



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: June 26, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for June 15, 2026 – June 26, 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

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Weekly Events Report

Clerk's Office

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Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Report

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

Monday, June 29, 2026

No Meetings

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

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

Thursday, July 2, 2026

9:00 AM: [Reparations Committee](#)

Friday, July 3, 2026

July 4th Holiday Observed – City Offices Closed

Check the City's Calendar for updates

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City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

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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: June 19, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.



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

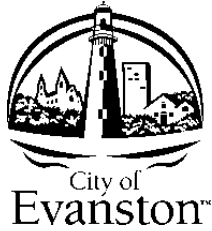
Subject: Bids/ RFPs/ RFQs Advertised during the Week of June 15, 2026

Date: June 26, 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 June 15, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
2026 to 2028 Root Treatment	PWA	Work on this project includes the application of a foaming herbicide to kill root intrusions in approximately 68,000 feet of sewer mains throughout the City's combined sewer system over a three-year period (2026 - 2028).	\$375,000.00	07/28	08/24



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 06/26/2026

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: June 11, 2026 to June 24, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

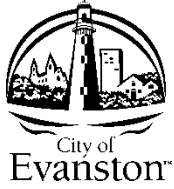
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	838 Grey Avenue	R2	Building Permit	ADU	03/13/26	non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application
2	1600 Greenwood Street	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	04/15/26	pending staff review
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1034 Sheridan Road	R1	Zoning Analysis	2-Story Addition and a new Attached 2-Car Garage	06/23/26	pending staff review
4	1028 Greenleaf	R1	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1015 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Carport	06/09/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
5	1924 -1926 Asbury Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	New 4-Story, 8-Unit Multi-family Building	05/27/26	pending staff review
5	2120 Darrow Street	R4	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home	05/29/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1006 Garnett Place	R4	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	pending staff review
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 staff review
6	3235 Park Place	R1	Building Permit	2-Story Addition	06/16/26	pending staff review
6	2508 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	New 2-Story Single-Family Home	06/17/26	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
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 approval of a minor variation
7	1730 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Construction of a new 4-story mixed-use development with ground floor commercial space and 6 dwelling units on the top floors.	06/15/26	pending staff review
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 additional information from the applicant
9	1520 Washington Street	R3	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	06/23/26	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	Appeal	Appeal of a Minor Variation Denial for a three-car garage exceeding building lot coverage and rear-yard coverage restrictions	04/27/26	pending future Land Use Commission hearing on 07/08/26
1	1620-1640 Chicago Avenue	D3	Subdivision and Planned Development	Subdivision of the existing Park Evanston and Whole Foods zoning lot into two separate lots of record and establish each building on their own zoning lot. No new construction, building, or redevelopment is included with this application.	06/23/26	pending staff review
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 27-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 363 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	LUC Recommended for Approval, Pending Future P&D and City Council Meetings
2	1429 Pitner Avenue	R2	Minor Variation	Reduced setback for an open parking space	06/17/26	pending staff review
3	1138 Sheridan Road	R1	Minor Variation	New deck encroaching into a required interior side yard	06/16/26	pending staff review
4	1432 Asbury Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Variation for a one-story addition encroaching into an interior side yard	06/08/26	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	LUC Recommended for Approval, Planning & Development Committee Recommended Approval, and City Council Action on 07/13/26
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	Land Use Commission Gave a Partial Recommendation for Approval on the Planned Development and a Partial Denial and Full Approval on the Special Use; Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meetings
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 Future Land Use Commission hearing on 07/08/26
6	2737 Highland Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Family Necessity Variation to allow temporary parking in a required front yard and a Major Variation to allow permanent open parking in a required front yard.	06/17/26	pending staff review
7	831 Ingleside Place	R1	Major Variation	Major variation to allow a reduced rear yard setback for an addition	12/03/25	pending revisions from applicant
7	1501 Central Street	U2	Unified Sign Plan	Sign Plan for Northwestern's Kirkpatrick Softball Stadium, no scoreboard	05/13/26	APPROVED BY THE LAND USE COMMISSION
7	2143 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a detached garage and patio to be located in a street-side yard	06/10/26	pending staff review
7	2722 Green Bay Road	C2, oCSC	Planned Development and Text Amendment	Proposal to demolish the existing building and construct a 51,000 square-foot commercial indoor recreation facility with baseball playing fields.	06/17/26	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	ON HOLD
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
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
8	741 Case Street	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to the maximum building and impervious surface coverages for a new addition	06/10/26	pending staff review
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to refine the definition of Temporary Use in 6-18-3 and adding a definition for Temporary	Received from Referrals Committee	Pending Future Land Use Commission hearing on 07/08/26
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to establish regulations on setbacks, fencing, noise, odor, pest control, and operating hours for community gardens and urban farms. It will also regulate accessory structures like greenhouses, hoop houses, and tool sheds.	Received from Referrals Committee	pending staff review
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to require a public hearing for any accessory use 5,000 square feet in size or greater.	Received from Referrals Committee	pending staff review



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector
Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report
Date: June 26, 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

June 26, 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. 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. Construction fence is in place and in good condition.
Ward 3	504 South Boulevard 23BLDC-0002	New 5-story apartment building providing 60 units	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Vibration monitoring continues.
Ward 2	1611 Church Street 24EXTR-0298	Conversion of existing industrial structure to 8 residential units plus one ADU	Remodeling and New Construction	MEP inspections continue.
Ward 7	2305 Sheridan Road 25INTC-0209	Interior renovation of existing 4 stories with basement r-2 dormitory	Renovation	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place with proper signage.

Ward 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	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	Permit under review



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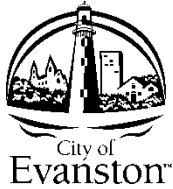
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: June 26, 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 Building Permit, Inspections, 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 Building Permit, Inspections, FCO
4	1010 Church St	The Addled Bunny	4/8/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	1921 Central St.	Tallgrass	4/23/26	Pending FCO
1	1607 Chicago Ave.	Lizzano	5/7/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
4	1012 Church St.	Northlight Theater	5/15/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO



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 June 26 through July 4)

Date: June 26, 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
June 26	5:30pm - 9:30pm	Food Truck Fest and Movie at Ingraham Park	5th	Street eats from curated food trucks starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by an outdoor screening of the hit musical film Hamilton, beginning at 6:30
June 30	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Starlight Concert at Larimer Park	4th	Starlight Concert - DC and the Love band (Jazz)

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
June 27	11:00am - 9:00pm	Main Street Fair	3rd, 4th, 9th	The Main Dempster Mile	Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food, Liquor Park Use (Eiden)
July 4	2:00pm - 9:00pm	Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks		Fourth of July Association	Street Closure, Park Use, Loudspeaker

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
June 18	Jens Jensen Gardens	City wide	Staff met with
	Cartwright Park	6th	The playground was string trimmed last week during last week's report timeframe.
	All parks	Citywide	Playground inspections are ongoing
June 25	Garden Park		Surfacing vandalized again
June 23	Robert Crown	2nd	Greenspace directly in front of the playground received graffiti damage. Staff completed string trimming to make racially motivated message less noticeable. As the grass grows, the paint and message will disappear.
June 25	Lawson Park	7th	The tire swing at Noah's Playground at Lawson Park has been taken out of service due to excessive wear and tear. Parts are on order and tire swing will be installed once parts are received.
June 29	James Park	8th	Watermain Improvements at James Park will begin on Monday, June 29.

Recreation Updates

- The [Summer Guide](#) is available. Most of these programs will run from early June to Labor Day.
- [Summer Camp](#) has started this week and will continue until August 14.
- For the week of June 22 the Department had 1035 campers enrolled in 77 different camps.

Community Services Updates

- If you haven't already, please check out the [CBS News Story on the CARE Team](#)
- CARE Team attended the national Alternative Response Convening on June 4–5, 2026, with Chicago serving as this year's host city. Approximately 450 attendees from across the country participated in the conference. Deputy Director Jeron Dorsey served as a panelist for a plenary session focused on culture, coexistence, and conflict within alternative response systems. The panel also included a 911 dispatch director, a police sergeant, and a fire chief, and the discussion explored the challenges that can arise while establishing permanence and long-term integration for alternative response programs within public safety systems.
- Community Maintenance Team officially began operations this week and has already started helping beautify Evanston's parks and neighborhoods through regular cleanup efforts. The team is focusing on litter removal and maintenance activities in alleys, parkways, parks, and other public spaces to improve community appearance and enhance the quality of life for residents throughout the city.

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



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2026

Editor's Note:

The NWMC office will be closed on Friday, July 3. The next NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing will be published on Friday, July 10. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!

Have You Signed Up for Your Favorite NWMC Committee Yet?

The success of the Northwest Municipal Conference depends upon the active participation of the individual members on the Conference's committees. The collaborative discussion and direction from Conference members on various committees is critical for guiding the organization's pursuit of the interests of our communities. Now is the time to volunteer your time and expertise (or that of the appropriate staff members) to represent your community on the Conference committee(s) that best fits your interests.

Our annual call for volunteers to serve on one or more of the various NWMC committees (Attorneys, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Finance, Legislative and Transportation) is open. Registration forms were emailed on Thursday. Members interested in serving should return completed registration forms to Larry Bury via email, lbury@nwmc-cog.org, by Thursday, July 9. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

SPC Extends Fuel Contract

As previously reported, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has approved the second of three (3) possible one-year contract extensions of the [Gasoline \(87, 89 & 92 Octane\), Diesel Fuel, Ethanol 75 & 85 and B20 Bio Diesel Fuel](#) (Contract #230) to Al Warren Oil Co., Inc. from July 6, 2026 through July 5, 2027. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Business Development Manager Arnie Berg, aberg@alwarrenoil.com, 800-327-8903, ext. 555 or 630-484-4368 (cell); or Sales Representative Shaleen Okon, sokon@alwarrenoil.com or 312-881-9324. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Registration Open for the August 5 SPC Supplier Showcase

The 2026 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. This is a free event for attendees with a boxed lunch provided by the SPC sponsoring Councils of Government – Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC), South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) and Will County Government League (WCGL).

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 serve your communities better.

The Showcase offers a flexible, open house format from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Suppliers will have individual display areas where you can discuss your joint purchasing needs. The schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. – Noon: Supplier Showcase - PAC Lobby
Vehicle demonstration in Parking Lot A
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Box lunch and Sourcewell Presentation: "Contract Administration"
Aaron Peterson, Sourcewell Government Account Representative

Thanks to SPC partner [Sourcewell](#), their presentation entitled "Contract Administration" will offer one contact hour toward Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. Sourcewell will provide attendees with a certificate of completion to submit to their respective professional organizations.

Invitations and additional information have been sent to NWMC Managers/Assistant Managers, Finance Directors, IT Directors, Public Works Directors, Purchasing Directors, Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs. Please register by Wednesday, July 29 using this link: [SPC-Supplier-Showcase-Attendee-Registration](#).

For additional information, please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, 847-296-9203 or edayan@nwmc-cog.org. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

NWMC Summer Auction Right Around the Corner

It's time to get ready for the live summer NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction, which will be held at noon on Tuesday, July 14 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to Harvey, Tinley Park and Woodridge for registering vehicles for sale. There is still plenty of time to participate and please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale up to the morning of the auction.

The next live auctions will be held on 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, Kasey.salameh@Americasaa.com, 708-389-4488 (office) or 708-953-3069 (mobile). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

IDOT Opens Applications for Non-Enforcement Traffic Safety Programs

As previously reported, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) 2027 Local Agency Non-Enforcement grant program is now open for applications, with \$1,000,000 in total funding to reduce serious motor vehicle crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities through education, prevention, and training. Applications are open through Thursday, July 15. For more information, including example projects, required deliverables, performance measures, funding guidance, and how to apply, please [read the NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Opens Highway Safety Improvement Program Applications

IDOT has opened applications for its Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Applications proposing to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries as well as implement specific safety strategies to reduce these incidents will be considered. Please note that projects protecting bicyclists and pedestrians are especially encouraged. On Thursday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m., IDOT will host a [webinar](#) to discuss the priorities of HSIP and how to submit a quality application. Applications are open through Friday, August 14 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit [IDOT's HSIP webpage](#) and see the [NOFO](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Tollway Releases I-90 Improvements Economic Impact Report

The Illinois Tollway has released its analysis of the economic impacts following completion of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway Improvements. Developed to "to assess the benefits and outcomes of the investment in spurring development and economic growth along the eastern portion of I-90 between the City of Elgin and O'Hare Airport," the study area covers multiple NWMC members, including *Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, and South Barrington*. The report found:

- Significantly increased AADT due to intersection improvements
- Highest recorded volume of industrial development in the last 20 years
- A 20-year peak of retail occupancy at 96%
- Multifamily occupancy increasing to 96%
- The area's assessed value growing at 3.9%, faster than the Consumer Price Index

To learn more, please read the [I-90 Economic Impact Report](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Tollway Introduces "Driving Connections" its next long-term capital program

The Illinois Tollway has introduced Driving Connections, its new 15-year, \$26.5 billion comprehensive capital plan designed to strengthen the region's transportation network, reduce congestion, improve access, enhance safety and support economic development across northern Illinois. With the announcement, the Tollway is beginning a series of public hearings and engagement opportunities across all 12 counties served by the Tollway system. These meetings

will provide stakeholders and residents an opportunity to learn more about the proposed investments, ask questions and provide feedback on the plan.

The hearings most relevant to NWMC members include:

- Monday, July 13, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Lake County) – Greenbelt Cultural Center, Banquet Hall
- Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. (North Cook County) – Roosevelt University *Schaumburg*, Zurich Alumni Hall
- Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (McHenry County) – Huntley Park District Recreation Center, Theatre
- Wednesday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. (DuPage County) – College of DuPage, Student Resource Center
- Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (South Cook County) – Markham Park District, Roesner Multipurpose Room

NWMC members are encouraged to review the proposed improvements and participate in the public engagement process. Details about the planned projects, proposed toll rates, public hearing schedule and instructions for submitting public comments can be found by visiting www.illinoistollway.com/drivingconnections. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

CMAP Issues New Community Data Snapshots

From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) [released a new set of Community Data Snapshots](#) for the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago community areas, and 7 counties. Each snapshot summarizes key details about demographics, employment, housing, transportation habits, and more.

What's new?

- Updated data from CMAP's latest [Land Use Inventory](#).
- Improved employment commute data that better shows where residents work and where employees in a community travel from.
- Don't miss built-in comparisons:
- The Community Data Snapshots highlight how communities compare to the county and region.
- The "Change over time" section compares 16 key indicators with data from at least 10 years ago, making long-term shifts easy to see at a glance.

Explore your community's data through an [interactive dashboard](#), [snapshot report](#), or [dataset](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT/Active Transportation Alliance Schedule 2026 ITEP Webinar Series

The 2026 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) will open for applications this fall (see article below), offering [\\$157 million in available ITEP funding](#) for walking, biking, and trail projects. To enable communities to develop strong, competitive applications, the Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will offer a three-part webinar series as follows:

- Grant Overview: Wednesday, July 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST – [Register here](#)
- Scoring & Application Walk-Through: Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST – [Register here](#)
- Q&A with IDOT: Wednesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST – [Register here](#)

For additional details about the webinars and grant FAQs, please visit <https://activetransportation.org/itep/>. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Roll Forward on Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects with an ITEP Grant

As a reminder, the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) will begin accepting applications for various pedestrian, bicycle, streetscape, and other projects on Saturday, August 1. With \$157 million available in funding, the maximum award has increased to \$5 million this year, with an additional \$1.25 million in state match assistance

available. Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 5. The NWMC is enthusiastic to support member project applications, so please contact staff to request a letter of support. To read more and to apply, please visit the [ITEP website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

Pioneer Press: [Lake Bluff, Lake Forest officials preparing for new state laws for e-bikes, scooters, etc.](#)

Capitol City Now: [Organization applauds extension of affordable housing-related tax credits](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Cook County sheriff signals support for dedicated transit law enforcement agency](#)

Daily Herald: [‘We are going to get it right’: Dart outlines plans to curb crime on trains, buses](#)

Suburban Chicago Bicycling: [Top suburban Chicago bike trails: A beginning look](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at noon at America’s Auto Auction, 14001 Karlov Avenue, Crestwood.

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

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Supplier Showcase will be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oakton College in *Des Plaines*.

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