

Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: September 4, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for August 31, 2026 – September 4, 2026

City Manager's Office

Weekly Federal Activity Update

Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Community Development

Weekly Zoning Report

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Monthly CV/Permit Fee Report

Health Department

Weekly Health Department Report

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Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

Weekly Events Report

Clerk's Office

No Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

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

Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day – City Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

5:00 PM: [Human Services Committee](#)

7:00 PM: [Preservation Committee](#)

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:00 PM: [Social Services Committee](#)

Friday, September 11, 2026

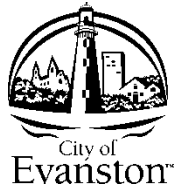
10:00 AM: [Healthy Buildings Accountability Board](#)

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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: September 4, 2026

There was no reported federal immigration activity this week.



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Cara Pratt, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer; Gabriela Martin; Sustainability & Resilience Manager

Subject: Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Date: September 4, 2026

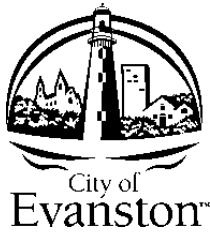
The City of Evanston's Benchmarking Ordinance (33-O-16; amended as 1-O-25, the Healthy Buildings Ordinance) requires that buildings with a gross floor area above 20,000 square feet report their energy and water consumption at an aggregate level every year by June 30th. The current compliance rate is 79%. The following 104 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

Evanston

Building ID	Status	Address	Ward
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200003	Received but not in compliance	1445 Hinman Ave	1
200065	Submission not received	722 CLARK STREET	1
200070	Submission not received	1718 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
100126	Submission not received	1215 CHURCH STREET	2
100479	Received but not in compliance	2220 GREENLEAF STREET	2
100578	Submission not received	2020 GREENWOOD STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	2
105835	Submission not received	2400 MAIN STREET	2
106167	Submission not received	1720 OAK AVENUE	2
107596	Received but not in compliance	2201 MAIN STREET	2
109340	Submission not received	2113 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200004	Submission not received	1900 DEMPSTER STREET	2
200009	Submission not received	1815 RIDGE AVENUE	2
200010	Submission not received	1720 CHURCH STREET	2
200011	Submission not received	2422 MAIN STREET	2
200025	Submission not received	2215 MAIN STREET	2
200049	Received but not in compliance	1520 LYONS STREET	2
200053	Submission not received	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2

100955	Received but not in compliance	929 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
101123	Received but not in compliance	1000 HINMAN AVENUE	3
101371	Received but not in compliance	800 HINMAN AVENUE	3
102120	Submission not received	817 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
103032	Received but not in compliance	910 JUDSON AVENUE	3
104693	Received but not in compliance	529 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
104941	Received but not in compliance	635 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
105106	Submission not received	830 HINMAN AVENUE	3
105688	Submission not received	837 JUDSON AVENUE	3
106683	Submission not received	545 HINMAN AVENUE	3
106766	Received but not in compliance	605 HINMAN AVENUE	3
108509	Submission not received	704 HINMAN AVENUE	3
108593	Submission not received	510 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
109090	Submission not received	408 LEE STREET	3
200024	Submission not received	525 KEDZIE STREET	3
200051	Submission not received	923 HINMAN AVENUE	3
200086	Submission not received	1207 MICHIGAN AVENUE	3
102118	Submission not received	1501 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
102368	Submission not received	1224 DEMPSTER STREET	4
102615	Received but not in compliance	1417 HINMAN AVENUE	4
103843	Submission not received	901 MAPLE AVENUE	4
104526	Submission not received	1415 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
104939	Submission not received	1406 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
106851	Submission not received	828 DAVIS STREET	4
107930	Submission not received	622 GROVE STREET	4
108013	Submission not received	1490 CHICAGO AVENUE	4
108344	Received but not in compliance	1454 ELMWOOD AVENUE	4
200023	Submission not received	990 GROVE STREET	4
200067	Submission not received	740 MAIN STREET	4
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
100514	Received but not in compliance	1523 LYONS STREET	5
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
101785	Submission not received	1932 DEWEY AVENUE	5
102034	Received but not in compliance	1524 SIMPSON STREET	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
106665	Submission not received	2020 RIDGE AVENUE	5
107513	Submission not received	1615 EMERSON STREET	5
200005	Submission not received	823 EMERSON STREET	5

200030	Submission not received	2131 DEWEY AVENUE	5
200034	Submission not received	1610 FOSTER STREET	5
200036	Received but not in compliance	2015 ASHLAND AVENUE	5
200062	Submission not received	2116 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
102017	Received but not in compliance	3200 GRANT STREET	6
103863	Submission not received	3800 GLENVIEW ROAD	6
108674	Submission not received	2934 CENTRAL STREET	6
108925	Submission not received	13 CALVIN CIRCLE	6
109174	Submission not received	2601 CENTRAL STREET	6
200083	Submission not received	2228 CENTRAL STREET	6
200087	Submission not received	2230 CENTRAL AVENUE	6
100045	Submission not received	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
100707	Submission not received	2748 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
106499	Received but not in compliance	2730 HAMPTON PARKWAY	7
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD STREET	8
102286	Submission not received	616 HULL TERRACE	8
102616	Submission not received	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
104774	Submission not received	250 RIDGE AVENUE	8
105357	Submission not received	223 CUSTER AVENUE	8
106104	Submission not received	2255 HOWARD STREET	8
109006	Submission not received	114 CALLAN AVENUE	8
109255	Submission not received	2001 HOWARD STREET	8
200014	Submission not received	2407 HOWARD STREET	8
200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
200029	Submission not received	316 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
200064	Submission not received	122 CALLAN AVENUE	8
200082	Submission not received	100 CHICAGO AVENUE	8
100208	Submission not received	805 SEWARD STREET	9
100623	Submission not received	500 ASBURY AVENUE	9
101456	Submission not received	802 ELMWOOD AVENUE	9
105188	Submission not received	806 SEWARD STREET	9
105437	Submission not received	809 SEWARD STREET	9
105772	Submission not received	727 SEWARD STREET	9
109321	Submission not received	437 RIDGE AVENUE	9
109504	Submission not received	1720 MONROE STREET	9
109671	Submission not received	917 WASHINGTON STREET	9
200071	Submission not received	609 SOUTH BLVD	9
200078	Submission not received	721 CUSTER AVENUE	9



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Liz Williams, Planning & Zoning Manager
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: 09/04/2026

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: August 27, 2026 to September 2, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

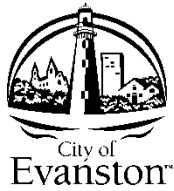
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1028 Greenleaf	R1	Building Permit	ADU	06/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1104 Dempster Street	R3	Building Permit	ADU	08/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1200 Davis Street	R4	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a proposed private educational institute at the former Roycemore School	08/20/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	pending staff review
5	1909 Asbury Avenue	C2	Building Permit	ADU	08/17/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1727 Dodge Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	New Three Unit Dwelling and an ADU	08/20/26	pending staff review
6	2612 Payne Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	New Single-Family Home and detached garage with ADU	08/03/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2217 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Detached Garage & ADU	08/31/26	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. Pending Landmark Nomination review by Historic Preservation Commission on 09/15/2026
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	04/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2000 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/28/26	pending staff review
8	821 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	New Garage	06/30/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1010 Harvard Terrace	R2	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/10/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	207 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	08/26/26	pending staff review
9	1020 Cleveland Street	R1	Building Permit	2nd-Story Addition	05/15/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	2122 Warren Street	R2	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	08/06/26	pending additional information from the applicant
9	1710 Oakston Street	R2	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/28/26	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	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 Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 09/09/26
2	900 Clark Street	RP	Planned Development	New 26-story mixed-use building with ground floor retail and 360 dwelling units (76 units will be IHO units)	01/28/25	Pending Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 09/09/26

2	1100 Dodge Avenue	C1	Planned Development	New 19,500 square-foot commercial indoor recreation facility (MetroSquash) consisting of squash courts, classrooms, administrative offices, and 18 onsite surface parking spaces.	08/25/26	pending staff review
3	831 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Special Use and Major Variation	Special Use to allow a child daycare center within the existing building and Major Variations to allow construction of an outdoor play area on the roof of the building.	07/23/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission Hearing on 09/23/26
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R5	Major Variation	An amendment to an existing major variation approval for a multifamily building under construction to reduce the number of proposed inclusionary housing units from 6 to 5.	08/20/26	pending staff review
6	2945-2949 Central Street	B1a, oCSC	Administrative Review Use	Type 2 Restaurant - Collectivo Coffee	08/13/26	Approved
6	2945-2949 Central Street	B1a, oCSC	Minor Fence Variation	Fence variation to allow a 3'-6" tall steel fence in a front yard	08/13/26	Approved
6	2520 Isabella Street	R1	Minor Variation	Minor variation to allow a deck to encroach into a required interior side yard	08/18/26	Approved
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 City Council meeting on 09/14/26
7	1126 Grant Street	R1	Minor Variation	Minor variation to exceed building lot coverage for a 1-story addition	08/18/26	Approved
7	1804 Central Street	B1a, oCSC	Administrative Review Use	Office use on the ground floor - The Inner Keep coworking spaces	08/25/26	Approved
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 allow urban farms and neighborhood gardens as a special use in the OS Open Space district, establish regulations on setbacks, fencing, noise, odor, pest control, and operating hours for neighborhood gardens and urban farms. It will also regulate accessory structures like greenhouses, hoop houses, and tool sheds.	Received from Referrals Committee	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 09/28/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission Land Use Commission Hearing
NONE	NONE	NA	Text Amendment	Zoning text amendment to require an LUC public hearing for any accessory use 5,000 square feet in size or greater.	Received from Referrals Committee	Pending Future Planning & Development Committee and City Council Meeting on 09/28/26; Recommended for Denial by the Land Use Commission Land Use Commission Hearing



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: September 4, 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.

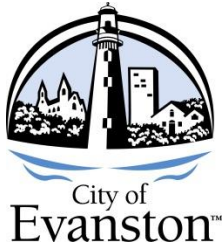
Please contact me at cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

September 4, 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	TCO#1 Main level kitchen approved for training purposes only. 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	Interior renovation of existing 4 stories with	Renovation	MEP inspections continue.

	25INTC-0209	basement r-2 dormitory		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	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

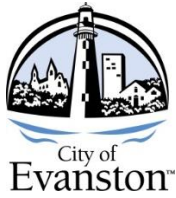


To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor
Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report
Date: September 4, 2026

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 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Angela Butler
Permit Services Supervisor



Date: September 4, 2026

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor

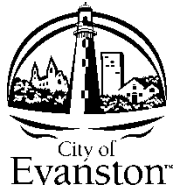
Subject: August 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Building Permit Fees

Total Permit Fees Collected - August 2026	\$661,897.62
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026	\$3,636,595.07
Total Permit Fees Collected - August 2025	\$1,373,916.30
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025	\$10,634,354.79

Construction Values

Total Construction Value August 2026	\$13,651,015.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026	\$220,310,017.00
Total Construction Value – August 2025	\$61,119,923.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025	\$1,111,284,861.00



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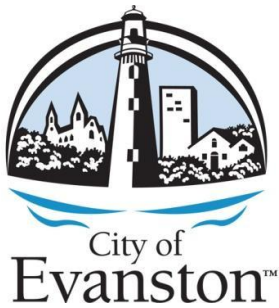
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Sept 4, 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
7	1030 Central St	Canal Shores Outdoor Patio	9/11/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
2	2400 Main St.	Snowfruit 558 – within Food4Less	9/18/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
1	1607 Chicago Ave.	Lizzano	5/7/26	Invoice Sent -Pending License Payment
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending Elec Re-inspection and FCO
1	523 Davis St.	Lolo's Bowl	7/1/26	Pending Inspections and FCO
6	2945 Central St.	Colectivo Coffee Roasters	7/20/26	Pending BP, Reviews, Inspections, FCO
3	900 Chicago St. Unit 101	B.U. PANINI & TOAST	8/20/26	Pending Reviews; Inspections; FCO
2	1824 Crain St.	Argos American Bistro	8/25/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO



Liquor Licensing
liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: September 4, 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

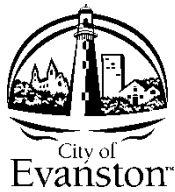
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of September 4, 2026

Annual License

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROCESSED HOURS FOR LIQUOR SALES	STATUS
2	Trulee Evanston	1815 Norwood Ct. Evanston, IL 60201	M	Retirement Facility	11 a.m. — 12 a.m	Application will be voted on at the Liquor Control Review Board on September 14, 2026

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
3	The Main-Dempster Mile	Multiple locations in SE Evanston	Z1	Beer & Wine	September 10, 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 Sept 4 through Sept 12)

Date: Sept 4, 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
Sept 4	7:00pm	Wild and Scenic Film Fest at Dawes Park	1st	Festival that inspires environmental activism and a love for nature through film

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Sept 5	11:00am - 7:00pm	Mason Park Players Community Picnic at Mason Park	2nd	Mason Park Players	Park Use, Food, Loudspeaker
Sept 6	11:00am - 3:30pm	French Fest Evanston at Fountain Square North Plaza	1st	French Fest Evanston	Park Use, Food, Loudspeaker
Sept 11	7:30am - 8:15am	EFD Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony	5th	Evanston Fire Dept	Park Use, Food, Loudspeaker
Sept 11	5:00pm - 6:00pm	JRC High Holiday - Shofar Walk at the Lakefront	1st	Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation	Park Use, Loudspeaker
Sept 12-13	12:00pm - 8:30pm	Evanston Folk Fest at the Lakefront	1st	SPACE Presents Inc.	Street Closure, Park Use, Liquor, Food, Loudspeaker

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details

Recreation Programs Update:

This is the last week for summer programming. This summer the Department held 440 non-summer camp programs with 4480 participants. The Department also provided 1056 drop in opportunities with 8446 participants this summer. Summer traditionally has the lowest number of programs and drop in opportunities due to the Department focusing on Summer Camps.

For the week of August 31 - September 6 the department has issued 36 picnic permits and 274 hours of athletic field permits.

The last Starlight Concert and Movie showed happening on August 29. For the 2026 Starlight Series the department hosted 5 movies and 5 concerts either a concert or a movie in all 9 wards, including the movie shown with Food Truck Fest. For the summer we had 2950 participants at the events.

Food Service Updates

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Community Services Updates

- Two new CARE Team responders scheduled to start training on September 14, 2026. They will be actively in the field responding to calls starting Nov 1, 2026



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Editor's Note:

The NWMC Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

NITA Replaces RTA

Tuesday, September 1 marked the beginning of Chicagoland's new regional transit authority, the [Northern Illinois Transit Authority \(NITA\)](#). NITA replaces the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), taking more oversight for regional transit planning, funding, capital investments, fares and service coordination across Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

NITA will be run by a [20-member Board that includes appointments from the Governor, Mayor of Chicago, Cook County Board President, and the county board chairs of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties](#). Seventeen of NITA's 20 directors will also serve on the CTA, Metra, or Pace boards, creating a closer connection between regional and service level decision making. All NITA, CTA, Metra, and Pace board appointments have now been made, with the Chairperson of NITA to be selected at the [inaugural board meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m.](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Thank You NWMC Area Transit Board Members

With NITA replacing the RTA this week, the Conference extends its gratitude to current and former members whose service on the RTA and transit service boards comes to an end. Thank you to *Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica* for her service on the RTA Board, *Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig* for serving on the Metra Board and *Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod* and former *Wilmette Village President Chris Canning* for their service on the Pace Board. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Plan Now for Fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

As previously reported, the live fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held at noon on Tuesday October 13 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to Harvey, *Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire* and *Tinley Park* for participating. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale right up to the morning of the auction day.

The final live auction of the year will be held on Tuesday, December 15. In addition, America's AA hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. Please remember that a portion of the proceeds helps support the organization's operations. 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*

SPC Extends Currie Motors Ford Contracts

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has approved the second of three possible, one-year contract extensions with price changes to Currie Motors on the following 2027 Ford contracts:

Contract #	Vehicle	New Price
228	F-150 Police Responder	\$47,080.00
231	Explorer	\$34,643.00 (decrease)
232	F-150XL	\$34,433.00

The new pricing for the F-150 contracts represents a less than 1% increase. In addition, Ford is offering new and reduced pricing for Ford Protect Extended Warranties, complimentary Ford Pro Telematics Essentials as well as enrollment in National Fleet Parts Pricing. Each of these programs is designed to assist with reducing the cost of

ownership and vehicle downtime and allowing members to experience the benefits of the Ford Pro network while complementing their existing Fleet Management programs.

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Municipal Sales Manager Tom Sullivan, 815-464-9200 or tsullivan@curriemotors.com, or Commercial Accounts Manager Nic Cortellini, 815-464-9200 or ncortellini@curriemotors.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Extends Sewer Cleaner Truck Contracts

The SPC Governing Board has approved the third of four possible, one-year contract extensions of the [12 Yard & 10 Yard Single Engine Combo Sewer & Catch Basin Cleaner](#) contracts with EJ Equipment of Addison. The contract extension runs from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with 5% price increases as follows:

Contract #	Description	New Price
215	12 Yard Single Engine Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner	\$684,678.96
216	10 Yard Single Engine Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner	\$648,236.93

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Regional Sales Manager Eric LeSage 800-522-2808 x 234, 815-370-3549 (cell) or eric@ejequipment.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Prepare Now for Winter's Challenges

As summer's heat winds down and local governments begin preparing for winter, reliable access to snow and ice management equipment can help keep operations running smoothly as conditions begin to change.

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) and Sourcewell can help secure winter readiness solutions, including [Liquid Calcium Chloride](#) and [salt, brine, and anti-icing or de-icing agents](#), through competitively awarded cooperative contracts. That means spending less time on procurement and more time solving what matters most: keeping roads clear and operations running smoothly while ensuring safety.

The following SPC [Liquid Calcium Chloride](#) Contract (#213) pricing with Sicalco is effective through December 4, 2027:

Price per Gallon:	\$0.55
Delivery:	<u>\$0.22</u>
Total	\$0.77

In addition, Sourcewell contracts have been awarded for the following:

- [AccuBrine 031423-CGI](#) - Brine making systems, batch brine makers, AccuBrine, AccuBatch
- [Brine Technologies 031423-BRM](#) - Brine production, automated brine maker, brine blending equipment, liquid truck load-out, anti-ice & de-ice, brine maker, anti-ice equipment, de-ice equipment, snow & ice control equipment
- [Camion 031423-EDP](#) - Brine storage tanks, poly tank, liquid brine storage, brine maker, brine production, anti-icing storage, de-icing storage, brine sprayer, brine applicator
- [Henderson 031423-HPI](#) - Brine production equipment, brine management equipment, anti-icing and deicing spreaders, mobile storage tanks
- [New Deal Deicing 031423-NDD](#) - Non-chloride ice melt, low-corrosion ice melt, non-corrosive ice melt, sodium formate, sodium acetate, brine making equipment, salt briner, liquid sprayer, ice melt sprayer, ice control sprayer, pavement deicer
- [VariTech 031423-VAR](#) - Salt brine production systems, automated brine production, automated chemical blending station, single & double wall storage tanks, liquid transfer pumps, smart transfer & tank management systems, truck-mounted application systems, trailer-mounted anti-icing system, critical spot sprayer, anti-sloshing equipment, application controllers

As always, participation with the SPC and Sourcewell is free for eligible public agencies, with no obligation to purchase. Not sure if your agency is registered with Sourcewell? Use the [agency lookup](#) tool to locate your Account

number and Sourcewell contact. Whether you're new to Sourcewell or simply ready to identify options, please visit their [website](#) to get started and explore winter maintenance solutions.

For additional information, please contact staff or Sourcewell's Director of Government Accounts – Local Government Kathryn Rippee, Kathryn.Rippee@sourcewell-mn.gov, 218-308-6668 (office) or 850-509-4847 (cell). For questions or additional information from Sicalco, please contact staff or Frank Sibr, 630-371-2655 or fsibr@sicalco.net. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Sourcewell Awards New Contracts

As previously reported and through the SPC's strategic alliance with Sourcewell, members now have access to additional contracts recently awarded following competitive solicitations for:

- [JOC or IDIQ Program Management Consulting Services](#)
- [Permanent, Fixed-Message Signage with Related Products and Services](#)
- [Vehicle Exhaust Removal & Filtering Systems](#)
- [Street Sweeping, Sewer Jetting, Hydro-Excavation, and Related Public Works as a Service](#)

These offerings and [all awarded contracts](#) are designed to expand your purchasing options and provide tailored solutions delivered through your local dealer or representative.

For more information about Sourcewell or their contracts, please contact staff or Sourcewell Government Accounts Team Member Lindsey Pafford, lindsey.pafford@sourcewell-mn.gov or 218-881-3487. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Apply Today for ITEP Grants

As previously reported, the 2026 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is open for applications. [\\$157 million in funding](#) is available for walking, biking, and trail projects, with the maximum award increased this year to \$4.5 million. Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 5, with awards announced in Spring 2027.

To help communities develop strong, competitive applications, the Active Transportation Alliance and IDOT have held the following webinars:

- Part 1: ITEP basics, eligibility criteria, and what's new
 - [Part 1 recording](#)
 - [Part 1 slides](#)
- Part 2: Scoring, application walk through, Q&A with IDOT staff
 - [Part 2 recording](#)
 - [Part 2 slides](#)

Please note that a final Q&A with IDOT will be held on Wednesday, September 16, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ([Register here](#)).

Looking for inspiration? Last cycle's awards included NWMC members *Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, and Mount Prospect*. To learn more, please visit the [ITEP website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

USDOT Opens PROTECT Grant Applications

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has opened applications for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program. This program will offer \$787 million in FFY 2024-2026 for planning and construction of surface transportation facilities to be resilient to natural disasters, severe storms, flooding, extreme temperature, and other extreme weather events.

Learn more about the PROTECT grant by visiting the [PROTECT program webpage](#) and [apply at Grants.gov](#). Please note that there is a change to the project selection criteria where USDOT “may prioritize projects that repurpose existing specialized travel lanes for bicycles, buses, or pedestrians for general purpose use by all motor vehicles.” Applications are due by Friday, October 9 at 10:59 p.m. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

IDOT Offers Paratransit Vehicle Grants

From the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):

The Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting applications for grants to provide public transportation providers and eligible nonprofit organizations with paratransit vehicles. Municipalities and local governments, as well as nonprofit agencies providing specialized transportation to seniors or individuals with disabilities, are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is Sept. 21. Through its Consolidated Vehicle Procurement program, IDOT purchases accessible paratransit vehicles on behalf of eligible recipients using various federal funding sources. Applications should be submitted online through IDOT's transit grant management system at ildot.blackcattransit.com.

Applications from agencies that receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 or 5311 funds for operation of public transportation will be approved, as long as the information submitted is complete and accurate. Vehicles will be awarded equitably among eligible applicants. IDOT will evaluate all other applications based on the following criteria:

- Level of existing service.
- Equipment utilization (vehicle miles traveled *or* number of one-way trips per day).
- Asset maintenance (maintenance policy, preventive maintenance, vehicle files).
- Management capacity (driver training policy, recordkeeping).
- Coordination efforts (notification to other transportation providers, participation in local public transit, human service transportation efforts).

For more information, please contact Zoe Keller, IDOT's section chief of consolidated vehicle procurement, at Zoe.Keller@Illinois.gov. Awards will be announced this fall. To learn more about the program, [visit the announcement page](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Apply Today for IEPA's Public Buildings Energy Efficiency Program

Last week, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) announced \$766,600 in funding through the Public Buildings Energy Efficiency Program for projects that include energy efficiency upgrades identified in an energy efficiency assessment or audit conducted within the last five years. The [Efficient and Resilient Public Building Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is now posted.

The Public Building Energy Efficiency Program provides financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements at public buildings owned by municipalities, counties and other units of local government. Eligible projects include efficiency upgrades identified in an energy efficiency assessment or audit conducted within the last 5 years. Examples of eligible projects include building envelope insulation, window replacement lighting upgrades, programmable thermostats and occupancy sensors, heating and cooling system retrofit, high efficiency appliances, and a transfer switch.

Grants will be capped at a maximum of \$200,000 per grantee. Funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program to Illinois. The Notice of Funding Opportunity and additional information can be found on [Illinois EPA's Office of Energy webpage](#). Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, September 30. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Register Today for MWRD's Final Stormwater Workshop in Mount Prospect

As previously reported, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is hosting a series of workshops across Cook County to gather community input on stormwater concerns, community priorities and opportunities for future collaboration on stormwater projects. The workshops are recommended for municipal officials and administrators, engineering directors, municipal or township engineers, public works staff and others involved in capital improvements or stormwater management.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with MWRD stormwater engineers to discuss local needs, learn about the MWRD Stormwater Partnership Program and tour a completed stormwater project. During registration, attendees may also request a one-on-one meeting with MWRD staff, who will follow up with scheduling information and guidance to help communities prepare. The final workshop date is:

- Thursday, September 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Burning Bush Community Center, *Mount Prospect* ([Register Here](#))

To register for other MWRD events, please [visit here](#) and for any questions, please contact EnvJustice@mwrdd.org.
Staff contact: *Eric Czarnota*

MWRD Stormwater Resources & Engagement Opportunities

As a reminder, the MWRD offers several resources and opportunities for partners to stay informed, provide input and support effective stormwater management efforts across the region. Partners are encouraged to complete the [Stormwater Partnership Survey](#) to provide feedback on MWRD's programs and help guide future improvements, priorities, and funding approaches. To stay up to date on program announcements, funding opportunities, and partnership news, stakeholders can join the [MWRD Partnerships Mailing List](#).

MWRD also maintains the [Stormwater Central GeoHub](#), a centralized online platform offering interactive maps, data and planning tools to assist communities in identifying and advancing stormwater projects. In addition, MWRD provides a range of [education and outreach resources](#), including publications, technical materials and facility tours that support public awareness and adoption of best practices in water management. Together, these tools provide valuable ways for municipalities and stakeholders to engage with MWRD, access technical resources and help shape the future of regional stormwater programs. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or MWRD Senior Civil Engineer Mark Castillo, CastilloM@mwrdd.org. Staff contact: *Eric Czarnota*

Cook County Releases Bike Share Feasibility Study

As bike share increases in popularity across the region and worldwide, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has evaluated opportunities to expand bike share in suburban Cook County. This effort has resulted in the release of the [Cook County Bike Share Feasibility Study](#), which analyzes key destinations, infrastructure, and demographics to identify where bike share networks would work best in the suburban context.

The study incorporates previous planning efforts, benefits of bike share, patterns and trends, and peer interviews to identify where bike share has the most potential. Five top performing zones were identified, including two that incorporate NWMC members *Des Plaines*, *Lincolnwood*, *Morton Grove*, *Niles*, *Park Ridge*, and *Skokie*. The study also provides information on how a bike share system can be designed for a local context, costs, and public and private funding opportunities. [Read the full study here](#). Staff contacts: *Eric Czarnota*, *Brian Larson*

Newsy Items of the Week

WGN: [Illinois governor signs law setting new age and licensing rules for e-bike riders](#)

Daily Herald: [‘It’s all teed up’: Dillard’s last stop as RTA chief comes as new agency rises](#)

Crain’s Chicago Business: [The O’Hare Flyer may actually be doable. Here’s what stands in the way.](#)

CBS News: [NITA replaces RTA as Chicago area's mass transit oversight agency](#)

NBC Chicago: [Better connections, more frequent service coming to Chicago-area transit, leaders say](#)

Chicago Sun-Times: [Illinois suburbs halt Flock use, suspend officers and review policy amid alleged improper use](#)

Daily Herald: [NITA is in the driver’s seat for public transit with \\$8 million assist from consultants](#)

New York Times: [Do D.E.I. Bike Paths Exist? The Trump Administration Says Yes.](#)

Chicago Tribune: [RTA executive director retires as transit shake-up takes root](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at noon via videoconference.

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