

- To: Mayor Tisdahl and Members of the City Council
- From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager
- Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update
- Date: Friday, September 26, 2014

# STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for September 19, 2014 - September 25, 2014

## Administrative Services Bids Advertised Week of September 22, 2014 2015 City Wheel Tax Renewal

**City Manager's Office** Master Council Meeting Agenda Schedule

## Community Development Zoning Report

Economic Development Monthly Report

# Law Department

No Liquor License Applications to report

# Legislative Reading

NWMC Weekly Briefing

# PUBLIC NOTICES, AGENDAS & MINUTES

# September 29, 2014

City Council www.cityofevanston.org/citycouncil Board of Animal Control www.cityofevanston.org/animalcontrolboard

<u>October 1, 2014</u> Site Plan Appearance and Review Committee - cancelled

# October 2, 2014

Arts Council's Community Relations Committee www.cityofevanston.org/artscommunityrelations Commission on Aging www.cityofevanston.org/commissiononaging



# Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of September 19, 2014 through September 25, 2014.

	CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS	PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS
CALLS HANDLED	2722	2801
SERVICE REQUESTS	843	816
TOTAL CHATS	71	62
TOTAL TEXT	7	4

# **Top 5 Service Requests**

# Total

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

1.	Building Permit Inspection Request	129
2.	Trash – Special Pick up	76
3.	Special Pick-up/Northwestern	41
4.	Broken Parking Meter	36
5.	Water Bill – New Account Request	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	225
Administrative Services -Finance	49
Administrative Services -HR	69
Administrative Services - Other	186
Call Transfer	108
City Manager's Office	53
ComDev / Economic Development	24
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	242
ComDev / Housing Rehab	4
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	24
Directions	10
Evanston Township	26
Fire Life Safety	41
PublicStuff Request	170
Health	75
Information	759
Law	2
Library	3
Mayor's Office	3
Other	116
Other – Social Services	5
Parks – Maintenance	0
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	4
Parks – Other	4
Parks/Recreation	19
Parks – Forestry	39
Parks- Recreation Programs	30
Police	166
Public Works / Fleet	3
Public Works / Street Sanitation	127
Public Works / Engineering	54
Utilities – Power	1
Utilities – Sewer	1
Utilities – Water	80
TOTAL	2722



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 September 22, 2014
Date:	September 26, 2014

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

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number and Title	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council Date
Bid 14-60 Green Infrastructure Rehab. Of LHM Civic Center Parking Lot	Public Works	Work on this project includes all materials, labor, equipment and services for utility improvements, excavating existing parking lot, repaving with porous asphalt, porous pavers, replacing existing sidewalk with porous concrete sidewalk and all incidental work.	\$1,200,000	Oct 21	Oct 27

# Bids/RFPs/RFQs advertised during the Week of September 22, 2014



То:	Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager
From:	Martin Lyons, Assistant City Manager/CFO Rickey A. Voss, Parking/Revenue Manager
Subject:	2015 City Wheel Tax Renewal
Date:	September 26, 2014

Please find below the recommendations and timeline for the 2015 City Wheel Tax (City Sticker) and for the 2015 Residential Permit/Wheel Tax (Combination) renewal process.

#### Recommendations

- 1) Proceed with a "stickerless" renewal year for the 2015 Wheel Tax. Compliance information will be entered into our database and enforcement measures will be conducted through the use of an Automated License Plate Recognition System.
- Use internal data information based on 2014 Wheel Tax and Permit purchases through our current vendors, Third Millennium and Duncan Solutions, to avoid duplication and registration inaccuracies provided by the Illinois Secretary of State office.
- 3) 2015 Wheel Tax Renewal Send Residents a pre-printed renewal notice (with an online renewal ID) to purchase the Wheel Tax, providing the same options of purchase as in the past which are online, by mail or in person at the Levy and Fleetwood-Jourdain Centers, City of Evanston based Currency Exchanges and the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue. It is important that information provided by residents is current and accurate. New applications for the wheel tax compliance will be available online through the City's web page. There will be instructions regarding required documentation for verification and processing.
- 4) 2015 City Wheel Tax/Residential Permit Combo Send Residents a pre-printed (with an on-line renewal ID) renewal notice to purchase the City Wheel Tax/Residential Permit Combo providing the same options of purchase as in the past which are online, by mail or in person at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue. It is important that the information provided by residents is current and accurate. If a resident changes either the address and/or vehicle information, the application must be mailed and/or presented in person at the Civic Center with a copy of the updated registration information along with

proof of current address. New applications for the wheel tax/residential permit combo will be available online through the City's web page. There will instructions as to what documentation must be attached for verification and processing.

Prior to the issuance of a Residential Permit and in accordance with City Ordinance 10-4-5-2(B) 6a, all outstanding parking violations must be paid or an appearance requested to appeal the citation.

7) Evanston Benefit Cards (Discounts): Seniors 65 and older fulfilling income requirements will remain eligible for a 50% discount on one wheel tax application per household by obtaining an Evanston Benefit Card. Seniors must have filed their 2013 income tax returns either singly with an income of \$30,000 or under, or jointly with an income of \$50,000 or under to qualify. If a senior applied for and received a discount card last year, it will still be valid this year. Seniors that do not have a discount card may apply for one at the Levy Senior Center. Questions about income requirements should be directed to the Levy Senior Center at 847/448-8250 or aging@cityofevanston.org.

## <u>Timeline</u>

- October 3, 2014 Order all associated documents and secure all 2014 data from Third Millennium and Duncan Solutions for the 2015 Wheel Tax campaign.
- October 10, 2014 Cross check all data bases with Third Millennium.
- October 17, 2014 Arrange for Levy and Fleetwood-Jourdain Centers to accept payment for the 2015 Wheel Tax renewal season everyday (Monday – Friday) 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- October 8, 2014 Arrange news releases announcing the sale of the 2015 Wheel Tax.
- October 24, 2014 Send out renewal notices.
- October 27, 2014 Begin sales.
- Revenue Office extended and Saturday hours are as follows.
  - 1. Monday and Wednesday (7:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.)
  - November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and December 1, 3, 8 and 10
  - 2. Saturday (9 a.m. 1 p.m.) November 15 and December 6
- January 1, 2015 Deadline for renewal (enforced February 2, 2015).
- Penalty to be effective December 15, 2014 but will not be actually imposed until January 1, 2015. The purpose of announcing the penalty date is to have compliance prior to December 15, 2014.

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Public Works	10/13/2014	Final Vehicle Purchase Penny Park Design: Leathers &	В	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	10/13/2014	Assoc	В	APW	Robinson	
Admin Services	10/13/2014	Single Audit	В	APW	Lyons	
PRCS	10/13/2014	Congregate Meals Grant	В	APW	McRae	
PRCS	10/13/2014	Congregate Meals Contract	В	APW	McRae	
PRCS	10/13/2014	Ombudsman Grant Acceptance	В	APW	McRae	
Public Works	10/13/2014	2014 MFT General Fund Transfer	R	APW	Robinson	
Admin Services	10/13/2014	Southwest TIF closing	0	APW	Lyons	Introduction
Admin Services	10/13/2014	LEP Revisions	0	APW	Lyons	Introduction
Law	10/13/2014	Liquor: Sale of Beer in Containers	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction
CMO	10/13/2014	Authorize Sale/Lease Harley Clarke	0	APW (or HS)	Farrar	Introduction
Law	10/13/2014	Ord 109-O-14: Transportation Network Providers	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction: Held in Committee 9.22.14
CMO/Public Works	10/13/2014	UP Viaduct Improvements	D	APW	Robinson/ Capriccioso	
СМО	10/13/2014	Credit Card Report	D	APW	Bobkiewicz	
CD	10/13/2014	Ordinance SPAARC/DAPR	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	10/13/2014	Daycare Center: Child & Adult in C Districts	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	10/13/2014	Spec Use: Daycare center at 1909- 1911 Howard St	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	10/13/2014	1613 Sherman, Spec Use, Type 2 Restaurant Doc Popcorn	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
Law	10/13/2014	Rules: Citizen Comment and Human Services Committee	R	Rules	Farrar	
СМО	10/13/2014	Now're Cookin' Funding Support Grant	В	EDC	Bobkiewicz	
Mayor	10/20/2014	Perennials 20 yr anniversary	PR	CC	Francellno	Third Monday
PRCS	10/20/2014	PRCS "Smartphone App" presentation	Р	СС	McRae	
СМО	10/20/2014	Implementation of West Side Plan	Р	CC	Bobkiewicz	
СМО	10/20/2014	BYOB Shopping Bag Campaign	Р	CC	Bobkiewicz/Hurley	
Admin Services	10/20/2014	City Council Budget Workshop	В	CC		
Admin Services	10/25/2014	Special City Council Meeting: Public Budget Hearing; Public Hearing Tax Levies?		сс	Lyons	Saturday, 9am
		Computerized Maintenance				
Utilities	10/27/2014	Management System	В	APW	Stoneback	
Public Works	10/27/2014	Uniform Purchase Contract	В	APW	Robinson	

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СМО	10/27/2014	Contract for SSA Consulting Services for Chicago Ave Business Districts	В	APW	Bobkiewicz	
Library	10/27/2014	Lease for 2022 Central St.	В	APW	Danczak-Lyons	
CMO	10/27/2014	Dillo Day Noise	0	APW	Farrar	Introduction
CD	10/27/2014	1814 Central, Type 2 Restaurant, Beth's Little Bake Shop	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	10/27/2014	812 Church, Type 2 Restaurant, 800 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	10/27/2014	600 Davis, Type 2 Restaurant, Patisserie Coralie Lease for Police Outpost @ 741	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CMO	10/27/2014	Howard	В	EDC	Bobkiewicz	
СМО	11/3/2014	Joint Meeting Human Serv, MHB & HCDC: Human Services Funding	D	HS	Storlie	Replacing Regula Human Services Meeting
Admin Services	11/10/2014	Council Budget Discussion		СС	Lyons	
CD		1571 Maple Ave Mixed Use	0			Introduction
CD	11/10/2014	Planned Dev	-	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	11/10/2014	2015-2019 Consolidated Plan	R	HCDC	Muenzer	
CD	11/10/2014	2015 Action Plan	R	HCDC	Muenzer	
CD	11/10/2014	Reallocation of unspent CDBG funds	R	HCDC	Muenzer	
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Admin Services	11/17/2014	Council Budget Discussion		CC	Lyons	Third Monday
Admin Services	11/24/2014	Budget Adoption	R	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services	12/8/2014	Post Bond Issuance Compliance	В	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services	12/8/2014	2014 Tax Abatements	R	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services	12/8/2014	2014 Tax Levies	0	APW	Lyons	
CD	12/8/2014	Inclusionary Housing	0	PD	Muenzer	Action (Intro on 7/28/14; referred t subcomtte)
CD	12/8/2014	Site Development Allowances in oCSC District	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	12/8/2014	Text Amendment for Active Uses in oCSC District	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	12/8/2014	Ordinance Text Amendment: B- Districts/Office & Financial Institutions	0	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
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Utilities	TBA	South Standpipe Painting	В	APW	Stoneback	
CMO	TBA	Pivot Point	R	EDC	Bobkiewicz	
Public Works	TBA	BAS Contract - 8 City buildings	В	APW	Robinson	
CMO	TBA	D202 IGA: Safe School Zone	R	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Serv	ТВА	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: September 26, 2014

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 <u>lpearson@cityofevanston.org</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

# Zoning Weekly Update Cases Received and Pending, September 19-25, 2014

			Zoning Reviews		
Ward	Property Address	Туре	Project Description	Received	
1	1607 Benson Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Retail home delivery pharmacy	09/23/14	pending staff review
1	1613 Sherman Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodel for Type 2 restaurant (Doc Popcorn)	08/28/14	pending ZBA
1	1737 Sherman Avenue	Building Permit	Interior build-out of existing space for restaurant (Blaze Pizza)	08/28/14	pending City Council
1	2001 Sherman Avenue	Building permit	Remove concrete sidewalk and replace with parking pad at MFR	09/18/14	pending staff review
1	2110 Orrington Avenue	Building Permit	Walkways, bluestone, & 1920's concrete at SFR	09/24/14	pending staff review
1	817 University Place	Building Permit	Install gas oven, door, and hand sink; remove window at restaurant	09/16/14	pending staff review
2	1100 Dewey Avenue	Building Permit	Detached garage at SFR	09/24/14	pending staff review
2	1409 Dodge Avenue	Building Permit	Convert mechanic shop into 2 townhomes	09/25/14	pending staff review
2	1815 Ridge Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 9-story, 155 DU/mixed use building (Planned Development)	08/19/14	pending add'l info from app.
2	2425 Main Street	Zoning Analysis	Replace concrete surface at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
3	1040 Michigan Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Demo/rebuild 2-car garage at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
3	736 Michigan Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2nd floor addition at SFR	09/16/14	pending staff review
4	1017 Davis Street	Building Permit	Interior remodeling commercial indoor rec.	08/19/14	pending ZBA
4	1102 & 1104 Davis Street	Building Permit	Int. remodel of existing retail space at office	09/25/14	pending staff review
4	1300 Church Street	Zoning Analysis	Renovation/addition at SFR	09/23/14	pending staff review
4	1314 Wilder Street	Building Permit	3rd floor dormer addition; renovate existing porch at SFR	09/17/14	pending staff review
4	1418 Greenleaf Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct paved patio and walk	09/18/14	pending staff review
4	1510 Asbury Avenue	Building Permit	Construct addition at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
4	1555 Oak Avenue	Building Permit	Replace sidewalks at long term care facility	09/23/14	pending staff review
5	1941 Wesley Avenue	Building Permit	New duplex construction at MFR	09/25/14	pending staff review
5	2102 Asbury Avenue	Building Permit	Replace wood on front porch at SFR	09/18/14	pending staff review
5	2106 Jackson Street	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2-car garage at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
6	2316 Central Park Avenue	Building Permit	New driveway, patio, seatwalls, fireplace, and walkways at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
6	2316 Park Place	Building Permit	Rebuild back porch/deck at SFR	09/16/14	pending staff review

	6	2320 Park Place	Zoning Analysis	Front porch addition/ Wall extension	09/19/14	pending staff review
	6	2604 Payne Street	Building Permit	Rear second story addition with interior remodel at SFR	09/18/14	pending staff review
	6	2617 Hartzell Street	Building Permit	Demo/construct 2-car garage at SFR	09/16/14	pending staff review
	6	2700 Grant Street	Building Permit	Demo/construct new garage at SFR	09/03/14	pending Minor Variance
	6	3238 Park Place	Building Permit	Construct covered porch and remove/install windows at SFR	09/17/14	pending staff review
	7	1103 Grant Street	Building Permit	Replace existing patio, install brick sidewalk at SFR	09/24/14	pending staff review
	7	1125 Leonard Place	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story SFR with coach house on vacant lot	09/18/14	pending staff review
	7	1129 Leonard Place	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story SFR with coach house on vacant lot	09/18/14	pending staff review
	7	1133 Leonard Place	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2 story SFR with coach house on vacant lot	09/18/14	pending staff review
	7	1224 Noyes Street	Building Permit	Remove/replace front stoop and add portico at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
	7	1400 Rosalie Street	Building Permit	Interior remodel of first floor at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
	7	1845-2313 Sheridan Road	Zoning Analysis	Proposed subdivision (Northwestern)	09/17/14	pending staff review
	7	1932 Central Street	Building Permit	Front façade renovations (Blue Stone Restaurant)	08/20/14	pending SPAARC
	7	2115 Payne Street	Building Permit	Remove/replace front stoop and add portico at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
	7	2221 Central Street	Building Permit	Replace rear porch at SFR	09/25/14	pending staff review
	7	2314 Brown Avenue	Building Permit	Construct (cedar wood) screened room at SFR	09/18/14	pending staff review
	7	2514 Sheridan Road	Building Permit	remove/replace detached garage; attic remodel at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review
	7	2645 Asbury Avenue	Building Permit	Interior renovation at SFR	09/23/14	pending staff review
	7	2708 Asbury Avenue	Building Permit	Remove/replace concrete steps on front porch at SFR	09/17/14	pending staff review
	7	2715 Sheridan Road	Building Permit	Construct 3rd story addition at SFR	08/26/14	pending staff review
	7	2720 Eastwood Avenue	Building Permit	Replace deck with flagstone patio	09/18/14	pending staff review
	7	2727 Woodbine Avenue	Building Permit	Remove front (wood) porch with new (concrete/stone) porch at SFR	09/17/14	pending staff review
	7	2751 Ashland Avenue (formerly1600 Isabella)	Building Permit	Int./ext. additions to NU Baseball Field	08/19/14	pending SPAARC
	8	128-130 Chicago Avenue	Building Permit	Interior/exterior remodeling for change of use (retail service use: U-Haul)	06/26/14	pending SPAARC
_	8	222-240 Asbury Avenue	Building Permit	Replace front ext. (concrete) stairs at MFR	09/24/14	pending staff review
	9	831 South Boulevard	Building Permit	Remove/replace 2-car garage at SFR	09/11/14	pending staff review

# Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Proporty Addross	Туро	Project Description	Received	Status
	Property Address	Туре			Status Violation Letter
1	1603 Orrington Avenue	Zoning Complaint	illegal parking lot use (Chase Bank lot)	09/12/14	mailed 9/12/14
1	1613 Sherman Avenue	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant - Doc Popcorn	07/30/14	P&D 10/13/14
1	2149 Sherman Avenue	Major Variance	Lot area per dwelling unit (retention of illegal unit)	09/05/14	ZBA 10/07/14
1	812 Church Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant - 800 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza	08/27/14	ZBA 10/07/14
2	1016 Florence Avenue	Minor Variance	setback to construct 2-car detached garage	09/17/14	determination after 10/8/2014
2	1100 Dewey Avenue	Minor Variance	street side yd setbck to construct 2-car detached garage	09/17/14	determination after 10/10/14
2	1804 Washington Street	Zoning Complaint	Automobile Repair estab. in residential district	09/16/14	ongoing site inspections
2	1840 Oak Avenue	Major Variance	Reduce required off-street parking	07/31/14	ZBA 11/04/14 & SPAARC 10/22/14
3	1231 Hinman Avenue	Major Variance	Building lot coverage, impervious, and side setback for addition to SFR	09/12/14	ZBA 10/21/14 & pending SPAARC
4	1555 Oak Avenue	Minor Variance	Install 6'h wrought iron fence on corner lot	08/14/14	determination after 09/25/14
4	600 Davis Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant - Patisserie Coralie	09/11/14	ZBA 10/07/14
5	1814 Hartrey Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Illegal dwelling unit	09/18/14	Violation Letter mailed 9/29/14
5	1817 Leland Avenue	Minor Variance	Building lot coverage/impervious surface ratio to construct garage	09/18/14	determination after 10/10/14
5	2045 Brown Avenue	Major Variance	44' building height for a dome at religious institution	09/18/14	ZBA 10/21/14 & pending SPAARC
6	2700 Grant Street	Minor Variance	Street side yard setback to construct detached garage	08/14/14	determination after 09/25/14
6	3146 Harrison Avenue	Major Variance	Building lot coverage, impervious, side setbacks for 1 story addition to SFR	09/08/14	ZBA 10/21/14 & SPAARC 10/08/14
7	1814 Central Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant - Beth's Little Bake Shop	08/29/14	ZBA 10/07/14
7	2027 Noyes Street	Minor Variance	Street side yard setback, building lot & impervious coverage - garage	08/28/14	determination after 10/05/14
7	2727 Woodbine Avenue	Minor Variance	Distance between structures for a 2-car detached garage	09/11/14	determination after 9/29/14
7	715 Milburn Street	Major Variance	Rear setback and distance between structures for a detached garage	09/09/14	ZBA 10/21/14 & SPAARC 10/08/14
8	1201 Dobson Street	Minor Variance	Install 6'h wood fence in street side yard	08/28/14	determination after 09/19/14
8	156 Asbury Avenue	Minor Variance	Install 6'h wrought iron fence in front yard	08/21/14	determination after 09/19/14
8	1611 Dobson Street	Minor Variance	Bldg lot coverage/impervious surface to construct garage & open parking	08/28/14	determination after 09/28/14
8	1909-1911 Howard Street	Special Use	Child Daycare facility	06/23/14	P&D 10/13/14



То:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:	Johanna Nyden, Economic Development Division Manager
Subject:	Monthly Economic Development Report for September 2014
Date:	September 26, 2014

### **Discussion**

Enclosed is the monthly report of economic development activities for the month of September 2014. The report summarizes meetings, ongoing initiatives, new businesses, marketing activities, as well as activity reports on key economic development projects and sites.

Please contact me at 847/448-8014 or jnyden@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information contained further.

# OCTOBER 2014 UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Joint Review Board	The Joint Review Board will convene on October 29, 2014 at 10:00a to review the 2013 annual TIF reports. More information on this meeting can be found here: http://www.cityofevanston.org/government/boards-committees/joint-review-board/index.php
Business District Head Meeting	This is a meeting of key representatives from Evanston's business and merchant groups. The next meeting will be held on Octobe 21, 2014.
Central Evanston Business Association (CEBA)	Businesses in area bound by McCormick to Green Bay/Simpson to Church have formed a business association. Their next meeting is scheduled October 8 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.
WestEnd Business Association	The last association meeting was held on August 26, 2014. The next meeting will be October 28, 2014.
Evanston West Village Business Assoc. (EWVBA)	The next Association meeting will be held in October.
Howard Street Business Association	The next Association meeting will be held on October 7, 2014.
	Communications: A) Quarterly Report – 2Q2014;B) Monthly Economic Development Communication; C) Real Estate Transfer Tax Report; D) Upcoming Meeting Announcement –Joint Review Board, October 29, 2014; E)City of Evanston Logo; F) Announcements/Updates from EDC Members;
Committee	Items for Discussion: A) Future Discussions of the Economic Development Plan Discussion 2015 - 2016
Economic Development	The Economic Development Committee held a meeting on September 17, 2014. The agenda included: Items for Consideration: A) Financial Assistance for O'Donnell Investment Company – 835 Chicago Avenue; B) Financial Assistance for Little Beans Café – 430 Asbury; C) Financial Assistance for Now We're Cookin' – 1601 Payne Street.
	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm in City Council Chambers of the Civic Center.

# **On-Going Activities**

Health and Wellness Initiative	The next meeting of the Health & Wellness working group will be 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2014.
New Business Openings, Expansion, and/or Relocations – Aug/Sept 2014	Starbucks (1901 Dempster Street); Feast & Imbibe (1601 Simpson Street); YoFresh Yogurt Café (635 Chicago Avenue); C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor (1901 Church Street); Give Me A Break Salon & Spa (1906 Main Street/846 Dodge Avenue); Jan's Antiques (2002 Dempster Street); Campus Gear (1720-22 Sherman Avenue); Raydiant Day (1400 Greenleaf); Nazo Computational Intelligence, LLC (960 Grove Street); Quake Collectibles (734 Main Street); Homestead Meats (1305 Chicago Avenue);

Marketing	Staff continues to utilize evanstonedge.com to feature local businesses, and also comprehensive twitter, linked in, Pinterest and Facebook strategies.
	Economic Development Staff in collaboration with Library Staff launched NextChapter Evanston - Entrepreneurship workshops, mentoring, and events for Evanston's earliest stage businesses to be housed on the 3rd floor of the Main Library. Private partners have been offering seminars at no cost to attendees. Latest updates on <a href="http://www.nextchapterevanston.com/">http://www.nextchapterevanston.com/</a>
Technology/ Entrepreneurship /Innovation Events	Staff continues its outreach to individual growth companies and entrepreneurs to determine ways in which the city can support the start-up climate in Evanston.
	Staff has supported / co-hosted several RISE! events. RISE! is Evanston's high growth company CEO peer-to-peer network.
	Staff has begun adding Evanston-based startups to the builtinchicago.org digital startup community to raise the profile of Evanston's startup community. <u>http://www.builtinchicago.org/companies/map-chicago-startups</u>
Small Business Assistance	Economic Development staff continues to work with existing businesses, assisting them in pursuing physical upgrades and expansions, facilitating them through the various permitting processes, etc. Staff is also working with several new small businesses ranging from cafes and restaurants to retailers, small office users and entertainment uses. Since the start of 2014, staff has worked with 50 leads for potential new small businesses.
	Staff presented to the Economic Development Committee on May 28, 2014 a potential revision to the façade improvement program to support retail development in Evanston through small business assistance for interior build out. Program to be marketed as the Storefront Improvement Program. Discussions are expected to continue at the October EDC meeting.
Façade Improvement Program	Staff continues to meet and work with other businesses interested in the program. Recently approved projects include Just Turkey, Homestead Meats, Fitness Avenues and Campus Gear. Inquiries have been received which staff expects to have applications for over the next several months. A revision of the program is currently underway which would allow for some interior build-out to be included in the list of eligible projects. Will be brought for discussion to the October Economic Development Committee meeting. See above.
Vacancy Rates	Vacancy rates as of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 are: 8.7% for office 7.9% for industrial 10.4% for retail/restaurant spaces
Great Merchant Grant Program	Revisions to the program were approved at the June 23, 2014 City Council meeting. A total of nine commercial districts have been approved for funding in the 2014 cycle. Staff will begin accepting applications for the 2015 cycle in October for November consideration at Economic Development Committee.

# **KEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SITE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Site location	Overview of Development Opportunities	Bldg. Area	Site Area (Approx.)	Next Steps
1817 Church St.	City Council approved a \$200,000 construction loan funded from the West Evanston TIF to Evanston North Shore Contractors Cooperative to redevelop 1817 Church Street as a contractor cooperative.	NA	5,764	The Evanston North Shore Contractors Cooperative is in the midst of interior build out. Expansion is complete. Interior framing, drywall install, and painting continues. Construction completion anticipated late-2014.
Evanston Plaza	A real estate ownership group of Valli Produce purchased the property for \$16 million in Sept. 2014. The ownership group is working to re- tenant the shopping center.	N/A	212,373	Valli Produce subleased the former Dominick's space and on September 18 <sup>th</sup> , closed on purchase of the Evanston Plaza Center. TIF Redevelopment Agreement forthcoming. There are currently 8 years remaining on the lease at Evanston Plaza.
Asbury/ Oakton	Little Beans, a play café for children, is working to open a space at 430 Asbury. This would be the second location in addition to a Chicago location.	14,000	19,000	Little Beans Café has completed the special use process with the City for a café and drive-thru. Little Beans was approved for additional funding on September 22, 2014. They expect to be open in January 2015.
Chicago/ Main	Staff has worked with developer to create a mixed- use office/retail development.	90,000	30,424	The City Council approved this Planned Development at its 7/28/2014 meeting. City Council also approved a \$2.9 million from the developer on Sept. 22, 2014. Staff is working with developer to finalize agreement and execute. Groundbreaking is expected in February 2015.
1801-1805 Church	Vacant former gas station property owned by Daniel Cheifetz.	n/a	11,000	Site is currently in litigation. City Council previously approved resolution granting authority to negotiate purchase of property.
1911-1917 Church Street	Tawani Enterprises purchased the property in October 2013 to be redeveloped as a "educational and cultural center ".	N/A - no defined plan yet for redevelop ment	15,825	Tawani has demolished the building formerly on the site. Tawani and Sebring-Lewis Foundation donating property to Y.O.U. for new headquarters.

727-729 Howard Street/721-723 Howard Street/717 Howard Street	City-owned properties located on Howard Street. Staff is currently working with a theatre company to try to relocate to this building on Howard Street.	4,000	4,000	Staff is working to reformulate plans for moving forward with properties. Staff is developing RFP for 717 Howard Street demolition.
Former "Borders" site- Maple	Downtown Evanston is primary contact with the representatives from Arthur Hill regarding refilling this space; Staff is assisting Downtown Evanston in looking for prospects.	21,900	NA	New property owner is working to determine prospects for property.
737 Chicago Avenue	AMLI residential development has available ground floor commercial space for lease	1,186 to 7,900	NA	Staff is working with the broker to find retail/service users.
1720 Central Street	Central Station Apartment Development has available ground floor commercial space for lease	10,650	NA	Leases have been signed for 10 Mile Ale House (formerly known as Wood Shed) restaurant for the space at the corner of Central Street and Eastwood Avenue as well as a Coldwell Banker office. Several potential businesses are in negotiations.
1011 Chicago Avenue/ 222 Hartrey Avenue	Autobarn is working to relocate portions of the service and warehousing of vehicles to 222 Hartrey.	100,000+	100,000	Construction is underway at both properties. Anticipated completion of Hartrey projects is mid-2015; Fiat dealership at 1034 Chicago Avenue is open for business.
Dominick's Locations	In mid-October, Safeway announced the closure of all Dominick's on January 1, 2014. The City has two locations: Evanston Plaza (approx. 45,000 square feet) and Green Bay Road (Approx. 40,000 square feet).	90,000	100,000+	Whole Foods announced that it would be purchasing the Green Bay location and will open in mid-2015. Valli Produce has taken over the lease of the Evanston Plaza location.

# 2014/2013 Economic Development Committee Recommended for Approval Project Tracker (Projects approved by EDC/City Council within the last 12 months)

Project Name	Status	Meeting Dates	Funds Invested	Summary of Project	Latest Update	Completio n Date
835 Chicago Avenue	Active – City Council Approved	EDC: 9/17/2014 CC: 9/22/2014	\$2,900,000	Funding for TIF eligible expenses to reduce financial gap for office component of mixed-use building.	Working to complete; groundbreaking will commence in February 2016.	4Q2016
Little Beans Café	Active – City Council Approved	EDC: 9/17/2014 CC: 9/22/2014	\$30,000 (Façade) \$95,000 (Loan)	Financial assistance for play café space in former Osco-Drug building. Assistance will fund fixtures and interior build-out of space. Also approved for Façade improvement project.	Working to complete	1Q2015

Campus Gear (1720 Sherman Avenue)	Active –Project In Progress	EDC: 7/9/2014 CC: 8/11/2014	\$10,000	Façade Improvement Project to install new signage and place new façade on new store space.	Submission approved by City Council on August 11 <sup>th</sup> . Working to complete project	4Q2014
Fitness Avenues (1910 Main Street)	Active – Project Complete	EDC: 7/9/2014 CC:7/28/2014	\$1,890	Façade Improvement	Project Complete and ribbon cutting held August 6, 2014	3Q2014
Davis Transportation Loan	Active – City Council Approved	EDC: 7/9/2014 CC: 8/11/2014	\$140,000	Loan for working capital and equipment for bus company.	Staff working with Davis Transportation to finalize agreements.	4Q2014
Just Turkey Façade (2430 Main St.)	Closed – Project Complete	EDC: 2/19/2014 CC: 3/10/2014	\$2,090	funds for signage at 2430 Main Street for new business.	Now Open	1Q2014
Autobarn (Chicago/Hartrey Ave.)	Active – City Council approved	EDC: 8/7/2013; 2/19/2014; 5/28/2014 CC:8/11/2014	\$2.5M	Seeking TIF assistance for build- out at 222 Hartrey, 7B support to Cook County Assessor, and extension of Sales Tax Sharing Agreement	City Council approved \$2.5M in TIF funding and is holding on 48 month extension of sales tax sharing agreement until concerns with neighbors can be resolved; Resolution for 7b was approved at 11/25/13 City Council meeting. EDC Recommended approval of Tax Sharing Agreement at 5/28/2014 meeting.	1Q2015
Career Institute (990 Grove St.)	Closed – No City Assistance is Necessary	EDC: 11/22/2013	\$25,000	Build-Out Assistance at 990 Grove for Career Institute to support development of programs that will train individuals in medical fields	Declined City Assistance	NA
1801 Dempster Façade	Closed – Property owner does not have available funds at this time to complete façade project.	EDC 10/23/2013 CC: 11/25/2013	\$15,185	Renovate10/23 façade	Property owner does not have available funds at this time to complete façade project.	NA
FEW Spirits (918 Chicago Ave.)	Closed – Loan is funded and project is complete.	EDC: 10/23/2013 CC: 6/23/2014	\$250,000	Loan for purchase of new equipment for additional bottling line for distillery and working capital.	Loan is recorded; Will fund Ioan within next 30 days.	2Q2014
Curt's Café (2922 Central St.)	Active – City Council Approved	EDC: 9/25/2013 CC: 10/14/2013	\$21,000	Reimbursement for up to seven Evanston resident participants who are placed in jobs.	Curt's Café continues training program.	3Q2014

NextChapter Entrepreneurship Program (1703 Orrington Ave.)	Closed – Project Complete and Funding Provided	EDC: 9/25/2013 CC: 10/14/2013	\$9,900	Support creation of Entrepreneurship education program at the EPL.	NextChapter is open and offering classes.	1Q2014
Beacon Academy	Closed – No City Assistance Necessary	EDC: 8/28/2013 CC: NA	\$250,000	Seeking build-out assistance for interior space of school.	Determined Project did not need City funding.	NA
Now We're Cookin' (1601 Payne St.)	Active – Project In Process	EDC: 8/7/2013 CC:9/9/2013	\$60,933	Seeking funding support for entrepreneurial training for early stage food businesses	Funding received, status update was provided at January 2014 EDC meeting. Quarterly report to be submitted with EDC packet for July 9th	3Q2014
Music Institute of Chicago (1702 Sherman Ave.)	Closed – Project Complete and Funding Provided	EDC: 4/24/2013 CC: 5/13/2013	\$165,000	Sought funds to support build-out of black box theatre and other extraordinary construction expenses	Project Complete – Ribbon-Cutting held on Oct 23, 2013.	3Q2013
Peckish Pig (623 Howard St.)	Closed – Project Complete and Funding Provided	EDC: 2/27/2013 CC: 3/18/2013	\$200,000	Build-out funds for City-owned property in support of creation of restaurant at 623 Howard Street	Peckish opened March 13 and will participate in a ribbon-cutting on April 3, 2014.	1Q2014
Margarita Inn (1566 Oak Ave.)	Closed – No City Assistance Necessary	EDC: 2/27/2013 CC:NA	\$230,000	Support following major rehabilitation of the hotel to offset costs in the form of a hotel tax sharing agreement of new incremental hotel occupancy taxes not to exceed approved amount.	Margarita Inn was able to secure bank loan without the need of City tax sharing agreement; never found necessary to move to City Council.	NA
Dempster/Chicago Special Service Area	Active – Project in Progress	EDC: 4/29/2014 CC: NA	TBD	Chicago/Dempster and Main/Chicago merchants came to Economic Development Committee seeking funding for larger special service area for merchant districts.	City is actively recruiting a consultant to manage SSA consideration process and designation if necessary.	2015
Relocation of Police Outpost	Active – Project in Progress	EDC: 4/29/2014 CC: NA	TBD	Staff is actively working to identify locations for relocation and consider opportunities for lease for the Howard Street police sub- station.	Staff working to determine best options for relocation.	4Q2014
Homestead Meats	Closed – Project Complete	EDC: 5/28/2014 CC:6/9/2014	\$935	Façade Improvement	Funding awarded and project completed. Shop is now open.	2Q2014

# SUMMARY OF CURRENT LOANS (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2014)

Borrower	Date Loan Funded	Total Loan Amount	Current Monthly Payment	Total Amount Paid	Balance in Arrears	Remaining Balance to be Paid	Date Loan Terminates
Corrado Cutlery 716 Main St.	1.25.12	\$31,500.00	\$437.50	\$12,687.50	\$0.00	\$3,500.00 If borrower complies with all loan agreements \$19,250.00* If borrower does not comply	4.1.15
Ward Eight 629-631 Howard St.	3.15.12	\$362,650.00	\$2,000.00	\$42,472.01	\$0.00	\$326,650.00	Not Applicable
Ward Eight 629 Howard St.	3.15.12	\$130,000.00	\$1,316.19	\$27,639.99	\$0.00	\$110,956.78	12.1.22
Chicken & Waffles 2424 Dempster St.	10.1.12	\$200,000.00	\$1,404.17	\$24,619.28* (\$18,015.00 Interest/\$6,604.28 Principal)	(\$10,484.97)	\$193,395.72	10.1.32
NomadDreams LLC 1818 Dempster St.	10.22.12	\$100,000.00	\$395.83	\$104,220.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	Closed
Peckish Pig 623 Howard St.	3.18.13	\$675,000.00	\$5,500.00 Due October 1, 2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675,000.00	Not Applicable
Curt's Café 2922 Central St.	5.11.14	\$15,000.00	\$0, payments start May 11, 2015	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	4.11.17



**DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING** 

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



# WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

# Last Call to Participate in the October 14 NWMC Auction

Time is running short to participate in the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction, scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2:00 p.m. at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. One change for this auction is that it will be held at 200 West Old Chicago Drive, on the west side of Bolingbrook Road, across the street from where our previous auctions have been held. This is a larger facility with multiple lanes, affording an opportunity to attract additional customers from other Manheim sales.

So far, *Des Plaines, Evanston, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Skokie* and non-member Elmhurst have registered. If you haven't participated in NWMC auctions in the past, please consider us! If you prefer the perceived simplicity of disposing of vehicles on the Internet, Manheim also competes with GovDeals.com and other online auctioneers with their OVE.com site, giving you 24/7 access to the largest dealer base in the industry and nationwide exposure for your vehicles in their virtual marketplace.

Now is the time to prepare vehicles and sales ordinances to transform your discards into cash before winter sets in and turns valuable assets into lot rot. More good news, transportation rates have not gone up! To find transportation rates and registration forms, please visit <u>http://nwmc-cog.org/News-and-Events/2009-NWMC-Auction-Dates.aspx</u>. For more information, please contact staff or Manheim Field Sales Representative Christine Hegg, 708-382-1766 or <u>chris.hegg@manheim.com</u>. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan* 

### Transportation Committee Kicks Off Year

The Transportation Committee held its first meeting of the fiscal year on Thursday and reviewed a staff document outlining the regional, state and federal transportation issues that the committee may address in the months ahead. The committee officially approved the Des Plaines River Trail Corridor Plan, which makes recommendations to improve the condition of, and access to, the trail. The committee also approved a comment letter urging the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to adopt more stringent rules than those currently proposed regarding standards for the design and operation of new and existing tank cars. Finally, the future of planning funds for the STAR Line was discussed. The committee recommended holding a meeting of the STAR Line Municipal Task Force to discuss future activities. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon* 

### SPC Extends HVAC Air Filters & Belts Contract

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board has extended the HVAC Air Filters and Belts Contract #131 with Tri-Dim Filter Corporation of Elgin from September 19, 2014 through September 18, 2015. This is a good time to check out your HVAC units to be sure they're properly maintained and you have enough filters and belts on hand. For additional information or questions, please contact staff or Kurt Bolin, 847-695-2600 (office), 773-410-8723 (cell) or k.bolin@tridim.com. Staff contact: Ellen Dayan

### Environmental Best Practices Committee Discusses CNG Conversions

The NWMC Environmental Best Practices Committee met Wednesday and discussed the current trend toward conversions of fleet vehicles, including those from municipalities, from gasoline or diesel to compressed natural gas (CNG). David Grunin from World CNG and Tim Milburn from Green Ways 2Go highlighted the infrastructure required, available funding, financing options as well as potential return on investment from conversions.

Edith Makra from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) discussed the update to the Greenest Region Compact. The compact, which was signed by dozens of municipalities and councils of government seven years ago, set environmental goals for the signatories to meet. She will continue to update the committee as the goals of the compact are refined to include finding new funding sources and addressing regional priorities. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 p.m. at the NWMC offices. There is still plenty of room to join the committee, so please contact Mike Walczak, 847-296-9200, ext. 134 or mwalczak@nwmc-cog.org. Staff contact: Mike Walczak

#### North Shore Technical Committee Approves Multi Year Program

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee met Wednesday at the *Skokie Village Hall*. The council approved program modifications for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for FFY 2015-2019. The Council also approved a three percent cost increase to account for inflation, which totals \$752,987 over the five-year program. The Council anticipates ending FFY 2015 with a \$2 million positive balance and agreed to continue the policy of aggressively pursuing STP projects. Additionally, the Council approved a programming schedule that includes a call for projects at the end of calendar year 2014. The next North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December, 17, 8:30 a.m. at the *Skokie Village Hall*. *Staff Contact: Brian Pigeon* 

#### **IDOT** Seeks Comments on Road Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings and will accept comments on its 2015-2020 Multi-Year Program. The most convenient meetings for NWMC members are as follows:

Tuesday, October 14 – *Crystal Lake City Hall* (100 W. Woodstock St) Monday, October 20 – Doubletree *Libertyville*/Mundelein (510 E. Route 83, Mundelein) Thursday, October 30 – Doubletree *Arlington Heights* (75 W Algonquin Rd)

All meetings will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Multi-Year Program can be viewed by visiting http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/transportation-improvement-programs-/multi-modal-transportation-improvement-program/index. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon* 

### Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet Wednesday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines.

NWMC Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, October 8 at Noon at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines.

*NWMC Monthly Board Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in *Des Plaines*.

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet Wednesday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices in *Des Plaines*.