



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: July 24, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for July 20, 2026 – July 24, 2026

City Manager's Office

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NWMC Weekly Report

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

Monday, July 27, 2026

3:15 PM: [City Council](#)

4:15 PM: [Referrals Committee](#)

4:30 PM: [Administration and Public Works Committee](#)

5:00 PM: [Planning and Development Committee](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

No Meetings

Thursday, July 30, 2026

No Meetings

Friday, July 31, 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: July 24, 2026

There were no federal immigration enforcement operations reported this week.



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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

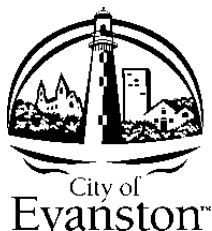
Subject: Bids/ RFPs/ RFQs Advertised during the Week of July 20, 2026

Date: July 24, 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 July 20, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Point of Use Pitchers and Filters	PWA	The intent of this bid is to obtain a supplier of Point of Use Pitchers and Filters that have been tested and certified by NSF International against NSF/ANSI Standards 42 and 53 for a 3-year period.	\$325,000.00	09/01	09/28



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 07/24/2026

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: July 16, 2026 to July 22, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
1	2020 Orrington Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Convert a detached garage into an ADU	07/10/26	pending staff review
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 variation application
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	2100 Dempster Street	I2	Zoning Analysis	Modification of ground based and tower mounted telecommunications equipment	07/10/26	pending staff review
4	1028 Greenleaf	R1	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	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
6	2440 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Attached Garage	04/07/26	non-compliant; pending revisions or variation application
6	3054 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	07/23/26	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
8	821 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	New Garage	06/30/26	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

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	APPEAL DENIED
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 revisions from applicant
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 27-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 383 dwelling units	01/28/25	pending staff review
2	2308 Main Street	C1	Special Use	Special Use to allow a wholesale goods establishment interior only tenant improvement of an existing ~9K square foot space in existing single-level multi-tenant building to be used as a mini-fulfillment center that will for short-term store products for intended for delivery within a five mile radius to customer who have placed online orders using the Amazon app.	04/09/26	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council meetings on July 27, 2026
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
2	1600 Greenwood Street	R3	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a 2nd story addition to encroach into a required front and interior side yard	07/21/26	pending staff review
2	1513 Lake Street	R3	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a deck to encroach into a required rear and interior side setback	07/17/26	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	APPROVED
4	1432 Asbury Avenue	R1	Major Variation	Variation for a one-story addition encroaching into an interior side yard	06/08/26	APPROVED
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	APPROVED
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 Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 08/12/26
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	Land Use Commission Hearing continued to 08/12/26
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	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
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
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 24, 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.

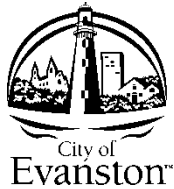
Please contact me at cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

July 24, 2026

Ward	Property Address	Job Description	Construction Type	Inspector Notes
Ward 1	2169 Campus Drive 24BLDC_0005	New construction	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 4	1012 Church Street Northlight Theater 24BLDC-0004	Construction of a new two-story theatre	New Construction	.All final inspections have been approved. TCO approved.
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	2206 Maple Avenue	New construction of a 5 story/30 unit apartment	New Construction	MEP inspections continue.

5	25BLDC-0003	building		Construction fence in place.
Ward 4	910 Custer Ave 25BLDC-0002	Construction of a new five-story 230-unit residential multifamily building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Proper signage, construction fence and safety in place.
Ward 1	605 Davis Street	Construction of a new 29-story multi-unit high-rise.	New Construction	Permit under review



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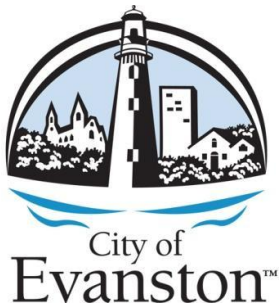
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: July 24, 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 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
1	1607 Chicago Ave.	Lizzano	5/7/26	Pending FCO
4	1012 Church St.	Northlight Theater	5/15/26	Pending BP, Inspections, FCO
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
1	523 Davis St.	Lolo's Bowl	7/1/26	Pending BP, 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: July 24, 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

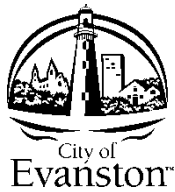
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of July 24, 2026

Annual License

None for this week

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
5	City of Evanston – Parks & Recreation Department	2146 Dewey Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z-5	Alcoholic Beverages	July 25, 2026	License issued
7	Jennifer Schweizer	2024 N. McCormick Blvd Evanston, IL 60201	Z-4	Alcoholic Beverages	August 1, 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 24 through August 1)

Date: July 24, 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 24	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Disco in the Park at James Park Soccer Field	8th	Local DJ Michael Stinson will play favorite seventies hits.
July 25	7:00pm	Movie in the Park at Twiggs Park	5th	Movie: Superman (2025)
August 1	5:30pm	Movie in the Park at Lovelace Park	6th	Movie: The Land Before Time (1988)
August 1	7:00pm	Movie in the Park at Lovelace Park	6th	Movie: Jurassic World Rebirth (2025)

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
July 24- July 26	11:00am - 6:00pm	Downtown Evanston Sidewalk Sale at Downtown Business District		Downtown Evanston	Sidewalk
July 24- July 26	11:00am - 6:00pm	Main Dempster Sidewalk Sale at Main Dempster Business District		The Main Dempster Mile	Sidewalk
July 25	12:00pm - 5:00pm	Skylight Summer Sidewalk Sale & Vintage Market on	4th	The Main Dempster Mile	Street Closure, Food, Liquor, Loudspeaker

		800 Block of Dempster		and Skylight Vintage	
July 25	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Connections for the Homeless Family Fest at Twigg's Park	5th	Connections for the Homeless	Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food, Park Use
July 25	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Connections for the Homeless Block Party After Dark at Double Clutch	5th	Connections for the Homeless	Loudspeaker
July 26	7:00am - 10:00am	Great Lake Plunge on Greenwood Beach	1st	OWLS, Inc	Park Use (beach), Loudspeaker
July 26	12:00pm - 4:30pm	Second Baptist Church Picnic at Lovelace park	6th	Second Baptist Church	Park Use, Loudspeaker, Food
July 30	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Downtown Summer Sounds at Fountain Square	4th	Downtown Evanston	Street Closure, Park Use, Liquor, Loudspeaker, Food
August 1	11:00am - 2:00pm	ITA Summer Block Party on Sherman from Dempster to Greenwood	4th	Institute for Therapy Through the Arts	Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Food

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
July 14	Bent Park	6th	PRCS, IT and FFM staff met to discuss camera coverage and options for installation.
July 15	Lovelace	6th	Tube slide found cracked; new replacement parts installed.
July 15	Penny Park	2nd	PWA and PRCS staff met on site to inspect rotting timbers and possible mitigation options to expand the lifespan of the playground. PRCS staff will conduct a more detailed inspection of the playground soon and determine next steps.

Recreation Updates

- The [Summer Guide](#) is available. Most of these programs will run from early June to Labor Day.
- [Summer Camp](#) is completing its 7th week and will continue until August 14.
- July 20 to July 26 the Department had 982 campers enrolled in 56 different camps.
- July 20 to July 26 the Department issued 66 picnic or fire circle permits

Community Services Updates

- No Report



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2026

REMINDER - August 5 SPC Supplier Showcase is Cancelled

As previously reported, we are disappointed to report that due to scheduling conflicts, the 2026 Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (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. 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 can 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 seasons approach, emergency response planning is a top priority. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts offer 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 by visiting [Sourcewell Public Works](#).

Lane Marking

Now is the time to schedule lane marking projects with SPC's [Thermoplastic &/or Urethane Lane Marking Material and Labor Road Marking Program](#) (Contract #229) with Superior Road Striping (dba High Star Traffic), of Bartlett. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Kim Kudelka, 630-485-1559 or 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 Suppliers and 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. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

NWMC Members Awarded RTA Access to Transit Funds

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has announced the largest funding round in the history of its Access to Transit program, awarding \$10.9 million for twenty-one projects that will improve pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA access to public transit across northeastern Illinois. The program funds small-scale capital improvements, such as sidewalk connections, pedestrian crossings and bicycle facilities, making it safer and easier for people to reach transit. Since its launch in 2014, Access to Transit has funded fifty projects, with this eighth round representing the program's largest investment to date. The expanded program is supported by the recently enacted Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Act, which provides an estimated \$1.2 billion in new annual operating funding for the region's

transit system. RTA funding will cover thirty percent of project costs, with the agency pursuing federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding for an additional sixty-one percent. Award recipients will provide the remaining nine percent through local matching funds.

Congratulations to three Northwest Municipal Conference members who received awards. *Des Plaines* will construct a new pedestrian crossing with a flashing beacon on Northwest Highway (US 14) at the Cumberland Metra/Pace station to improve safety for transit users. *Fox Lake* will build a protected shared-use path connecting the Chain O' Lakes Trail to the Fox Lake Metra station and Pace bus routes. In *Evanston*, Metra will enhance the south platform at the Central Street station on the Union Pacific North Line to improve the rider experience. The full list of awardees can be found [here](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

RTA Discusses NITA Transition, People Over Parking Act

As the appointing authorities continue to name their Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Board representatives, the RTA Ad Hoc Committee on NITA Transition met Wednesday (recording [here](#)) to discuss the transition from the RTA to NITA. RTA and supporting staff noted that a proposed NITA budget will be presented to county boards in November, with a planned adoption of the 2027 Regional Budget and Capital Program in early December. RTA staff discussed implementation of the People Over Parking Act (POPA), including development of technical assistance to local governments, as well as creation of an interactive map illustrating locations with eliminated parking requirements, to be available to the public later this year. RTA staff noted that the proposed map of affected locations, as well as the policy and methodology used to identify them, must be approved by the NITA Board this fall, with an additional update in 2029 following adoption of NITA service standards.

RTA staff reported that they are drafting assistance for zoning updates, model zoning and parking regulation ordinances for local municipalities, as well as a joint development standard and development site index, which identified ninety-two service board-owned developable sites. RTA indicated that funding assistance will be available to local government through the Transit Supportive Development incentive program to assist with development, drafting and implementing new laws and ordinances and increasing transit services for developments. NWMC staff will continue to monitor the transition process and will share materials as it becomes available. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Applications Open for MMC's Free EV Readiness Technical Assistance Program

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) is accepting applications to participate in their Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Program. The EV Readiness Program helps communities prepare for transportation electrification by offering free technical assistance and training on all aspects of EVs and EV charging. Participating communities receive support to update zoning codes, streamline permitting, train first responders, assess fleet electrification opportunities, engage residents and businesses, and more. The program makes implementation easier for communities by providing templates, model code language, examples from the forty-five local governments that have completed the program, peer learning in a cohort setting, and guest speakers who share the latest innovations and case studies from the field. Participants gain knowledge and resources to prepare their community for the growing adoption of EVs, expansion of EV charging infrastructure, and future funding opportunities as they arise.

To apply for the program, please submit an [MMC EV Readiness application](#) by Friday, August 14. In addition, the MMC is offering a virtual information session on Wednesday, July 22, at 1:00 p.m. to learn how the program works, hear from a few of the municipalities that have completed the program and answer questions. Register for the session by visiting [MMC EV Readiness Info Session](#). Please contact MMC Senior Sustainability Specialist Cheryl Scott, 312-386-8654 or cscott@mayorscaucus.org with any questions. *Staff contact: Larry Bury*

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. Review

the draft materials and share your comments by Friday, July 31, including the interactive map of proposed constrained roadway and transit projects. Please visit the [CMAP website](#) for more information. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

RSVP Today for Treasurer Frerichs' Local Officials Appreciation Picnic at the State Fair

On Saturday, August 22, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs is hosting his annual "Local Officials Appreciation Picnic" at the Illinois State Fair. The picnic will be held from Noon to 2:00 p.m. on the Director's Lawn at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. This free event also includes free admission to the State Fair and parking is only \$5. A BBQ lunch, beverages and desserts will be provided to all guests.

The NWMC, along with our regional Council of Government partners, is again proud to be a "Participating Organization" in support of the event and encourages our member officials and their families to attend and spend the day at the State Fair. To RSVP for the picnic, please scan the QR code below or email Erin Slone, outreach@illinoistreasurer.gov.



Staff contact: Mark Fowler

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [And now, there's 15 — Preckwinkle explains NITA choices as new transit board coalesces](#)

Route Fifty: [The new trust challenge facing state and local government](#)

Daily Herald: [‘Perfect storm’ of bureaucracy blamed for Cook County’s long-delayed property tax system overhaul](#)

Daily Herald: [I-490 toll road project advances with \\$178M construction contract](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Park Ridge gives first OK to mural program](#)

NPR: [DOT strips bike lane references from federal websites](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

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