents successful housing policies, programs, and developments from across the Chicago region.

Home Grown features more than seventy case studies addressing issues ranging from housing affordability and supply to home rehabilitation and physical accessibility. Case studies, developed through interviews with local governments and development partners, outline how each strategy was developed, funded, and implemented – along with outcomes and key lessons learned.

“On behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, I would like to say thank you to the dozens of mayors and municipal staff who contributed their time and insights through interviews,” said Village of Romeoville Mayor John Noak, Chair of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Executive Board. “Your leadership has helped create a resource that benefits municipalities across the region.”

Home Grown emphasizes real-world examples that municipalities can adapt to fit their own needs. Mayors, planners, and other stakeholders can quickly identify proven strategies used by peer municipalities to advance priorities such as attainable homeownership, affordable and mixed-income housing, lead service line replacement, neighborhood revitalization, and supportive housing for people with disabilities.

“Home Grown reflects the power of local innovation,” said Village of Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, Chair of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Housing and Community Development Committee. “When we share what’s working across our region, we empower municipalities to respond to housing challenges with solutions that are not only practical, but rooted in the real needs of the people we serve.”

The platform organizes content into major categories of developments, policies and programs, along with detailed subcategories, making it easy for users to navigate and identify relevant strategies. With its user-friendly and in-depth content, the Home Grown website serves as a valuable guide for municipalities seeking to expand housing opportunities while maintaining local control.

The Home Grown website is now live and available to the public. To explore local housing strategies in action, visit: <https://mayorscaucus.org/homegrown>.

Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Tribune: [Illinois cities unveil rival housing plan to Gov. JB Pritzker’s sweeping zoning plan](#)

Capitol News Illinois: [Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, other leaders press lawmakers for more funding](#)

Vision Zero Network: [SS4A FY26: What Changed & What Tools Can Support Your Application](#)

Daily Herald: [\\$7 million grant to help ease gridlock at major Mount Prospect intersection](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, June 3 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC 68th Annual Gala will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Independence Grove in *Libertyville*.

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