



# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: May 22, 2026

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Weekly Report for May 18, 2026 – May 22, 2026

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NWMC Weekly Report

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

**Monday, May 25, 2026**

Memorial Day – City Offices Closed

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

4:45 PM: [Rules Committee](#)

5:00 PM: [Administration & Public Works Committee](#)

5:30 PM: [City Council](#)

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

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

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

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

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

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

No Meetings

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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 22, 2026

On May 20, 2026, information was received indicating that The Daily Northwestern published an update at approximately 5:05 p.m. referencing an ICIRR alert issued at 4:52 p.m. The alert stated that ICE agents were reportedly observed at the Walgreens located near Green Bay Road and Simpson Street in Evanston at approximately 4:20 p.m.

In response, personnel responded to the location to attempt to verify the report. Three Walgreens employees were contacted and advised that they did not observe any immigration-related activity at the store. It was further learned that an off-duty employee had contacted the store advising staff that an ICIRR alert had circulated; however, on-site personnel were unable to substantiate the information. An internal review was also conducted, which confirmed that no calls for service related to immigration enforcement activity at that location were received.



# Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

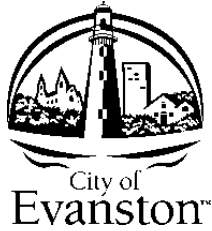
Subject: Bids/ RFPs/ RFQs Advertised during the Week of May 18, 2026

Date: May 22, 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 May 18, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Evanston Dog Beach ADA Access Design/Build	Public Works Agency	The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms to construct an ADA- compliant access to the existing Evanston Dog Beach located east of Church Street along Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois.	\$650,000	06/23	09/14
Traffic Signal Improvements Project	Public Works Agency	Work on this project includes traffic signal improvements, including fiber optic interconnect; sidewalk and curb ramp replacement; installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS); pavement patching adjacent to curb ramp improvements; parkway restoration; and related incidental work on various streets.	\$1,800,000.00	06/23	07/27



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: 05/22/2026

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](mailto:ewilliams@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Cases Received , Pending, or in Process of Review between: May 14, 2026 to May 22, 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
2	1319 Church Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Conversion of Attic into Home Office	05/19/26	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	2441 Marcy Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Enclosed Patio	05/19/26	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 additional information from the applicant OR future Planned Development
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
9	1020 Cleveland Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	05/15/26	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	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
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	APPROVED
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	APPROVED
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
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Unified Sign Plan	Sign Plan for Northwestern's Kirkpatrick Softball Stadium, no scoreboard	05/13/26	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 Future Land Use Commission hearing on 06/10/26

End of Worksheet



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector  
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report  
Date: May, 22 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.

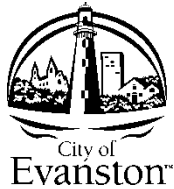
Please contact me at [cradoescu@cityofevanston.org](mailto:cradoescu@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

# Weekly Field Inspection Report

May 22, 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	MEP inspections continue.

			New Construction	
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.



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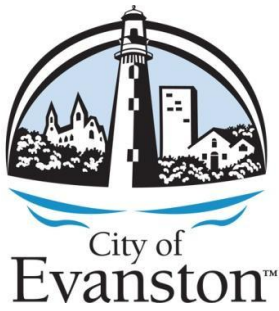
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: May 22, 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 Building Permit, 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 Inspections and FCO
8	337 Howard St	501 Belizean Cuisine	3/17/26	Issued/Active
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 22, 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

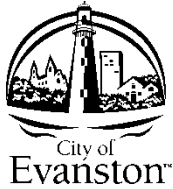
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of May 22, 2026

### 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
8	City of Evanston – Parks & Recreation Department	2133 Mulford St. Evanston, IL 60201	Z-5	Alcoholic Beverages	May 22-24, 2026	Licenses issued
8	Luis Murillo	300 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z-4	Alcoholic Beverages	June 7, 2026	License issued



# 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 (May 22 - May 30)

**Date:** May 22, 2026

Please find the weekly report for the PRCS Department. The enclosed provides details of upcoming department-sponsored events, special events with applicable permits, and any park or facility-related updates, as well as highlights from the community services division.

**PRCS events:**

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Details
May 23	7:00pm	Fleetwood-Jourdain Theater: Gee's Bend (Opening Day)	1st	Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre in partnership with Evanston Public Library presents "Gee's Bend": May 23 - June 7
May 23 & 30	1:00pm-4:00pm	Fleetwood Jourdain Mural	5th	Community painting activities will take place as residents, families, and youth work alongside the artist to contribute to designated portions of the mural. As part of the project's community-centered approach, participants will receive guidance and instruction on painting techniques. Community members will also assist with glazing and painting mural medallions.
May 30	9:00am - 11:00am	Parks Tour	Various	Join the Department as it visits 10 parks and playgrounds in preparation of making recommendations for the upcoming five-year CIP plan. Board bus at 8:45am at Robert Crown; Tour begins promptly at 9am

### Special Events with applicable permits

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
May 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	Chicago Veterans Ruck March at Dawes Park	1st	Chicago Veterans	Park, Loudspeaker, Food
May 22-24	8:00am-9:00pm	Express Memorial Day Tournament	8th	Evanston Baseball/ Softball Assoc.	Athletic Field, Park
May 25	10:30am - 11:30am	Memorial Day Ceremony at Fountain Square	1st	Evanston American Legion Post 42	Park, Loudspeaker
May 29	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Gaffield Palooza at Philbrick Park	5th	Hope Ignites Chicago	Parking, Tent, Stage, Park, Liquor, Loudspeaker, Food
May 30	12:00pm - 5:00pm	Umbrella Arts Festival on Sherman from Church to Davis	1st	Evanston Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander American	Street Closure, Tent, Stage, Loudspeaker, Food
May 30	12:30pm - 4:30pm	Bird Buzz Plant Sale Pick up at Civic Center parking lot	5th	Evanston Environment Assoc.	Parking
May 30	9:00am - 3:00pm	Backyard Botanicals Plant Sale at Ackerman Park	6th	Evanston Garden Council	Park

### Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
N/A	Ackerman Park	6th	Push brooms will be installed at the tennis court during the week of May 25th. Other racket courts will be scheduled for installation of brooms in the coming month. Sometimes the leaves accumulate before the Greenways team has had the opportunity to make it to the courts. Providing players some means to clear the courts, at least so court play can begin, will be helpful and is a welcome practice in other area districts/ departments
Ongoing	All Evanston Beaches	1st 3rd 7th	All beaches are ready to officially open on Saturday, May 23rd, following a series of extensive seasonal updates. Visitors will find fully repaired fencing, freshly graded sand, and newly installed Mobi-Mats across all locations to ensure complete accessibility. Additionally, mechanical beach cleaners began servicing the shores this week to ensure the waterfront is pristine for opening day.
Ongoing	Beck Park	5th	Playground equipment is currently being installed so improvements are really starting to take shape.

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
May 22 and ongoing	Bent	6th	Construction fencing and advisory signs are now installed for the upcoming pesticide treatment. Weather permitting, application begins Friday, May 22. This work will deliver an improved playing field for community sports using products that meet the city's resolution requirements.
May 25 - 29	Garden Park	3rd	The poured-in-place rubber playground surfacing has sustained damage and is scheduled for repair within the coming week
Ongoing	Grey Park	4th	The park remains fenced off both inside and outside the dedicated off-leash dog area. This temporary closure ensures the new root system can establish itself fully before handling foot traffic. The Greenways team will reevaluate the area's readiness in 6 to 8 weeks.
May/June	Megowen Park	1st	Playground rubber surfacing replacement to begin in late May and end in early June. Playgrounds will be closed during construction.
	Noah's Playground		
	Penny Park		The tire swing and toddler swing are out of service. Replacement parts are on order and will be installed immediately upon arrival.
Summer start date through Spring of 2027	All parks	All Wards	The Department is working with the CIP team to secure funding for standardized park rules signs approved by the Law Department. Current citywide signage is inconsistent and reactive. To ensure uniformity, the Department will install the new signs in phases: first along the lakefront, then in community parks, and finally in neighborhood parks.
N/A	Twiggs Park	5	While park drinking fountains are now fully operational citywide, the units at Twiggs Park remain out of service. The contractor is actively working to resolve the issue for full functionality.

### Fleet/Facility-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
May 21	n/a	n/a	CARE Team vehicles delivered for logo wrapping.

### Recreation Updates

- The [Spring Guide](#) is now available. These programs will be offered by the Department from March to Memorial Day.
- The [Summer Guide](#) is also available. Registration for those programs opened on April 13. Most of these programs will run from early June to Labor Day.

### Community Services Updates

- The CARE Team will visit permitted special events during their shift to promote community engagement and permit compliance.

**Other Notable Updates**

- Following the approval of the revised Honorary Street Name Sign Program, Public Works Administration staff will begin removing current honorary signs that have been in place for more than ten years. This removal process will take place over the next 30 days. To permanently preserve the legacy of these individuals, a dedicated webpage honoring the retired sign recipients will launch concurrently with the removals.

Please check out more [Upcoming Parks and Recreation Programs and Events](#).

Please check out the Parks and Recreation Board Monthly Report [PRB Monthly Report \(April\)](#).



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2026**

## ***On This Memorial Day – We Remember and Thank Those Who Gave Their Lives in Service to Our Nation***

### ***Editor's Notes:***

The NWMC offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

As a reminder, 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. 3) should you need assistance on those days. Thank you.

### ***TODAY's the Day to RSVP for the 2026 NWMC Gala!***

TODAY is the deadline 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 to Marina Durso, [mdurso@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mdurso@nwmc-cog.org) or 847-296-9200. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Marina Durso*

### ***Mark Your Calendars for the 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](mailto:edayan@nwmc-cog.org). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***MMC Releases Home Grown Housing Strategies***

*From the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC):*

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>. Staff contact: Mark Fowler

### ***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 Monday, June 29, with award announcements anticipated in the Fall. 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

### ***Newsy Items of the Week***

*Daily Herald:* [Rookie suburban mayors navigate growth, conflict and change during first year](#)

*Pioneer Press:* [Skokie mayor floats ‘preliminary talks’ of CTA Yellow Line extension](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Schaumburg police erase staffing shortage after overhauling hiring process](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Convenience or concern? Projections of thousands of flying packages worry some suburbs as Amazon pitches drone deliveries](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Buffalo Grove ranked best place to live in Illinois by U.S. News & World Report. Here’s who else made the list](#)

*Suburban Bicycling Chicago:* [Bike infrastructure work in 2026: 3 bridges; Cook, Lake, O’Hare-area roads](#)

### ***Meetings and Events***

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

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