



Memorandum

To: Mayor Tisdahl and Members of the City Council
From: Martin Lyons, Acting City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update
Date: Friday, January 29, 2016

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for January 22, 2016 –January 28, 2016

Administrative Services

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Monday, February 1, 2016

Rules Committee-Cancelled

www.cityofevanston.org/rules

Human Services Committee-Cancelled

www.cityofevanston.org/humanservices

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals

www.cityofevanston.org/zoningboard

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Design and Project Review Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/dapr

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Housing and Homelessness Commission

www.cityofevanston.org/housingcommission

Commission on Aging

www.cityofevanston.org/commissiononaging



Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of January 22, 2016 through January 28, 2016.

	CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS	PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS
CALLS HANDLED	2281	2166
SERVICE REQUESTS	499	431
TOTAL CHATS	90	112
TOTAL TEXT	11	9

Top 5 Service Requests

Total

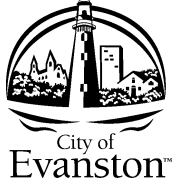
Most requested service requests (Source: PublicStuff - Open/Closed)

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| 1. Building Permit Inspections | 92 |
| 2. Trash – Special Pick-up | 44 |
| 3. Broken Parking Meters | 33 |
| 4. Recycling – Missed Pick-up | 19 |
| 5. Fire Prevention – Inspection of a Commercial Property | 17 |

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

Telephone Wrap-up Data 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	
Category/Department	Total
Administrative Services -Parking	219
Administrative Services -Finance	73
Administrative Services -HR	33
Administrative Services - Other	164
City Manager's Office	21
ComDev / Economic Development	14
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	244
ComDev / Housing Rehab	3
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	20
General Assistance	9
Fire Life Safety	41
PublicStuff Request	249
Health	109
Information	342
Law	12
Library	3
Mayor's Office	2
Other/311	188
Other – Social Services	5
Parks – Maintenance	2
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	9
Parks – Other	7
Parks/Recreation	47
Parks – Forestry	13
Parks- Recreation Programs	91
Police	117
Public Works / Fleet	0
Public Works / Street Sanitation	100
Public Works / Engineering	27
Tax Assessment Office	8
Utilities – Power	5
Utilities – Sewer	1
Utilities – Water	103
TOTAL	2281



Memorandum

To: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

From: Martin Lyons, Assistant City Manager/ Chief Financial Officer
 Ashley King, Finance and Budget Manager
 Tammi Turner, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of January 25, 2016

Date: January 29, 2016

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

Bids/RFPs/RFQs advertised during the Week of January 25, 2016

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number and Title	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council/ Library Board Date
Bid 16-15 Distribution System Materials	Public Works Agency	This contract is for the supply of materials such as fire hydrants and brass fittings and materials to be used in the maintenance of the drinking water distribution system.	\$155,000	Feb 23	Mar 14

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DEPT	MEETING DATE	ITEMS	COUNCIL ACTION	COUNCIL or COMMITTEE	LEAD STAFF	NOTES
Mayor	2/8/2016	Ray Knox Recognition	PR	CC	Francellno	Notice P&D to Start @ 6:45 pm
PWA	2/8/2016	Church Street & Maple Avenue Garage Repairs (RFP 16-07)	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/8/2016	Purchase Street Sweeping/Snow Signs	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/8/2016	MWRD Annual Sludge Fee	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/8/2016	SWANCC Annual Fee	B	APW	Stoneback	
Admin Services	2/8/2016	Havey Communications 3rd Yr Contract Renewal	B	APW	Storlie	
Admin Services	2/8/2016	Single Source Purchase Ford Parts	B	APW	Storlie	
Admin Services	2/8/2016	Vehicle Fuel Purchases	B	APW	Storlie	
PWA	2/8/2016	IEPA Debt Authorization	R	APW	Stoneback	
CMO	2/8/2016	FY2015 Tax Abatement	R	APW	Lyons	
PRCS	2/8/2016	Noyes Leases	R	APW	Dorneker	
Law	2/8/2016	Advance Disposal	R/O	APW	Farrar	Introduction
CD	2/8/2016	831 Emerson St. Planned Development	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	2/8/2016	Rental Vehicles	O	CC	Muenzer	Held at Council: Action
CD	2/8/2016	Action Ords: Ozinga & NU Scoreboards	O	CC	Muenzer	Action
CMO	2/8/2016	Storefront Modernization for Boltwood	B	EDC	Lyons	
CMO	2/8/2016	Great Merchant Grants totaling \$36,000	B	EDC	Lyons	
Mayor	2/8/2016	Committee Appointments	B	CC	Francellno	
	2/15/2016	Meeting Cancelled				
Mayor	2/22/2016	7th Ward Alderman Sworn In		CC	Tisdahl	
PWA	2/22/2016	ERG Viaduct Artwork	P	CC	Stoneback	
CMO	2/22/2016	Equity & Inclusion	P	CC	Lyons	
CMO	2/22/2016	Investment Strategies	P	CC	Lyons	
PWA	2/22/2016	Fleetwood-Jourdain HVAC/Electrical – Consulting Svcs	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/22/2016	48" Intake Eng Svcs Chg Order 2	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/22/2016	48" Intake Construction Change Order 4	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/22/2016	Parking Garages- Church & Maple – Consulting Svcs	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA	2/22/2016	IGA with Skokie for Howard Street Intersection Impr project	R	APW	Stoneback	
Law	2/22/2016	Nuisance Premises /Neighborhood Integrity	O	APW	Farrar	Introduction

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CD	2/22/2016	Artist Studios in the Downtown Districts	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	2/22/2016	Dog Daycare Businesses as Home Occupations	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	2/22/2016	1610 Fowler Avenue – Variance to establish one open parking space in the rear yard	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	2/22/2016	1304 Chicago Avenue – Special Use for a Resale Establishment	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	2/22/2016	1140 Lakeshore Blvd – Variations to locate a generator more than 2' from the principal structure & establish rear yard parking space	O	PD	Muenzer	For Introduction & Action per Ald Wynne
CD	2/22/2016	Sidewalk Cafes Administrative Revisions	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CMO	2/8/2016	Funding Assistance: 1806 Church	B	EDC	Lyons	
CD	3/14/2016	Appeal Certificate of Appropriateness: 1012 Lake St Roof	SPB	CC	Muenzer	
Admin Services	3/14/2016	Janitorial Contract Renewal	B	APW	Storlie	
PWA	3/14/2016	Fountain Square Consulting Services	B	APW	Stoneback	
Law/CMO	3/14/2016	Hotel/Motel Tax on B&Bs	Discussion	APW	Farrar/Lyons	
CD	3/14/2016	1919 Church St – Special Use for a Public Utility - ComEd Substation	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	3/14/2016	Ord 165-O-15: Impervious Surface Coverage Calculation	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction: Held in Ctte 12.14.15
CMO	3/14/2016	Animal Stray Hold Policy	O	HS	Bobkiewicz	Introduction
CMO	3/21/2015	Aldermanic Referral: Neighborhood Fund		CC	Lyons	Rules Committee; 3rd Monday
PWA	3/21/2016	Replacement of Residential Yard Waste Carts	Discussion	APW	Stoneback	
	3/28/2016	Public Health Week Apr 4-10 2016	A			
	4/11/2016	April Fair Housing Month	A			
	4/11/2016	National Library Week Apr 10-16	A			
	4/11/2016	National Volunteer Week Apr 10-16	A			
PWA	4/25/2016	2016 Drinking Water Week May 1-7	A	APW	Stoneback	6:00 PM

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	5/9/2016	Public Service Recognition Week May 1-7	A			
	5/9/2016	May is National Preservation Month	A			
	5/9/2016	National Police Week May 15-21	A			
	5/9/2016	National Public Works Week May 15-21	A			

Council & Committee Meetings

Mon, Feb 1	CANCELLED	Human Services Committee				
Thurs, Feb 4	7:00 PM	Housing & Homelessness Commission				
Mon, Feb 8	6:00 PM	A&PW, P&D, City Council meetings				
Tues, Feb 16	7:00 PM	Housing & Community Dev Act Committee				
Wed, Feb 17	5:30 PM	City-School Liaison Committee				
Wed, Feb 17	6:30 PM	M/W/EBE Advisory Committee				
Mon, Feb 22	6:00 PM	A&PW, P&D, City Council meetings				
Wed, Feb 24	6:00 PM	Transportation/Parking Committee				
Wed, Feb 24	7:30 PM	Economic Development Committee				

DEFERRED

Dept	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	NOTES
CMO		Harley Clarke	SPB	CC	Bobkiewicz	CC Tabled 10.26.15
CMO		Fines for bikes on sidewalks	O	APW	Bobkiewicz	
Utilities		Computerized Maintenance Management System	B	APW	Stoneback	
CMO		D202 IGA: Safe School Zone	R	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Serv		Increase Parking Garage Monthly Permit Fee	B	APW	Voss	
Admin Serv		Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Lyons	
Law		Ord 27-O-12 Cell Phone Ban	O	HS	Grover/Farrar	
CD		Rental Licensing	O	PD		
Law		Title 9 City Code Amendments	O	CC	Farrar	(Introduced 1.27.14)
Law		Pedicabs	O	APW	Farrar	Tabled 3.9.15 (revisit 2016)
Admin Serv		Credit Card Analysis	D	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services		NU Parking agreement - Church St Garage	R	APW	Lyons/Storlie	
Law		Panhandling/Soliciting; limit residential hours to 4 pm	O	APW	Farrar	Intro 7/27/15; Held at 8/17 mtg

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PWA		AVL Purchase	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA		Standpipe Painting Engr Services Chg order 2	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA		Standpipe Painting- Chg order 2	B	APW	Stoneback	
PWA		Gibbs-Morrison Stormwater Impr – Consulting Svcs	B	APW	Stoneback	



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Damir Latinovic, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: January 29, 2016

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 847/448-8675 or dlatinovic@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Zoning Weekly Update
Cases Received and Pending, January 22 - January 28 , 2016

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	626 University Place	Building Permit	Int./ext. renovations to Shephard Hall (NU).	01/05/16	DAPR 02/10/16
4	1571 Maple Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 12-story, 101 DU multifamily residence (planned development)	12/21/15	pending add'l info from the applicant
4	1333 Greenwood Street	Zoning Analysis	Demo existing, construct 1-car det. Garage @ SFR.	12/28/15	pending add'l info from the applicant
4	1603 Orrington Avenue	Building Permit	Install four (4) new pole lights @ Chase Bank Pavillion patio	01/14/16	DAPR 02/10/16
4	630 Davis Street	Building Permit	Proposed exterior modifications to Chandler Building	01/14/16	pending Preservation Review
4	1322 Lake Street	Zoning Analysis	Construct roofed porch addition, 2-car det. garage @ SFR.	01/21/16	pending add'l info from the applicant
4	1560 Sherman Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodeling @ lower level lobby.	01/25/16	compliant
5	1911-1917 Church Street	Building Permit	Construct 2-story Cultural Facility (Y.O.U.)	01/15/16	DAPR 2/10/16
5	2128 Asbury Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 2nd story addition , 2-car det. Garage @ SFR.	01/27/16	pending staff review
6	2422 Hastings Avenue	Building Permit	Construct rear yard paver patio	11/18/15	pending Major Variation
6	2745 Lincolnwood Drive	Zoning Analysis	One-story addition to SFR	01/28/16	pending staff review
6	2539 Lawndale Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 2nd story dormer addition @ SFR	01/26/16	compliant
7	2321 Sheridan Road	Building Permit	Construct addition, accesible ramp, misc. exterior modifications (Goodrich Res. Hall).	01/14/16	DAPR 02/03/16
7	2233 Tech Drive	Zoning Analysis	Construct 5-story addition @ Mudd Hall (NU)	01/19/16	compliant
7	2233 Tech Drive	Building Permit	Foundaton permit for Mudd Hall (NU) addition.	01/19/16	DAPR 2/10/16
7	2650 Ridge Avenue	Building Permit	Interior remodeling to blood donor center (Evanston Hospital)	01/26/16	compliant
7	2021 Sheridan Road	Building Permit	Interior remodeling @ NU lab.	01/26/16	comliant
8	2330 Oakton Street	Zoning Analysis	Expansion of existing parking lot (Pace Bus).	01/19/16	DAPR 2/10/16
9	704 Florence Avenue	Building Permit	Interior stair to basement @ 2-fam. residence	01/26/16	compliant

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	831 Emerson Street	Planned Development, Special Use and Rezoning	New mixed use 12-story building with 260 DUs, 3300-sq. ft. commercial space and 145 parking spaces	10/29/15	PD 02/08/16
1	828 Colfax Street	Major Variation	Street side yard setback for a detached garage	12/30/15	ZBA 02/02/16
2	1223-1227 Dodge Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Illegal Trade Contractor (Landscaping) business	08/17/15	2nd viol. letter mailed. Insp. pending
2	1815 Ridge/1815 Oak Ave	Planned Development and Rezoning	New 11-story independent and assisted living senior housing development with 165 units and 55 parking spaces	12/11/15	pending additional info from the applicant
2	1210 Darrow Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Illegal truck parked in rear yard (F Plates)	10/08/15	2nd viol. letter mailed. Inspection pending
2	1610 Fowler Avenue	Major Variation	Establish one open parking space in the rear yard with a 0.5' side yard setback	11/20/15	P&D 02/22/16
2	1500 Ashland Avenue	Major Variation	Interior side yard setback for a second story addition	01/19/16	DAPR 02/03/16 & ZBA 02/16/16
3	1140 Lakeshore Boulevard	Major Variation	Street side yard setback for a generator and rear yard setback for one open parking space at SFR	12/30/15	P&D 02/22/16
3	1304 Chicago Avenue	Special Use	Resale Establishment (Threads Boutique)	01/07/16	ZBA 02/02/16
3	1045 Hinman Avenue	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback to install a/c condensing unit	01/21/16	pending Preservation Commission Review
4	1815 Cleveland Street	Zoning Complaint	Illegal auto-repair business in R2 District.	06/18/15	Insp. revealed no violation, pending re-insp.
4	601 Davis Street	Planned Development, Rezoning and Special Use	New 26-Story, 221 unit mixed use development with 21,020 sq. ft. of commercial space	12/23/15	pending additional info from the applicant
4	915 Greenleaf Street	Zoning Complaint	Elim. of required parking to rent spaces	10/08/15	Viol. Letter mailed. Re-insp. pending
4	1560 Oak Avenue	Minor Variation	Install 8'h wrought iron fence in side yard	12/23/15	pending Preservation Commission review
5	2002 Darrow Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Auto-repair establishment in res. district	06/25/15	Insp. revealed no violation
5	1924 Grey Avenue	Zoning Complaint	Illegal landscaping business	10/08/15	Re-insp. revealed no violation. To keep monitoring
6	2422 Hastings Avenue	Major Variation	Impervious surface for a brick paver patio	12/04/15	ZBA 02/02/16
7	1501 Central Street (West Ryan Field Parking Lot)	Special Use & Major Variation	Reconstruct and extend existing NU parking lot, add landscaping, add lighting with 5' street side setback	01/22/16	DAPR 02/03/16 & ZBA 02/16/16
9	1418 Main Street	Major Variance	0' rear, side, and street side setbacks for one-car detached garage	12/23/15	ZBA 02/02/16



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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary Gerdes, Building and Inspection Services Manager

Subject: Weekly Inspection Report

Date: January 29, 2016

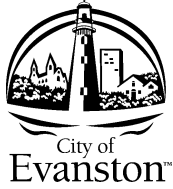
Enclosed is the weekly summary report of field inspections under special monitoring. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, the type of inspection, inspector notes, date received and current status.

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, January 29, 2016

Field Reports

Ward	Property Address	Construction Type	Inspector Notes	Received
1	1515 Chicago Avenue (Hyatt House)	New Hotel	Rough inspections for the first and second floors approved and walls and ceilings are being drywalled. Exterior is wrapped with the final masonry and glazing frames. Site is well kept and clean.	1/28/2016
1	1619 Chicago Avenue (The Merion)	Residential Addition	Fences and sidewalks are in good condition. Catch basin is clean. Minimal exterior work at time of inspection. Job site in good condition.	1/25/2016
1	711 Colfax Street (Kendall Place)	New Residential Building (SFRs)	Fences and sidewalks are in good condition. No dust or mud at time of inspection. Soil erosion reports are current. Contractor has cleared ice build-up on sidewalks.	1/25/2016
3	835 Chicago Avenue (9-story mixed-used)	Foundation	Streets, fences and sidewalks are in good condition. Fences are in good condition and job site is in order.	1/25/2016
4	1026 Davis Street (Taco Diablo/LuLu's)	Restaurant/Retail	Work continues on the installation of perimeter wall framing and insulation. HVAC, electrical and plumbing installation on first and second floor is in progress. EPDM roofing installation has resumed. Job site is kept in order.	1/26/2016
4	1029 - 1035 Davis Street	One Story Commercial	Drywall installation, fire suppression piping and above ceiling electric continues. Job site is well maintained.	1/26/2016
4	1560 Oak Avenue (Museum of Time and Glass)	New Commercial Building	Work continues on 3rd floor above ceiling electric and drywall installation. Drywall on the 4th floor is complete. Ventilation hoods are being installed in the food preparation areas. Installation of fire suppression system continues. Job site is well kept and clean.	1/26/2016
7	1620 Central	New 47 Unit Apartment Building	Pre-cast concrete floor sections and steel support columns are being put into place above the parking garage area. The installation of the surface water drainage system is almost complete. Job site is being kept in order.	1/26/2016
7	2211 Campus Drive (Kellogg Graduate School)	New Education Building	Plumbing is nearing completion on rough inspections with other MEP work following. Exterior iron work and the roofing are in progress. Site is neatly kept with fences and windscreens standing plumb. Silt fencing remains in place.	1/28/2016
7	560 Lincoln (NU Residence Hall)	New Dormitory	Excavation for footing and concrete work is in progress at the east foundation walls. All caissons are complete. Job site is organized with fences and windscreens in place at all property lines. Silt fences and erosion controls are in place.	1/27/2016
8	222 Hartrey Avenue (Autobarn)	Interior/Exterior Remodel	Fences, street and sidewalks are in good condition. Exterior work on hold until Spring. Interior drywall in progress.	1/25/2016



Memorandum

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: January 29, 2016

The table below is the weekly report of all applications for Food Establishments received for the week of January 24, 2016.

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	Type	Proposed Opening Date
Wired Coffee House	901 Davis St	4	1/25/2016	Food Establishment	2/1/2016



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Theresa Whittington, Liquor Licensing Manager

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: January 29, 2016

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	STATUS¹
1	Hilton Orrington	1710 Orrington	C	Hotel/Restaurant (Alcohol)	11am – 1 am (Sun-Thu); 11am – 2 am (Fri-Sat)	12/11/15	Pending Liquor Board Meeting

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 JANUARY 29, 2016

What is Going on in Springfield?

So far, this is shaping up to be a very unusual spring legislative session. With only two session days held so far (one of which was devoted to the Governor's State of the State address), only five session days scheduled in February and a slower than normal stream of introduced bills, there have not been a lot of issues and concerns on which to report. Following the January 30 NWMC Legislative Brunch and with the approach of the bill introduction deadlines on February 11 in the House and February 19 in the Senate, we plan to publish a full Legislative Update next week. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury, Chris Staron*

Transportation Committee Talks RTA Transfer Signage, CMAP Financial Situation

The NWMC Transportation Committee met Thursday and learned about the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) new Interagency Signage Program. RTA Regional Coordination Division Program Manager Joe Moriarty discussed the agency's efforts to improve signage and maps at stations where transit riders transfer between CTA, Metra and Pace. Locations in the first testing phase of the project included the *City of Evanston's* Davis Street station as well as some downtown Chicago Metra stations. With the demonstration locations deemed successful, the next phase will include signs at the Lake-Cook Metra station in *Deerfield*, Main Street station in *Evanston* as well as the Jefferson Park and Irving Park stations on the Metra UP –Northwest line/CTA Blue Line in Chicago.

Staff also updated the committee on the new five-year federal transportation bill called the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which was signed by President Obama in December. Finally, staff reported on efforts by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) to pursue more consistent local funding. These funds are needed to match federal planning funds which make up most of the CMAP's budget. Currently IDOT provides most of the local match; however, in reaction to the ongoing state budget impasse, CMAP staff has prepared other options for their board to consider. These include: lobbying the General Assembly to fully fund the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund; imposing dues from local transportation agencies and municipalities; and, establishing fees for some of CMAP's programs and services. The CMAP Board is expected to take action on the options at their March 9 meeting. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Brian Pigeon*

NWMC Public Works Directors Committee Lunch & Learn to Feature SPC Vehicle Lineup

The Conference is pleased to announce a special Lunch & Learn meeting of the NWMC Public Works Directors Committee will be held on Thursday, March 17, at Noon at the NWMC offices. Currie Motors, Napleton Fleet and Roesch Ford will showcase a caravan of their vehicles that are part of the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) joint purchasing program. Oakton Community College will be on spring break, so we have obtained their permission to use Parking Lot D for vendors to exhibit and showcase vehicles available for purchase via SPC contracts.

Fleet Superintendents, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Finance Directors and others who may be interested in this unique opportunity are encouraged to attend. The vendors have generously agreed to sponsor lunch, so please be sure to RSVP to NWMC Program Manager for Purchasing Ellen Dayan, edayan@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200-132 and include any dietary restrictions. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC Announces Sewer Cleaner Truck Price Increase

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) was recently informed by Sewer Cleaner Truck vendor Standard Equipment that manufacturer Environmental Solutions Group increased their base model prices by 3%. Standard Equipment agreed to limit the increase to just under two percent, so the SPC Governing Board approved the increase as follows:

SPC Standard Equipment Sewer Cleaner Contract	2015 Price	2016 Price	\$ Change	% Change
10 Yard Vactor 2110 Plus Fan Catch Basin/Sewer Cleaner with Freightliner Engine (Contract #128)	\$279,003	\$284,168	\$5,165.00	1.85%
12 Yard Vactor 2112 Fan Catch Basin/Sewer Cleaner with Freightliner Engine (Contract #127)	\$292,898	\$298,652	\$5,754.00	1.99%

Alternate program vendor EJ Equipment (utilizing Vac-Con model) has not requested a price increase at this time and their pricing remains as follows:

10 Yard Vac-Con Plus Fan Catch Basin/Sewer Cleaner Alternate (Contract #128)	\$271,984.00
12 Yard Vac-Con Plus Fan Catch Basin/Sewer Cleaner Alternate (Contract #127)	\$294,073.00

For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Standard Equipment Sales Manager Maureen Kennedy, 312-706-0230 or mkennedy@standardequipment.com; or EJ Equipment representative Eric Lesage, 815-370-3549 or eric@ejequipment.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Reminder

As reported last week, the spring NWMC live surplus vehicle and equipment auction will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 1:00 p.m. at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. Announcements have been sent to NWMC Public Works Directors, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, Managers and Finance Directors. America's Auto Auction will be contacting all NWMC members to discuss the program in detail and we encourage all members to utilize this program. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Bruce Uhter, Bruce.Uhter@americasautoauction.com, 219-713-0347 (cell), 708-389-4488 (office) or Jim Fee, 773-315-0293 or jamesfee7522@yahoo.com. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Meetings and Events

NWMC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

NWMC Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 10, at 12:00 pm at the NWMC offices (tentative).

NWMC Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604 in *Des Plaines*.

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on February 11, at 8:30 a.m. at *Barrington Village Hall*.