

# Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council  
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update  
Date: July 10, 2026

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NWMC Weekly Report

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

**Monday, July 13, 2026**

4:45 PM: [Referrals](#)

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

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

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026**

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

6:30 PM: [Evanston Public Library Board Meeting](#)

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

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

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

**Friday, July 17, 2026**

7:15 AM: [Utilities Commission](#)

10:00 AM: [Healthy Buildings Accountability Board](#)

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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: July 10, 2026

**Unverified Report of Possible Federal Enforcement Activity**

On the morning of July 10, 2026, the Patrol Sergeant's Office received a telephone call from an individual reporting that federal immigration enforcement activity was expected to occur at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the vicinity of Dempster Street and Dodge Avenue.

When questioned about the source of the information, the caller was unable to provide a credible basis for the report, offering only general statements regarding recent federal enforcement activity in the Chicago area. The caller was unable to provide additional details, including identifying information, descriptions of personnel, vehicles, or any specific operational information.

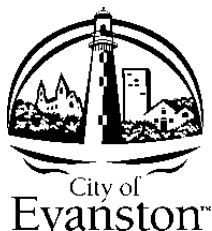
The caller also requested that Department personnel notify

undocumented individuals to seek refuge in local churches, expressing the belief that federal authorities would be unable to enter those locations.

A preliminary review of the information provided did not produce any information that substantiated the report.

Out of an abundance of caution, Patrol supervisors conducted increased monitoring of the reported area during the timeframe identified by the caller. Patrol personnel remained in the vicinity from approximately 8:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and observed no federal enforcement activity or any other unusual circumstances.

At this time, the information remains unsubstantiated, and no further action is warranted unless additional credible information is received.



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager  
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report  
Date: 07/10/2026

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: July 2, 2026 to July 8, 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 | non-compliant, pending variation application                                                                |
| 2    | 942 Brown Avenue         | R2       | Building Permit | Carport                                                                                                                        | 05/13/26 | pending additional information from the applicant                                                           |
| 2    | 1503 Fowler Avenue       | R2       | Zoning Analysis | ADU                                                                                                                            | 07/08/26 | 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 | non-compliant, pending revisions or variation application                                                   |
| 5    | 2120 Darrow Street       | R4       | Building Permit | New Single-Family Home                                                                                                         | 05/29/26 | pending additional information from the applicant                                                           |
| 5    | 2120 Emerson Street 31   | R3       | Building Permit | New Garage                                                                                                                     | 07/02/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |
| 6    | 2440 Prospect Avenue     | R1       | Building Permit | Attached Garage                                                                                                                | 04/07/26 | pending additional information from the applicant                                                           |
| 6    | 2701 Harrison Street     | R1       | Building Permit | 2nd-Story Addition                                                                                                             | 07/08/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |
| 7    | 1900 Central Street      | B1a/oCSC | Zoning Analysis | Demolition of the existing Chase Bank and construction of a new Chase Bank                                                     | 09/22/25 | NON-COMPLIANT; pending additional information from the applicant OR future Planned Development application. |
| 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                                                                                        |
| 7    | 2748 Garrison Avenue     | R1       | Zoning Analysis | Conversion of an enclosed porch into conditioned habitable space                                                               | 06/30/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |
| 8    | 821 Mulford Street       | R5       | Building Permit | New Garage                                                                                                                     | 06/30/26 | pending additional information from the applicant                                                           |
| 9    | 1810 Monroe Street       | R3       | Building Permit | New ADU                                                                                                                        | 04/21/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |
| 9    | 807 South Boulevard      | R1       | Building Permit | 1-story addition                                                                                                               | 05/01/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |
| 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                                                                                        |
| 9    | 1207 Cleveland Street    | R2       | Building Permit | New Garage                                                                                                                     | 07/02/26 | pending staff review                                                                                        |

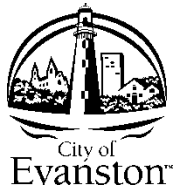
Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

**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 | Continued to Land Use Commission meeting on 07/22/26 for additional commissioner votes |

|      |                               |          |                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                                                                                                                          |
|------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 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 Planning & Development Committee and City Council meetings on July 27, 2026                               |
| 2    | 1429 Pitner Avenue            | R2       | Minor Variation                        | Reduced setback for an open parking space                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 06/17/26                          | pending staff review                                                                                                     |
| 2    | 1507 Lee Street               | R3       | Minor Fence Variation                  | Variation to allow a fence to be located within a front yard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 06/29/26                          | 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                                                                                                     |
| 3    | 120 Keeney Avenue             | R5       | Minor Variation                        | Variation to allow a new detached garage to encroach into an interior side and rear yard setback                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 06/30/26                          | 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 Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 07/22/26                                                                   |
| 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 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                          | Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council meetings on July 27, 2026                               |
| 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                          | Continued to Land Use Commission meeting on 07/22/26 for additional commissioner votes                                   |
| 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    | 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 Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 07/22/26                                                                   |
| 7    | 1916 Grant Street             | R1       | Major Variation                        | Proposal to allow the expansion of a legal non-conforming use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 06/23/26                          | Pending Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 08/12/26                                                                   |
| 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 adn adding a definition for Temporary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Received from Referrals Committee | Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council meetings on July 27, 2026                               |

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| 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: July 10, 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.

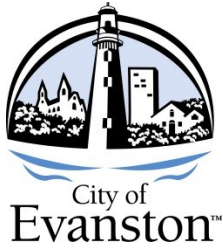
Please contact me at [cradoescu@cityofevanston.org](mailto:cradoescu@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

# Weekly Field Inspection Report

July 10, 2026

| Ward   | Property Address                                        | Job Description                                                                 | Construction Type               | Inspector Notes                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ward 1 | 2169 Campus Drive<br>24BLDC_0005                        | New construction                                                                | New Construction                | MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.                                                                                   |
| Ward 4 | 1012 Church Street<br>Northlight Theater<br>24BLDC-0004 | Construction of a new two-story theatre                                         | New Construction                | .All final inspections have been approved. TCO is processing.                                                                                                       |
| Ward 1 | 1621 Chicago Avenue<br>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<br>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<br>23BLDC-0002                      | New 5-story apartment building providing 60 units                               | New Construction                | MEP inspections continue. Vibration monitoring continues.                                                                                                           |
| Ward 2 | 1611 Church Street<br>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<br>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   | 2206 Maple Avenue                                       | New construction of a 5 story/30 unit apartment                                 | New Construction                | MEP inspections continue.                                                                                                                                           |

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|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 5      | 25BLDC-0003                   | building                                                                   |                  | Construction fence in place.                            |
| Ward 4 | 910 Custer Ave<br>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                                     |

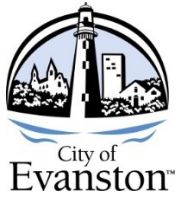


To: Luke Stowe, City Manager  
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor  
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report  
Date: July 10, 2026

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

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

Angela Butler  
Permit Services Supervisor



Date: July 10, 2026

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor

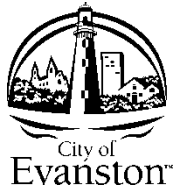
Subject: May 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

**Building Permit Fees**

|                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Permit Fees Collected - June 2026        | \$629,216.63   |
| Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026 | \$2,526,183.06 |
| Total Permit Fees Collected - June 2025        | \$249,393.65   |
| Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025 | \$8,926,141.62 |

**Construction Values**

|                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Construction Value June 2026          | \$30,022,842       |
| Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026 | \$187,807,936.00   |
| Total Construction Value – June 2025        | \$597,978,232.00   |
| Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025 | \$1,039,300,227.00 |



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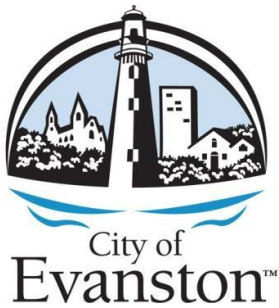
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: July 10, 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       | Issued/Active                                     |
| 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 and FCO              |
| 1    | 523 Davis St.      | Lolo's Bowl                      | 7/1/26        | Pending initial payment, BP, Inspections, FCO     |



Liquor Licensing  
[liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org](mailto: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: July 10, 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

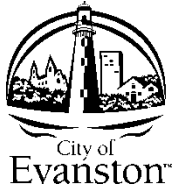
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of July 10, 2026

### Annual License

None for this week

### One-Day License

| WARD | APPLICANT NAME                               | EVENT LOCATION                        | LIQUOR CLASS | CLASS DESCRIPTION   | EVENT DATE(S)                                                                                                                                                                              | STATUS          |
|------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7    | Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership | 2235 Campus Dr.<br>Evanston, IL 60201 | Z-2          | Alcoholic Beverages | July 10, 2026<br>July 11, 2026<br>July 18, 2027<br>August 9, 2026<br>August 23, 2026<br>September 6, 2026<br>September 20, 2026<br>October 4, 2026<br>October 18, 2026<br>October 23, 2026 | Licenses issued |
| 5    | Ximena Garcia                                | 1655 Foster St.<br>Evanston, IL 60201 | Z-4          | Alcoholic Beverages | July 11, 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 (Week of July 10 through July 18)

Date: July 10, 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                                                                                                 |
|---------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 10 | 7:00pm - 10:00pm | Glow in the Park at Ingraham Park            |      | Black lights, neon paint, and rockin' music from a DJ combine for a glowing good nighttime dance party! |
| July 17 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm  | Disco in the Park at James Park Soccer Field |      | Local DJ Michael Stinson will play favorite seventies hits.                                             |
| July 18 | 5:30pm           | Movie in the Park at Baker Park              |      | Movie: Shrek (2001)                                                                                     |
| July 18 | 7:20pm           | Move in the Park at Baker Park               |      | Movie: School of Rock (2003)                                                                            |

## Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

| Date    | Time             | Event                                                         | Ward | Organization                         | Permit Specifics                          |
|---------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| July 11 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm  | Twiggs Skate Jam at Twiggs Park Skate Park                    |      | Julian Brookfield                    | Parke Use, Loudspeaker                    |
| July 11 | 9:00am - 1:00pm  | Evanston Unity Soccer Festival at Robert Crown Athletic Field |      | JaHbat                               | Field Use                                 |
| July 12 | 11:00am - 2:00pm | Evanston Police vs Evanston Fire Grill                        |      | Evanston First Responders Foundation | Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food, Liquor |

|         |                   |                                                                   |  |                              |                                                     |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|         |                   | Off on Madison from Custer to Chicago                             |  |                              |                                                     |
| July 12 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Over the Rainbow Walk, Run, Run Fundraiser on Ladd Arboretum Path |  | Over the Rainbow Association | Food, Loudspeaker                                   |
| July 16 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm   | Downtown Summer Sounds Concert Series at Fountain Square          |  | Downtown Evanston            | Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Park Use, Liquor, Food |
| July 17 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm   | Plein Air Festival Block Party on Main from Chicago to Hinman     |  | The Main Dempster Mile       | Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food, Liquor           |
| July 18 | 2:00pm to 4:00pm  | Touch a Truck at the 2100 Ridge Parking and Ingraham Park         |  | Evanston Library             | Loudspeaker, Food, Park Use                         |

### 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 July 6 the Department had 992 campers enrolled in 71 different camps.

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



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



**WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2026**

## ***DEADLINE EXTENDED to Sign Up for NWMC Committees***

The cornerstone of the Northwest Municipal Conference is the collaborative discussion and direction from members on various committees. If the long holiday weekend or vacation schedules have caused you to miss this week's deadline to sign up for a NWMC committee...fear not. You have some additional time to submit your forms.

We encourage you to volunteer your time and expertise (or that of the appropriate staff members) to represent your community on the Conference's various NWMC committees (Attorneys, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Finance, Legislative and Transportation). Members interested in serving should return completed registration forms with the committees they are interested in joining to Larry Bury via email at [lbury@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:lbury@nwmc-cog.org) by Wednesday, July 15. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***August 5 SPC Supplier Showcase is Cancelled***

We are disappointed to report that due to scheduling conflicts, the 2026 SPC Supplier Showcase scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 has been cancelled. We will be back next year! For questions, please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, 847-296-9203 or [edayan@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:edayan@nwmc-cog.org). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Last Chance to Sign Up for Next Week's NWMC Summer Auction***

Only a few days left 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 *Morton Grove, Harvey, South Chicago Heights, Tinley Park and Woodridge* for registering vehicles for sale. There is still 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](mailto:Kasey.salameh@Americasaa.com), 708-389-4488 (office) or 708-953-3069 (mobile). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

## ***Plan Now, Save Later: SPC & Sourcewell Can Help Prepare for Seasonal Shifts***

As unpredictable weather increasingly becomes the norm, public works directors turn their attention to preparing infrastructure for seasonal changes. Tight timelines, limited staff and aging facilities often push maintenance into reactive mode, where emergency fixes cost more, take longer, and strain operations. The SPC offers support for infrastructure and operations with trusted solutions through the SPC/Sourcewell Program Alliance.

Instead of enduring procurement delays or pushing projects to next year, agencies can rely on Sourcewell for fast access to competitively solicited contracts for infrastructure maintenance services. Connect with local, qualified suppliers ready to support weather-sensitive projects for everything from pavement repairs to storm system checks. Now is the perfect time to review SPC and Sourcewell's contracts to plan for:

### Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Response

Prepare, respond, and recover with confidence. As severe weather season approaches, emergency response planning is a top priority. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts help you access emergency response equipment, generators, and other critical resources when time matters most. [Explore all emergency preparedness solutions](#)

### Infrastructure and Public Works

Streamline infrastructure projects with cooperative purchasing. Whether you're improving roads, upgrading utilities, or maintaining public works systems, Sourcewell's competitively solicited contracts provide access to the equipment, services, and solutions needed to support your community. See how Sourcewell can help -- [Sourcewell Public Works](#)

### Lane Marking

Now is the time to schedule your lane marking project with SPC's [Thermoplastic &/or Urethane Lane Marking Material and Labor Road Marking Program](#) (Contract #229) with Superior Road Striping (dba High Star Traffic), Bartlett, IL. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Kim Kudelka at 630-485-1559 or [kekudelka@highstartraffic.com](mailto:kekudelka@highstartraffic.com).

The SPC's and Sourcewell's cooperative contracts eliminate delays, reduce administrative burdens, and support public purchasing requirements so your team can efficiently maintain the roads, utilities, and facilities your community relies on, no matter the season. For questions or additional information, please visit [Explore Sourcewell Contracts](#), contact staff, or Sourcewell's Director of Government Accounts – Local Government Kathryn Rippee, 218-308-6668 (office), 850-509-4847 (cell), or [Kathryn.Rippee@sourcewell-mn.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rippee@sourcewell-mn.gov). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***IDOT Funding Now Available for Highway Safety Improvement Program***

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has opened applications for its Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Applications that address an increase in roadway fatalities and serious injuries, or specific safety strategies to address a reduction of these incidents will be considered. Projects protecting bicyclists and pedestrians are especially encouraged. IDOT hosted a webinar to discuss HSIP priorities and provide guidance on how to submit a quality application. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#). Applications are open through Friday, August 14 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit [IDOT's HSIP webpage](#) and see the [NOFO](#). *Staff Contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***Tollway Introduces “Driving Connections” 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 with 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 – 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

NWMC members are encouraged to review the proposed improvements and participate in the public engagement process. Details about the planned projects, proposed toll rates to support these investments and instructions for submitting public comments can all be found at [www.illinoistollway.com/drivingconnections](http://www.illinoistollway.com/drivingconnections). *Staff Contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***MWRD Seeks Public Input on Five-Year Strategic Plan***

*From The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago:*

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is seeking public feedback on its new five-year Strategic Plan, a roadmap designed to guide the agency's work through 2030 and strengthen its efforts to protect the region's water environment and provide long-term protection for the region's water resources and the 5.19 million people served by the MWRD each day.

The Strategic Plan is organized around four key focus areas: wastewater and stormwater management, business resilience, resource development and management, and proactive evolution. Each area identifies specific objectives aimed at improving MWRD operations, strengthening financial flexibility, advancing resource management practices, and ensuring the agency is prepared to meet emerging environmental and regulatory challenges. Developed through public input, stakeholder surveys, and months of internal analysis, the plan translates broad priorities into measurable key results. These benchmarks are intended to help MWRD track progress, improve accountability, and achieve its goals over the next five years.

The proposed Strategic Plan can be found [here](#). MWRD encourages residents, stakeholders, and community partners to share their perspectives before the July 24 deadline by submitting comments to [StrategicPlan2026@mwrld.org](mailto:StrategicPlan2026@mwrld.org). Public feedback will help inform the final version of the plan and support the agency's continued efforts to protect the region's waterways for current and future generations. *Staff Contact: Eric Czarnota*

### ***Public Comments Now Open for Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan***

*From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):*

CMAP invites residents, partners, stakeholders, and transportation system users to review and comment on the draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan, Air Quality Conformity Determination, and FFY 2027–32 Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range blueprint for the future of transportation in northeastern Illinois. It outlines priorities and strategies to improve how people and goods move throughout the region, including by strengthening connections, improving safety, reducing pollution, supporting economic opportunity, and investing strategically in the transportation system. Public feedback will help shape the final documents before consideration for adoption by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October 2026. Review the draft materials and share your comments by Friday, July 31, including the interactive map of proposed constrained roadway and transit projects. *Staff Contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

### ***IDOT/Active Transportation Alliance Schedule 2026 ITEP Webinar Series***

As previously reported, 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. – [Register here](#)
- Scoring & Application Walk-Through: Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – [Register here](#)
- Q&A with IDOT: Wednesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – [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***

*Daily Herald:* [Who's in and who's out at NITA as new transit force takes shape](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* [Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle proposes new transit board members](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Road rehab: What's in the tollway's \\$26.5B construction program?](#)

*Pioneer Press:* [The \\$25,000 question: Who can afford to be a suburban mayor in Evanston or elsewhere?](#)

*Daily Herald:* [Rolling Meadows hikes ambulance fees to pay for six new firefighters](#)

*Oakton College:* [Oakton's newest paramedics are ready to serve](#)

## ***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*.

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