

# Memorandum

To: Mayor Tisdahl and Members of the City Council  
From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager  
Subject: City Manager's Weekly Update  
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014

## **STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT**



Weekly Report for March 7, 2014 – March 13, 2014

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**March 17, 2014**

Ladd Arboretum Committee

[www.cityofevanston.org/laddcommittee](http://www.cityofevanston.org/laddcommittee)

City Council – **RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 31, 2014**

**March 18, 2014**

Arts Council

Zoning Board of Appeals

Preservation Commission

Board of Ethics

**March 19, 2014**

Site Plan and Appearance Review Committee

Library Board of Trustees Management Committee

Library Board

M/W/EBE Advisory Committee

Zoning Committee of the Plan Commission - **CANCELLED**

**March 20, 2014**

Liquor Control Review Board

Chicag-Main TIF Advisory Committee

Park and Recreation Board

**March 21, 2014**

None



# Weekly Update

Below is a brief summary of activities in the 311 Center for the period of March 7, 2014 through March 13, 2014.

	<b>CURRENT WEEK'S TOTALS</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS</b>
<b>CALLS HANDLED</b>	<b>2772</b>	<b>2553</b>
<b>SERVICE REQUESTS</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>TOTAL CHATS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>TOTAL TEXT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## Top 5 Service Requests

## Total

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

1. Building Permit Inspection Request	75
2. Water Bill – High Water Charge, Report Error, Change Name/Address	46
3. Trash – Special Pickup	40
4. Broken Parking Meter or Pay Station	32
5. Trash Cart – Missing/Replacement	25

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.*

<b>Weekly Telephone Wrap Up Data</b>	
<b>Category/Department</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Services -Parking	291
Administrative Services -Finance	63
Administrative Services -HR	101
Administrative Services - Other	209
Call Transfer	144
City Manager's Office	53
ComDev / Economic Development	28
ComDev/ Bldg Inspections	160
ComDev / Housing Rehab	6
ComDev / Planning/Zoning	20
Directions	14
Evanston Township	21
Fire Life Safety	36
PublicStuff Request	164
Health	70
Information	595
Law	9
Library	2
Mayor's Office	2
Other	132
Other – Social Services	7
Parks – Maintenance	1
Parks – Programs/Picnics/Permits	6
Parks – Other	4
Parks/Recreation	31
Parks – Forestry	13
Parks- Recreation Programs	67
Police	94
Public Works / Fleet	4
Public Works / Street Sanitation	125
Public Works / Engineering	24
Utilities – Power	3
Utilities – Sewer	11
Utilities – Water	262
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2772</b>



# Memorandum

To: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

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

Subject: Bids/RFPs/RFQs Advertised during the Week of March 10, 2014

Date: March 14, 2014

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 March 10, 2014**

Bid/RFP/RFQ Number and Title	Requesting Dept.	Description of Project	Budgeted Amount	Bid/RFP/RFQ Opening Date	Anticipated Council Date
Bid 14-21 2014 Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing Project CIP 1	Public Works	Work on this project includes all materials, labor, equipment and services for utility improvements, and all incidental work in City of Evanston	\$2,294,500	Apr 8	Apr 28

## Evanston City Council Agenda Schedule - 2014

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Health	3/24/2014	National Public Health Week (Apr 7-13)	PR	CC	Thomas-Smith	
Admin Services	3/24/2014	FY2013 Yr End Budget Presentation	SPB	CC	Lyons	
Admin Services	3/24/2014	FY2013 Budget Amendment	SPB/R	CC	Lyons	
Utilities	3/24/2014	Harris Northstar Annual Maintenance	B	APW	Stoneback	
Utilities	3/24/2014	SCADA Change Order	B	APW	Stoneback	
Public Works	3/24/2014	2014 MFT Street Resurfacing Construction Contract	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/24/2014	Spring Tree Planting Purchase	B	APW	Robinson	(Fundraising plans?)
Public Works	3/24/2014	Central St Improvement RFP	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/24/2014	Concrete Contract Award	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/24/2014	Utilities Vehicle Purchase	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	3/24/2014	Police Vehicle Purchases	B	APW	Robinson	
Utilities	3/24/2014	Reservoir Study	B	APW	Stoneback	
Utilities	3/24/2014	CIPP Sewer Rehab	B	APW	Stoneback	
Utilities	3/24/2014	CIPP Sewer Spot Lining	B	APW	Stoneback	
CD	3/24/2014	Landmark Property Recording	B	APW	Muenzer	
PRCS	3/24/2014	2014 Special Events Calendar	B	APW	McRae	
PRCS	3/24/2014	Summer Lunch Program Grant	B	APW	McRae	
PRCS	3/24/2014	PACE Bus Proposal	R	APW	McRae	
Police	3/24/2014	ADT (Tyco) Alarm Monitoring	R	APW	Eddington	
CD	3/24/2014	430 Asbury: Little Beans	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction/Action
CD	3/24/2014	835 Chicago Ave/Chicago-Main	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	3/24/2014	2013 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation (CAPER)	B	HCDC	Muenzer	Final comments 3/19/14
CMO	3/24/2014	Autobarn (2 items)	B	EDC	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Services	3/24/2014	Exec Session	B	CC	Lyons	Workers Comp
CMO	3/31/2014	National Volunteer Week (Apr 7-13)	PR	CC	Bobkiewicz	Fourth Monday
Fire	3/31/2014	Division Chief	A	CC	Klaiber	
Admin Services	3/31/2014	FY2013 CIP Presentation & Future Plans	P	CC	Lyons/Robinson/Stoneback	
Admin Services	3/31/2014	Discussion of City Financial Policies and Procedures	D	CC	Lyons	
Admin Services	3/31/2014	IPBC Presentation	P	CC	Lyons	
Public Works	3/31/2014	Snow Report	D	CC	Robinson	
Public Works	3/31/2014	Solid Waste Overview: Donation Boxes & Newspaper Boxes	D	CC	Robinson	
Township	4/8/2014	Annual Township Meeting		CC	Greene/Bobkiewicz	
3/14/2014 12:11 PM	4/8/2014	National Library Week (Apr 13-19)	PR	CC	Danczak-Lyons	1 of 3

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CMO	4/8/2014	CARE	SPB	CC	Bobkiewicz	(Placeholder - item on HS 4.7.14)
Admin Services	4/8/2014	TEFRA Hearing: Chiaravalle	B	CC	Lyons	
Admin Services	4/8/2014	Chiaravalle Trailer Agreement	B	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services	4/8/2014	Chiaravalle Easement	B	APW	Lyons	
Admin Services	4/8/2014	Chiaravalle Bonds	O	APW	Lyons	Introduction
Admin Services	4/8/2014	Appointment of Deputy Treasurer	B	APW	Lyons	
Public Works	4/8/2014	2014 Public Elm Injection Program	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	4/8/2014	Ord 23-O-14: Donation Boxes	O	APW	Robinson	Introduction
Law	4/8/2014	Liquor Ordinances	O	APW	Farrar	Introduction
CD	4/8/2014	1901 Dempster (Starbucks)	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	4/8/2014	1515 Chicago Ave	O	PD	Muenzer	Introduction
CD	4/8/2014	Evanston Housing Corp	D	PD	Muenzer	
CMO	4/8/2014	Town Bills	B	HS	Bobkiewicz	
CMO/Utilities	4/28/2014	National Drinking Water Week (May 4-10) Awards	P	APW	Hurley	6:00 PM
Admin Services	4/28/2014	National Public Service Week (May 4-10)	P	CC	Lyons	
Admin Services	4/28/2014	CAFR Award	A	CC	Lyons	
CD	4/28/2014	Report: Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	SPB	CC	Muenzer	Accept and Place on File
PRCS	4/28/2014	Cradle to Career	SPB	CC	McRae	Discussion
Public Works	4/28/2014	BAS Contract - 8 City buildings	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	4/28/2014	Salt Dome Contract Award	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	4/28/2014	Engineering Supplemental Support Contract	B	APW	Robinson	
Public Works	4/28/2014	Material Testing Contract	B	APW	Robinson	
CMO	4/28/2014	Residential Lease 631-2 Howard St	R	APW	Bobkiewicz	
Public Works	4/28/2014	Ord 29-O-14: Sale of Surplus Vehicle	O	APW	Robinson	Introduction: Held at APW 2.24.14
CMO	4/28/2014	Human Rights (LGBT)	O	HS	Bobkiewicz	Introduction
CMO	4/28/2014	CARE	B	HS	Bobkiewicz	
PRCS	4/28/2014	Noyes Leases	B	HS	McRae	
CMO	5/12/2014	Town Bills	B	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Public Works	5/19/2014	National Public Works Week (May 18-24) - Snow Recognition	PR	CC	Robinson	Third Monday
Admins Services	5/19/2014	Continuation: CIP	D	CC	Lyons	
	5/26/2014					

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	6/9/2014					
Admins Services	6/16/2014	Continuation: CIP	D	CC	Lyons	Third Monday

**Council & Committee Meetings**

Wed, Mar 19	6:30 PM	M/W/EBE Advisory Committee				
Mon, Mar 24	6:00 PM	A&PW, P&D, City Council meetings				
Wed, Mar 26	6:00 PM	Transportation/Parking Committee				
Wed, Mar 26	7:30 PM	Economic Development Committee				
Thurs, Mar 27	5:30 PM	Emergency Telephone System Board				
Thurs, Mar 27	5:30 PM	City-School Liaison Committee (at ETHS)				
Fri, Mar 28	7:00 AM	Housing & Homelessness Commission				
Mon, Mar 31	7:00 PM	City Council meeting				

Dept	Date	Item	Action	Committee	Staff	
CMO	tba	D202 IGA: Safe School Zone	R	HS	Bobkiewicz	
Admin Serv	TBA	Increase Parking Garage Monthly Permit Fee	B	APW	Voss	
Admin Serv	TBA	Amendment to PEHP Resolution	R	APW	Lyons	
Law	tba	Ord 27-O-12 Cell Phone Ban	O	HS	Grover/Farrar	
	tba	C.A.R.E. 25 Yr Proclamation	PR	CC		
PRCS	tba	Animal Shelter Contract	B	HS		
CD	tba	Rental Licensing	O	PD		
CD	tba	Zoning for Medical Cannabis	O	PD		
CD	tba	Aquaponics Spc Use	O	PD		
CD	tba	Urban Farms Spc Use	O	PD		
CD	tba	Neighborhood Gardens Spc Use	O	PD		
Public Works	tba	Ecology Center Greenhouse	B	APW	Robinson	
Law	3/24/2014	Title 9 City Code Amendments	O		Farrar	(Introduced 1.27.14)





# Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Aldermen

From: Melissa Klotz, Interim Zoning Administrator, Planning & Zoning Division

Subject: Weekly Zoning Report

Date: March 14, 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 847/448-8153 or [mklotz@cityofevanston.org](mailto:mklotz@cityofevanston.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

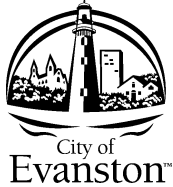
**Zoning Weekly Update**  
**Cases Received and Pending, March 7 - 13, 2014**

**Zoning Reviews**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	1611-1619 Chicago Avenue	Building Permit	8 story addition to North Shore Residence (Planned Development)	03/06/14	pending staff review
2	1460 Florence Avenue	Building Permit	Install handicap ramp at SFR	03/11/14	compliant
2	1825 Greenwood Street	Zoning Analysis	Proposed Map Amendment to R4 (from I2), with interior/exterior renovations and additions.	03/12/14	pending
2	2000 Dempster Street	Zoning Analysis	Temporary use for theater group at Temperance Beer Co.	02/07/14	pending staff review
3	425 Dempster Street	Building Permit	Construct 2-story addition, misc. int/ext work (Chiaravalle Montessori School)	01/22/14	<b>SPAARC 03/26/14</b>
3	635 Forest Avenue	Building Permit	Construct 1-story addition at SFR (revisions)	03/10/14	compliant
5	1910 Wesley Avenue	Zoning Analysis	Construct 1-car attached garage at SFR	02/20/14	pending additional info from applicant
6	3315 Dartmouth Place	Zoning Analysis	Demolish existing, construct 2-story SFR (revisions) (per 10ZMNV-52)	03/13/14	compliant
7	1030 Central Street	Zoning Analysis	Temporary use for theater group - outdoors (at golf course)	02/26/14	pending staff review
7	2014 Noyes Street	Building Permit	Convert 2-flat to SFR (revisions)	03/10/14	compliant
7	2211 Campus Drive	Building Permit	Construct Graduate School Building (Kellogg/NU).	02/13/14	pending SPAARC
8	727-729 Howard Street	Zoning Analysis	Temporary use for theater group	02/26/14	pending staff review
9	1718 Cleveland Street	Zoning Analysis	Install 1-open parking space with new curb cut and driveway at SFR	03/13/14	pending

### Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1515 Chicago Avenue	Planned Development	8 story extended stay hotel	12/27/14	<b>P&amp;D 04/08/14</b>
1	711 Emerson Street	Major Variance	Construct 2 open parking spaces that are not in the rear yard	03/05/14	<b>ZBA 04/01/14, pending SPAARC</b>
1	726 Clark Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant (Kung Fu Tea)	03/05/14	<b>ZBA 04/01/14, SPAARC 03/19/14</b>
2	1460 Dewey Avenue	Major Variance	Rear setback for addition, front setback for roofed porch, fence	02/20/14	<b>ZBA 03/18/14</b>
2	1508 Florence Avenue	Minor Variance	side yard setbacks to construct dormer additions at SFR	02/11/14	determination after 03/07/14
2	1825 Greenwood Street/ 1409 Dodge Avenue	Map Amendment	Rezone from I2 to R4 to convert to 3 dwelling units	03/12/14	pending staff review
2	1901 Dempster Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant (Starbucks) and Drive-Thru	02/20/14	<b>ZBA 03/18/14</b>
2	1910 Greenwood Street	Business License	Automobile repair establishment (no body work)	03/13/14	compliant
3	622 Sheridan Square	Major Variance	Increase from 30 unit res. building to 31 units (lot area per dwelling unit)	02/18/14	<b>ZBA 03/18/14</b>
3	699 Sheridan Road	Minor Variance	Side yard setback to install a/c condensing unit	03/06/14	pending Preservation
3	835 Chicago Avenue	Planned Development	9 story mixed use retail, office and residential tower	12/30/13	<b>P&amp;D 03/24/14</b>
5	1701 Simpson Street	Special Use	Type 2 Restaurant (Frio Gelato)	03/06/14	<b>ZBA 04/01/14</b>
5	2014 Pratt Court	Minor Variance	Front yard setback to rebuild and enlarge open front porch at SFR	01/31/14	determination after 03/10/14
6	2312 Prospect Avenue	Minor Variance	Building lot coverage variance to construct 1-story addition	02/12/14	determination after 03/07/14
6	2547 Hastings Avenue	Minor Variance	Install 6'h wood fence in front yard (corner lot)	03/06/14	determination after 03/28/14
6	2916 Grant Street	Minor Variance	install 5'h wood fence in street side yard (corner lot).	03/06/14	determination after 03/27/14
7	1715 Chancellor Street	Minor Variance	Side yard setback, bldg lot coverage to construct 2-story addition	03/06/14	determination after 03/29/14
9	430 Asbury Avenue	Special Use	Commercial Indoor Recreation & Drive-Thru - <i>Little Beans Café</i>	12/12/13	<b>P&amp;D 03/24/14</b>



# Memorandum

To: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

From: Joe McRae, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Weekly Summary

Date: March 14, 2014

- Summer camp spots are filling up quickly! We already have many camp sections full with waitlists.
- The Ecology Center will host a food policy forum for State Representative Gabel on Sunday, March 30th. The forum will discuss the Illinois council on food, farms and jobs. They will be working on ideas, recommendations and resolutions to help work with community farmer markets to help promote local farms and jobs. The forum will be held from 12pm-2pm.
- This month's Produce Mobile at Robert Crown had approximately 365 participants who signed in and received an abundance of dry goods, fresh vegetables, and fruits. For the first time the City provided transportation for seniors to and from the event which turned out to be a huge success. We are currently looking into repeating this effort again for the next Produce Mobile event which is Tuesday, April 8, 9:30am to 11:30am.
- Save the Date for the third annual Evanston Green Ball Friday, May 30, 2014 from 7pm to 10pm at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.
- Thirty-eight new vendor applications were sent out to interested parties looking to get into the 2014 Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market. Thirteen applications were returned by the due date. Selection will take place on Monday, March 24th 7-9pm with members from the Friends of the Evanston Farmers' Market group. We currently have about 4 spaces available for the upcoming season. Marketing of the market will begin in April. Home Grown Artists will be able to reserve space at the market starting in April. The applications will be available on the market website.
- Spring programs start next week for the Evanston Ecology Center! We have some great new programs this spring including Spring Seedlings, Squirrel Tales and Backyard Habitats. Summer camp spots are filling up quickly!

- The Evanston Ecology Center, in collaboration with Burt's Bees and the Pollinator Partnership, is hoping to increase habitats available for pollinators, such as birds, bees and butterflies this spring at the Ladd Arboretum, 2024 McCormick Blvd. From now until April, Burt's Bees will donate five plants to the Ecology Center for every Burt's Bees Lip Balm purchased from the Net Zero Walgreens located at 635 Chicago Ave. The Ecology Center aims to fulfill its goal of providing 5,000 new plants to continue community education and awareness, as well as providing thriving habitats. Maintaining a healthy environment for pollinators is vital as they contribute to the reproduction of 80 percent of all flowering plants worldwide. Pollinators also provide us with one in every three bites of food we consume. Pollination from honey bees alone contributes \$8 to \$10 billion annually to the U.S. economy. Contributions received from this campaign will be commemorated with a planting day in the spring. Dates will be announced soon.



# DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING



By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler

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**WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 2014**

## ***NWMC Board Approves Legislative Positions – Act NOW on House Bill 5485***

Thank you to the twenty-nine NWMC members who attended Wednesday night's board meeting. The membership approved positions on ninety-one (91) pieces of legislation introduced in the General Assembly so far that affect local governments. One of the bills previously opposed by the Conference, [House Bill 5485](#), received special attention this week. Sponsored by Representative Rita Mayfield (D-Waukegan) the legislation makes fire department manning levels a mandatory subject of collective bargaining and is currently on second reading in the House. NWMC staff emailed a reminder today strongly urging our membership to contact their representatives and request that they **OPPOSE** House Bill 5485.

In other Board action, the membership unanimously approved the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2014 Legislative Priorities. The Caucus priorities closely mirror the NWMC 2014 Legislative Program initiatives, including pension reform for current public safety employees and protection of local government revenues. Finally, the Board approved contract renewals for the NWMC Employee Assistance Program and Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction program. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***Still Time to Register for NWMC Legislative Days***

As noted above, legislation affecting local government continues to move through the process in Springfield, making attendance at this year's NWMC Legislative Days more critical than ever. Currently, thirty-three members and staff will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2:00 p.m. at the Illinois Municipal League offices for a briefing of the issues/events for the week and legislation being monitored by the Conference. From there, members will head to the Capitol for committee hearings and then to the Sangamo Club for our annual informal dinner with our legislators.

Wednesday, March 26 will begin with committee hearings and lobbying in the capitol with a midday break to hear Governor Quinn deliver his budget address. The remainder of the day as well as Thursday, March 27 will be spent talking to our legislators about the governor's address and providing input on other legislation in advance of Friday's deadline to advance bills out of committee.

Staff previously emailed the registration forms, tentative schedule and hotel information. There is still time to join us, so please return the registration form and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

## ***What Do You Think of the SPC?***

Last week, staff emailed a link to an online survey for members to provide input on the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC). The survey seeks information on familiarity with the SPC, purchasing experience through the Cooperative as well as the opportunity for input on the SPC catalog and programs for future consideration.

Please visit <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e8v9806vhr2cj5p3/a0138hshwzklb/questions> to take the survey and provide your valued input. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

### ***MWRD Seeks Existing Developments List for Watershed Management Ordinance***

Last month, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) sent a letter to local governments requesting that they submit a list of proposed developments to be grandfathered under the current sewer permit requirements. This list must comprise of developments that have received preliminary approval from a governing municipality in order to be exempt from the requirements of the Watershed Management Ordinance, which becomes effective May 1. Developments must submit a complete permit application by May 1, 2015 in order to remain on the existing developments list.

Municipalities must submit a form with preliminary site plans and written proof of preliminary approval to the MWRD by May 1. Please note that no additional developments will be added after that date. For more information, please visit <http://www.mwrld.org/irj/portal/anonymous/managementordinance> or contact Jason Meyer, 312-751-3191. *Staff contacts: Chris Staron, Mark Fowler*

### ***Sustainability Training Opportunities***

On Wednesday, March 26 through Friday, March 28, the Prairie State Local Government Sustainability Network will hold its first in-person meeting. The Network is an “independent peer forum of top-level municipal professionals in Illinois who manage projects, staff, and budgets for sustainability, energy, and climate planning.” On March 28, the network will conduct a panel discussion regarding municipal aggregation. For more information, please visit <http://www.prairiestatenetwork.com/>.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Solar Powering Illinois Conference will be held at Harper College in *Palatine*. The conference will engage utilities, policy makers, lenders, developers, contractors, local governments and workforce development professionals to help them define opportunities in the solar market and access resources and networks to advance projects.

Topics covered at the conference include the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing, community choice aggregation, incentives, utility programs, permitting and interconnection, storage and demand response, third party ownership, Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), shared solar, local market development and workforce development. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.growsolar.org/education-training/solar-powering-illinois/>. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

### ***MPC Roundtable - Weather Proof: Collaborative Stormwater Solutions***

On Tuesday, April 8, the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) is hosting a roundtable on collaborative stormwater solutions. The roundtable will explore the tools that exist to collaborate effectively across political and departmental borders as well as address regional stormwater problems. The roundtable will be held from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the MPC offices, 140 S. Dearborn, Suite 1400 in Chicago. The cost is \$15 for MPC donors and \$30 for all others. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.metroplanning.org/news-events/event/264>. *Staff contacts: Chris Staron, Mark Fowler*

### ***IDNR Publishes Lake Michigan Water Allocation Rules Changes***

On Friday, March 7, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) published proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for the Allocation of Water from Lake Michigan (IL Admin. Code, Title 17, Part 3730). To view the proposed changes to the rules and the information for submitting comments, please visit <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/home.html>.

This first notice begins a 45 day review and comment period after which IDNR will address all comments received and provide these to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). A second notice will be published in the Illinois Register that includes the comments received and the Department response, along with a date that JCAR will meet to consider the proposed Rules.

Below please find a brief summary of the substantive changes IDNR made based on NWMC staff review and consideration of the comments received from the initial public outreach in 2013:

- The Unaccounted-For-Flow Standard will be replaced with a Non-Revenue Water Standard (12% in 2015, decreasing to 10% by 2019).
- Water systems not in compliance with the non-revenue standard will be required to prepare and submit a water system improvement plan.
- Sub-metering will be recommended, rather than required.

Staff is reviewing the proposed changes and encourages members to share their input to include in the NWMC comments. *Staff contact: Chris Staron*

### ***UP/Metra Workshop Postponed***

The safety workshop co-sponsored by the Union Pacific and Metra, originally scheduled for Friday, March 21, is postponed. A new date in April will be announced soon. All municipalities will be invited to attend and learn about railroad safety issues including public education, enforcement strategies and outreach as well as working together with the railroads and other agencies. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Chris Staron*

### ***CMAQ Municipal Survey Coming Soon***

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAQ) will be conducting its biennial Municipal Plans, Programs, and Operations Survey (the Muni Survey) April 1-May 16. CMAQ staff will send mayors, managers, and previous survey respondents an announcement on March 17 via email. Paper surveys will be mailed to mayors and managers on March 28. Finally, CMAQ will also send a reminder to any community that has not completed the survey on May 5. Although not live yet, please visit <http://cmap.is/munisurvey> in the coming days.

This survey will be shorter and simpler than in past years. All municipalities are encouraged to complete the survey, as the results help guide CMAQ's outreach efforts and work plan, including its popular Local Technical Assistance program. *Staff contacts: Mike Walczak, Chris Staron*

### ***Meetings and Events***

*NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee* will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Legislative Committee* will meet Wednesday, March 19, 8:30 at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Transportation Committee* will meet on Thursday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

Des Plaines River Corridor Plan Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

Northwest Council of Mayors STP Methodology Working Group will meet on Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 p.m. at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Executive Board* will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices.

*NWMC Board of Directors Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604 in *Des Plaines*.

Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. at the *Barrington Village Hall*.