Memorandum

To: Acting Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Luke Stowe, City Manager

Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update

Date: November 13, 2026

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Report for November 9, 2026 – November 13, 2026

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

Monday, November 16, 2026
No Meetings

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
6:30 PM: Housing & Community Development

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
8:30 AM: Healthy Buildings Technical Committee
6:30 PM: Evanston Public Library Board Meeting (Adoption of Tax Levy)
7:00 PM: Preservation Commission

Thursday, November 19, 2026
6:00 PM: Equity and Empowerment Commission
6:00 PM: Parks and Recreation Board
6:30 PM: Environment Board

Friday, November 20, 2026
7:15 AM: Utilities Commission
10:00 AM: Healthy Buildings Accountability Board

Check the City's Calendar for updates
City of Evanston - Calendar

City of Evanston Committee Webpage:
City of Evanston – Boards, Commissions and Committees

City of Evanston

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Commander Chelsea Brown

Subject: Weekly Federal Activity Update

Date: November 13, 2026

No federal activity was reported 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 November 9, 2026

Date: November 13, 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 November 9, 2026

Bid/RFP/RFQ Name	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budget Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Gymnastics Recreation Programming and Instruction	PRCS	The City of Evanston's Lakefront and Athletics Division of the Evanston Parks and Recreation Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: Youth, teen, and adult recreational gymnastics classes, camps, birthday parties, and private lessons. Suburban – Pioneer Press	$600,000	12/01	12/14
Ladd Arboretum Launch Project	PWA	Work on this project includes construction of a new launch facility and reconstruction of an existing parking lot along the North Shore Channel at the southwest intersection of McCormick Boulevard and Bridge Street in Evanston, Illinois. Suburban – Chicago Tribune	$2,800,000	12/15	1/11

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: November 13, 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 89%. The following 58 buildings have either not submitted 2025 data or have submitted incorrect or insufficient data.

Evanston Building ID	Status	Address	Ward
200003	Received but not in compliance	1445 HINMAN AVE	1
108757	Submission not received	1911 SHERMAN AVENUE	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
102203	Submission not received	933 CHICAGO 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
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
100045	Received but not in compliance	1620 CENTRAL STREET	7
103799	Received but not in compliance	2510 ASHLAND AVENUE	7
103364	Submission not received	2538 GREEN BAY ROAD	7
102616	Received but not in compliance	2454 OAKTON STREET	8
106104	Received but not in compliance	2255 HOWARD 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
109006	Submission not received	114 CALLAN AVENUE	8
109255	Submission not received	2001 HOWARD STREET	8
200029	Submission not received	300 FLORENCE AVENUE	8
109321	Received but not in compliance	437 RIDGE AVENUE	9
200071	Received but not in compliance	609 SOUTH BLVD	9
100623	Submission not received	500 ASBURY AVENUE	9
101456	Submission not received	802 ELMWOOD AVENUE	9
109504	Submission not received	1720 MONROE STREET	9
109671	Submission not received	917 WASHINGTON STREET	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:	11/13/2026

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: November 5, 2026 to November 12, 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
2	1619 Florence Avenue	R2	Building Permit	ADU	11/02/26	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.	10/19/26	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	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 staff review
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	2043 Asbury Avenue	R4	Zoning Analysis	ADU	11/03/26	pending staff review
6	2122 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	1-Story Addition	08/31/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2437 Marcy Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/02/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2612 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	10/07/26	pending additional information from the
6	2708 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	1-story Addition	10/07/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2506 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	2-story Addition	10/28/26	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2530 McDaniel Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Single-Family Home & Garage	11/11/26	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, Continued to 11/18/26
7	2413 Hartrey Avenue	R1	Building Permit	New Detached Garage	11/12/26	pending staff review
8	821 Mulford Street	R5	Building Permit	New Garage	06/30/26	pending additional information from the applicant
8	1003 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	New Garage	11/02/26	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
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 Future Land Use Commission Meeting on 12/09/26

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 City Council Meeting on 12/14/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission
3	907 Edgemere Court	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a shed in an interior side yard	10/23/26	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	Approved
4	1424 Lake Street	B1	Administrative Review Use	Admin review use to allow a type-2 restaurant (Backlot Coffee)	10/20/26	Approved
4	1109 Asbury Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to construct a 2-story addition over an attached garage utilizing an existing non-conforming front and rear-yard setback	11/02/26	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	Approved
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
6	2622 Harrison Street	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to allow a 3rd-story addition on s single-family home	10/28/26	Approved
6	2217 Harrison Street	R1	Minor Variation	Variation to construct a new garage a 2nd-story ADU that encroaches into an interior side setback	11/05/26	pending staff review
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 City Council Meeting on 12/14/26; Recommended for Approval by the Land Use Commission

City of Evanston

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Ciprian Radoescu, HVAC/Mechanical Inspector

Subject: Weekly Field Inspection Report

Date: November 13, 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

November 13 , 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. Temporary pedestrian and bike lane in place. 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. Demolition permit issued.

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To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor

Subject: Monthly Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Date: November 13, 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: November 13, 2026

To: Luke Stowe, City Manager

From: Angela Butler, Permit Services Supervisor

Subject: October 2026 Construction Valuation & Permit Fee Report

Building Permit Fees

Total Permit Fees Collected - October 2026	$704,506.77
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2026	$5,028,922.60
Total Permit Fees Collected - October 2025	$460,947.61
Total Permit Fees Collected - Fiscal Year 2025	$11,442,552.21

Construction Values

Total Construction Value October 2026	$29,234,933.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2026	$331,999,002.00
Total Construction Value – October 2025	$17,891,215.00
Total Construction Value – Fiscal Year 2025	$1,143,026,723.00

Memorandum

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: Nov 13, 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 License Payment
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
1	1707 Benson Ave.	Anthem Karaoke	11/12/26	Pending BP, Reviews, Inspections, FCO

Liquor Licensing
liquorlicense@cityofevanston.org

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: November 13, 2026

There are no pending liquor license applications to report for this week.

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 Nov 13 through Nov 21)

Date: November 13, 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
Nov 26	9:00am - 10:30am	Evanston Flying Turkey 5K Run staged in Dawes Park	1st	Sun & Wine Racing	Street Closure, Loudspeaker, Park Use

Park-Related Updates

Date	**Location**	**Ward**	**Project Details**
Nov 6	Clyde Brummel	8th	Playground Grand Opening
Nov 5	Chandler Park	7th	Playground Grand Opening

Recreation Programs Update:

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Community Services Updates

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Help Shape the Future of Parks & Recreation

Join us at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to learn about the Department's work with 100%, Inc. to strengthen financial sustainability while keeping programs and services accessible to our community. Hear about the process, ask questions, and share your perspective as we plan for the future of Evanston's Parks and Recreation.

Event details

Date: Thursday, November 19

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd St.

Can't attend in person? Please join us virtually

DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Celebrate the Holidays with the NWMC

In lieu of the December NWMC Board meeting, the Conference will 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*. 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*

Plan Now for Next Month's NWMC Winter Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The live NWMC Winter Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for December 15 at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. Thank you to Glenwood, *Lincolnshire,* Robbins, Tinley Park and Woodridge for being the first to sign up. Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for sale right up to the morning of the auction day.

While this is the final live NWMC auction for the year, America's AA also 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*

Liquid Calcium Chloride Prices Rise - Order Before December 1 to Avoid the Increase!

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has been informed that pricing on Liquid Calcium Chloride (Contract #213) with Sicalco, Ltd. is going up from $0.77 per gallon delivered to $0.87 per gallon delivered effective December 1. The price increase is a pass-through from the manufacturer, OxyChem. Place your orders now to save 12.99%! For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Frank Sibr, fsibr@sicalco.net or 630-371-2655. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

The SPC Has Road Salt Solutions

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 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 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*

Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit Elected Mayors Caucus Chair

On Monday, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus unanimously elected *Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit* as the organization's 2026-2027 Chair. The Mayors Caucus is a regional collaborative that encompasses 275 cities, towns and villages in the northeastern Illinois region.

Joining Mayor Schmit as 2026-2027 Mayors Caucus Officers are: Mayor Brandon Johnson, City of Chicago, 1st Vice Chair; President Richard Reinbold, Village of Richton Park, 2nd Vice Chair; Mayor Andre Harvey, Village of Bellwood, Secretary; and Mayor Mark Kownick, Village of Cary, Treasurer. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Wheeling's #BeforeTheyRide Safety Campaign and Request for Member E-Mobility Materials

As previously reported, the *Village of Wheeling* has created a campaign to educate parents and caregivers about the new statewide e-mobility laws that take effect on January 1, 2027. Click here to access information and materials on the #BeforeTheyRide campaign, which can be customized or shared by other municipalities and agencies as desired. Thank you to *Village Manager Jon Sfondilis* and the Wheeling Team for creating the campaign and offering the materials to the NWMC membership.

Intended as a prevention rather than enforcement campaign, #BeforeTheyRide addresses unsafe or unlawful behavior by underage riders before it begins by reaching families and caregivers. This eight-week campaign allows use of social media and municipal websites to cover the topics of the new law and other safety considerations.

Additionally, the NWMC is compiling an e-mobility best practices document to be shared with the membership. If you would like to have your community's e-mobility materials incorporated into the document, please send to Eric Czarnota (eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org) and/or Brian Larson (blarson@nwmc-cog.org) by TODAY, Friday, November 13. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

Reminder: Submit Your Ballot to Elect Eric Palm as IMRF Executive Trustee

As previously reported, the NWMC Board unanimously approved supporting the candidacy of *Hoffman Estates Village Manager Eric Palm* (click here for Mr. Palm's bio) for the position of Executive Trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). By now, authorized agents or governing bodies of IMRF employers should have received ballots to elect one Executive Trustee to serve a five-year term from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2031. Ballots must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Pace Releases Draft ReVision Plan for Public Comment

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 Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. The plan will be presented to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) for future planning following the public input process. *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 moves Metra toward its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan goal of a regional rail network. The SNP identifies service changes and system improvements to create a regional model that allows improved travel throughout Chicagoland. The SNP can be viewed here, and Metra is encouraging feedback via its online comment form. Additionally, Metra will host 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*

Last Call to Apply for FHWA Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has opened the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program for applications. This competitive grant program will award $80 million for projects that improve public safety by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions while simultaneously improving animal habitat connectivity. Applications will be accepted through Monday, November 16. For more information, including how to apply, please visit the program NOFO. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Brian Larson*

RSVP Today for ICDHR's Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Celebration

On Saturday, January 16, the Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations (ICDHR) will hold its 57th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance & Commemoration Dinner and Concert. As noted in the invitation, this year's theme is "Kindness is Caring," and will feature keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Pfleger, Senior Pastor of the Faith Community of Saint Sabina Church in Chicago. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Soul Children of Chicago.

The event will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Cotillion Banquets in *Palatine*. Please visit https://www.icdhr.org/2027-king-dinner to purchase tickets and for additional information. *Staff contact:*

Mark Fowler

MWRD & IDNR to Host Government to Government Workshop

From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD):
Local and state leaders are invited to join the MWRD and Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources on Wed., November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 2nd annual Government to Government Workshop to be held at the Town of Cicero Community Center, 4936 W. 23rd St., Cicero. This workshop is designed to strengthen intergovernmental coordination across local, county, and state agencies. Participants will discuss communication protocols, points of contact, and procedures to follow before, during and after flooding events to enhance community preparedness and response. Other participants include representatives from the IL Dept. of Public Health, IL EPA, IL Dept. of Insurance, IL Emergency Management Agency, Cook County Emergency Management, and more. You can register for the event here. *Staff contact: Eric Czarnota*

Newsy Items of the Week

Daily Herald: Be aware of new legislation for e-bikes, micromobility and more

Crux Investor: Road Salt Bids Rise Over 60%: Why the Market Still Needs New Mines

Daily Herald: New Metra alert system offers texts and train arrival predictions — but you have to sign up

Chicago Sun-Times: Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in *Skokie* after 15-month renovation

Daily Herald: *Palatine* retires Rand Road Corridor TIF District

Daily Herald: *Buffalo Grove* helping residents navigate upcoming state e-bike law change

Crain's Chicago Business: Breaking down Gov. JB Pritzker's $156M housing package

Meetings and Events

NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

NWMC Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 18 has been CANCELLED.

NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC office and via videoconference.

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