



Memorandum

To: Mayor Pro Tempore Kelly and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: October 23, 2026

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Weekly Report for October 19, 2026 – October 23, 2026

City Manager's Office

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NWMC Briefing

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

Monday, October 26, 2026

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

5:30 PM: [Planning & Development Committee](#)

6:00 PM: [City Council](#)

6:00 PM: [2027 Budget Public Hearing](#)

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

No Meetings

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

5:00 PM: [Economic Development Committee](#)

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

Thursday, October 29, 2026

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

Friday, October 30, 2026

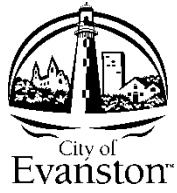
No Meetings

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[City of Evanston - Calendar](#)

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:

[City of Evanston – Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Commander Chelsea Brown

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: October 23, 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 October 19, 2026

Date: October 23, 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 October 19, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Fleetwood Jourdain Center Audio Video System	PWA	Work on this project includes a new integrated audio/video system for the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center auditorium. The project includes cameras, conferencing equipment, and user-friendly controls to support presentations, meetings, and two-way remote participation. Suburban – Pioneer Press	\$700,000	11/17	12/14
Spanish-Language Learning Programs	PRCS	The City is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to develop and deliver engaging, interactive Spanish-language learning programs. The selected vendor must provide age-appropriate instruction that builds conversational Spanish skills and vocabulary through interactive activities and hands-on learning experiences. Programming should also introduce participants to the cultures and traditions of Spanish-	Various Parks Accounts	11/17	12/14

		speaking communities while creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that encourages curiosity, confidence, and an ongoing interest in learning Spanish. Selected vendor will enter into a 70% Vendor /30% City of Evanston contract in alignment Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Vendor Contract for services. Suburban – Pioneer Press			
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Memorandum

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

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

Subject: Weekly Energy & Water Benchmarking Report

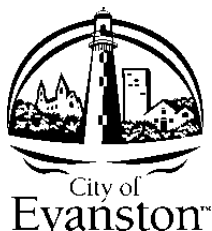
Date: October 23, 2026

The City of Evanston's Benchmarking Ordinance (33-O-16; amended as 1-O-25, the Healthy Buildings Ordinance) requires that properties 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 87%. The following 67 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

Building ID	Status	Address	Ward
200003	Received but not in compliance	1445 Hinman Ave	1
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN 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
200053	Received but not in compliance	2117 GREENLEAF STREET	2
100027	Submission not received	2402 MAIN STREET	2
105023	Submission not received	1834 RIDGE AVENUE	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
200055	Submission not received	2306 MAIN STREET	2
100957	Submission not received	624 SHERIDAN ROAD	3
102120	Submission not received	817 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO AVENUE	3
105106	Submission not received	830 HINMAN AVENUE	3
105688	Submission not received	837 JUDSON 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
108344	Received but not in compliance	1454 ELMWOOD AVENUE	4
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
200023	Submission not received	990 GROVE STREET	4
200074	Submission not received	805 GREENWOOD STREET	4
200079	Submission not received	1322 SHERMAN AVENUE	4
101538	Received but not in compliance	1532 EMERSON STREET	5
104112	Received but not in compliance	2156 GREEN BAY ROAD	5
101205	Submission not received	1001 EMERSON STREET	5
103777	Submission not received	2040 BROWN AVENUE	5
107513	Submission not received	1615 EMERSON STREET	5
200030	Submission not received	2119 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
200083	Submission not received	2228 CENTRAL STREET	6
100045	Received but not in compliance	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
103799	Submission not received	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
102616	Received but not in compliance	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
200020	Received but not in compliance	2424 OAKTON STREET	8
100689	Submission not received	415 HOWARD 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
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: 10/23/2026

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: October 15, 2026 to October 23, 2026

Zoning Reviews (Zoning Analysis and Permits)

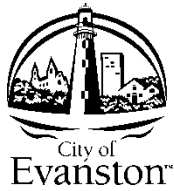
Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project or Permit Description	Received	Status
2	1265 Hartrey Avenue	I2	Zoning Analysis	Determination of use for a computer processing center	09/16/26	pending additional information from the applicant
3	1000 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Zoning Analysis	Proposal for the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new 8-story multi family development containing 111 dwelling units and ground-floor commercial space	10/19/26	pending staff review
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	801 Main Street, 908 Sherman Avenue	B1, R3, oDM Overlay	Zoning Analysis	Proposal for a City-owned Putting Assets to Work (PAW) site consisting of one 5-story, 72-unit mixed use building along Main Street with ground-floor commercial space and apartments on the higher floors and 3 townhome buildings (16 units) with a mixture of for-sale and rental units. The proposal also includes the preservation of the existing multifamily building at 908 Sherman Ave.	10/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1801 Brown Avenue	R3	Building Permit	2nd Story Addition and New ADU	05/13/26	pending additional information 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
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2706 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition to Residence & Garage & New ADU	09/24/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2437 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/02/26	pending staff review
6	2612 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/07/26	pending staff review
6	2708 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	1-story Addition	10/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
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, Continued to 11/18/26
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
8	1208 Mulford Street	R2	Building Permit	2-Story Addition	10/13/26	pending staff review
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
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1	1702 Chicago Avenue	R6	Minor Variation	Sign variation in order to install a detached sign encroaching into a front setback	09/29/26	Approved
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
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 Planning & Development Committee & City Council Meeting on 11/09/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
4	1100 Oak Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a backup generator to encroach into a required interior side setback	10/05/26	pending staff review
4	1546 Ridge Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a fence to be located within a front yard	10/05/26	pending staff review
4	1424 Lake Street	B1	Administrative Review Use	Admin review use to allow a type-2 restaurant (Backlot Coffee)	10/20/26	pending staff review
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
5	1924-1926 Asbury Avenue	R5	Major Variations	Construction of a new 4-story multifamily building containing six dwelling units and the preservation of an existing two-flat residence.	10/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2603 Sheridan Road	OS	Unique Adaptive Use & Major Variation	Unique adaptive reuse for the rehabilitation of the Harley Clarke Mansion. The proposal includes interior renovations to the mansion in order to accommodate a restaurant, ice cream shop, a speakeasy bar in the basement, and a club room on the third floor. The restaurant and space could also be reserved for events. The coach house will serve as a community education space supporting Jens Jensen Gardens. A major variation is also necessary in order to allow the construction of several new off-street parking spaces.	09/28/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	301 Callan Avenue (Elks Park)	OS	Special Use and Text Amendment	Special Use to allow Evanston Grows to operate an urban farm at Elks Park	05/01/26	Pending Future Land Use Commission Meeting on 11/11/26
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



To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: October 23, 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.

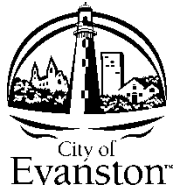
Please contact me at cradoescu@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Weekly Field Inspection Report

October 23 , 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.
Ward 7	1501 Central Street 24BLDC-0002	Ryan field	New Construction	TCO issued for the whole stadium. FCO pending approval.
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

Ward 2	900 Clark Street	New 26-story Mixed Use Development with Ground Floor Commercial space and 360 Dwelling Units.	New Construction	Temporary Construction Fence Installed. Permit Pending
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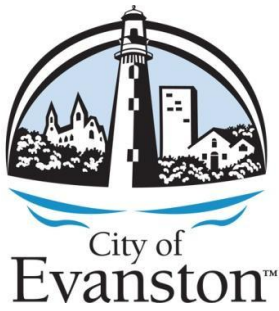
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Services Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: Oct 23, 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 FCO
4	1563 Sherman Ave	Giordano's	11/20/25	Pending Inspections and FCO
7	2001 Sheridan Rd	Jacobs Cafe	1/8/26	Pending Fire Insp and FCO
3	825 Chicago Ave.	Gertrude Coffee	5/15/26	Pending 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 and 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 Inspections and 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
4	1424 Lake St.	Backlot Coffee	10/20/26	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 23, 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

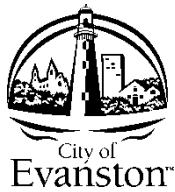
Liquor applications received and pending for the week of October 23, 2026

Annual License

None

One-Day License

WARD	APPLICANT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	EVENT DATE(S)	STATUS
7	Canal Shores	1028 Central St. Evanston, IL 60201	Z5	Alcoholic Liquor	October 24, 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 Oct 23 through Oct 31)

Date: October 23, 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
Oct 24	3:00pm - 9:00pm	Bug a Boo at Ecology Center and Ladd Arboretum Path	5th	Kids get to meet costumed animal characters as they travel around the Ladd Arboretum
Oct 30	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Trunk or Treat in the Robert Crown Center parking lot	2nd	Trunks of cars are decorated for Halloween as kids trick or treat for candy
Oct 30	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Nightmare on Foster St. at Fleetwood Jourdain Center	5th	Explore a haunted house and enjoy Halloween crafts at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center

Special Events with applicable permits/approvals

Date	Time	Event	Ward	Organization	Permit Specifics
Oct 24	12:00pm - 5:00pm	Passport to Noyes Festival on Noyes St from Noyes Ct to the Noyes Center parking lot	5th	Propvizer, Inc.	Street Closure, Food, Loudspeaker

Oct 30	4:00pm - 7:00pm	Trick or Treat on Howard St with costume contest and screening of Hocus Pocus on Callan from Howard to the alley	8th	Rogers Park Business Alliance and Howard St Evanston SSA	Street Closure, Loudspeaker
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Park-Related Updates

Date	Location	Ward	Project Details
Oct 21	Bent Park	6th	Tennis Court Open
Oct 27	Clyde Brummel	8th	Playground Rebuild

Recreation Programs Update:

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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 23, 2026

The Invitations Have Been Sent – RSVP Today for the NWMC Holiday Celebration!

In lieu of the December NWMC Board meeting, the Conference will again host a complimentary holiday celebration for members, legislators and guests. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. Formal invitations have been sent, so please RSVP your attendance to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200, ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org by Monday, November 30. *Staff contact: Marina Durso*

Don't Get Frozen Out this Winter – the SPC Can Help with Road Salt Needs!

As previously reported, after a major supplier of road salt chose not to submit a bid to the Illinois Department of Central Management this summer, several municipalities contacted the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) to explore alternative suppliers. Thanks to the SPC's strategic partnership with Sourcewell, we are pleased to advise that their vendor Safeware has a solution for regular rock salt (not treated salt).

Each entity will be quoted separately based on their specific need. To order, your entity must be registered with Sourcewell, so if you are not already registered, please visit www.sourcewell-mn.gov/register to fill out the brief online registration form. End users will receive an official Sourcewell account number and will be eligible to use all Sourcewell contracts.

When ordering, please provide point of contact information with name, phone and email. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Safeware Senior Territory Manager Kurt Wilhelm, kwilhelm@safewareinc.com, 301-683-1234 (office) or 847-505-9089 (cell). *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

U.S. Census Bureau Accepting Comments on Proposed Census Changes

As previously reported, the U.S. Census Bureau is accepting public comment on a [proposed rule](#) on how the 2030 Census will be conducted. Proposed changes include who will be counted for congressional district apportionment, how residency would be determined and what demographic information could be collected.

The census count determines your community's federal representation and is the baseline that states and localities use to redraw legislative and council districts. Census data underpins the formulas that distribute hundreds of billions of dollars a year in federal and state funding for community priorities, such as community development, transportation, housing assistance and education. The NLC and IML have raised the concern that the proposed changes could serve as deterrents to an accurate count of all households and individuals served by local government operations and services, and their contributions to local economies.

The Illinois Municipal League submitted [comments](#) regarding the proposed rule. The National League of Cities has a template letter available [here](#). The NWMC Legislative Committee will consider comments at its meeting later this month. The deadline to submit public comments has been extended to Monday, November 2, 2026 ([link to submit comments](#)). *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

Tickets Still Available for the MMC Gala at the Obama Presidential Center

Tickets are still available for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Annual Gala at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago. The event will be held on Saturday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to "explore the Center's exhibition floors and conclude the evening in the Sky Room with dinner, drinks and conversation overlooking the city." Note that there is a capacity limit for the event, so don't delay in ordering tickets. 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*

CMAP Announces FFY 2028-2032 Call for Projects: STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ and TAP-L

From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP):

Funding will be available for the [STP-Shared Fund](#), [CMAQ](#), and [TAP-L](#) fund sources. The biennial call for projects administered by CMAP staff will be open from October 19 through December 18, 2026. Detailed information about eligibility, the application process, and FAQs will be available on October 19, 2026 at [CMAP's website](#).

An informational webinar about the call will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28 and [registration is now open](#). A recording of the presentation will be made available online. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Pace Releases Draft ReVision Plan for Public Comment, Seeks Municipal Input

Pace has released the [Draft ReVision Plan](#), which proposes a 50% service improvement through increased frequencies, additional night and weekend service, and changes to route layouts throughout Chicagoland. Communities can encourage residents, visitors, and riders to complete the online public survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), attend a [community event pop-up](#), or attend a [virtual open house](#) on November 18 at 6:00 p.m. The plan will go to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) for future planning following the public input process.

Municipal leaders are specifically invited to participate in one of three virtual briefings for Pace's local government partners to provide feedback. Available briefing times include:

- [Monday, October 26, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Wednesday, October 28, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.](#)

Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson

Metra Releases Draft Systemwide Network Plan, Requests Public Comment

Metra has unveiled its [Draft Systemwide Network Plan](#) (SNP), a vision that evolves Metra towards its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan's goal of a regional rail network. The SNP identifies service changes and system improvements that guide Metra towards a regional model that allows improved travel throughout Chicagoland. [The SNP can be viewed online here](#), and Metra is encouraging [feedback via its online comment form](#). Additionally, Metra will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. The registration link will be available on [Metra's SNP webpage](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

NITA Launches Rider Advisory Councils, Now Accepting Applications

From the Northern Illinois Transit Authority:

As the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) builds a unified, rider-focused transit system for the Chicago region, we are inviting riders to help shape that work directly. NITA is now accepting applications for two new volunteer advisory councils: the Riders Advisory Council and the ADA Advisory Council, both required by the NITA Act. The councils will advise the NITA Board on how policies, programs, and services affect the people who ride CTA, Metra, and Pace every day. Applications are open through October 31, 2026, and available on the NITA website:

- [Riders Advisory Council application](#)
- [ADA Advisory Council application](#)

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Cook County Announces Changes to the Invest In Cook Program – Webinar Next Week

From the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways:

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is updating the Invest in Cook grant program for 2027 to emphasize traffic safety and accessibility for people with disabilities. While other project types will still be eligible for funding, DoTH will place additional priority on awards that improve traffic safety or accessibility in the public way. These changes help implement the recently published [Cook County Safety Action Plan](#) as well as help communities meet their safety and accessibility goals.

Webinar: To learn more about these changes to the Invest in Cook program, please join a webinar on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. DoTH will provide more details about the 2027 call for projects. [Register Here](#).

Community Workshops: In preparation for the 2027 Invest in Cook call for projects, DoTH is hosting a limited number of workshops with individual communities to help them develop traffic safety project concepts. For

participating communities, DoTH will help evaluate roadway locations and generate ideas for addressing traffic safety risks. Communities will still be responsible for applying for a grant if they elect to do so. Please note that completing the request form below does not guarantee placement in a workshop, and participating in a workshop does not guarantee award of an Invest in Cook grant. Workshops will be scheduled based on level of interest and resource availability. [Request a Workshop](#).

About Invest in Cook: For the eleventh year in a row, DoTH is making Invest in Cook grants available to local governments and agency partners to help prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives, support the region's role as North America's freight capital, promote equal access to opportunities, maintain and modernize what already exists and increase investments in transportation. Invest in Cook helps communities tap into new fund sources and accelerates the completion of projects that may have languished. [More Information](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

MWRD Sets Next Watershed Planning Council Meetings

From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD):

The fourth quarter Watershed Planning Council (WPC) meetings will connect communities with state and federal agencies offering grants, partnerships, and technical assistance to support stormwater management planning, design, and implementation. The sessions are designed to help WPC members better understand available funding programs, application processes, grant management practices, and partnership opportunities. Each meeting will feature a different agency and provide an opportunity to hear directly from agency representatives and MWRD staff. Members are encouraged to attend any or all of the remaining Q4 meetings:

- **October 27 at 10:00 AM:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant offerings and grant management best practices, plus MWRD stormwater workshop takeaways. [Virtual Meeting](#)
- **October 28 at 11:00 AM:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grant offerings and guidance on applying for an MWRD Stormwater Partnership. [Virtual Meeting](#)

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Newsy Items of the Week

Chicago Tribune: [Elk Grove Village using data center windfall to give residents \\$200 gift cards](#)

Daily Herald: [Focal point for downtown Arlington Heights: Ice rink set to open in November](#)

Daily Herald: [Metra unveils \\$9B draft plan for 15-minute train service and regional rail network](#)

Daily Herald: [Pace unveils ambitious plan to boost suburban bus service by 50%](#)

Daily Herald: [I-490 rising: Cost overruns, delays trail monumental O'Hare corridor](#)

Meetings and Events

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28 at noon via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Managers Committee will meet on Friday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the *South Barrington Village Hall*.

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

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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