Memorandum

To: Acting Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: October 30, 2026

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL &
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Monday, November 2, 2026
5:00 PM: Human Services Committee
6:00 PM: Special City Council

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No Meetings

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
8:30 AM: Healthy Buildings Technical Committee
5:00 PM: Finance & Budget Committee

Thursday, November 5, 2026
No Meetings

Friday, November 6, 2026
10:00 AM: Healthy Buildings Accountability Board

Check the City's Calendar for updates
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City of Evanston

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Commander Chelsea Brown

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: October 30, 2026

There was no reported federal activity this week.

Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Cara Pratt, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer; Gabriela Martin; Sustainability & Resilience Manager
Subject: Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report
Date: October 30, 2026

The City of Evanston's Benchmarking Ordinance (33-O-16; amended as 1-O-25, the Healthy Buildings Ordinance) requires that properties with a gross floor area above 20,000 square feet report their energy and water consumption at an aggregate level every year by June 30th. The current compliance rate is 87%. The following 65 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

Building ID	Status	Address	Ward
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200003	Received but not in compliance	1445 HINMAN AVENUE	1
200070	Submission not received	1718 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200089	Submission not received	640 COLFAX STREET	1
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	2
109340	Submission not received	2113 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200010	Submission not received	1720 CHURCH STREET	2
200011	Submission not received	2422 MAIN STREET	2
200025	Submission not received	2215 MAIN STREET	2
200053	Received but not in compliance	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
102120	Submission not received	817 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
105106	Submission not received	830 HINMAN AVENUE	3
105688	Submission not received	837 JUDSON AVENUE	3
108509	Submission not received	704 HINMAN AVENUE	3
108593	Submission not received	510 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
109090	Submission not received	408 LEE STREET	3
200024	Submission not received	525 KEDZIE STREET	3
200051	Submission not received	923 HINMAN AVENUE	3

200086	Submission not received	1207 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
102118	Submission not received	1501 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
103843	Submission not received	901 MAPLE AVENUE	4
104939	Submission not received	1406 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
106851	Submission not received	828 DAVIS STREET	4
107930	Submission not received	622 GROVE STREET	4
108013	Submission not received	1490 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
108344	Received but not in compliance	1454 ELMWOOD AVENUE	4
200023	Submission not received	990 GROVE STREET	4
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
107513	Submission not received	1615 EMERSON STREET	5
200030	Submission not received	2119 DEWEY AVENUE	5
200034	Submission not received	1610 FOSTER STREET	5
200062	Submission not received	2116 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
103863	Submission not received	3800 GLENVIEW ROAD	6
100045	Received but not in compliance	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD STREET	8
102616	Received but not in compliance	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
104774	Submission not received	250 RIDGE AVENUE	8
105357	Submission not received	223 CUSTER AVENUE	8
106104	Received but not in compliance	2255 HOWARD STREET	8
109006	Submission not received	114 CALLAN AVENUE	8
109255	Submission not received	2001 HOWARD STREET	8
200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
200029	Submission not received	300 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
200064	Submission not received	122 CALLAN AVENUE	8
100208	Submission not received	805 SEWARD STREET	9
100623	Submission not received	500 ASBURY AVENUE	9
101456	Submission not received	802 ELMWOOD AVENUE	9
105437	Submission not received	809 SEWARD STREET	9
105772	Submission not received	727 SEWARD STREET	9
109321	Submission not received	437 RIDGE AVENUE	9
109504	Submission not received	1720 MONROE STREET	9
109671	Submission not received	917 WASHINGTON STREET	9
200071	Submission not received	609 SOUTH BLVD	9
200078	Submission not received	721 CUSTER AVENUE	9

Memorandum

To:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:	Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject:	Weekly Zoning Report
Date:	10/30/2026

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: October 24, 2026 to October 29, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	1265 Hartrey Avenue	I2	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a computer processing center	09/16/26	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1000 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Proposal for the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new 8-story multi-family development containing 111 dwelling unitS.	10/19/26	pending staff review
4	1028 Greenleaf	R1	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1104 Dempster Street	R3	Building Permit	ADU	08/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	801 Main Street, 908 Sherman Avenue	B1, R3, oDM Overlay	Zoning Analysis	Proposal for a City-owned Putting Assets to Work (PAW) site consisting of one 5-story, 72-unit mixed use building along Main Street with ground-floor commercial space and apartments on the higher floors and 3 townhome buildings (16 units) with a mixture of for-sale and rental units. The proposal also includes the preservation of the existing multifamily building at 908 Sherman Ave.	10/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1909 Asbury Avenue	C2	Building Permit	ADU	08/17/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	906 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/09/26	pending revisions from the applicant
5	908 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/10/26	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2706 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Residence & Garage & New ADU	09/24/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2437 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/02/26	pending staff review
6	2612 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/07/26	pending additional information from the
6	2708 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	1-story Addition	10/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2506 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story Addition	10/28/26	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	Non-Compliant; pending additional information from the applicant OR future Planned Development application. Pending Landmark Nomination review by Historic Preservation Commission, Continued to 11/18/26
7	1114 Colfax St	R1	Building Permit	Garage	09/23/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	821 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	New Garage	06/30/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1208 Mulford Street	R2	Building Permit	2-Story Addition	10/13/26	pending staff review
9	1020 Cleveland Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	05/15/26	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

2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 26-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 360 dwelling units (76 units will be IHO units)	01/28/25	Pending Future City Council Meeting on 11/09/2026; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
2	1100 Dodge Avenue	C1	Planned Development	New 19,500 square-foot commercial indoor recreation facility (MetroSquash) consisting of squash courts, classrooms, administrative offices, and 18 onsite surface parking spaces.	08/25/26	pending additional information from the applicant
3	831 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Special Use and Major Variation	Special Use to allow a child daycare center within the existing building and Major Variations to allow construction of an outdoor play area on the roof of the building.	07/23/26	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee & City Council Meeting on 11/09/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
3	907 Edgemere Court	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a shed in an interior side yard	10/23/26	pending staff review
4	1100 Oak Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a backup generator to encroach into a required interior side setback	10/05/26	APPROVED
4	1546 Ridge Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a fence to be located within a front yard	10/05/26	pending staff review
4	1424 Lake Street	B1	Administrative Review Use	Admin review use to allow a type-2 restaurant (Backlot Coffee)	10/20/26	pending staff review
5	810 Hamlin Street	R5	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a new screened-in porch exceeding building lot coverage	10/01/26	pending staff review
5	1924-1926 Asbury Avenue	R5	Major Variations	Construction of a new 4-story multifamily building containing six dwelling units and the preservation of an existing two-flat residence.	10/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2622 Harrison Street	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a 3rd-story addition on s single-family home	10/28/26	pending staff review
7	2603 Sheridan Road	OS	Unique Adaptive Use & Major Variation	Unique adaptive reuse for the rehabilitation of the Harley Clarke Mansion. The proposal includes interior renovations to the mansion in order to accommodate a restaurant, ice cream shop, a speakeasy bar in the basement, and a club room on the third floor. The restaurant and space could also be reserved for events. The coach house will serve as a community education space supporting Jens Jensen Gardens. A major variation is also necessary in order to allow the construction of several new off-street parking spaces.	09/28/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Special Use and Text Amendment	Special Use to allow Evanston Grows to operate an urban farm at Elks Park	05/01/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission Meeting on 11/11/26
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Appeal	Appeal of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance approving an Evanston Grows garden as an accessory use	05/20/26	ON HOLD

City of Evanston

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: October 30, 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 cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

October 30 , 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	.All final inspections have been approved. Applied for FCO
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.
Ward 7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan field	New Construction	TCO issued for the whole stadium. FCO pending approval.
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 5	2206 Maple Avenue 25BLDC-0003	New construction of a 5 story/30 unit apartment 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	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 1	605 Davis Street	Construction of a new 29-story multi-unit high-rise.	New Construction	Temporary Construction Fence Installed Demolition permit issued
Ward 2	900 Clark Street	New 26-story Mixed Use Development with Ground Floor Commercial space and 360 Dwelling Units.	New Construction	Temporary Construction Fence Installed. Demolition permit issued.

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Oct 23, 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 new BP, Reviews, Inspections, FCO
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Fire Insp and FCO
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending Inspection and FCO
1	523 Davis St.	Lolo's Bowl	7/1/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
6	2945 Central St.	Colectivo Coffee Roasters	7/20/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
3	900 Chicago St. Unit 101	B.U. PANINI & TOAST	8/20/26	Pending Reviews; Inspections; FCO
2	1824 Crain St.	Argos American Bistro	8/25/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1710 Sherman Ave.	Talkin Tacos	9/9/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	1557 Sherman Ave.	Boca Brava	9/18/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1709 Benson Ave.	Living Water Tea House	9/24/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Alleyway Grill	10/01/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
4	1424 Lake St.	Backlot Coffee	10/20/26	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: October 30, 2026

There are no pending liquor license applications to report for this week.

Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Audrey Thompson, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Jeron Dorsey, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Matt Poole, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Michael Callahan, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Subject: Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department Weekly Report (Week of Oct 30 through Nov 7)

Date: October 30, 2026

Please find the weekly report for the PRCS Department. The enclosed provides details of upcoming department-sponsored events, city-wide special events with applicable permits, and any parks/recreation-related

PRCS events:

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Details
Oct 30	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Trunk or Treat in the Robert Crown Center parking lot	2nd	Trunks of cars are decorated for halloween as kids trick or treat for candy
Oct 30	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Nightmare on Foster St. at Fleetwood Jourdain Center	5th	Explore a haunted house and enjoy Halloween crafts at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Oct 30	4:00pm - 7:00pm	Trick or Treat on Howard St with costume contest and screening of Hocus Pocus on Callan from Howard to the alley	8th	Rogers Park Business Alliance and Howard St Evanston SSA	Street Closure, Loudspeaker

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
Oct 21	Bent Park	6th	Tennis Court Open
Oct 27-29	Clyde Brummel	8th	Playground Rebuild

Recreation Programs Update:

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Community Services Updates

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DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2026

The Invitations Are Out – RSVP Today for the NWMC Holiday Celebration!

In lieu of the December NWMC Board meeting, the Conference will host a complimentary holiday celebration for members, legislators and guests. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in *Niles*. Formal invitations have been sent, so please RSVP your attendance to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org by Monday, November 30. *Staff contact: Marina Durso*

NWMC Files Comments on Proposed U.S. Census Changes

On Wednesday, the NWMC Legislative Committee approved formal comments expressing concerns with the impact of a proposed rule affecting how the 2030 U.S. Census will be conducted. Proposed changes include who will be counted for congressional district apportionment, how residency would be determined and what demographic information could be collected. We previously reported that the U.S. Census Bureau is accepting public comment (link to submit comments) through Monday, November 2.

The census count determines a community's federal representation and is the baseline that states and localities use to redraw legislative and council districts. Census data underpins the formulas that distribute hundreds of billions of dollars a year in federal and state funding for community priorities, such as community development, transportation, housing assistance and education.

The National League of Cities (NLC) and Illinois Municipal League (IML) have raised the concern that the proposed changes could serve as deterrents to an accurate count of all households and individuals served by local government operations and services, and their contributions to local economies. The NLC has a template letter available here and the IML previously submitted comments regarding the proposed rule. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Don't Be Caught Short – The SPC Has Road Salt Solutions

As previously reported, after a major supplier of road salt chose not to submit a bid to the Illinois Department of Central Management this summer, several municipalities contacted the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) to explore alternative suppliers. Thanks to the SPC's strategic partnership with Sourcewell, we are pleased to advise that their vendor Safeware has a solution for regular rock salt (not treated salt).

Each entity will be quoted separately based on their specific need. To order, your entity must be registered with Sourcewell, so if you are not already registered, please visit www.sourcewell-mn.gov/register to fill out the brief form. End users will receive an official Sourcewell account number and will be eligible to use all Sourcewell contracts.

When ordering, please provide point of contact information with name, phone and email. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Safeware Senior Territory Manager Kurt Wilhelm, kwilhelm@safewareinc.com, 301-683-1234 (office) or 847-505-9089 (cell). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Sourcewell Awards New Contracts

Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative's (SPC) strategic alliance with Sourcewell, members now have access to additional contracts recently awarded following competitive solicitations for:

- Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services | Sourcewell
- Fleet Leasing and Vehicle Management Services | Sourcewell
- Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Municipal Pumping Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies | Sourcewell
- Snow and Ice Handling Equipment, Supplies, and Accessories | Sourcewell

Please note, the SPC also has Sewer Cleaning Truck Contracts for 10 Yard (#216) and 12 Yard (#215) Vac-Con Single Engine Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner Trucks with EJ Equipment**.** For questions or additional information, please contact Regional Sales Manager Eric LeSage, eric@ejequipment.com, 800-522-2808 (office) or 815-370-3549 (cell).

Sourcewell's new offerings and all awarded contracts are designed to expand purchasing options and provide tailored solutions delivered through local dealers or representatives. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing offers choice, value, and peace of mind. As always, participation is free for eligible public agencies, with no obligation to purchase. Not sure if your agency is registered with Sourcewell? Use the agency lookup tool to locate your Account number and Sourcewell contact. Whether you're new to Sourcewell or simply ready to identify options, please visit their website to get started.

For more information about Sourcewell or their contracts, please contact staff or Sourcewell Government Accounts Team Member Lindsey Pafford, lindsey.pafford@sourcewll-mn.gov or 218-881-3487. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Plan Now for the NWMC Winter Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The live NWMC Winter Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for December 15 at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale right up to the morning of the auction day.

While this is the final live NWMC auction for the year, America's AA also hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions . Please remember that a portion of the proceeds helps support the organization's operations. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Sales Executive Manager Kasey Salameh, Kasey.salameh@Americasaa.com, 708-389-4488 (office) or 708-953-3069 (mobile). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Reminder: Submit Ballot to Elect Eric Palm as IMRF Executive Trustee

As reported last week, the NWMC Board unanimously approved supporting the candidacy of *Hoffman Estates Village Manager Eric Palm* (click here for Mr. Palm's bio) for the position of Executive Trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). By now, authorized agents or governing bodies of IMRF employers should have received ballots to elect one Executive Trustee to serve a five-year term from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2031. Ballots must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Mount Prospect Receives Federal Grant for Railway Enforcement

The Federal Railroad Administration recently announced its 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) project selections. Congratulations to the *Village of Mount Prospect*, who was the only municipality in Illinois to receive a CRISI grant. The village will utilize the funding for targeted trespass enforcement along the Union Pacific and Metra railway corridors. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Pace Releases Draft ReVision Plan for Public Comment

Pace has released the Draft ReVision Plan, which proposes a 50% service improvement through increased frequencies, additional night and weekend service, and changes to route layouts throughout Chicagoland. Communities can encourage residents, visitors, and riders to complete the online public survey in English or Spanish, attend a community event pop-up, or attend a virtual open house on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. The plan will be presented to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) for future planning following the public input process. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Metra Releases Draft Systemwide Network Plan, Requests Public Comment

Metra has unveiled its Draft Systemwide Network Plan (SNP), a vision that moves Metra toward its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan goal of a regional rail network. The SNP identifies service changes and system improvements to create a regional model that allows improved travel throughout Chicagoland. The SNP can be viewed here, and Metra is encouraging feedback via its online comment form. Additionally, Metra will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. The registration link will be available on Metra's SNP webpage. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Nicor to Host Virtual Energy Assistance Fair

From Nicor Gas:
Nicor Gas believes every family deserves reliable and affordable energy. As part of our ongoing commitment to empowering our customers with options that promote affordability and efficiency, Nicor Gas is hosting a free virtual fair on Wednesday, November 4th from 5-6:30 p.m. to educate customers across our footprint about available energy efficiency and assistance tools. These free offerings will help members of your community lower their bills, save energy and find money-saving opportunities.

This online event will provide resources to help you uncover free energy-saving opportunities to be more efficient in your home, connect you with billing assistance options and engage with organizations that can provide you with essential community services. Register today at https://nicorgas.swoogo.com/virtual_fair_nov-4-2026. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

PBIC Releases "Being Smart About Micromobility" Community Guide on Youth Safety

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) has developed a guide for communities on how to address youth safety amidst the increased use of micromobility devices. Being Smart About Micromobility is an information brief that covers the basics of what is micromobility, the importance of it as a transportation tool, special considerations regarding youth usage, safety trends and existing issues, as well as youth-targeted micromobility strategies that municipalities across the United States are implementing to address safety concerns. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

NACTO Releases Latest Transit Street Design Guide

Communities interested in providing transit-friendly streets in neighborhoods and downtowns can now pick up the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Transit Street Design Guide. Available online for free, the Transit Street Design Guide shows how to build transit-focused streets in a variety of urban contexts and right-of-way sizes, as well as how to manage related infrastructure like stormwater runoff, bicycle parking, and wayfinding. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MWRD to Host Green Infrastructure Partnership Program Webinar on Monday

From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD):
MWRD will host a virtual webinar on November 2 at 11 a.m. to help prospective applicants navigate its Green Infrastructure Partnership Program. The session will explain program requirements, outline the per-gallon reimbursement structure, and offer practical guidance on completing the preapplication form, with time for questions during a live Q&A. Registration is available via Zoom, with additional details on the event homepage. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

MWRD & IDNR to Host Government to Government Workshop

From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD):
Local and state leaders are invited to join the MWRD and Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources on Wed., November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 2nd annual Government to Government Workshop to be held at the Town of Cicero Community Center, 4936 W. 23rd St., Cicero. This workshop is designed to strengthen intergovernmental coordination across local, county, and state agencies. Participants will discuss communication protocols, points of contact, and procedures to follow before, during and after flooding events to enhance community preparedness and response. Other participants include representatives from the IL Dept. of Public Health, IL EPA, IL Dept. of Insurance, IL Emergency Management Agency, Cook County Emergency Management, and more. You can register for the event here. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Sun-Times: The new transit authority has unprecedented power to develop land. How could this change your neighborhood?

NBC5 Chicago: First part of new tollway in Chicago suburbs opens to traffic

Chicago Tribune: Trump proposes eliminating race, ethnicity questions from 2030 census, alarming health, civil

rights advocates

Daily Herald: It's projected to cost ComEd $3.1 billion to connect data centers to the grid

Route Fifty: AI has brought 'breathing room' for small governments, leaders say

Route Fifty: Pilot programs need permanence, not just an initial 'bang,' officials say

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Managers Committee will meet on Friday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the *South Barrington Village Hall*.

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

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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