



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: April 17, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for April 13, 2026 – April 17, 2026

City Manager's Office

Weekly Federal Activity Update
Weekly Bids Advertised

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report
Weekly Field Inspection Report

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, April 20, 2026

No Meetings

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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

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

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

5:00 PM: [Economic Development Committee](#)

7:00 PM: [Land Use Commission](#)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

6:30 PM: [Environment Board](#)

Friday, April 24, 2026

No Meetings

Check the City's Calendar for updates

[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

[City of Evanston – Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Commander Chelsea Brown, Executive Officer
Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update
Date: April 17, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Hitesh Desai, CFO/ City Treasurer
Tammi Nunez, Purchasing Manager

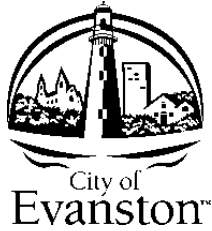
Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of April 13, 2026

Date: April 17, 2026

The following is a list of advertised projects, and the anticipated date each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of April 13, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
City of Evanston Zoning Update	Community Development	The City of Evanston's Community Development Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms to submit a written proposal for the City of Evanston's Zoning Update.	TBD	06/02	07/13
Levy Center Kitchen Remodel	Public Works Agency	Work on this project includes improvements to the Levy Center Kitchen, located at 200 Dodge Ave, Evanston, Illinois.	\$500,000.00	05/12	06/08



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 04/17/2026

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. 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 and Pending, April 9, 2026 to April 15, 2026

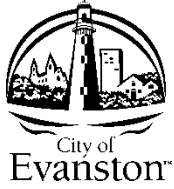
Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
1	1632 Sheridan Road	R1	Zoning Analysis	New Garage and ADU Addition	04/07/26	pending staff review
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 staff review
2	1600 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	04/15/26	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 also includes the building and parking lot at 827-829 Chicago Ave.	01/12/26	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1018 Michigan Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	04/13/26	pending staff review
4	1009 Wesley Avenue #4	R3	Building Permit	New Carport	01/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1112 Lake Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	1st Floor Addition	03/17/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	New Garage	02/10/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
5	828 Noyes Street	B1	Zoning Analysis	Applicant proposes to redevelop first floor of an existing mixed-use building to add eight (8) more residential units, and shrink the current retail frontage from 3,200sf to 1,800sf	04/13/26	pending staff review
6	2726 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	02/23/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
6	2701 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	2nd Story Addition	03/25/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
6	2737 Highland Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Proposal to allow a driveway and open parking pad in a front yard when an alley is present	03/25/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
6	2731 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to existing 2-flat	03/30/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2440 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Attached Garage	04/07/26	pending staff review
6	3233 - 3249 Central Street	R4, oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Proposal to construct 10 townhomes including 1 Inclusionary Housing Unit	04/15/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2812 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	1st Floor Addition	04/10/26	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 revisions/additional information from the applicant
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 revisions from applicant
7	2235 Campus Drive	U3	Zoning Analysis	Proposal to allow the Chicago Stars to play an average of 16 matches at Martin Field on the Northwestern campus for their 2027 season.	03/17/26	pending staff review
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	04/13/26	pending staff review
7	2143 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage	04/15/26	pending staff review

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	1707 Benson Avenue	D2	Administrative Review Use	Administrative Review Use for a private karakoe commercial establishment	03/25/26	approved
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 staff review
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 staff review
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	pending staff review
4	740 Main Street	B2, oCSC	Special Use	Establishment of a new veterinary clinic in an existing ground floor space	03/03/26	Pending future Land Use Commission public hearing on 04/22/2026
4	1450 Sherman Avenue	D4	Administrative Review Use	Admin review use to allow ground floor office uses. This project is developing and providing 25 individual and private professional working suites to other small business owners in the beauty and wellness industries.	04/02/26	pending staff review
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	Pending future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 04/27/2026
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 additional information from the applicant
6	2428 Ewing Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Accessory use/structure, patio, located within the required street side yard setback and between the building line and principal structure	03/24/26	determination after 04/10/26
6	1934 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Deck and pergola located in a front yard and a reduction in the required separation between a principal structure and accessory structure	03/25/26	pending staff review
6	2701 Harrison Street	R1	Minor Variation	Rear setback and 2nd story addition	04/10/26	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
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



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: David Wilson, Combination Building Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: April, 17 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

Friday, April 17, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Job Description	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Most Recent Inspection Received
1	2169 Campus Drive 24BLDC-0005	New Kellog Center	New Construction	No changes. MEP inspections continues. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.	Mechanical-Rough Reinsp. Req'd 4/16/2026
4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Construction Of A New Two Story Theatre	Assembly	No changes. MEP inspections continues. Temporary bike lane is in place. The alleyway has been closed with offsite parking provided for residents	Structural-Rough Fee & Reinsp. Req'd 4/16/2026
1	1621 Chicago Avenue 25BLDC-0005	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 11 STORY (110 dwelling unit) RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING	New Construction	No changes. Construction fence installed. Construction Permit Pending.	No Inspections At This Time 4/16/2026
*	Truck Route	*	*	No changes. Street sweeping continues. Truck route continues to monitored for speed and debris.	* 4/16/2026

7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan StadiumCore+Shell	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.	Electrical-rough Complies	4/16/2026
3	504 South Boulevard 23BLDC-0002	New 5 story apartment building providing 60 units	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Vibration monitoring continues.	Structural-Rough Complies	4/16/2026
2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	Conversion Of Existing Industrial Building To 8 Residential Units	Remodeling and New Construction	MEP inspections continue.	Structural-Rough & Reinsp. Req'd Fee	4/16/2026
7	2305 Sheridan Road 25INTC-0209	Interior Renovation Of Existing 4 Story With Basement R-2 Dormitory	Renoavtion	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place with proper signage.	Electrical-Rough Complies	4/16/2026
3	819 Judson Avenue 24BLDC-0001	New Construction Of A Four Unit Building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place.	Structural-Rough Fee & Reinsp. Req'd	4/16/2026
4	910 Custer Ave 25BLDC-0002	Construction of a New Five-Story Residential Multifamily Building	New Construction	Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.	Structural-Rough Complies	4/16/2026



Memorandum

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: April 17, 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 and Inspections
1	817 Noyes	Fred's Bread	4/9/25	Pending Final Inspections
8	743 Howard	Zion African Market	6/12/25	Pending Health Review and Inspections
5	1600 Simpson	Foster School	5/12/25	Pending Health Review and Inspections
7	1921 Central	Tallgrass	4/17/25	Pending Reviews and Inspections
7	1030 Central St	Canal Shores Outdoor Patio	9/11/25	Pending 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
5	1608 Emerson St	Asli Fried Chicken Corp	1/7/26	Pending 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 Zoning Approval
4	1010 Church St	The Addled Bunny	4/8/26	Pending Building Permit, 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: April 17, 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 April 17, 2026

Annual License

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS FOR LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
1	Everest Indian Cuisine	630 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24
1	Local Note Jazz Club	1726 Sherman Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	E	Entertainment Venue (Small)	11 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Thu); 11 a.m. — 2 a.m. (Fri-Sat); 12 p.m. — 1 a.m. (Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24
1	Pizzeria Deville	1527 Chicago Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24
1	Fred's Bread Bakery & Café	817 Noyes St. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24
4	Taste of Nepal	610 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24

4	The Addled Bunny	1010 Church St. Evanston, IL 60201	C	Restaurant	7 a.m. — 1 a.m. (Mon-Wed); 7 a.m. — 2a.m. (Thur-Sun)	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board meeting on April 24
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One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
1	Downtown Evanston	1601 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201	Z-5	Alcoholic Beverages	July 9, 2026, July 16, 2026, July 23, 2026, July 30, 2026, August 6, 2026, August 13, 2026, August 20, 2026, August 27, 2026, September 3, 2026	Licenses issued
7	Jaime Migdal	2024 N. McCormick, Evanston, IL 60201	Z-4	Alcoholic Beverages	May 2, 2026	License issued



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2026

RSVP Today 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*

Auction Recap – Thank You!

The first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction of 2026 was held on Tuesday at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Glenview, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Prospect Heights, Skokie, Alsip, Crete, Elburn, Flossmoor, Homewood, North Aurora, South Chicago Heights, South Holland, Tinley Park and Woodridge* for making the auction a success! All eighty-six units sold with preliminary sales figures of \$273,330 or 136% over last year's spring auction total of \$115,750!

The next NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment live auctions will be held at noon on July 14, October 13 and December 15. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For more information, please contact staff or America's AA Sales Executive Manager Kasey Salameh, 708-389-4488 (office), 708-953-3069 (mobile) or Kasey.salameh@Americasaa.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Approves Lane Marking Contract Extension

As previously reported, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has approved the second of three possible, one-year contract extensions on the SPC 2026-2027 [Thermoplastic &/or Urethane Lane Marking Material and Labor Road Marking Program](#) (Contract #229) to High Star Traffic/dba Superior Road Striping of *Bartlett*. The contract extension runs from April 12, 2026 through April 11, 2027 and contains the following price increases:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	2025 PRICES	2026 PRICES
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Letter & Symbols	SF	\$5.11	\$5.26
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking - 4" Line	FT	\$0.75	\$0.77
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking - 6" Line	FT	\$0.97	\$1.00
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking - 8" Line	FT	\$1.29	\$1.33
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking - 12" Line	FT	\$2.15	\$2.21
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking - 24" Line	FT	\$5.11	\$5.26
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Removal Grinding	SF	\$0.38	\$0.39
Urethane Pavement Marking Letter & Symbols	SF	\$5.38	\$5.54
Urethane Pavement Marking - 4" Line	FT	\$0.70	\$0.72
Urethane Pavement Marking - 6" Line	FT	\$1.08	\$1.11
Urethane Pavement Marking - 8" Line	FT	\$1.61	\$1.66
Urethane Pavement Marking - 12" Line	FT	\$2.15	\$2.21
Urethane Pavement Marking - 24" Line	FT	\$5.38	\$5.54
Preform Thermoplastic Bike Marking/Chevron	EA	\$376.25	\$376.25
Pavement Marking Removal - Grinding	SF	\$0.38	\$0.39

Superior Road Striping agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in the specifications contained within the Request for Proposals. Please note that this award is not in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, so participating communities will not be utilizing Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. However, Superior Road Striping must comply with all IDOT rules and regulations, as well as prevailing wage and certified payroll.

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Striping Division Administrator Kim Kudelka, 630-

Additional SPC Vehicle Contract Updates – May Cut-Off Dates for 2026 Ford Police Interceptors and Ford Explorers

Currie Fleet has provided the SPC with the following new updates on vehicle production:

- 2026 [Ford Police Interceptor Utility](#) (Contract #204) orders are still being accepted. Production had been expected until June, but we have been notified that the order cut-off date is now May 1. There is a potential 5-month delay for regular gas and eco-boost 2027 models. To bridge the delay, Currie Motors will have gasoline units in stock and available on a first-come, first-served basis. 2027 price list/order forms will be posted on the SPC website as soon as they become available.
- 2026 [Ford Explorer](#) (Contract #231) factory order cut-off date is May 1.
- 2026 [Ford F-150 Police Responder](#) (Contract #232) orders will be honored through the end of model year production. The SPC has requested a 2027 model year rollover on the contract from Ford.

And, as previously reported, Currie Fleet provided the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) with the following updates on vehicle production:

- Production of 2026 [Ford Transit Vans](#) (Contract #207) for Full Size Van, Passenger Wagon and E-Transit order acceptance continues until the May 8 factory order cut-off date. Updated price lists/order forms on the SPC Vans page reflect the new order cut-off date.
- The 2027 [Ford Expedition](#) (Contract #233) order bank is open and the updated price lists/order form is on the SPC Sport Utility Vehicles page.
- The anticipated order cut-off date for the 2026 Chevrolet [Silverado Police Pursuit Vehicle](#) (Contract # 234) will likely be late April. The 2027 start-up date is expected to be greatly delayed due to plant retooling.
- Production of the Chevrolet [Silverado 2500](#) (Contract #218) continues, with a factory ordered cut-off expected in late May or early June.

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Currie Fleet Municipal Sales Manager Tom Sullivan, 815-464-9200 or tsullivan@curriemotors.com. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

SPC Invites you to Sign Up for No Cost Sourcewell AI Solutions Pilot Program

The SPC has been selected to have members participate in a new AI Solutions Pilot Program through our alliance with Sourcewell. This is a no-cost, no obligation pilot program that your agency may opt into anytime now through August.

It's hard to navigate the rapidly evolving world of AI solutions and suppliers. Sourcewell Ventures invites you to join a no-cost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Marketplace pilot, designed to help public agencies more easily explore and evaluate the latest AI solutions.

Why participate? As a pilot participant, your agency will have the opportunity to:

- Explore emerging AI tools and use cases with minimal effort or commitment
- Explore AI solutions in a learning-focused environment without sales pressure
- Validate whether a marketplace model could benefit governments more broadly
- Influence how Sourcewell supports agencies adopting AI Participants will receive access to a digital marketplace experience that allows you to:
 - Browse curated AI use cases, solutions and supplier offerings
 - Access learning content, videos, and real-world examples
 - Request quotes or initiate purchases where applicable

There is no expectation to purchase, adopt, or integrate any solution.

What is asked of participants? The time commitment is minimal, and participation can happen at your convenience:

- 30–60-minute onboarding session
- Explore the AI Marketplace as much as you'd like, on your own time
- Participation in two short surveys over a few months
- Participation in a one-hour discussion, at your convenience

Please sign up using the QR code below, or through the SPC website by visiting the [AI Marketplace Pilot Flyer](#).



For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Sourcewell Account Managers Aaron Peterson, 218-541-5299 or Aaron.Peterson@sourcewell-mn.gov, or Nicole Allen 224-661-1825 or Nicole.Allen@sourcewell-mn.gov. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Cook County Offering ITEP Support

From the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways:

The Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) and Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) are offering free support to help fifteen suburban Cook County municipalities submit strong, competitive ITEP applications, including one-on-one coaching and work plan (including three sessions with ATA staff), help in developing your application narrative, support gathering data, maps and community input, and peer learning with other communities.

Additionally, seven participating communities will receive \$2,000 to fund small-scale safe streets improvements like pedestrian crossing signage or bike racks. Eligible applicants must be suburban Cook County municipalities or partners, communities planning to apply for ITEP in 2026, teams ready to commit to the process (June through September support and virtual trainings), with priority given to [CMAP Cohort 3 & 4](#) communities. To request technical assistance on your 2026 ITEP application, please complete the [request form](#) by Monday, May 11, and visit the [project page](#) for more information. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MWRD Stormwater Resources & Engagement Opportunities

As previously reported, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is offering several resources and opportunities for partners to stay informed, provide input and support effective stormwater management efforts across the region. Partners are encouraged to complete the [Stormwater Partnership Survey](#) to provide feedback on MWRD's programs and help guide future improvements, priorities, and funding approaches.

To stay up to date on program announcements, funding opportunities, and partnership news, stakeholders can join the [MWRD Partnerships Mailing List](#). MWRD also maintains [Stormwater Central GeoHub](#), a centralized online platform offering interactive maps, data and planning tools to assist communities in identifying and advancing stormwater projects. In addition, MWRD provides a range of [education and outreach resources](#), including publications, technical materials and facility tours that support public awareness and adoption of best practices in water management. Together, these tools provide valuable ways for municipalities and stakeholders to engage with MWRD, access technical resources and help shape the future of regional stormwater programs. For questions, please contact Eric Czarnota, eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org or Mark Castillo, CastilloM@mwrld.org. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

Be a Bicycle-Friendly Community!

The League of American Bicyclists is accepting Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) applications through 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

Spend Five Days in June With CMAP! Students Invited to Apply for Future Leaders in Planning

From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):

Today's high school students will be tomorrow's northeastern Illinois' leaders. Do you want to learn how the decisions that shape our region are made? Spend five days in June with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) as part of the [Future Leaders in Planning \(FLIP\)](#) summer program!

CMAP seeks high school students from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties who want to learn about urban planning and our region and share ideas about how to make northeastern Illinois a better place to live, go to school, work, and play.

When: five-day 2026 FLIP program will take place over two weeks from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day

- Week 1: June 23, 24, 25, 26 (Tuesday – Friday)
- Week 2: June 30 (Tuesday)

Where: Students will meet at CMAP's office at the Old Post Office in downtown Chicago ([433 W. Van Buren St.](#)).

The program is fully in person, and it will include field trips. The program is completely free to students, and includes snacks, meals, public transportation to and from sessions, and materials. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 1. [Apply to be part of the 2026 FLIP cohort](#). Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson

Newsy Items of the Week

Crain's Chicago Business: [Suburban office inventory is shrinking. But vacancy is hitting new highs.](#)

Daily Herald: ['This group made it happen': Firefighting training center 25 years in the making opens at Harper College](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Gov. JB Pritzker's ambitious housing plan for Illinois: More four-flats, looser rules](#)

Crain's Chicago Business: [Over 200 for-sale homes coming to Highland Park's long-empty Solo Cup factory site](#)

Evanston RoundTable: [City launches new phase of Sidewalk Safety Initiative](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Friday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. at the *Palatine Village Hall*.

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