

To: Mayor Tisdahl and Members of the City Council

From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update

Date: Friday, February 20, 2015

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Administration & Public Works

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Planning and Development Committee

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City Council

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Human Relations Commission www.cityofevanston.org/humanrelationscommission

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Design and Project Review Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/dapr

Transportation/Parking Committee

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Economic Development Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/economicdev

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Housing & Homelessness Commission www.cityofevanston.org/housingcommission



Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of February 13, 2015 through February 19, 2015.

	CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS	PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS
CALLS HANDLED	2174	2545
SERVICE REQUESTS	452	665
TOTAL CHATS	54	57
TOTAL TEXT	9	18

Top 5 Service Requests

Total

Most requested service requests (Source: PublicStuff - Open/Closed)

1.	Broken Parking Meter	66
2.	Building Permit Inspection Request	63
3.	Trash – Special Pickup	42
4.	Trash – Missed Garbage Pickup	27
5.	Recycling – Missed Pickup	23

Please see the following page for the Weekly Telephone Wrap up Data

<u>Telephone Wrap-up Data</u> At the end of each call the 311 staff selects the appropriate Category/Department for the call. The table reflects the activity for the past week.

Weekly Telephone Wrap Up Data	a
Category/Department	Total
Administrative Services -Parking	313
Administrative Services -Finance	45
Administrative Services -HR	73
Administrative Services - Other	113
Call Transfer	122
City Manager's Office	66
ComDev / Economic Development	27
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	170
ComDev / Housing Rehab	5
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	11
Directions	9
Evanston Township	6
Fire Life Safety	38
PublicStuff Request	212
Health	79
Information	354
Law	4
Library	3
Mayor's Office	3
Other	166
Other – Social Services	1
Parks – Maintenance	1
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	3
Parks – Other	3
Parks/Recreation	27
Parks – Forestry	7
Parks- Recreation Programs	54
Police	103
Public Works / Fleet	1
Public Works / Street Sanitation	80
Public Works / Engineering	21
Utilities – Power	0
Utilities – Sewer	3
Utilities – Water	51
TOTAL	2174



To: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

From: Martin Lyons, Assistant City Manager/ Chief Financial Officer

Ashley Porta, Budget Manager

Tammi Turner, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of February 16, 2015

Date: February 20, 2015

The following is a list of projects that have been advertised and the anticipated date each will be presented to Council.

Bids/RFPs/RFQs advertised during the Week of February 16, 2015

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number and Title	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council Date
RFP 15-23 Actuarial Valuation Services— Police and Firefighters' Pension Funds and GASB 45 OPEB Valuation	Admin Services	The Board of Trustees of the Evanston Firefighters' Pension Fund, the Board of Trustees of the Evanston Police Pension Board, & the City of Evanston are jointly seeking proposals for a certified/enrolled actuary for our Police & Firefighter Pension Funds for the valuation dates January 1, 2014, 15, & 16 for CAFR fiscal years ended 12/31/14, 12/31/15 & 12/31/16.	\$20,000	Mar 17	Apr 13

RFP 15-22 Residential Toilet Installation Program	Utilities	The City of Evanston's Utilities Department is seeking proposals from experienced firms for: The removal and subsequent installation of high- efficiency toilets in income qualified homes.	\$50,000	Mar 17	Apr 13
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Evanston City Council Agenda Schedule - 2015									
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DEPT	MEETING DATE	ITEMS	COUNCIL ACTION	COUNCIL or COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFF	NOTES			
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Public Works	3/9/2015	Greenbay Road Landscape Contract	В	APW	Robinson				
Public Works	3/9/2015	2015 Lights and Siren Contract Renewal	В	APW	Robinson				
Public Works	3/9/2015	Chicken & Waffles Parking Lot	В	APW	Robinson				
Public Works	3/9/2015	Tire Purchase for Fleet Vehicles	В	APW	Robinson				
Public Works	3/9/2015	Tire Repair Contract Renewal	В	APW	Robinson				
Public Works	3/9/2015	Emergency Purchase Snow Hauling Equipment	В	APW	Robinson				
Utilities	3/9/2015	2015 CIPP Spot Lining	В	APW	Stoneback				
Utilities	3/9/2015	2015 CIPP Sewer Rehab Contract B	В	APW	Stoneback				
СМО	3/9/2015	Divvy Stations	В	APW	Bobkiewicz				
Fire	3/9/2015	Cook County Hazard Mitigation	В	APW	Klaiber				
Public Works	3/9/2015	STP Grant Application Approval	R	APW	Robinson				
Admin Services	3/9/2015	Update Letter of Credit Dempster/Dodge & Main/Chicago	R	APW	Lyons				
Admin Services	3/9/2015	Southwest TIF Distribution	0	APW	Lyons	Introduction			
Law	3/9/2015	Leaf Blowers	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction			
Law	3/9/2015	Pedal Cab	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction			
Law/Police	3/9/2015	Gun Ranges & Concealed Carry	0	APW	Farrar/Eddington	Introduction			
Admin Services	3/9/2015	Transportation/Parking Committee Revisions	0	APW	Lyons	Introduction			
СМО	3/9/2015	Sale 1821 Ridge	0	APW	Bobkiewicz	Introduction			
СМО	3/9/2015	Increased Fines for Bikes on Sidewalks	0	APW	Bobkiewicz	Introduction			
Law/Fire	3/9/2015	Ord to permit claims by City for damaged Fire equipment	0	APW	Farrar/Klaiber	Introduction			
CD	3/9/2015	1571 Maple Ave Mixed Use Planned Dev	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction			
СМО	3/9/2015	Great Merchant Grants	В	EDC	Bobkiewicz				
CD	3/9/2015	Reallocation of unspent CDBG funds	R	HCDC	Muenzer				
CD	3/9/2015	2015-2019 Consolidated Plan	R	HCDC	Muenzer				
CD	3/9/2015	2015 Action Plan	R	HCDC	Muenzer				
Mayor	3/9/2015	Opposition to Nuclear Waste Facility in Canada	R	Rules	Mayor				
СМО	3/9/2015	Local Govt Dist Fund	R	Rules	Bobkiewicz				
Admin Services	3/9/2015	Exec Session	В	CC	Lyons	Workers Comp			
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Utilities	3/16/2015	NICOR Construction Update	P	CC	Stoneback				
Utilities	3/16/2015	Wholesale Water Sales Update Utilities Commission: Proposed	Р	CC	Stoneback				
Utilities	3/16/2015	Energy Efficiency Ord	D	CC	Stoneback				

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		National Public Health Week Apr 6-12, 2015	PR	СС		
Public Works	3/23/2015	APWA Awards	Α	CC	Robinson	Moved from 3.16.15
Public Works	3/23/2015	Pavement Markings	В	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/23/2015	Concrete Contract Award	В	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/23/2015	Vehicle Purchase	В	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/23/2015	Public Works Apprenticeship Program	В	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/23/2015	Groot Extension Proposal	В	APW	Robinson	
PRCS	3/23/2014	Special Events Calendar	В	APW	McRae	
Public Works	3/23/2015	UP Viaducts Update	D	APW	Robinson	
Admin Services	3/23/2015	RV - Trailer Parking Ordinance Text Amendment:	0	APW	Lyons	Introduction
CD	3/23/2015	Dempster-Main Overlay District	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	3/23/2015	1622 Sherman, Type 2 Restaurant (Epic Burger)	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	3/23/2015	900 Chicago, Convenience store with accessory Type 2 restaurant (Ad Val's Sweet)	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	3/23/2015	Text Amendment: Fence Regulations	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
	4/13/2015	National Fair Housing Month - April				
	4/13/2015	National Library Week Apr 12-18				
	4/13/2015					
		National Volunteer Week Apr 12-18				
Admin Serv	4/13/2015	Investment Strategies: Institutions	В	APW	Lyons	
Utilities	4/13/2015	Clearwell Repair Engr Svcs	В	APW	Stoneback	Introduction (Held in
Law	4/13/2015	Hotel-Motel Tax for B&Bs	0	PD	Farrar	Committee 1.26.15)
CD	4/13/2015	Northwestern University Lakefront Subdivision	R	PD	Muenzer	
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Admin Services	4/20/2015	LEP - M/W/EBE Discussion	D	APW	Lyons	
Utilities	4/27/2015	National Drinking Water Week May 3-9	Р	APW	Stoneback	
CD	4/27/2015	Text Amendment: Personal Service Establishment	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
		Vogue Fabrics Proclamaton		CC		
Public Works	5/11/2015	Uniform Purchase Contract	В	APW	Robinson	

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Mon, Feb 23	6:00 PM	A&PW, P&D, City Council meetings				
Wed, Feb 25	6:00 PM	Transportation/Parking Committee				
Wed, Feb 25	7:30 PM	Economic Development Committee				
Fri, Feb 27	7:00 AM	Housing & Homelessness Commission				
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Dept	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	
Utillities	TBA	Computerized Maintenance	В	APW		
Otilities	IDA	Management System	Ь	APVV	Stoneback	
Law	TBA	22 ounce containers for P-1 Liquor Lic (New #)	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction (Held in Committee 10.13.14)
CD	ТВА	Inclusionary Housing	0	PD	Muenzer	Action (Intro on 7/28/14; referred to subcomtte)
Utilities	TBA	South Standpipe Painting	В	APW	Stoneback	
Public Works	TBA	BAS Contract - 8 City buildings	В	APW	Robinson	
СМО	TBA	D202 IGA: Safe School Zone	R	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Serv	TBA	Increase Parking Garage Monthly Permit Fee	В	APW	Voss	
Admin Serv	TBA	Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Lyons	
Law	TBA	Ord 27-O-12 Cell Phone Ban	0	HS	Grover/Farrar	
PRCS	TBA	Animal Shelter Contract	В	HS		
CD	TBA	Rental Licensing	0	PD		
Public Works	TBA	Ecology Center Greenhouse	В	APW	Robinson	
Law	TBA	Title 9 City Code Amendments	0		Farrar	(Introduced 1.27.14)



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Lorrie Pearson, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: February 20, 2015

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received and current status.

Please contact me at 847/448-8674 or lpearson@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Zoning Weekly UpdateCases Received and Pending, February 13 - February 19, 2015

Zoning Reviews

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Ward	Property Address	Туре	Project Description	Received	Status
1	2306 Orrington Avenue	Building Permit	Interior/exterior remodeling at SFR	02/04/15	pending additional info from applicant
1	601-721 University Place	Zoning Analysis	Proposed subdivision in U1 District (Northwestern University)	12/29/14	pending additional info from applicant
1	840 Milburn Street	Zoning Analysis	Land subdivision	01/28/15	pending staff review
2	1006 Dewey Avenue	Building Permit	Install egress windows at 2-flat	02/19/15	compliant
2	1808 Maple Avenue	Building Permit	Install blue light emergency phone structure (Northwestern)	11/06/14	pending staff review
2	1815 Ridge Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 9-story, 155 DU/mixed use building (Planned Development)	08/19/14	pending additional info from applicant
2	1910 Greenwood Street	Building Permit	Construct 1-story addition (Autobarn)	02/05/15	pending DAPR
2	1968 Dempster Street	Building Permit	Interior remodeling to expand existing dentist office	02/17/15	compliant
4	1007 Wesley Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 2nd story addition at SFR	02/18/15	compliant
4	1560 Sherman Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodeling (office)	02/17/15	compliant
4	620 Davis Street	Building Permit	Interior/exterior (storefront) remodeling for Type 1 restaurant.	02/04/15	pending DAPR
5	1820 Dodge Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2-story SFR with 2-car detached garage	02/12/15	pending staff review
6	2226 Pioneer Road	Building Permit	Construct 1-story addition at SFR	02/19/15	compliant
6	2306 Thayer Street	Building Permit	Construct addition, detached garage at SFR	02/17/15	compliant
6	2524 Cowper Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 1-story addition at SFR	02/18/15	compliant
6	2525 Park Place	Building Permit	Construct 2-story addition at SFR	02/17/15	compliant
6	3330 Central Street	Building Permit	Interior/exterior remodeling (Starbucks)	02/12/15	pending DAPR
7	1501 Central Street	Building Permit	Replace existing antennae on roof (Sprint)	02/18/15	compliant
7	2145 Sheridan Road	Building Permit	Infill additions at Tech Center (NU)	02/17/15	compliant
7	2506 Jackson Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 2nd story addition at SFR	02/19/15	compliant
7	2751 Ashland Avenue (formerly 1600 Isabella)	Building Permit	Interior/exterior additions to NU Baseball Field	08/19/14	pending DAPR
8	128-130 Chicago Avenue	Building Permit	Interior/exterior remodeling for change of use (retail service use: U-Haul)	06/26/14	pending DAPR
8	1421 Dobson Street	Zoning Analysis	Re-build letter for 2-flat	02/18/15	compliant
8	427 Dewey Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 2-car detached garage at SFR (revisions)	02/16/15	compliant
8	805 Mulford Street	Zoning Analysis	Construct new 8-unit condo building with 12 underground parking spaces	01/07/15	pending additional info from applicant

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Туре	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1603 Orrington Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Illegal parking lot use (Chase Bank lot)	02/23/15	AA ticket to be mailed week of 2/23/15
1	711 Emerson Street	Zoning Complaint	Open parking location and parking stall size	01/20/15	2nd violation letter to be mailed week of 2/23/15
1	1622 Sherman Avenue	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant: Epic Burger	02/05/15	ZBA 03/03/15
2	1721 Lake Street	Minor Variance	Fence in street side yard	01/20/15	determination after 02/10/15
2	1804 Washington Street	Zoning Complaint	Automobile Repair establishment in residential district	09/16/14	Drive-by insp. on-going
3	517 Dempster Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant: Frio Gelato	01/10/15	P&D 02/23/15
3	900 Chicago Avenue	Special Use	Convenience Store with accessory Type 2 Restaurant	01/26/15	ZBA 03/03/15
5	915 Foster Avenue	Special Use	Expansion of existing dance studio into vacant space (Foster Dance Studio)	12/17/14	P&D 02/23/15
6	2320 Isabella Street	Minor Variance	Building lot coverage for 1-story addition	02/19/15	determination after 03/12/15
6	2321 Hastings Avenue	Minor Variance	Side yard setback and building lot coverage for 2-story addition	02/16/15	determination after 03/08/15
6	2405 Noyes Street	Minor Variance	Building lot coverage to construct 1-story addition	01/20/15	determination after 02/13/15
6	2424 Lawndale Avenue	Minor Variance	Building lot coverage for 2-story addition	02/17/15	determination after 03/10/15
7	2515 Pioneer Road	Minor Variance	Building setbacks to construct 2-story addition	01/20/15	determination after 02/13/15
8	108 Florence Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Outdoor storage, trade contractor business in residential district	11/06/14	liable verdict 2/12/15 (\$1,800)
8	1409 Dobson Street	Minor Variance	Side yard setback for a dormer addition	02/18/15	determination after 03/12/15
8	1719-1723 Howard Street	Major Variance	19 parking spaces where 23 are required & 22' aisle width where 24' is required for medical office	02/10/15	ZBA 03/17/15 & pending DAPR



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary Gerdes, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: February 20, 2015

Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections under special monitoring. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of inspection, inspector notes, date received and current status.

Please contact me at 847-448-8030 or ggerdes@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Inspector Weekly Update Cases Received, February 16-20, 2015

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector notes	Received
1	1515 Chicago Avenue (Hyatt House)	Foundation	Due to weather, construction site was inactive at the time of inspection. Sewer and water work will continue at first opportunity. Sidewalks and catch baskets are clear. Fence is secure.	2/20/2015
1	1619 Chicago Avenue (The Merion)	Residential Addition	Construction site is in good condition. Site was closed at the time of inspection due to weather.	2/17/2015
1	728 Lincoln Street (Kendall Place)	New Residential Building (SFRs)	Construction site is in good condition. Site activity was low due to the completion of phase one and weather prohibiting phase two. Soil erosion reports are current.	2/17/2015
2	1890 Maple Avenue (E2 Apartments)	New Residential Building (MFR)	Construction site is in good condition. Final inspections for all units and common areas have been completed.	2/17/2015
2	2008 Dempster Street (Goldfish Swim School)	Interior Remodel	Construction site is active. Concrete slab has been repoured following plumbing and electrical work. Some wall framing has begun on the south side of the building. Site appears well kept. No further complaints have been received.	2/20/2015
3	414-424 South Boulevard	Monitoring	No construction or auto repair activity has been observed.	2/16/2015
4	1026 Davis Street (Taco Diablo/LuLu's)	Demolition	Construction site has not progressed since the previous inspection. Site is in rough grade shape after building demolition. Construction fence has been repaired and top bar has ben installed. Gate is locked and windscreen is in place.	2/20/2015
8	1216-1226 Harvard Terrace	Monitoring	No construction activity has been observed.	2/20/2015



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Carl Caneva, Assistant Director Health and Human Services Department

Subject: Food Establishment Application Weekly Report

Date: February 20, 2015

The table below is the weekly report of all applications for Food Establishments received.

Please contact me at 847/859.7831 or ccaneva@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Establishment Name	Address	Ward	Application Received on	Туре	Proposed Opening Date
Koco Table Evanston	720 ½ Clark St	1	2/12/2015	Change of Ownership	Open



To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Theresa Whittington, Liquor Licensing Manager

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: February 20, 2015

Enclosed is the weekly report of liquor applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the business address, the type and description of license requested, date received and current status.

Please contact me at (847) 448-8160 or twhittington@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Liquor Licensing Weekly Report Liquor Applications Received and Pending

WARD	BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	LIQUOR CLASS	CLASS DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED HOURS for LIQUOR SALES	DATE REC'D	STATUS ¹
1	Blaze Pizza	1737 Sherman Ave	D	Restaurant, Alcoholic Liquor	11am – 10pm Mon-Thu; 11 am – 11 pm Fri-Sat; 11am – 9 pm Sunday	01/21/15	2/26/15 Liquor Board Meeting
1	The Woman's Club of Evanston	1702 Chicago Avenue	S-1	Evanston Non- Profit, Alcoholic Liquor	TBD	01/23/15	2/26/15 Liquor Board Meeting
5	Feast & Imbibe Events	1601 Simpson Street #3	Т	Catering, Beer/Wine	10am – 1:00am; Sun-Sat	01/08/15	2/26/15 Liquor Board Meeting

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¹ Applicants are first noticed to the Liquor Licensing Review Board before proceeding to City Council

DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING



By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Lots of Reasons for You to Join Us for NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield

Governor Rauner proposes taking half of the Local Government Distributive Fund. 4,800 bills are currently under consideration by the General Assembly with more to come. The deadline for advancing bills out of committee in both the House and Senate is Friday, March 27. It was below zero outside this morning.

Do you need any other reasons to motivate you to head south and join us in Springfield for our annual Legislative Days? This year, we will hit the Capitol the week prior to the critical committee deadlines, so please join us on Tuesday, March 17 through Thursday, March 19 to help get our message across to legislators throughout the state. Those who have joined us before know that one of the highlights of our Legislative Days is the informal dinner with our legislators, which will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at the Sangamo Club. Wednesday and Thursday will be filled with participation in committee hearings, meetings with legislative leaders and other lobbying activities.

Registration information was sent to the membership today with a finalized schedule of events to follow shortly. Therefore, please mark your calendars and remember, it should be much warmer by then! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

SPC Extends Call One Contract With No Price Increase!

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board and Call One of Chicago have agreed to extend the Telecommunications Services Vendor for Term program (Contract #137) for the first of four (4) possible one-year extensions from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 with no increase in rates! Pricing may be found by utilizing the attached link to the SPC website: http://nwmc-cog.org/SPC-Documents/SPC_2014_Call_One_Pricing_Effective_04-01-14.aspx. This is great news for the nearly 200 SPC Telecommunications program participants. If your organization is not served by Call One, we strongly encourage you to look into the program.

Call One's voice product portfolios include:

- Hybrid VoIP system that can be PBX/Digital technology enabled, allowing municipalities to make use of older existing infrastructure without requiring a complete cable or data hardware upgrade;
- Pure VoIP solutions that meet the requirements of the most advanced network requirements of our members; and
- Hosted solutions that are engineered with the equipment managed and maintained in a "cloud" environment with only desktop instruments, software or cellular devices for employee access.

The pricing schedule for voice product equipment will be based on a minimum discount of 35% off the manufacturer's MSRP. Additional promotions, discounts and specials may periodically be offered directly from the manufacturer which may potentially decrease the procurement price further.

Call One Professional Services is based on offering participants all four phases of a complete process that includes assessment/IT roadmap, consulting, remediation and management. Every member's telecommunications needs are unique and will be addressed as such with customized solutions. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Call One Association Director Bob Kintz, 312-506-5003 (direct), 630-465-1485 (mobile) or rkintz@callone.com. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

Time to Sell!

Seriously, spring is just around the corner. With that in mind, the Northwest Municipal Conference and America's Auto Auction Chicago will hold the spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction on Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 p.m., at America's facility, 14001 S. Karlov in Crestwood.

The NWMC/America's Auto Auction partnership offers state of the art methods for NWMC members to dispose of surplus vehicles and equipment. This new partnership streamlines the auction process for buyers and sellers and saves NWMC members time and money in disposing of surplus vehicles and equipment while supporting the operations of the organization.

America's Auto Auction's 40-acre, state-of-the-art facility provides full service auctions for their existing dealer network, the general public and online/simulcast bidders. For more information on America's Auto Auction services, please visit http://americasautoauction.com/files/index.aspx.

America's Auto Auction Field Sales Representative Greg Moe has been hard at work, contacting all NWMC members to discuss the program in detail. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Greg Moe, 630-247-0044 or Greg.moe@americasautoauction.com. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

Northwest Council Technical Committee Discusses Resurfacings, Roundabouts

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee met on Thursday at the *Barrington Village Hall*. The committee approved a request from the *Village of Schaumburg* to move a Martingale Road project from the Multi-Year "B" list to Fiscal Year 2015 and change it from a reconstruction to a resurfacing. The committee clarified its support of resurfacing projects and encouraged their use to spend down the council's balance of Surface Transportation Program funds. This policy will be formalized in the new council methodology, which is currently under development. The committee approved costs increases to two projects from the January letting which received high bids: *Wheeling's* Dundee Road lighting project; and, the Lively Boulevard reconstruction in *Elk Grove Village*. The committee also approved a change to *Schaumburg's* Arterial Road lighting project, which moved from FY 2015 to 2016, and a minor change of funds for *Barrington's* Lake Zurich Road realignment.

Finally, the committee discussed the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) current policy on roundabout funding. Under federal legislation, roundabouts are eligible for 100% federal funding. However, IDOT's policy requires a 20% local match to spread the funds around to more projects and ensure a local commitment to the project. Other regional councils of mayors have discussed encouraging IDOT to change the policy to match the federal policy. The committee discussed the potential impacts of the policy and requested that staff bring back more information to the next meeting. *Staff contact: Mike Walczak*

MMC Sets Quarterly Meeting for March 13

From the Desk of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Director Dave Bennett:

Please make plans to attend our next quarterly Mayors Caucus business meeting on Friday, March 13. We are pleased that ComEd has graciously offered to host us. We will begin with lunch at 12:00 noon. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 12:45 p.m. We intend to adjourn no later than 3:00 p.m.

The location is yet to be confirmed. I can tell you, however, that ComEd is looking at two alternatives: The Metropolitan Club on the 66th Floor of the Willis Tower and the Union League Club in downtown Chicago. I will let you know when the site is nailed down.

In the meantime, please let either Mark Fowler or me know whether you will be able to attend the March 13 meeting. With LGDF, pension reform and a property tax freeze on the table in Springfield, the discussion will be meaningful. We would very much welcome your attendance and participation. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Meetings and Events

The NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines

The NWMC Legislative Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines

The NWMC Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, February 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines

The *NWMC Executive Committee* will meet on Wednesday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in *Des Plaines*.