



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Luke Stowe, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: October 2, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for September 28, 2026 – October 2, 2026

City Manager's Office

Federal Activity Update

Bids Advertised

Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

Community Development

Zoning Report

Field Inspection Report

Health Department

Health Department Report

Law Department

Liquor License Application Report

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

Events Report

Clerk's Office

No Report

Legislative Reading

NWMC Briefing

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

Monday, October 5, 2026

No Meetings

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

5:00 PM: [Finance & Budget Committee](#)

Thursday, October 8, 2026

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

Friday, October 9, 2026

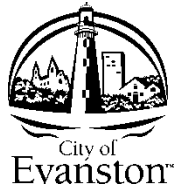
No Meetings

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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager
From: Commander Chelsea Brown
Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update
Date: Oct 2, 2026

There was no reported federal activity this week.



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

Subject: Bids/ RFPs/ RFQs Advertised during the Week of September 28, 2026

Date: October 2, 2026

The following is a list of advertised projects and the anticipated date on which each will be presented to the Council or Library Board.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs sent during the Week of September 28, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Special Ethics Counsel (Evanston City Code 1-10-11)	Legal	The City of Evanston's Law Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms to serve as the City of Evanston's Special Ethics Counsel as outlined in City Code 1-10-11. Suburban – Pioneer Press	\$100,000	10/27	11/09



Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

Subject: Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

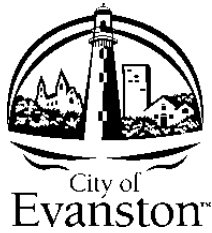
Date: October 2, 2026

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 85%. The following 77 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 AVENUE	1
200065	Submission not received	722 CLARK STREET	1
200070	Submission not received	1718 SHERMAN AVENUE	1
200089	Submission not received	640 COLFAX STREET	1
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
100126	Received but not in compliance	1215 CHURCH STREET	2
100479	Received but not in compliance	2220 GREENLEAF STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	2
105835	Submission not received	2400 MAIN STREET	2
109340	Submission not received	2113 GREENLEAF STREET	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
200053	Submission not received	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	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
104693	Received but not in compliance	529 MICHIGAN 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
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
103843	Submission not received	901 MAPLE 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
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
107513	Submission not received	1615 EMERSON STREET	5
200030	Submission not received	2131 DEWEY AVENUE	5
200034	Submission not received	1610 FOSTER STREET	5
200062	Submission not received	2116 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
103863	Submission not received	3800 GLENVIEW ROAD	6
108674	Submission not received	2934 CENTRAL STREET	6
108925	Submission not received	13 CALVIN CIRCLE	6
200083	Submission not received	2228 CENTRAL STREET	6
200087	Submission not received	2230 CENTRAL STREET	6
100045	Submission not received	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD STREET	8
102286	Received but not in compliance	616 HULL TERRACE	8
102616	Received but not in compliance	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

200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
200029	Submission not received	300 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
200064	Submission not received	122 CALLAN 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
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: 10/02/2026

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: September 24, 2026 to October 1, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	 Received	Status
1	2047 Orrington Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Garage & ADU	10/02/26	pending staff review
2	942 Brown Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Carport	05/13/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1265 Hartrey Avenue	I2	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a computer processing center	09/16/26	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1744 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	09/15/26	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	1120 Asbury Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	10/02/26	pending staff review
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
5	1909 Asbury Avenue	C2	Building Permit	ADU	08/17/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	906 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/09/26	pending revisions from the applicant
5	908 Hamlin Street	R4a	Building Permit	ADU	09/10/26	pending revisions from the applicant
5	2540 Cowper Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	09/15/26	pending revisions 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 additional information from the applicant
6	2706 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Residence	09/24/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2706 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Garage & ADU	09/24/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2522 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Garage	09/25/26	pending staff review
6	2622 Harrison Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Addition	09/28/26	pending staff review

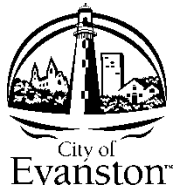
7	1900 Central Street	B1a/oCSC	Zoning Analysis	Demolition of the existing Chase Bank and construction of a new Chase Bank	09/22/25	Non-Compliant; pending additional information from the applicant OR future Planned Development application.
7	2000 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached Garage	08/28/26	Pending Landmark Nomination review by Historic Preservation Commission, Continued to 11/18/26 pending staff review
7	1114 Colfax St	R1	Building Permit	Garage	09/23/26	pending additional information from the applicant
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
9	2122 Warren Street	R2	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition	08/06/26	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	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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
1	1702 Chicago Avenue	R6	Minor Variation	Sign variation in order to install a detached sign encroaching into a front setback	09/29/26	pending staff review
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 Planning & Development Committee & City Council Meeting on 10/26/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
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 additional information from the applicant
2	1140 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Minor Fence Variation	Variation to allow a fence within a front yard	09/09/26	Approved
2	2419 Church Street	R2	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a front porch to encroach into a required interior side setback	09/11/26	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 10/14/26
5	2206 Maple Avenue	R5	Amendment to an 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. And the number of parking spaces.	08/20/26	Pending Future City Council Meeting on 10/12/26
5	810 Hamlin Street	R5	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a new screened-in porch exceeding building lot coverage	10/01/26	pending staff review
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Special Use and Text Amendment	Text Amendment to 6-15-9-3 to allow 'Urban Farm' and 'Neighborhood Garden' as a special use in the OS district. Amendment to 6-18-3 to change 'Urban Farm' definition. Special Use to allow Evanston Grows to operate an urban farm at Elks Park	05/01/26	ON HOLD

8	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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
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 City Council Meeting on 10/12/26; Recommended for Denial by the Land Use Commission



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: October 2, 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.

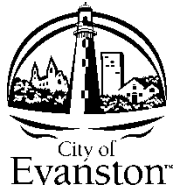
Please contact me at cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

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

Ward 5	2206 Maple Avenue 25BLDC-0003	New construction of a 5 story/30 unit apartment building	New Construction	MEP inspections continue. Construction fence in place.
Ward 4	910 Custer Ave 25BLDC-0002	Construction of a new five-story 230-unit residential multifamily building	New Construction	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	Temporary Construction Fence Installed Demolition permit issued



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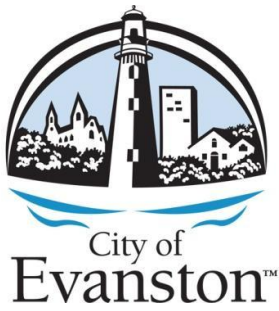
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Oct 01, 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 BP, Reviews, Inspections, 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
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 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
1	1710 Sherman Ave.	Talkin Tacos	9/9/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
4	1557 Sherman Ave.	Boca Brava	9/18/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1709 Benson Ave.	Living Water Tea House	9/24/26	Pending Reviews, Inspections, FCO
1	1710 Sherman Ave	Alleyway Grill	10/01/26	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: October 2, 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

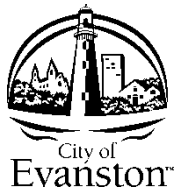
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of October 2, 2026

Annual License

None

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
7	Ariane DeLong	2024 N McCormick Ave. Evanston, IL 60201	Z4	Alcoholic Liquor	October 9, 2026	License issued
8	Juan Gonzalez-Rodriguez	300 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z4	Alcoholic Liquor	October 10, 2026	License issued
8	Isabel Cardenas	300 Dodge Ave. Evanston, IL 60202	Z4	Alcoholic Liquor	October 11, 2026	License issued
7	Davis Inman	600 Emerson St. Evanston, IL 60208	Z1	Beer & Wine	October 3, 2026 November 4, 2026 November 17, 2026 November 21, 2026	Licenses 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 Oct 2 through Oct 10)

Date: October 2, 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

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Oct 3	11:00am - 3:00pm	Fire Dept Open House on Lake, Elmwood to Maple	4th	Evanston Fire Dept	Street Closure, Food
Oct 4	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Step up for Recovery at Dawes Park	1st	Peer Services	Park Use, Loudspeaker, Food
Oct 4	9:00am - 4:00pm	Cubmobile on Leonard Pl, Ridge to Asbury	5th	Northeast Illinois Council, Scouting America	Street Closure

Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
Sept 18	Baker Park	3rd	Basketball Court Resurface and Stripe

Recreation Programs Update:

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Food Service Updates

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Community Services Updates

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DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2026

NWMC Members Share Successes, Win Awards at APA-IL State Conference

The NWMC was well represented at this week's American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter (APA-IL) state conference, hosted by the *City of Evanston*. *Lincolnwood Mayor Jesal Patel*, *Skokie Mayor Ann Tennes* and staff from *Barrington*, *Buffalo Grove*, *Evanston*, *Northbrook*, *Park Ridge*, *Rolling Meadows*, *Schaumburg*, *West Dundee*, and *Wilmette* shared projects, planning successes, and strategies from their communities.

Congratulations to the *Village of Lake Zurich* for receiving the [Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan](#) for [Lake Zurich Together](#), and to *Rolling Meadows Assistant City Manager & Community Development Director Glen Cole*, who received the Distinguished Service Award. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

October 13 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Continues to Grow

Another municipality joined the participant list this week for the live fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction, which will be held at noon on Tuesday October 13 at America's Auto Auction (America's AA) in Crestwood. Thank you to *Buffalo Grove*, *Bolingbrook*, *Harvey*, *Hickory Hills*, *Lake Bluff*, *Lincolnshire*, *Prospect Heights*, *Wheaton* 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*

Ford Announces Factory Order Cut-Off Date for F-150 Super Cab

As a reminder, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) was recently advised that Ford Motor Company set December 11 as the factory order cutoff date for the F-150 Super Cab body style on the Ford F-150XL (Contract #232) with Currie Motors. NOTE: Regular cab and Super Crew models remain available and are not affected by this announcement, but if you're interested in the Super Cab body style, please order soon.

Updated information and the price list/order form may be found by visiting [Ford F-150XL \(Contract #232\)](#). For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Currie Motors Commercial Accounts Manager Nic Cortellini, ncortellini@curriemotors.com or 815-464-9200. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Sourcewell Awards New Contracts

Through the SPC's strategic alliance with Sourcewell, members now have access to additional contracts recently awarded following competitive solicitations for:

- [Airside Ground Support Equipment](#)
- [Pool Chemicals and Equipment with Related Services](#)
- [Roadway Paving Equipment](#)
- [Transportation Services Payment Solutions](#)

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

Sourcewell cooperative purchasing offers choice, value, and peace of mind. As always, participation 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.

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*

Last Call to Comment on the People Over Parking Act

The public comment period for the People Over Parking Act (POPA) is currently open through Friday, October 9. The legislation took effect on June 1 and no longer allows municipalities to impose minimum parking requirements for new developments in designated areas near qualifying transit services. In advance of the comment period, the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) released [maps identifying the transit areas covered by the legislation](#). Elected officials, staff, and other interested parties may review the maps and provide comments regarding transit boundaries, local infrastructure, or potential map corrections. Formal comments can be submitted to communications@nita.illinois.gov or through the [NITA Public Comment Page](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

What Moves You? Help Shape the NITA 2027 Budget

From the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA):

More frequent service. Better real-time arrival information. Safer, more accessible stations and stops. Tell NITA which improvements would make the biggest difference in your transit experience.

As NITA develops its first [regional budget](#) encompassing the budgets of CTA, Metra, and Pace, we're inviting you to share your priorities for everyday service and long-term investments. Our survey launching today covers everything from public safety and reliability to modernizing vehicles, stations, and infrastructure. You can also suggest your own ideas and highlight specific routes, stations, or stops that need attention.

Your feedback will help inform NITA's budget planning and future transit improvements. Take the [survey](#) by October 16. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MMC to Host Gala at the Obama Presidential Center

On Saturday, November 14, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) will hold their annual gala at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and attendees will "explore the Center's exhibition floors and conclude the evening in the Sky Room with dinner, drinks and conversation overlooking the city." Individual tickets cost \$200. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit the [2026 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala](#) Eventbrite page. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

MMC to Host Virtual Energy Storage Meeting

From the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus:

Energy storage is a rapidly emerging industry that can enhance the resilience of the electric grid and may present development opportunities for municipalities. Enabled by the [Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act \(CRGA\)](#), new programs and utility incentives are under development.

The Caucus Environment and Energy Committee will host a special meeting on battery energy storage on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m. and is open to all mayors, managers, and staff from Caucus member communities. [Please register here](#).

This briefing will introduce energy storage technology, CRGA, and future development considerations for local governments. The director of the [Argonne Collaborative Center for Energy Storage Science \(ACCESS\)](#) will discuss pivotal discoveries and future targets for energy storage science. A speaker from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134 will discuss existing battery storage codes, standards, safety, permitting, and more. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Illinois Renewable Energy Conference Offering Complimentary Government Registration

The Illinois Solar Energy and Storage Association (ISEA) is extending an invitation for municipal officials to attend the 2026 Illinois Renewable Energy Conference, scheduled for October 19-20 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott & Conference Center. Municipal elected officials and staff are invited to attend the Local Governments Track at the conference [with complimentary registration](#). The dedicated track will take place Monday, October 19, from 1:00

p.m.–5:00 p.m. and will feature practical sessions on solar and energy storage opportunities, Direct Pay for government entities, fire safety and local permitting best practices.

View the conference agenda [here](#) and register with the [Complimentary Government Registration](#). Please direct questions about the conference to ISEA Executive Director Lesley McCain, lesley.mccain@illinoissolar.org. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: [Pace passengers can lose themselves in a book thanks to Dolly Parton tribute](#)

Daily Herald: [With massive board exodus, new leaders step up at Pace](#)

WTTW: [Interim NITA Director Earning \\$350K Salary While Also Collecting \\$213K Annual City Pension, Records Show](#)

Daily Herald: [‘First in the country’: Metra to showcase game-changing battery-operated passenger train](#)

Daily Herald: [Suburban water agencies talking with Chicago, but moving forward with \\$6B plan to sidestep city](#)

Route Fifty: [Tech ‘isn’t the hard part’ in digital experience, local leaders say](#)

Evanston Now: [Evanston Transit Alliance mobilizes residents as city updates bike plan for the first time since 2014](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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